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THE last mournful ceremony at Windsor is over, and within the sacred fane of St. George's lies interred all that was mortal of our much loved brother Prince LEOPOLD, Duke of ALBANY. All the circumstances attendant on the impressive pageant of that sad day (Saturday last) are both worthy of note and memorial, in that, amid all the stateliness of Court usages, they typify markedly the regrets of our Order and the lamentations of an empire. Prince LEOPOLD is laid in his right Royal resting place amid open sorrow and universal regrets, leaving behind him memories which will not soon grow cold or faint in the tenacious hearts of a criticizing, but most warmhearted people. In no race on earth is the good principle or sentiment of loyalty so truly and so deeply rooted as in the realm and colonies of Great Britain; and though it is ever accompanied with that impulsiveness and that outspoken adherence to certain great principles which are often misconstrued and frequently misunderstood by foreigners, the enduring attachment to our illustrious and honoured Royal Family has never been realized by the disloyal, or appreciated by the conspirator. Yes! we venture to repeat, the earnest and affectionate loyalty of our great nation is without a doubt and without a cloud. Never at any time was it more deeply rooted or more widely spread, because built up on the sound convictions of a thoughtful and educated people. The Royal Family are ever happily before us, with us, of us, in our very midst, and in our daily life, and thus it is that the greatness of the Throne, and the virtues and hearty sympathies of our Royal Family symbolize for us all alike, the embodiment, the living manifestation, the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, of this remarkable and ever devoted land of ours. Of Prince LEOPOLD, whom all classes mourn to-day, and none more than our Masonic Order, he left an example before us, well to be imitated especially by the young amongst us, of duty performed, efforts made, and success achieved, both in public life and for the popular welfare. He aided to encourage amongst us zealously, a taste for those peaceful arts and those social ameliorations which tend to cement and unite all classes, even the most widely contrasted amongst us, and strengthen and conserve the progress of civilization, the internal economy of nations, and the advance in all that is humanizing, intellectual, and elevating of the world in which we live. It has often struck us that here it was his sympathies so squared with our definite Masonic teaching, that he consciously, and unconsciously at times, promulgated in the form that his "finer fancy" or cultured imagination dictated or approved, the generous and civilizing principles of true Freemasonry. Of him it will be said in after years of "long regrets," that he sought to "encourage industry and reward merit," to extend the refining influences of the "liberal arts and sciences" to support all plans and undertakings, whether literary or social, which had in view the seasonable formation of æsthetic taste and artistic excellence, which alike concerned themselves with the encouragement of education, the development of the graces of harmony, and above all those needful movements of the hour, which seek to lighten the burden of labour, and to introduce health and comfort amid the homes of the humble. A many sided man he was in his very engaging personality, and those who were connected with him intimately in the familiarity of warm friendship and personal regard, will ever retain his pleasant memory in heartfelt pride and grateful affection, while to those to whom he was only known as the orator, the teacher, and the working fellow labourer in all that constitutes so deeply the struggle and endeavour of social existence amongst us to-day, such we say will never forget his many kindly personal attributes and the affecting reality of the life and sympathies and untiring energies of our Royal and lamented brother. With the premature ending of a most promising career of utility and even greatness, many hopes are quenched, and much loving companionship is closed. But it is given to few thus to pass

away, both amid the tears of his affectionate family, and the outspoken grief of all classes amongst us. Indeed the fact constitutes a verity to be noted and remembered. Let the truth and the message not be without its meaning for us all, and may we lay it to heart and mind as we pass away from the sad thoughts and mourning sympathies which have been so remarkably, and so truly, and so loyally associated for the last few days with the death and funeral of our long to be lamented brother, Prince LEOPOLD.

ONE very affecting point connected with the great loss which our Order has sustained in our lamented brother Prince LEOPOLD is the very shortness of his life compared with his wishes for activity, his endeavours for utility, and above all his undoubted efforts to advance the welfare of others. Here, surely, is the lesson for us. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," seem to be the "echoes" which still appeal to us all from the Royal Mausoleum, so recently opened and so sadly closed. The comparative brevity of the earthly opportunities of Prince LEOPOLD and the premature summons of death, the leveller of all, alike of human greatness as well as humble hopes, enabled him, as has been said, to "perform no great deeds, or even to leave behind him proofs of the powers to perform them;" yet they certainly did not prevent very many from watching with tender interest and confiding hopes, the exalted promise his words and acts gave of a most real life, of a most useful and kindly and industrious career. Great by birth he seemed to wish to be considered a fellow worker with all, who sought to advance the peaceful and intellectual progress of our country and generation. But as has been most truly remarked, his "character was complete though his life was limited." Few did so much and that much so well as he did, in so short a space, and no more true or sincere tribute of heartfelt regret, acute sorrow, grateful memory, and loyal admiration was ever as it were manifested to the world than that which the national and private grief of Saturday blended in one harmonious whole, without the sound of discord or a "jarring note of doubt," on Saturday last at the funeral at St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

AN especial Grand Lodge will be held on the 24th inst., "to consider and resolve upon addresses of condolence on the much regretted death of his Royal Highness the Duke of ALBANY, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation." In this proper recognition of departed worth and our great Masonic loss all members of Grand Lodge will heartily if sorrowfully participate.

THE Province of Oxford, honouring as it does the virtues, abilities, and memory of its late Royal and lamented Provincial Grand Master, sent a most beautiful wreath in Memoriam of His Royal Highness the Duke of ALBANY, made by Bro. DICK RADCLIFFE, and presented by our esteemed and valued Bro. REGINALD BIRD, D.P.G.M. The offering and the sympathetic feeling were alike worthy of the distinguished Province of Oxfordshire.

WE regret to hear that the number of Stewards for the Girls' School is still very far short of the number required. We trust that many of our good brethren will bear in mind that the help they give to the Institution is greatly enhanced by their early announcement of their intention to be Stewards. A most serious amount of extra work, and at a very busy time, is often thrown on the office by the late announcement of Stewards. We would beg therefore to impress upon all our readers that the Secretaries of our Institutions always feel most grateful to those who kindly spare them, in the midst of often engrossing claims on their time and thoughts, double work. Our Girls' School truly merit the applause of all experts in teaching, as well as the admiration and confidence of the Craft. While we feel sure that the good Province of Essex will do its duty, we would urge upon many warmhearted brethren up and down the country who have the means, the duty, incumbent on us all alike, to endeavour to maintain in fullest activity and efficiency these admirable educational Institutions of ours, so needful, so useful, and so valuable, and which constitute such a refuge for poor, friendless, helpless, and destitute orphans, and so admirably train them up for the rough journey of life. The Girls' School is an Institution, we repeat, of which our entire Order may well indeed be proud. We hope to announce shortly a considerable increase in the number of Stewards.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

A point connected with the history of Sir Christopher Wren and his Masonic membership deserves careful consideration, and which up to the present it has not received. Indeed, the "point" to which I allude seems to be overlooked even by Bro. Gould. It is this:—Anderson, writing in 1738, in the presence and with the cognizance of many of Wren's contemporaries, who were as well acquainted with the facts of the case as Anderson himself, perhaps even better, declares distinctly that a few years after 1708 Sir Christopher Wren "neglected" the lodges. If we are to understand Anderson's words literally, the annual assembly was not held after 1688. That statement is first made I admit in 1738, just as he first mentions then the formation or revival of Grand Lodge. The explanation of this silence is I apprehend to be found in this, that in 1723 Anderson simply collected, methodized, and modernized the "Old Gothic Legends" for the information and improvement of Craftsmen. The only allusion to Sir Christopher Wren in 1723 is to this effect, as we know, as the "ingenious architect," but Anderson's silence is made, I think, to prove too much, and may be fairly and clearly explained.

To be consistent, those who impugn Wren's Masonic membership must go a step further, and deny the meeting of the Annual Assembly, and yet those who do so, forget a clause in the Regulations published in 1723, which seems distinctly to affirm, as originating in 1721 and approved of in 1722, that the Annual Assemblies had been held. We cannot understand the words as limiting the period between 1717 and 1721 alone, and, therefore, we may fairly assume that Bro. Geo. Payne fully believed and asserted before those who knew whether it was true or untrue, what the previous usage up to 1688 had been. From Anderson's words in 1738, it would almost seem as if no annual meeting had been held between 1688 and 1717, 29 years in fact.

In 1738 Anderson used these words: "The few lodges in London finding themselves neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, thought fit to cement under a Grand Master," and they were four in number according to him; according to "Multa Paucis" six. He is now alluding to the Revival (or call it what you like) of 1717. At page 106 (ed. 1738) he says: "He" (Sir Christopher Wren) "annually met those brethren that could attend him, to keep up good old usages till the Revolution." In 1694, after Queen Mary's death, Anderson alludes to seven lodges, and some that assembled statedly. In 1717 they are reduced to four. He says of Sir Christopher Wren: "Some few years after this" (1708) "Sir Christopher Wren neglected the office of Grand Master, yet the old lodge of St. Paul's and a few more continued their meetings till"—1714, as appears by the context. This statement explains the limited number of lodges in 1717.

The point, then, I wish to bring out is this. These statements were made openly, publicly to those who knew the facts of the case perfectly well, and it is impossible to believe that they were all designedly invented for a mysterious purpose, utterly inexplicable. If these words had been written 50 years later something might be said; but they were positively published among those who were living in 1717, 1723, and 1738. And as Sir Christopher Wren did not die until 1723, if the statements are not correct, all connected with the Grand Lodge of 1738 have been concerned with this falsification of history. I cannot believe it, nor is it reasonable to suppose so, nor is any such position justified by the common law of evidence and inference which prevails among critics.

When Payne revised the following clause in 1721-22, what did he mean by it?—"The brethren of all the lodges in and about London and Westminster shall meet at an annual communication and feast in some convenient place on St. John Baptist's Day, or else on St. John Evangelist's Day, as the Grand Lodge shall think fit by a new regulation, *having of late years met on St. John Baptist's Day,*" &c. Now, it seems to me impossible to limit the words "late years" to the three or four years beginning St. John Baptist's Day, 1717; but these words clearly cover more ground, and are meant to allude to the customs before the Revival. I use the word Revival designedly, as I accept Anderson's account of what then took place. Speaking of the meeting at the "Apple Tree," he says: "They constituted themselves a Grand Lodge pro tempore in due form, and forthwith revived the Quarterly Communication of the officers of lodges (called the Grand Lodge), resolved to hold the annual assembly and feast," &c.

As I said before, all this is stated in the presence of some who were present in 1717, and who must have known whether it was an actual fact or a deliberate falsehood. We must not mince matters. I, for one, cannot and will not believe that Anderson openly as before the Craft falsified history, and therefore I point out these few facts as stated by him, because I believe that on the ground of the fair use of induction, and even on the ground of probability, his statement embraces the elements of veracity and reality.

In Kearsley's edition, 1769, we have the following paragraph, though I do not lay much stress upon it, as it may be held to be an expansion of Anderson and Dermott: "The age and infirmities of the Grand Master, which prevented his attendance on this solemn occasion, (the laying the last stone on the top of 'The Lantern,') obliged him from this time forward to great retirement, so that the lodges suffered greatly for want of his presence as usual in visiting and regulating their meetings, and were at last reduced to the small number as mentioned in p. 184," which number is that of Anderson previously given. Historically somewhat about this time, or rather "the few years after 1708 of Anderson," Sir Christopher, who seems to have been badly treated, was involved in many disputes with his brother Commissioners and his employés, and he was superseded apparently by Benson about 1718, though there is a little confusion as to dates. I can see no reason why Anderson should have stated what was untrue, as it must have laid him open to a very easy reply. I am not aware, amid all the attacks on the Freemasons, that any assertion that Anderson's account of Wren's connexion with the Order was unfounded, has ever been made.

And if it be said, as it may be, and has been I know, that Anderson is unreliable as an historian, on account of the "Guild Legends" he gravely sets before us, I venture to remark that it is one thing to modernize and rearrange existing and received traditions, and quite another thing in the presence of his contemporaries to interpolate facts and statements which they, as well as he himself, must have known to be absolutely untrue. I cannot profess to see the object of thus invalidating the assertions of even the "historical period" admittedly of English Freemasonry, and critically the procedure is most unsound, as it leaves us at the mercy of any ingenious theory, or novel explanation of history. I therefore press this point on all who are writing or studying English Masonic archæology.

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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The following complete first Code of Regulations of which we have been able to obtain any particulars, exigencies of space having placed us under the necessity of dividing them into two portions.

XX.—That no new rule or article for governing this charity be made without the approbation or consent of a majority of the Subscribers present at a General Meeting, and the same be confirmed at the next General Quarterly Meeting.

XXI.—That the Committee meet the first Friday in every month or oftener if necessary.

XXII.—That the Committee to be elected at the Quarterly Meeting shall, at their first meeting, choose four of their number as inspectors, and at each subsequent monthly Meeting, three go out of office and three others be appointed in their stead. And that a book be provided for each school at the expense of the Institution, entitled "Inspectors' Minute Book."

XXIII.—That the Inspectors inquire into the circumstances of the parents or friends of those children who are nominated to receive the benefit of this Institution, in order to prevent impositions, and report the same previous to and at the time of election.

XXIV.—That the Inspectors for the time being examine into the conduct of the school-masters and report the same to the Committee, and after at the Quarterly Meeting.

SECRETARY.

XXV.—That the Secretary shall personally attend all Meetings relative to this Institution, at the appointed hours, unless prevented by accident, in which case he shall send a deputy; shall enter the proceedings of the Committee, or General and Special Meetings of the Subscribers or Governors of this Institution accurately and methodically, and do all incidental business requisite.

XXVI.—That a Collector be chosen who shall produce two securities for the approbation of the Committee, and with himself shall be bound in the penal sum of fifty pounds for the faithful discharge of his official duty; he must keep a perfect list of the Subscribers, and regularly collect the subscriptions as they become due, and pay the same to the Treasurer weekly, or oftener if required. And in case of the absence of the Treasurer he is to pay the money to such person whom the Treasurer shall authorize to receive the same. He shall never retain in his possession to the amount of £20 more than seven days on pain of being discharged. He must attend all General Meetings and Committees, and deliver a list of such Subscribers that are deceased or have discontinued their subscriptions; and of the names of all new Subscribers. He must be provided with a proper check receipt book, and he shall not receive any subscription or donation for the use of this Charity, without giving the Donor or Subscriber a check receipt out of the said book for the same, and will be allowed for his trouble £5 per cent. on all monies by him collected.

THE CHILDREN.

XXVII.—That no child be admitted into this Charity unless it shall first appear, under the hand of the Grand Secretary, that he is the son of an ancient Freemason, who has been, at least, three years a member of the Fraternity previous to such application (except in case of the death of the parent, when the object is to be left to the consideration of the Committee), and shall also produce a Certificate of the Marriage of his Parents, and be thereupon nominated by a Subscriber, and approved of by the Committee, or the majority of them, and shall not be elected into the Charity, but at the next general, quarterly, or special meeting of the Subscribers, and each to be received and elected, or rejected, as they stand on the nomination list, and not to be nominated under seven, nor over 14 years of age.

XXVIII.—All children admitted into this Charity are to receive seven years' education and clothing, provided they have not attained the full age of 14 years, after which no child can receive the benefit of this Institution.

XXIX.—That the parents and friends of the children admitted to this Institution shall duly attend to the observance of the orders which they receive at the admission of their children, or forfeit the benefit of this Charity.

XXX.—That all children admitted to the benefit of this Charity must, at the time of their admission, be brought before the Committee by their friends.

XXXI.—Any child absenting himself from School, or behaving refractory, shall, after the second or third admonition from the Committee, at their discretion be excluded receiving the benefit of this Charity.

XXXII.—That the children be annually clothed, supplied with books, &c., according to the different stages of their education, at the expense of this Charity and discretion of the Committee.

THE TEACHERS.

XXXIII.—That the children admitted into this Charity (until a sufficient fund be raised for building a School) be placed and put to the nearest school to which they reside, after the Committee shall have first fully satisfied themselves respecting the character and abilities of the schoolmaster.

XXXIV.—That the children be taught reading, writing, and arithmetic.

XXXV.—That the School-masters keep due account of the attendance of the Children placed out by the Charity, in a book to be provided for that purpose, at the Charity's expense, and that they produce the said Book to the Inspectors and to the Committee when required.

XXXVI.—That the School-masters be paid for the instructions of the children placed at their different schools, and that the same be paid by quarterly payments.

XXXVII.—That the children attend at such times and places as the Committee shall order and appoint, to proceed from thence to such church or chapel as they shall direct; and if any child or children neglect so attending, except in case of illness, such child or children shall be excluded receiving the further benefit of this Charity.

The above code of Rules is supplemented by the following "Orders to be given to parents on admittance of their children to this Charity."

I.—That they take care to send their children to school at school hours and not keep them at home on any pretence whatever, except in case of sickness, of which they must give notice to the schoolmaster, as seven days' absence from school, without such notice given, will render them considered as withdrawn, and another child will receive the benefit of this Charity.

II.—That they take particular care to keep the clothes of the children whole, and send them clean washed and combed.

III.—That the children attend school at such hours as the schoolmaster shall direct and appoint.

IV.—That the schoolmaster do not receive any gratuity of the children's parents or friends, in consideration of their instruction, for breaking up, or on any pretence whatever.

V.—That the children educated by this Charity be allowed such vacation as the schoolmaster shall think proper to allow.

VI.—That the parents correct their children for such faults as they commit at home, or inform the schoolmaster of them, whereby the behaviour of the children may be better regulated.

VII.—That the inspectors of this Charity take due care that the children suffer no injury by the schoolmaster's corrections, which is only designed for their good; that the parents freely submit their children to be corrected when necessary, and forbear coming thither on such occasions, so that the children may not be contented in their faults, nor the schoolmaster discouraged in the performance of his duty.

VIII.—If the parents do not punctually observe these rules and orders their children are to be dismissed the School and never more to receive any benefit from this Charity.

Having briefly noted the few broad facts which are pretty generally known, and placed before our readers the earliest code of regulations which is known to be extant, it is obviously our next duty to endeavour to trace out, if possible, the brother or brethren to whom more especially belongs the honour of having originated the Institution. And here again we find ourselves under the very agreeable necessity of acknowledging our indebtedness to worthy Bro. John Cole, but for whose "Illustrations of Masonry" the knotty problem would most likely have remained unsolved.

(To be continued.)

SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

On Monday afternoon an emergency meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, for the purpose of passing resolutions of condolence with the Royal Family upon the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who was connected with the province as the Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge, at Clare, from which place Prince Leopold took the title of Earl of Clarence. It had been generally hoped in the province that this connection with Suffolk would have induced the late Duke to attend the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, which it had been arranged to hold at Clare.

The lodge was presided over, in the absence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Waveney, by the W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., who was supported by a large muster of brethren, including the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. Bristol; N. Tracy, P.G. Sec., 376; B. P. Grimsey, P.P.G.S.W., 959; R. C. M. Rouse, P.G.C., 81; Cecil Ives, P.P.G.S. Oxon, 1823; W. P. Mills, P.G.W., 376; S. R. Annes, P.G.J.D., 376; T. Grimwood, P.P.G.R. 81; B. Gall, P.G.S.D., 81; J. M. Harvey, P.P.G.P., 936; J. R. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B., 1008; A. Barber, P.P.G. S.B., 225; T. Noble, P.G.J.D., 225; J. M. Canova, P.G. S.W., 1983; W. Armstrong, P.G.J.D., 1592; G. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B., 225; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Sidney, P.G.D.C., 376; J. K. Sidgwick, P.P.G.R., 376; H. J. Wright, P.P.G.P., 936; W. Hart, P.P.G.J.D., 332; J. A. Pettit, P.P.A.G.D.C., 332; J. M. Franks, P.G. Stwd., 376; St. Luke's, 225; J. L. Brook, W.M.; John Talbot, P.M.; A. W. Cook, J.W.; William Leathers, S.; E. Garwood, P.M.; W. J. Patterson, E. Clarken, Abbott Lord, Joseph Whitehead, P.M.; W. Sheppard, G. Curtis, Jas. Napier, P.G.J.D.; A. Senton, R. Senton, E. Buckham, W.M. 376; T. R. Elkington, 376; F. C. Atkinson, 376; A. E. Smith, W.M. 1983; R. K. Casley, W.M. 114; A. Caton, W.M. 388; S. Snow, W.M. 959; J. C. Norman, S.W. 332; W. H. Hessey, 81; C. Emmerson, 1224; J. E. Barnes, S.W. 1823; F. W. Jennings, W.M. 1224; J. W. Shepherd, P.P.G.S.W. 1592; and G. Gould, 957.

Lodge having been opened, The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. N. TRACY, read the warrant of the Prov. Grand Master, which was in the following terms:—

"Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk.

"On the most lamentable and sudden decease of the late R.W. Bro. H.R.H. Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, and W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, Clare, Suffolk. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Suffolk directs—

"1. That all private lodges within the province do adopt the ordinary Masonic mourning for the four lodge nights next ensuing after the receipt of these presents.

"2. That a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency be convened with all convenient speed to prepare an address of condolence to her Majesty the Queen and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the grievous occasion.

"The Prov. G.L. (E.) to be in charge of the R.W. D.P.G.M., in the absence of the P.G.M., for sufficiency reasons.

"Special.—The P.G.M. takes notice of the loss that the province has sustained in the sudden removal of this worthy and accomplished brother, whose connection with the Craft had so recently been begun and unhappily not to be perpetuated, such being the will of the G.A.U.

"WAVENEY, P.G.M. Prov. Suffolk."

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, in the name of the Prov. Grand Master, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the way in which they had responded to the invitation given at such very short notice, and said he was sure it was not necessary to offer any inducements to make the Freemasons of Suffolk rally together on such an occasion as the present, when all they had to do was to draw up and agree upon, as he was quite sure they would do unanimously, an address of condolence with her Majesty the Queen and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany in the very sad and unexpected death of the Duke of Albany, which had so lately occurred. (Hear, hear.) There could be but one feeling in the mind of every single soul there present, and that was an earnest and heartfelt wish that it might please the Great Architect of the Universe, who had sent this blow, to help the bereaved mother and the widowed wife to bear their great trial. (Hear, hear.) On such occasions as these human consolations were of little avail—they, to be of use, must be given by Him who sent the blow, who alone could help the sufferer to bear it. Still, at the same time, as he had occasion to know, these expressions of sympathy did help undoubtedly to alleviate the distress, the sorrow, and the pain, and therefore he was quite certain that they, one and all, were ready to do what little lay in their power to testify to her Most Gracious Majesty and also to the Duchess of Albany their sincere feelings of regret that it had pleased the Almighty to take from their midst their beloved and honoured brother the Duke of Albany. Many of them had been hoping to have seen his Royal Highness down in the Province of Suffolk during the coming year. He had only recently, in a most kindly and gracious manner, accepted the Mastership of the Clarence Lodge (almost the youngest lodge in the province) at Clare, and they had been hoping that during his Mastership he would have personally visited Clare. Had he done so it was the wish of the Prov. Grand Master to be present, assisted by his Prov. Grand Officers, and pay all due respect to His Royal Highness. However, "Man proposes, God disposes," and it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take their brother away from them. All they could do would be to try and pour the balm of consolation in the bosom of the afflicted. He was sure they would all join with him in those sentiments he had feebly attempted to express. (Hear, hear.) It would ill become him, even if he could do so, to go through the list of the excellencies of their brother who was now taken from them. There was but one feeling amongst them, and he was sure they would all try to give that feeling expression by their votes that day. (Hear, hear.) If he might be allowed to add anything to the memorandum on the notice which the Provincial Grand Master had addressed to them, it would be this—that votes of condolence should be sent to her Majesty the Queen and to the Duchess of Albany, and he thought it would only be fitting that they assembled in Prov. Grand Lodge should send a similar address to the Grand Master of England,

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, testifying their loyalty to himself and their participation in the sorrow and grief with which he was now filled at the loss of his brother. He had always looked upon Masonry as a thing so like their own glorious religion that it combined together men of every sort and kind and class, and it was true of Masonry as it was true of religion that if one member suffered all the members suffered with it. (Hear, hear.) That being so, he felt sure they might testify, and he was sure it would be graciously received if they did so testify, their sympathy with their Grand Master the Prince of Wales. (Applause.) In conclusion, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master said no one could regret the absence of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master more than he did, except the Prov. Grand Master himself, who had lately been appointed to a high office in Ireland, and had been obliged to go over to County Antrim to fulfil some duties connected with the Lord Lieutenancy of that county. He charged him (the Dep. Prov. Grand Master) to express to the brethren his hearty concurrence in what they were about to do, and his deep personal regret at the loss which the country, the Craft, and especially the Royal Family, had sustained in what they called the untimely death of the Past Grand Warden of England, the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and—as they, the Masons of Suffolk, rather loved to think of him and consider him—the W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge. (Hear, hear.) He begged to propose that an address of condolence be prepared and forwarded to her Most Gracious Majesty; that a similar address be forwarded to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany; and that another address be also forwarded to H.R.H. the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales. (Applause.)

Bro. W. P. MILLS seconded the motion, and said he was sure they all sincerely felt the great loss which had been sustained by the death of the W.M. of the Clarence Lodge, who was one of our most highly esteemed Princes. He was sure they all agreed with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master that "it is only on the banks of celestial streams those simples grow which cure the heartache." (Applause.) The resolution was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a draft of the proposed addresses as follows:

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty. "May it please your Majesty,—Madam—We, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Suffolk, in open lodge assembled, desire to express our deep sorrow for the loss sustained by your Majesty and Royal Family by the death of our lamented brother H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G.

"The feeling of regret which is shared by all your Majesty's loyal subjects is in an especial manner felt by us, who have been honoured by his late connection with our province, from which, by the example of his high principled life, we have been led to expect the most beneficial results.

"Without intruding into the sacred precincts of the private feelings of your Majesty, we trust the G.A.O.T.U. may bestow His heavenly consolation, and that the hearty sympathy of your Majesty's loyal subjects may aid to mitigate the blow."

"To her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—Madam—We the Prov. Grand Master, officers, and members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Freemasons, in open lodge assembled, desire heartily to express our fraternal sorrow at the loss of our lamented brother your late husband his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G.

"May we trust the knowledge of his high-toned and blameless life, and a reliance on the wisdom and love of the G.A.O.T.U. may mitigate the severity of the blow, and further that the fraternal sympathy of our Order, by whom he was so much admired and loved, may prove some consolation in the hour of your deep sorrow."

The address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was not prepared, but it was announced that it would be in similar terms.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY stated that he had received several letters—one from Lord Henniker, of the Hartismere Lodge, in which he stated that it had been his intention to be present, but having been prevented he wished publicly to express his sincere sympathy with the purpose of the meeting. He had also received a letter from the W.M. of the Waveney Lodge and several others, all of whom expressed their extreme sympathy with the occasion.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that at a meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge, held on Monday last, in order to express their deep regret at the loss of their W.M., it was proposed that a brass tablet, commemorative of the connection of H.R.H. with the Clarence Lodge, should be placed in the church at Clare. He did not know whether the province would wish to be associated with that commemorative tablet or not, but he thought himself it was so very rare that a lodge could boast of a Prince of the Royal blood as a W.M., and still more so was it that unluckily during the actual year of his Mastership that unhappy and lamentable event of his death should take place that they, as a Prov. Grand Lodge, were placed in a peculiar position with regard to H.R.H., and he threw it out as a suggestion as to whether they would not wish to be associated with the placing of a public record of their sorrow at the untimely death of the W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge.

A short discussion followed, in the course of which Bro. Major-General IVES, D.W.M. of the Clare Lodge, said while the Lodge of Clare would not think of inviting the province to assist them in placing in the church at Clare a tablet to the memory of their late W.M., they would undoubtedly feel it a great honour if the province should express a wish to be associated with them.

Eventually, on the motion of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, seconded by Bro. SIDNEY, Sec. 376, it was resolved, "That this meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge sanctions the idea of the province joining in the testimonial to the W.M. of the Clarence Lodge."

It was also resolved that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives be appointed a Committee for the purpose of carrying the resolution into effect.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER a vote of thanks was accorded to the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick for his kindness in attending the lodge.

Bro. the Earl of LIMERICK acknowledged the compliment, and said, having had the honour of knowing H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, he was convinced that not only as a Prince did he most ably discharge the duties of his high

station, not only was he most anxious to take part in every effort that was for the good of this country, but as a Freemason he was most zealous and earnest. He was this year to have presided at the festival of one of the great Masonic Charities, and in everything he did he strove to do it thoroughly and well. Not only the Craft and every Order of Freemasonry, but the country generally had suffered a very great loss in the death of their most illustrious brother. (Applause.) In conclusion, his lordship thanked the lodge heartily for the kind reception they had given him. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

After the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, those brethren who were companions of the Royal Arch met in Prov. Grand Chapter, under Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Superintendent Suffolk, to pass messages of condolence with the Royal Family. The P.G.S. was assisted by Comps. C. T. Townsend, as Prov. G.H.; W. P. Mills, Prov. G.J.; J. M. Harvey, Prov. P.S.; N. Tracy, Prov. S.E.; and about 20 other companions.

The PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT expressed his obligation for the large attendance, and explained the object of the meeting. As Royal Arch Masons they would feel especial regret in the loss of the Duke of Albany, as it was only within the last few months that he had occupied one of the principal chairs of Grand Chapter—that of G.J.—and they looked forward to him occupying still higher offices. He proposed that votes of condolence be forwarded to her Majesty the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, and to the Grand Z., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Comp. MILLS seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Comp. TOWNSEND proposed, and Comp. ANNES seconded, that the Prov. Grand Chapter contribute to the fund for the erection of the proposed memorial in Clare Church, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Committee appointed in Grand Lodge.

Comp. CECIL IVES expressed his gratitude for the unanimous vote just passed, and though the subject had not been discussed by his lodge as to the memorial taking a larger form than the proposal from the Royal Clarence, yet he felt sure the brethren of that lodge would be as gratified for the spontaneity of the desire to join in the memorial as he was. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., Bro. Capt. Hunter, assisted by his V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Roden. The Snowdonian Lodge, No. 259, was opened, and the usual business being gone through, the W.M., Bro. J. G. Tuxford, in his masterly style advanced a brother to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. Prov. Grand Lodge was then announced and received, and the R.W.P.G.M., assisted by his officers, immediately opened Prov. Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulated the brethren on the progress that had been made by the Order last year. It was a very great satisfaction to find that the Prince of Wales held the high position of a Past G.M. of the Order, which proved the deep interest his Royal Highness took in all the branches of Masonry to which he belonged. In the district of North Wales two new lodges had been added to the roll, viz., the Elin, at Carnarvon, being the bardic title of W. Bro. Love Jones-Parry, M.P., one of the founders and the present W.M. of the lodge; the other at Rhyl, the brethren of which had honoured their R.W.P. G.M. by naming their lodge the Hunter. The consecration of the lodges had been a great success and were well attended, and he was delighted to see so good a meeting at Portmadoc. He was sure they were all more than pleased to see the Deputy Prov. G.M., Dr. Roden, with them again. (Applause.) He had been prevented by illness from attending the Hunter Lodge, but now he was himself again, and as active as ever in the Order in which he had so great an interest, and in which he was so universally loved and respected. (Applause.)

In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G. Treas., the Prov. Grand Sec. read the Treasurer's accounts, which proved very satisfactory and were adopted unanimously. V.W. Bro. Dr. Roden proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Mark Charitable Association, and which, seconded by Bro. Geo. L. Woodley, Prov. G. Secretary, was carried unanimously. The Prov. Grand Master then made his appointments as follows:

- Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D. ... D.P.G.M.
" T. D. Love Jones-Parry, M.P. ... Prov. G.S.W.
" Major Gordon Warren ... Prov. G.J.W.
" Revs. T. Edwards and Nichols ... Prov. G. Chaps.
" G. L. Woodley ... Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Owen ... Prov. A.G.S.
" W. H. Foulkes ... Prov. G.M.O.
" Dr. S. Griffith ... Prov. G.S.O.
" C. H. Rees ... Prov. G.J.O.
" C. A. Jones ... Prov. G. Reg.
" E. W. Keeting ... Prov. G.S.D.
" E. M. Parry ... Prov. G.J.D.
" R. J. Davids ... Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. W. Poole ... Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. Heckford ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
" R. Summerhill ... Prov. G.Swd.Br.
" J. Williams ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Felix C. Watkins ... Prov. G. Ord.
" K. McEwen ... Prov. G.I.G.

Bro. R. S. Chamberlain was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer; and Bro. J. Moon re-elected Prov. Grand Tyler; Bros. Wm. Jones, N. Bunnell, and J. W. Wheeler, Prov. Grand Stewards.

The brethren adjourned to the Sportsman Hotel, where a lunch was provided, to which justice was done after a hard day's work. The R.W.P.G.M. presided, supported by his Deputy and officers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being gone through, the brethren separated to enjoy themselves in viewing the scenery of Portmadoc and Tremadoc.

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"braces, I went to the shop called 'Old England' to buy
"them. I selected a pair which both behind and before
"had spiral steel springs. Any movement extended the
"springs, so that I seemed to have no braces on, and yet I
"was not, like the unfortunate correspondent of the *Times*
"reduced to the necessity of periodically hitching up my
"trousers. The next time I went to Paris I endeavoured
"to buy another pair of these braces, but was told that I
"could not get them, so on my return to England I had
"some made. Why there is no sale for them—as this, I
"presume, is the only reason for their not being offered for
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To Correspondents.

Bro. Hughan's notes on Bro. Gould's "History" are
unavoidably held over, but will appear next week.

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

CRAFT LODGES.—Anchor and Hope, 37; Affability,
317; Truth, 521; Alnwick, 767; Albert Edward, 1557;
Earl of Chester, 1565; All Saints, 1716; Saint Leonard,
1766; Old England, 1790; Mozart, 1929; Brixton, 1949;
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—United Strength, 228;
Covent Carden, 1614; Earl Lathom, 1922; Brixton, 1949.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—West Kent, 1227.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Voice of Masonry," "New York Dispatch,"
"Report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Commandery
of Knights Templar of Ohio, 1882," Ditto, 1883, "Royal Corn-
wall Gazette," "Guernsey Star," "Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's
Indian Mail," "El Taller," "Die Bauhütte," "Liberal Freemason,"
"Court Circular," "Reading Observer," "Victorian Masonic
Journal," "Rough Ashlar," "La Gran Logia" (Mexico).



SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 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,
If Bro. Shanks is right in his belief that "every
military member of the Craft who has votes" will support
the case of Minnie Woodward, I am afraid that the inter-
est taken in our Institutions by "Old Soldiers" is of
a very limited character, as, with the exception of Major
Shanks himself, I have received no response whatever to
the appeal which you kindly inserted in the *Freemason*. I
apprehend, however, that the real reason why the case has
met with such scanty support arises from the fact that our
military brethren, as a rule, do not read the Masonic news-
papers, and are therefore ignorant of the fact that the
child of a most deserving "Old Soldier" is apparently
doomed to failure at the approaching election.
I should personally be very glad to receive votes, but as
the case is in stronger hands, viz., your own, any such
addressed "Editor of the *Freemason*" will be available,
if posted not later than the 15th inst.—Yours fraternally,
R. F. GOULD.

THE OLDEST FREEMASON IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*,"
Dear Sir and Brother,
I notice in your issue of the 15th March, a letter
from Bro. Milledge, W.M. of All Souls Lodge, No. 170,
Weymouth, claiming to have the oldest subscribing Free-
mason in England a member of that lodge. For the in-
formation of Bro. Milledge and brethren generally I have
to state that the oldest subscribing as well as aged Free-
mason in England is a member of the Lodge of Peace,
No. 322, Stockport, in the person of Bro. Philip Chetham,
who was initiated into Freemasonry in that lodge on the 3rd
October, 1811, passed through the chair, and until recent
years filled the office of Secretary. He is in his 96th year,
and is enjoying comparative good health at the present
time. I believe he is a Past Provincial Officer of Cheshire,
but of this I am not sure, but the statements herein can be
verified on reference to the books of Lodge of Peace, No.
322. An insertion of this in your next issue will oblige.—
Yours fraternally,
J. B.
Stockport.

ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS, EARLSWOOD.

Dear Sir and Brother,
I venture to ask with your permission any of my
brethren who have votes for this excellent and useful
institution to help me on behalf of a very good case
—"James Edward Taylor," the son of Bro. Jas. Taylor,
lodges No. 730, 1331, 1536, chapters No. 13, 1331,
aged 4, second application—in which I am interested.—
Yours fraternally,
GEORGE KENNING.



**DEBRETT'S PEERAGE, BARONETAGE, KNIGHT-
AGE, AND COMPANIONAGE.** 171st year of pub-
lication. Edited by ROBERT H. MAIR, LL.D. Royal
edition. Personally revised by the Nobility. 1884.
London: Dean and Son, Publishers, 160A, Fleet-
street, E.C.

It is impossible we can speak too highly of a work which
has been issued for so long a term of years as almost to
have attained the dignity of an institution. Nor is there
room for the employment of criticism in the sense in
which many people interpret it, that is, as the art of finding
fault. No annual publication of this character could have
endured for a score of years, much less for close on nine
score years, had it not been distinguished by the important
features of completeness, conciseness, and accuracy. It is
complete in that it gives all the dignities and titles of our
peers and titled commoners; it is concise, seeing that all
this information is contained within the narrowest possible
limits; and of its accuracy we have the best and strongest
guarantee in the fact that before it is committed to the
press it undergoes the personal scrutiny of the nobility
and gentry it describes. "Debrett," in short, exhibits all
the essential qualifications which such a work of reference

should possess; this is due in particular to the rigid care and supervision of the experienced editor, Dr. R. H. Mair. It further enjoys the very far from trifling merit of being presented to the public in the form of a shapely, handsome, and well-printed volume, numerous and artistically embellished with coats of arms, &c.; this merit is due to the ability and enterprise of the publishers, who fully recognise the importance of making a standard work of reference such as "Debrett" is as outwardly acceptable as possible. In fine, "Debrett" for this current year of grace is the same that it was last year, with the additional matter inserted which has become necessary after the lapse of another twelve months.

DEBRET'S ILLUSTRATED HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE JUDICIAL BENCH, 1884. Compiled and Edited by ROBERT HENRY MAIR, LL.D. Personally revised by the Members of Parliament and the Judges. London: Dean and Son, 160A, Fleet-street, E.C.

Here also we are at a loss to say anything beyond what we have said in respect of former issues of the same volume. The editorial work has been done with the utmost care by Dr. Mair, and the information he has compiled has been revised by the Members both of the Commons and the Bench. It also includes the armorial bearings of those it describes, and there is a "Dictionary of Technical Parliamentary Expressions" which cannot fail to be of use, especially as it is based on information supplied by one who is officially connected with the House. There are also particulars of the boundaries of Parliamentary boroughs, the names of the Returning Officers, and also a section or sub-division in which are noted the changes that have taken place not only in the year that has just elapsed, but also since the last General Election. This last-named feature cannot be otherwise than useful to all who make a study of party politics. In fact, "Debrett's House of Commons," like the Royal Edition of the "Peerage," is invaluable as a book of reference, and well and strongly set up as books of reference should be.

THE MAGAZINES.

Though rather late, owing to a long review last week on Bro. Gould's important history, we think it well to call attention to that portion of our serial and monthly literature which normally comes before us. Just now the study of such magazines constitutes a labour in itself to be mastered, and a "Crux" to be solved. And when you come to the end of it all month by month, too often the verdict upon it is like that of the Charity Boy immortalized in Pickwick, and eulogized by Mr. Samuel Weller, Senior, that he had got to the end of the alphabet, and it seemed a pity to "go through so much to learn so little."

However, "Revenons a nos moutons." The English Illustrated Magazine has a very charming paper on "An Unsentimental Journey through Cornwall," as well as two very striking communications on "Changes at Charing Cross," and the "Belfry of Burges." "Paul Vargas, a Mystery," is very weird and sensational. A gossip article from Mr. Forbes, and the continuation of Miss Yonge's effective tale "The Armourer's Prentices" make up a marvellous sixpennyworth. "A Herald of Spring" and "Bye-Gones" constitute the poetry. If poetry is not poetry it will not be turned into poetry by abnormal type-ical arrangements! "Verbum Sat."

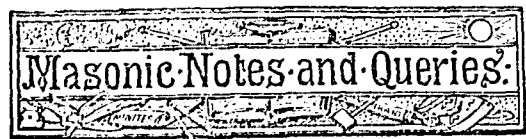
"The Century" is this month as usual, to say the truth, a very striking number. "The White House," "Notes on the Exile of Dante," "The New York City Hall," "Among the Magdalen Islands," "Progress in Irish Culture," "Sidney Lanier, Poet," all constitute articles distinguishable by the interest of the words and the grace of the illustrations. The touching story of Dr. Sevier is continued, and several other most readable contributions, attest alike careful editing and effectiveness of writing.

"Temple Bar" contains its usual monthly installment of agreeable literature, if not very profound, and strange somewhat to say a chatty contribution on "Preachers of the Day," "A Silesian Love Story" is well written, and "When Poverty Comes In" has a sound moral. "Peril" and "Zero" have their attractions, and "Madame Tallien" will find readers.

"All the Year Round" still seems to us, we may be wrong or "faddy," a little below its level. "Georgie, an Artist's Love," is a little singular in idea, but is not unwelcome reading. "Dean Wharton's Daughter" is very effectively told; "Bachelors' Hall" will amuse not a few, and "John Dolby's Gold Secret" is full of vivid interest and reality. "A Drawn Game" is nearly played out apparently, and very sadly and badly "selon nous."

"The Antiquary" and "Bibliographer" contain nothing very abnormal in excellence or novelty; but continue the "even tenour of their way," useful to archaeologists and welcomed by "dryasdusts."

We all have our favourite magazine, and therefore it is just possible that some of our readers might like a notice of this one or that one; but as it is almost impossible to master the plethora of monthly serials, so we think we say enough to draw attention to a very striking portion of our serial issues.



320] PRE-1813 CONSTITUTIONS.

Bro. Shackles will find an account of these by me in the *Freemason*, Aug. 2nd, 1879, and another by Bro. Hawkins, in the same paper for Oct. 20th, 1883. My work entitled "Constitutions of the Freemasons" has been out of print from its publication by my old friend Bro. Lake, in 1869. Briefly I may say that the editions issued before the "Union" were 1723, 1738 (and 1746 title), 1756, 1767 (and 1769 Svo.), 1776 (appendix), and 1784 ("Moderns"). Also 1756, 1764, 1778, 1787, 1800, 1801, 1807, and 1813 ("Ancients"). W. J. HUGHAN.

321] OLD MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND.

Can any brother supply a list of these? What is known of Edward Marshall, and Joshua Marshall, son of Edward, "Master Masons of England," by appointment from 1640 to 1663, and later? MASONIC STUDENT.

322] OLD MASONIC MEDAL.

The Master Mason's Masonic medal referred to by Bro. Lord is of an unusual pattern, having a square and compasses, &c., within the larger circle, and the motto "Spes mea in Deo est," being on the square, and a smaller circle in part behind it, with a cherub at the top, above which is a ring for suspension. It is just possible that the two circles represent the figure 8, and with the smaller one, thus forming 80, as with one owned by my friend Cumberland, of York (No. 17 of the noted York Masonic Exhibition). Bro. Lord does not say whether the reverse is engraved or plain. The motto "Amor, Honor, et Justitia" was very common in the last century and early this. Jewel is within a century as respects age, I think, and I presume of silver. W. J. HUGHAN.

323] LATIN RHYTHMICAL ADAGES.

At the close of the Alnwick and Wren MSS. are certain Latin lines. I have submitted the "Undena Metalla" (Wren) to one of the best Latin scholars I know, a brother of our Order, and await his reply. Those who have noted the two Latin lines of the "Septem Artes Liberales" at the close of the Alnwick, and will compare them with what I now send, will see how corrupt they are: "Gra, loquitur, Lo, vera docet, Rhe, verba sonorant, Mus canit, Ar, numerat, Ge ponderat, Ast, Capit astram." Grammar, logic, rhetoric, music, arithmetic, geometry, astronomy. A. F. A. W.

324] THE HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

I note that in the "Bauhütte" of the 5th inst., my old friend, Bro. Findel, has got a little "mixed up." He mentions my "oration" at Richmond, and then he goes on to say that I have made the discovery that the undoubted history of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has yet to be rewritten, and that the "lie" of the Order is to be made into "truth." These are hard words, and quite beside the question. I said nothing in my oration about the Ancient and Accepted Rite. My address was a Craft address. I presume he alludes to some other remarks of mine, or what he takes to be mine, and which have recently dealt with certain attacks on the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But in my opinion we have not yet a lucid history of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The great blunder about Stephen Morin has not yet been rectified, and the truth is, that since Findel wrote, a great alteration has taken place in our views of the real history of the High Grades, in consequence of new evidences springing up unknown and unexpected. I am a little afraid, too, that my old friend does not quite, like my "Fest-Rede," it is too "echt Englisch" for him. But then he must make allowance for the fact, that we in England stand firm by the old Constitutions of our fathers, and are not likely to let them go, or bring Feemasonry into such a state of degradation as we see it in France and elsewhere just now. A. F. A. W.

THE MASONIC EXHIBITION AT YORK.

By BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

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Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.M., of Chester, sent for exhibition the old minute book of the Royal Lodge, extending from 1738 to 1767, which has been described in the *Freemason*, and which he so fortunately discovered on a London bookstall. He also showed a curious silver jewel, several years since the property of a Mason in Chester; I should fancy it to be American; but it is quite unlike anything I have seen before. Its form may be described as being a kind of irregular-sided pentagon, and moulded in relief. Upon its surface is a representation of the Good Samaritan rescuing the traveller; above are several Masonic emblems, and below is the legend—"Go and do thou likewise." A pair of drinking glasses, finely-cut, given over 70 years ago by the first Marquis of Westminster to the late Bro. Okell, of Chester, were noticeable, as also was a copy of "Jachin and Boaz" of 1812, with folding plates, facsimile reductions of the large plates of ceremonies of that date, exhibited by Eboracum Lodge, 1611. The original warrant of the extinct Star Lodge at Chester was also shown by this exhibitor. It reads as follows: "A.L. 5766, Chester, Nov. 28th, 1766. We whose names are hereunto subscribed did meet at the house of our Bro. Daniel Coleclough, the Star, in the Watergate Street, and did then and there constitute a new and regular lodge in full form, and thereof did appoint our Brother John Griffith Master, our Brother Charles Kenney Senior Warden, and our Brother Charles Haswell Junior Warden. John Page, P.G.M.; Edward Orme, D.P.G.M.; Townsend, P.G. Sy." The seal is affixed by a blue and white ribbon.

Our venerable and respected Bro. J. C. Taylor, P.M. of Bradford, lent for the occasion the old minute book of the Plains of Mamre Preceptory, which existed from 1807 to 1867, at which period Bro. Taylor was installed in the chair of Preceptor. It is a matter for sincere regret that these earlier Preceptories were so often permitted to collapse.

Bro. E. C. Patchitt, the W.M. of the Duke of Portland Lodge, 2017, at Nottingham, sent a quaint old walking dagger-cane, of very old make, a mass of Masonic emblems, the handle forming a snuff box.

One of the most interesting of the exhibits was the old Wassail cup in silver beaten work, shown by Mrs. Newstead, of Selby, near York, and at one period used as the loving cup of the Grand Lodge of All England at York. At the time of the demise of that ancient body circa 1792, its goods and chattels seem to have been divided amongst the surviving members, and thus many valuable relics were dispersed. Since that period, however, the bulk of these have been traced. The parchment constitutions, much of the furniture, &c., have been secured by the York Lodge, 236, the bible is in the hands of Eboracum Lodge, 1611; and this beautiful old double handled bowl has come to the lady above named through an ancestor who was a member of the lodge. The hall-mark points to the date of Charles II. as the period of its manufacture.

Bro. John Marshall, of Malton, who is the E.P. of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory at York, is the owner of a curious and interesting Templar and Kadosh star in silver, which he informs me was discovered during the demolition of some old cottages at Malton. During the last century there was a good deal of Masonry sprinkled over the county of Yorkshire, and lodges were working at Hovingham and probably at Malton (most likely under the Grand

Lodge at York), so that this star may have been of the kind authorised by the "Grand Encampment" at York. The jewel resembles one (Irish) exhibited by me, with a trifling difference in detail, which leads me to think it may point to a Scottish connection with Templary in the north country.

A double glass flask of the time of Queen Anne, shown by Bro. S. Middleton, P.M., of Scarborough, is well worth examination, but I confess to doubts as to the date of the Masonic engraved emblems on one of its sides. The class of engraving seems to me to differ from that on the opposite side, which, with the flask itself, is I doubt not of the date named. A portrait in oils on a wood panel of Godfrey de Bouillon, and stated to be the work of Domenico Ghirlandaio, is a very fine relic. It represents the leader of the Templars as clad in breastplate and helmet, the latter surrounded by a crown of thorns, whilst on his left breast is the passion cross in red. His name is painted on the margin. The portrait is a veritable antique and perhaps might be placed about the fifteenth century.

A pair of very beautiful goblets of fine white glass were exhibited by Mrs. Seymour, of York. I do not know the history of them, but from the quality of glass, the cutting, and the style of emblems engraved I fancy they are York work of the last century.

(To be continued.)

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

THE FUNERAL.

Considering how fully the ceremony that attended the consignment of the late Duke's body to its last resting place has been described in the columns of the daily press, we shall doubtless be readily excused from stating more than a few leading facts in connection with the mournful event. We believe it was our deceased brother's wish that he should be buried at Windsor. At all events it was so ordered by her Majesty and on Saturday last in the presence of the Queen and her daughters, and the Queen of Holland, the funeral took place in St. George's Chapel with all that solemn and sumptuous splendour which contrasts so strikingly with the sorrow naturally belonging to such a function. The Chapel was crowded in every part by those entitled to the "entrée" or who had received invitations. The service was of the ordinary character and was read, instead of being intoned, by the Dean of Windsor. More appropriate music could hardly have been selected, while the grief visible on the part of the Prince of Wales who was chief mourner as well as on that of all present bore testimony to the depth and intensity of the feeling by which they were actuated. The body was borne to the grave by a detachment of the Seaforth Highlanders, of which corps the late Duke was honorary colonel. The Crown Prince of Germany, the Grand Duke of Hesse, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Albert Victor, Prince Christian, and the Prince of Waldeck-Pyrmont, father of the Duchess of Albany, were conspicuous in the procession as near supporters of the Prince of Wales, while the Ministry, the leaders of the Opposition, the Ambassadors, and the Great Officers of State were all numerously and worthily represented. The remains had been visited by the widowed Duchess only a short time before the funeral took place, and when it was concluded, they were conveyed to a vault beneath the Albert Chapel, and were visited during the afternoon by the Queen and several members of the Royal Family. It is worthy of mention perhaps that among the pall-bearers was Lord Brooke, M.P., who was so fortunate as to be installed last year Prov. Grand Master of Essex in succession to the late Lord Tenterden.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following summons for a Special Grand Lodge has been issued:—

"W. Master,—Your attendance, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, is particularly desired at an Especial Grand Lodge, to be holden at this place on Thursday, the 24th day of April instant, at twelve for one o'clock punctually, to consider and resolve upon addresses of condolence on the much regretted death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation. By command of the M.W. Grand Master, SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S. Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 4th April, 1884."

The following order for mourning has also been issued:—

"In consequence of the much lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, an event which has filled the breast of every Mason with grief, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of three months from this date. The mourning to be worn by brethren individually to be as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past—three rosettes of black crape on the badges and one at the point of the chain or collar just above the jewel; Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—three black crape rosettes on badge; Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—two black crape rosettes at the lower part of the badge; white gloves.—By command of the M.W. Grand Master, SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S. Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 4th April, 1884."

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 4th April, 1884."

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.—The ordinary monthly communication of this Grand Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street Dublin, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master in the chair. After the lodge had been duly opened, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master alluded in feeling terms to the sad loss of the country and the order had sustained by the sudden death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and proposed that an address of condolence should be presented from the Grand Lodge of Ireland to her Most Gracious Majesty. This being seconded by R.W. Bro. Edward H. Kinahan, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, it was unanimously adopted. It was then proposed by Bro. J. H. Woodworth, P.M. 245, and seconded by R.W. Bro. James H. Neilson,

Representative from the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and unanimously resolved, "That, as a further mark of respect on the part of the Masonic Body of Ireland, the Grand Lodge should now close without the transacting of any further business."

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°.—The following circular has been issued: "It is with feelings of the most profound sorrow that the Supreme Council, 33°, for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, have to announce to the members of the A. and A. Rite the sudden and premature death, at Cannes, on the 28th ult., of Very Illustrious Brother the Duke of Albany, 33°, an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council. The great interest which his Royal Highness evinced in every branch of Freemasonry, his devotion to the liberal arts and sciences, his easy courtesy and affability of manner towards his Masonic brethren of every degree, made him deservedly beloved by the whole Masonic Craft, which, in common with all classes of her Majesty's subjects, will deeply mourn the loss of one who lived universally respected, and who has left behind him a name which will ever be mentioned with veneration and esteem. As a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased Prince, the Supreme Council direct that mourning shall be worn in all Rose Croix Chapters under their obedience for a period of three months.—By order of the Supreme Council, HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°, Gd. Sec. Gen.—33, Golden-square, London, W., 2nd April, 1884."

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.—GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES.—In respect for the memory of the late Great Constable of the Great Priory of England and Wales, Sir Knt. his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., G.C.T., &c., who departed this life on the 28th ult., all knights meeting in their Preceptories and Great Priory are requested to wear mourning for the space of three months.—By order, W. TINKLER, K.C.T., Vice-Chancellor. Hilts of swords and jewels to be covered with crape, and a crape scarf to be substituted for the riband. 23, Chancery-lane, London, W.C., 3rd April, 1884.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.—A special Grand Lodge of the above province was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master. Addresses of condolence were voted to her Majesty the Queen; to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.—The wreath sent by this province, and which was presented through the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Reginald Bird, in memory of the ruler of which it was so suddenly and lamentably bereaved, was a perfect specimen of the florist's art, and to Freemasons specially interesting. It represented the jewel of a Provincial Grand Master, measuring 4ft. across outer ring or wreath, which was composed of choicest white flowers such as lilac, lily of the valley, eucharis, gardenias, callas, polyanthus, acacia, &c., and maidenhair foliage; the name of province—"Oxon"—composed of forget-me-nots; the centre a square and compass with interlaced triangle, this latter in forget-me-nots; the compasses golden jonquils, and the square purple violets; the whole surrounded by a very graceful spray of acacia, fully carrying out the traditional history of a Mason's grave. It was made by Bro. Dick Radcliffe and Co.

UNITED INDUSTRIOUS LODGE, No. 31.—The Masonic Temple in the High-street, Canterbury, presented a solemn and reverential aspect on Thursday night last week by being draped in suitable mourning, the brethren also appearing in appropriate Masonic mourning, to participate in a Masonic service of sympathy on account of the loss the Craft had sustained in the sudden and unexpected death of his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. All Masonic business of the lodge was suspended until the following Craft night. The lodge was opened up to the Third Degree, when the W.M., Bro. H. Ward, who had specially by circuit invited the brethren of the local lodges, a great number being present, referred in feeling terms to the loss Masonry at large had experienced in the untimely death of the Prince, who had, as Bro. Ward himself had several opportunities of witnessing in the Province of Wilts, in which the Prince at one time resided, taken so warm an interest in the well-being of the Craft in general, by making himself practically conversant with all its workings. The ceremony began by the brethren chanting the 90th Psalm to the well-known single chant of Felton. This was followed by the Rev. Bro. H. M. Maughan, Chaplain and J.W. of the Greystone Lodge, reading selected portions of the wisdom of Solomon. The brethren assumed the usual attitude of prayer, while the Chaplain offered up a very impressive prayer, in which touching allusion was made to the departed, grace and strength implored to enable the sorrowing ones to bear up under the sad and sudden bereavement. After this the touching elegy "Forgive blest shade" was feelingly sung by Bros. Plant, Moulding, Grundy, and Rhodes, assisted by Bro. Dr. Longhurst, Organist of the Cathedral, who presided at the harmonium. Then followed a short extemporary address by the Chaplain, who pathetically alluded to the many virtues and good qualities of the Prince; how he was in a remarkable way following the example of his noble and gifted father the late Prince Consort by devoting his time and talents to the furtherance of those objects which more concerned the welfare of the people at large than those of his own more immediate class. Allusion was made to his devotion to charitable objects, and more especially those of Masonry, which none more than the Prince, the son of our Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, could duly appreciate, and who was most thoroughly convinced that Masonry, in addition to its ennobling tenets and high toned principles, was loyalty to the throne and relief to all mankind. By his devotion to the Craft the Prince felt this and showed it by the interest he exhibited on all Masonic occasions. Great sympathy was expressed and felt by all present at the sad bereavement the Queen had felt and the irreparable loss the Duchess had sustained. The address was followed by the Dead "March in Saul," solemnly and effectively played by Bro. Longhurst while the brethren were standing. The Grand Honours were given seven times, after which the lodge was duly closed, and thus ended a solemn and interesting ceremony which will no

doubt leave a lasting impression on the minds of all the brethren who were present. Too much praise cannot be given to the indefatigable W.M., Bro. H. Ward, for the energy and zeal he displayed in obtaining so complete a service in so short a time, as all arrangements were made after the usual Craft notice was issued.

ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.—This lodge was represented at the reception of the remains of the late Duke of Albany at Portsmouth on the 4th inst. by the W.M. (Bro. S. Wheeler), Bros. Major J. Walsh, P.M.; E. H. Fradd, C. E. T. Mew, G. Edgar Mew, and A. Price.

LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 521.—At the regular meeting held at Huddersfield, on the 4th inst., Bro. John W. Turner, S.W., called the attention of the brethren to the great loss Masonry had sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and concluded by proposing that the lodge go into mourning for three months, adding that it was such a short time since his Royal Highness was with them, when the greatest Masonic demonstration ever made in the province of West Yorkshire took place, that the melancholy event caused the brethren of the province, and more especially the five Huddersfield lodges, to deeply mourn his loss, and sympathize with those nearest and dearest to him.

FIRST VOLUNTEER LODGE OF IRELAND, No. 620 I.C.—At the meeting held on the 2nd inst. the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That we desire to record our heartfelt sympathy with her Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, and the members of the Royal Family in the sad loss which they have sustained in the sudden and unexpected death of R.W. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W. of England, and Provincial G.M. of Oxfordshire, who by his many virtues and the warm interest he took in our beloved Craft, had endeared himself to every member of it in every part of the known world where his name was known."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1259.—At the conclusion of the business of the lodge at the meeting on the 1st inst., Bro. E. Jex, C.C., P.M., the esteemed Treasurer, alluded to the recent sad loss the country and the Craft had sustained by the lamentable and sudden death of his Royal Highness the late Duke of Albany. Bro. Jex concluded a feeling address by proposing that a vote of condolence of the lodge be forwarded to Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons. This was seconded by Bro. Buchan, P.M., and carried in solemn silence. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, P.M. 174, Organist, then played Handel's "Dead March" ("Saul"), and lodge was solemnly closed. After the banquet, Bro. Rulfe, W.M., introduced the usual toasts expressive of loyalty to the Throne and prosperity to the best interests of the Craft; but these were pledged in solemn silence, and no music was given save an impressive rendering of Rossini's grand supplicatory chorus, "To Thee, Great Lord" ("Mose in Egitto").

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.—Major-General Cecil Ives, D.W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, has received the following communications from her Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany in reply to the resolutions of condolence passed at the last meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge: "Windsor Castle, April 2nd, 1884. Dear General Ives,—I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will express to the officers and brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons her Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind address of condolence.—I am, &c., HENRY F. PONSONBY.—Major-General Ives, D.M., Moyns Park."—"Mr. R. H. Collins is commanded to thank the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons for their kind letter of sympathy addressed to the Duchess of Albany. Claremont, Esher, April 5th."

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.—At the regular meeting held at Portsmouth on the 2nd inst., the proceedings were of a most solemn character, as within one month the lodge had lost three of their brethren, the lamented sudden death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany having been preceded by that of Bro. Montessor, R.N., who was killed in action at the battle of El Teb, and also of Bro. J. E. Parker, of the Royal Hotel, Devonport. A respectful vote of condolence was accorded to Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Duchess of Albany, on the death of the Duke, and also to the families of Bros. Montessor and Parker.

LEOPOLD MARK LODGE, No. 235.—Monday, the 31st ult., was to have been the occasion of the installation and annual festival of this lodge, but on receipt of the news of the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany it was decided to postpone the festival and hold a regular lodge instead, for the purpose of passing suitable resolutions expressive of the sorrow of all Mark Masons and of the members of this lodge in particular at the untimely death of the Prince, whose name stands first enrolled on its list of members and after whom the lodge was named. The lodge, which was well attended, was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, under the presidency of Bro. S. Bradley, W.M., and the following resolution was moved by Bro. E. Margaret, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.M., and carried unanimously: "That the Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 235, deeply deploring the loss which Mark Masonry in general and this lodge in particular has sustained by the untimely death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.M.M.M. (whose name stands first enrolled on its list of members), desires to offer a floral wreath at his funeral as a last fraternal token. The lodge also desires to offer to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany a humble tribute of condolence and sympathy in this their sudden bereavement." The floral wreath, which was a most handsome one, measured about 30 inches in diameter and was composed of a fringe of ferns and a very effective arrangement of splendid gardenias, white tea roses, camellias, lilies of the valley, and other choice white flowers. The name of the lodge was worked in the circle, in the centre of which was a triangle, formed of purple hyacinths and red azaleas—the Mark colours—with the number of the lodge within. On Friday morning a deputation from the lodge, consisting of Bros. Bradley and Pulley, attended at Windsor and presented the floral wreath at the Castle.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.—The Prince of Wales has intimated that in consequence of the death of the Duke of Albany he will be unable to attend the laying of the foundation-stone of the tower of Peterborough Cathedral on the 7th of May.



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which has been in existence over a century and a half, was held on the 3rd inst. at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. There was a large attendance of the brethren and visitors. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. H. G. Ball, who was unavoidably away, the I.P.M., Bro. W. A. S. Humphries, presided, supported by Bros. G. G. Symons, P.M.; G. H. F. Dyer, P.M.; J. Vass, P.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Hemsworth, P.M.; C. Cordingley, P.M.; J. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Nell, J.W.; L. S. Fountaine, S.D.; and R. Hunt, I.G. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. P. Soman, 234 and 807, P.P.G.S. Norfolk; D. F. Gillion, P.M. 1425; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; G. Buckham, P.M. 376; C. B. Carter, P.M. 1663; A. Heald, P.M.; R. S. Hargroves, 155; R. H. Drysdale, 918; R. Defriez, I.G. 1693; J. K. Gwyn, 1426; P. Chick, 1744; R. Pringle, 1275; G. Croot, 554; H. J. Dean, 1260; F. Gabriel, 860; W. F. Bates, D.C. 1507; M. Charlton, 1702, and others.

Lodge having been opened in due form by the I.P.M. the minutes of the previous meeting, which contained the reappointment of Bro. H. Follett, P.M., as Treasurer, were then read and confirmed. Bro. John Smith was then presented as W.M. for the ensuing year, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed he was duly installed into the chair, the rite being most impressively performed by Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., whose rendering of the whole ceremony, and whose intelligent interpretation of the several addresses gave ample testimony of his careful study, and of the great interest he had always taken in the Craft. The customary salutations having been given the W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. H. Nell, S.W.; L. S. Fountaine, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; John N. Heale, Sec.; R. Hunt, S.D.; S. Stanton, J.D.; W. H. P. Thomas, I.G.; T. C. Cubbon, Stwd.; Major P. H. Freelove, Asst. Stwd.; and H. Mallett, Tyler.

After the banquet which followed the closing of the lodge, the customary toasts were proposed from the chair. The first and second on the list, owing to the recent loss sustained by the Craft in the death of the Duke of Albany, being drunk in silence. "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. P. Soman, P.P.G.S. Norfolk.

Bro. G. G. Symons then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He was quite sure the W.M. had the cause of true Masonry at heart, and the lodge would suffer nothing at the hands of him who had been placed in that honourable and high office. The Strong Man Lodge had a good old history, and although the past year might have been more successful, yet he did not despair of the future. He wished the W.M. a very prosperous year, and he felt sure the credit and dignity of the old lodge would be handed down pure and unsullied to those who came after.

The W.M. returned thanks for the very kind manner in which the brethren had drunk his health. He should endeavour to carry out the duties of the office with satisfaction to himself and the lodge, the interests of which he had at heart, and if the W.M., officers, and brethren would stand by each other, he felt sure of a happy if not a prosperous year.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Ball," who was just then crossing the Atlantic Ocean. He had faithfully discharged the duties of his office, and the best wishes of the brethren would follow him wherever he went.

Bro. G. G. Symons, in replying for "The I.P.M.," read a letter he had just received from that brother, conveying his best wishes for the welfare of the lodge.

"The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. J. Vass, P.M. Other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge," all of which were duly responded to. The evening was spent in a very happy and enjoyable manner, and kept fully alive with a charming variety of songs, accompanied in capital style by Bro. H. J. Dean.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—The lodge held its spring banquet at Lord's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. John Evans, W.M.; F. Gordon, S.W.; E. F. Duffin, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Wickens, S.D.; E. W. Scattergood, J.D.; J. J. Thomas, I.G.; H. Slyman, P.M.; J. D. Caulcher, P.M., Treas.; J. F. West, P.M.; J. Austen, P.M.; J. Powell, P.M.; R. T. Hill, P.M.; Stiles, Bird, Pelling, Page, and Beale. The visitors were Bros. Knight Smith, 1441, P.M.; Ruff, P.M. 95; Jones, 1507; Clayton, 780; and Humphries, J.D. 733.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was no special work to do, but the opening and closing of the lodge was made notable from the fact that the W.M. generously presented 50 copies of words and music, composed and arranged by himself, for the perpetual use of the lodge. These hymns were sung by the brethren, and if continued to be used, will be a very fitting memento of our brother's year of office. Bro. Knight Smith, P.M. 1441, was appointed Hon. Organist of the lodge, and in expressing surprise and pleasure at the great honour conferred upon him, promised the brethren of the Prince Frederick William that he would be with them as often as his professional duties permitted.

The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the customary excellent style of the Lord's. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The visitors in responding to the toast in their honour expressed their gratitude to the lodge and the W.M. for the generous and agreeable entertainment afforded them. The W.M., and Bros. F. G. Baker, G. Clayton, and Knight Smith took part in some excellent songs and glees, the last named brother also presiding at the piano. Bro. Duffin contributed his share to the pleasure of the evening by an excellent recitation. All the brethren felt the evening too short for the many pleasures afforded them when the hour came to bid each other the "farewell."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).

—There was a full meeting of the above flourishing lodge on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Bro. W. Davis's, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse. Bro. E. H. Rolfe, W.M., was supported by Bros. W. Buchan, P.M., as S.W. (in the regrettable absence through indisposition of Bro. I. Charlton, S.W.); Esmond, J.W.; E. Jex, C.C., P.M., Treas.; R. Bradbrook, P.M., Sec.; C. Wakefield, S.D.; L. Etling (who we were pleased to see again in good health), J.D.; J. P. Moore, P.M., I.G.; W. Very, Tyler; T. W. Gilling, I.P.M.; W. Hancock, Rowe, Atkins, and numerous brethren. Visitors: Bros. Ross and Collet. The work before the lodge was to raise Bro. Lardner and initiate Mr. Cole, who after a successful test by ballot was impressively admitted into the Order. A very feeling allusion was made by Bro. A. Jex, C.C., P.M., to the death of the Duke of Albany, and a vote of condolence passed to H.R.H. the Grand Master. The subsequent proceedings, both in lodge and at the banquet, and to which we refer in another column, were conducted in a manner to accord with this melancholy and mournful event.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).

—This prosperous civic lodge met on the 31st ult. at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. Among those present were Bros. Goodenough, W.M.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., Grand Treasurer elect, S.W.; Young, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, Prov. G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; T. Simpson, S.D.; Lister, I.G.; Skelhorn, D.C.; L. Lardner, W.S.; Lott, P.P.G.W. Jersey, Hon. Org.; J. Strugnell, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; Ramsey, P.M. 192, Hon. Member; Potter, Wildash, Schultz, Codd, Parkinson, Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. F. Blake, P.M. 945; Apthorpe, 442; and B. White, 619.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Sherer was balloted for, and being in attendance was ably initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, who returned thanks in an able speech for the honour conferred. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Parkinson re-elected Tyler. Bros. Schultz, Wildash, and Sherer were elected Auditors. The following resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried with acclamation: "That this lodge desires to convey to Bro. H. B. Marshall, W.M. elect, its hearty congratulations upon the distinguished honour recently conferred upon him by a large majority of the members of the Craft in electing him Grand Treasurer, and that a copy of this resolution shall be engrossed on vellum, and presented to Bro. Marshall." The W.M. elect having thanked the brethren for this compliment, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Goodenough. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were proposed; but in consequence of the recent death of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W., they were received and drunk in solemn silence.

ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. Alderman J. Staples, W.M.; P. Saillard, S.W.; T. Benskin, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; B. Norman, J.D.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Dr. Greatrex, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read letters from Bros. Wells, S.D.; G. M. Sayle, who was a candidate for passing; and A. E. Stillwell, excusing themselves from attendance—the former two on account of ill-health, and the latter because of his departure for America on the previous day. There being no further business, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., who, in proposing "The Queen," alluded in very feeling and appropriate terms to the loss the Craft and the country had sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. Other toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).

—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. J. Rubie, P.M., W.M.; E. J. B. Mercer, I.P.M.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Radway, P.M., Sec.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., D.C.; Ames, S.W.; W. Peach, J.W.; T. E. Wilton, S.D.; W. Baldwin, J.D.; Gregory, I.G.; Foote, Org.; with a good attendance of Past Masters and members, and many visitors.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and those of the lodge of instruction were also read. The W.M. announced that he had received a letter from Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., &c., expressive of regret at his absence on account of continued illness, which had for many weeks confined him to the house, and another from Bro. T. Wilton, P.M. (Mayor of Bath), who was on public business in London.

After these preliminaries, the W.M. sounded his gavel to attract the attention of the brethren, and observed that before commencing the business of the evening he felt it a duty to explain the unusual appearance of the room, in which, assured of the sanction of the lodge, he had directed emblems of mourning to be displayed, in consequence of the sudden and lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Prov. Grand Master of the neighbouring Province of Oxfordshire, one who had endeared himself to all with whom he had been brought in contact, who, as a close imitator of the virtues of his illustrious father the late Prince Albert, by his conduct and intelligence had raised high hopes of a most useful life, and who took the greatest interest in the well-being of that Craft of which they were all members. As Freemasons therefore they could not but most sincerely sympathise with the young widow, for by this unexpected bereavement they, too, had lost a friend and a brother.

The business of the evening was then proceeded with. Bro. Wm. Carey having most successfully passed a strict examination the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and he was duly passed to the rank of F.C.; the symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. T. Brown. The lodge having been again brought down a somewhat interesting event occurred. Every officer was in turn called to the Secretary's desk to sign his proxy for the Masonic Boys' School for the first time. This privilege was obtained at the sesqui-centennial celebration last year by the presentation of 100 guineas to this excellent Institution, thus

endowing the chair of each officer as a vice-president. The many votes in perpetuity thus gained are of course a valuable addition to the voting powers of the province of Somerset. The Secretary read a report from a numerous committee appointed to consider the changes made in the new Book of Constitutions, under an impression that some alterations in the bye-laws of the lodge might be necessary. In this report attention was chiefly directed to the fee for initiation, which is at present five guineas. It was unanimously recommended that this should in future be seven guineas, under a strong conviction that it is most desirable to raise the social status of Freemasonry generally, considering too that by such a course the lodge would most effectually be carrying out the wishes of the Grand Lodge, so clearly expressed. It was also proposed to change the joining fee from two to three guineas. After some discussion it was determined that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the meeting in May with a view to its full consideration.

Bro. Ashley then brought forward the subject of "Bro. Edmund White's gift," particulars of which were fully reported in the account of a meeting of the Royal Cumberland Lodge published in the *Freemason* of the 15th ult. He remarked that while it was somewhat unusual for a bequest to be made to a lodge, it was still more so for any very considerable gift to be made by a brother in his lifetime. The present instance therefore only proved the great interest taken by Bro. White in the welfare of the lodge, of which he had been a member during nearly half a century. After a few eulogistic remarks respecting the donor and his long active connection with the Masonic body, Bro. Ashley proposed the following resolution, which was seconded and carried unanimously, "That this lodge highly appreciates the generous gifts of Bro. Edmund White, P.M. 41 and P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, consisting of £200, his portrait, and a loving cup; that the same be accepted, with the sincere thanks of the brethren to Bro. White for this fresh proof of the interest he continues to feel for the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, of which he had been a member for 49 years."

With the election of Trustees for the gift the proceedings of the evening terminated, and the lodge was closed soon after ten o'clock.

CHELtenham.—Foundation Lodge (No. 82).

—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall. There were present W. Bro. the Rev. H. Kynaston, D.D., W.M.; Bros. Rev. J. H. C. Baxter, S.W.; C. S. Atkins, J.W.; W. Bro. J. Walker, Treas.; Bros. R. P. Smith, Sec.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, S.D.; E. L. Bayliss, J.D.; W. Bro. J. Bubb, D.C.; Bro. W. Simms Bull, I.G.; W. Bro. J. Walker, Stwd.; H. Phillips, Tyler; W. L. Bain, P.M.; R. Ticehurst, P.M.; Rev. H. E. Bayly, P.M.; W. R. Porcher, P.M.; W. H. Gwinnett, P.M.; J. Cottle, P.M.; S. W. Brook Kay, J. Maier, W. Powell, J. Drew, and R. Smith. Visitors: W. Bro. H. P. Fernald, Kilbourn, 83, U.S.A.; and W. L. Butler, 246. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the only other business on the agenda, namely, the raising of Bro. R. Rogers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, having been performed, the lodge was closed.

SHEERNESS.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).

—Under a dispensation from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master the annual installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Local Board of Health Room (kindly lent for the occasion) on Thursday, the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. E. Stutely, opened the lodge, supported by the following members and visitors: Bros. A. Spears, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. R. Brett, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works; T. Firminger, P.M.; J. P. Watts, P.M.; R. Derry, P.M.; M. J. Sullivan, P.M.; G. T. Green, P.M.; C. Day, W.M. 20; A. H. Nutt, W.M. 184; T. H. Smith, W.M. 1089; G. Kenneday, W.M. 1536; J. Parkes, W.M. 1969; J. F. Lewis, P.M. 20; S. Varren, P.M. 184; E. J. Penney, P.M. 1089; C. W. Moore, P.M. 358; H. Black, P.M. 1763; R. J. E. Brown, W.M. elect; H. Sole, R. H. Plattin, W. S. Chambre, J. Black, V. H. Stallon, J. H. Lee, J. Auty, J. H. McLachlan, J. Bridges, T. Bridges, J. Hooker, J. J. Coleman, and several others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. R. J. E. Brown, having been presented to the Installing Master, Bro. A. Spears, he was duly placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual ceremonies, and then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. W. Moore, S.W.; H. Sole, J.W.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Treas.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; P. H. Plattin, S.D.; W. S. Chambre, J.D.; T. Firminger, P.M., D.C.; J. B. West, Org.; J. Auty, I.G.; A. S. Baskett, Stwd.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The various charges were then delivered by Bro. R. Derry, and the ceremony brought to a conclusion. The retiring Master, Bro. E. Stutely, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. J. Bagshaw was unanimously re-elected lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee for the ensuing year. Votes of thanks having been passed to the Installing Masters and the Local Board of Health for granting the use of the room, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Assembly Room, Victoria Buildings, where they partook of an excellent banquet. The tables were elegantly arranged with tropical plants and a profusion of beautiful exotic bouquets, and the walls of the room were tastefully decorated with a large quantity of bunting, relieved with various artistic allegorical and mystical designs and emblems, under the superintendence of Bros. Lieut. W. S. Chambre, R.N., R. H. Plattin, and H. Sole. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. W. T. Carpenter proposed the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale." His lordship was always to the front in promoting the best interests of the Order, and through his agency it was that the province of Kent held its present proud position in the Craft.

In response to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. J. R. Brett, G. Supt. of Wks., replied in a few well chosen remarks.

Bro. Stutely, I.P.M., at some length proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he felt sure that the manner in which Bro. Brown had always carried out the duties of the other offices in the lodge, and also the way in which he had that day commenced as W.M., augured well for the successful working of the lodge during his Mastership, and he felt assured that Bro. Brown would fill the position in which he had that day been placed with credit to himself and honour to the lodge.

Bro. Brown in acknowledging the toast expressed the gratification that he felt upon being installed into the chair of "Old Adam's," and his constant aim would be to discharge the duties of the important office in such a manner as to merit the approbation of the brethren, and increase the prosperity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master in giving "The Installing Master" alluded to the many years that Bro. A. Spears had taken an active part in the working of the lodge.

Bro. A. Spears having suitably replied, "The Past Masters" were next toasted.

Bro. T. Firminger in proposing "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure it gave the members of the lodge in seeing so many present, and he coupled the names of Bros. W. J. Blakey, P.M. and P.P.G.D.C., and H. Black, P.M., with the toast. Bro. Blakey responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. J. P. Watts, and responded to by Bro. J. Bagshaw, who gave some very interesting statistics respecting the various charities, together with a graphic description of the working of the Provincial Charity Committee.

"The Officers of the Lodge" having been duly toasted and acknowledged by Bro. C. W. Moore, S.W., the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Too much praise cannot be assigned to Bro. T. Firminger, D.C., for the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties, both in the lodge and at the banquet. The musical arrangements were under the able guidance of Bro. J. B. West, Org., and some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Green, Black, Butler, Lee, and Purdey.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Dramatic Lodge

(No. 1609).—The members of this lodge assembled for the transaction of business at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th ult., when there was a very numerous attendance of the fraternity, a large proportion hailing from other lodges. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., and he was officially supported by Bros. W. Savage, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treas.; Josef Cantor, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; J. J. Monk, Org.; H. Round, S.S.; C. Buchanan, J.S.; E. H. Allen, O.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. D. Fleming, E. Graham, Tudor Rogers, T. H. Wilde, J. H. Light, I. Knott, J. G. Spiers, Ben Brown, C. Callaghan, Brown, Newland, Wallace, Fred Cairns, J. F. Ainscow, I. Jacobs, Jos. Fineberg, Harris Fineberg, W. Briscoe, C. A. Gianocopulo, J. Bramham, C. Mawson, J. M. Macpherson, J. B. Macpherson, A. Hines, L. Hughes, E. Brammell, T. O. Pughe, R. M. Anderson, J. Rawthorne, W. Coates, J. S. Bramley, B. Hughes, J. Cobham, P.M. 241 and 1380; G. W. Harris, F. J. Stimson, Owen Dacroy, and P. Buck.

Mr. Andrew Mein and the Rev. M. J. Birks were unanimously elected, and subsequently duly initiated, and Bros. Brown, Newland, and Wallace, and Bro. Wilde were passed to the second degree. The brethren banqueted at the close of business, and a choice musical programme was afterwards furnished by Bros. C. A. Gianocopulo, J. B. Macpherson, Fred. Cairns, W. Savage, Wallace, Ben Brown, Dacroy, and Burgess, the accompaniments being played by Bro. Cantor.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, when there were present Bros. Robert Latham, W.M.; W. Court, I.P.M.; John Barrett, S.W.; E. E. Harwood, J.W.; G. Ferguson, Treas.; N. Nicholson, Sec.; A. Cosgrave, S.D.; T. B. Tong, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, D. of C.; T. F. Smith, Org.; W. E. Bardsley, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., G. Stwd. Scotland; Thomas Morris, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; Higson, P.M.; J. Heywood, P.M.; Job H. Greenhalgh, P.M.; Collins, Whewell, Fogg, Morris, Bolton, Kershaw, Hawksworth, Parkinson, Naylor, Forbes, Pendlebury, Goulbourn, Derham, and Owden.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, Bro. William Broughton, 221, was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously elected. It being the customary period for election of W.M., Bro. Barrett, S.W., rose and in graceful terms expressed his wish that the brethren would not consider him in any way in making a choice of a Master for the ensuing year, and suggested that the Junior Warden, Bro. E. G. Harwood, who was now fulfilling his second year of office as Mayor of Bolton, should be elected by the brethren to preside over them. Bro. Harwood was the first initiate who had qualified for election as W.M. in the lodge since its formation, and from his popularity in the borough and his earnest and thorough-going character as a working member of the lodge, he considered his appointment would be a compliment fitting to his municipal office, and a reward for his zeal as a Mason.

The Junior Warden in expressing his high appreciation of the favour proposed to be conferred upon him, disclaimed any wish to be unduly promoted at the expense of a worthy Mason and elder brother, as, having worked his way from the door of the lodge to his present position, personally he would greatly have preferred to continue in the usual course, so as to have the gratification of saying hereafter that he had filled every ordinary office—from a Steward to a Mastership—in his mother lodge; but, yielding to the strongly expressed views of the S.W., to whose kindly, courteous, and fraternal conduct, he paid an earnest and graceful acknowledgment, supplemented as it was by the solicitations of the brethren, he would, if unanimously elected, accept the position, and discharge its duties in such a manner as he hoped would give every brother satisfaction, and leave no cause to regret the confidence reposed in him.

The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Harwood. Bro. George Ferguson, P.P.G.S. of W., was unanimously elected Treasurer. Bros. J. Collins and J. Hawksworth were appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the past year. The thanks of the brethren were voted to the W.M., Bro. Latham, for the able, efficient, and courteous manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office for the past year, and a Past Master's jewel was awarded to him, to be presented on the occasion of the installation of his successor. The S.W., Bro. Barrett, was highly complimented for the prompt and spontaneous manner in which he first suggested the propriety of offering to waive his claim to the chair in favour of the Mayor, and by his kindly pressing the matter, and succeeding in removing any objections in acceding to his wishes. Lodge was closed in ease and harmony.

HAMPTON COURT.—Raymond Thrupp Lodge (No. 2024).—The first meeting since the successful consecration was held at the Mitre Hotel on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The W.M., with his usual punctuality, commenced the business of the meeting, assisted by Bros. M. Mildred, S.W.; J. Sadler Wood, J.W.; R. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx., I.P.M., Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., Sec.; and Tate, as Deacon. The visitors were Bros. G. Tooley, 1571; J. B. Scott, 1571; A. E. Kenward, 1540; W. H. Ball, W.M. 87; and A. G. Clarke, 255.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. G. H. Thrupp, nephew of the esteemed Dep. Prov. G.M., which proving unanimous, and he being presented, was duly and most impressively installed into Masonry, the ceremony being admirably rendered throughout. Ballots were taken for joining members and propositions for next meeting, and other matters in connection with lodge business having been discussed, the lodge was closed and adjourned to banquet admirably served by Bro. Sadler.

INSTRUCTION.

CHIGWELL LODGE (No. 453).—The first meeting of this lodge in its new quarters at the Public Hall, Loughton, was held on Friday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. J. T. Austin, W.M.; W. J. Shadrake, S.W.; E. Brown, J.W.; T. F. Tyler, S.D.; J. A. Clarkson, J.D.; T. Nunn, I.G.; Taylor, Preceptor; C. G. Cutchey, Sec.; Tijou, Christian, Way, Tholander, Edwards, Martin, Egan, Holloway, C. B. Cutchey, and Thompson.

Lodge opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. B. Cutchey acting as candidate. Lodge called off and on. It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. Cutchey, seconded by Bro. E. Egan, "that the members of this lodge of instruction are desirous of expressing their great regret at the sudden decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, &c., and to tender through the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex their sincere condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany in their sad bereavement." Bro. W. J. Shadrake was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—At the usual weekly meeting held on the 24th ult. at 202, Whitechapel-road, the following brethren were in attendance: Bros. Myers, P.M., Preceptor; McDonald, W.M. and Dep. Preceptor; Twinn, S.W.; Kimbell, J.W.; J. Robson, Hon. Sec.; Winkley, J.D.; C. Robson, I.G.; Partridge, P.M.; Haviland, Tyson, 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. Partridge presented to the W.M. as Master elect. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed by the W.M. in a most efficient manner, particularly the addresses. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the then W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation very ably, Bro. Tyson being the candidate. Bro. McDonald worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Twinn, the S.W., being unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was then closed in due form.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the weekly meeting held on the 27th ult., at The Cranbourne, Upper St. Martin's Lane, there were present Bros. G. Coleman, W.M.; H. W. Kedgley, S.W.; Fowles, J.W.; Corby, S.D.; Ford, J.D.; J. Figgiss, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Bros. J. W. Robinson, W.M. 1327; W. C. Smith, T. Wilson, H. James, J. Robinson, Frank Gulliford, and J. Woodward. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith having offered himself a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and with Bro. J. Robinson candidate. Lodge opened in the Third Degree and the W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the Second and Third Sections of this Lecture. Bros. J. W. Robinson, W.M. 1327, and J. Woodward, 1614, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. H. W. Kedgley having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation, the lodge was closed in due form.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—The usual meeting took place on the 26th ult., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-rd., when there were present Bros. Chas. Evans, W.M.; Johnson, Precep.; Edgley, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; also Bros. Paton, Clarke, Sutton, Baker, Rice, Lequire, Spencer, Sims, Mackie, and Eidmans. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the questions answered by Bro. Eidmans. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Preceptor. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Rice acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time as well as second and the S.W. was elected W.M. for 2nd April. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for his able working. Lodge was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—The annual dinner of the members of this lodge (including representatives from the Fernor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350) took place on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., at Child's Restaurant, Harrington-street. There were upwards of 60 brethren present. The dinner served by Bro. A. C. Luker, the esteemed proprietor, was worthy of the excellent name he has secured as a caterer in the second city of the empire, and there was but one expression of commendation with reference to his efforts to satisfy the large company. Bro. James Winsor, P.M. 241, Preceptor, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. Pendleton, W.M.; J. Brotherton, S.W., Treas.; Roger White, J.W.; E. Sherwood, Sec.; James Gibbs, W. W. Jones, J. T. Stowell, Rev. John Stowell, J. Cornish, H. Archer, S. Jude, O. S. B. Limrick, A. Kirkpatrick, A. B. Risk, E. G. Mason, G. Dulheuer, W. F. Allen, G. Robson, R. Carruthers, H. B. Brown, J. Redfern, J. B. MacKenzie, Prov. G.S.D.; and others.

In giving "The Health of the Queen," Bro. Hinson said that while every one throughout the length and breadth of the land sympathised with her Majesty in her great bereavement, there was no class of the community which more sincerely sympathised with her than the Freemasons in all parts of the country, whose united prayer was that the Great Architect of the Universe might soothe and comfort her in the great affliction which had fallen on the Royal house.

"Success to the Merchants Lodge," "The Lodge of Instruction," "The Preceptor," and other toasts followed, and capital songs were given by brethren who were present. During the evening Bro. J. Brotherton, Treasurer, was presented with a valuable testimonial in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge of instruction.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This prosperous chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Comps. H. Higgins, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; W. P. Webb, H. M.E.Z. elect; C. H. Köhler, J.; Appleton, S.N.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Ayling and Cruss, Assts.; Jas. Terry, P.Z., &c. (Hon. member); W. Mann, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z.; W. Palmer, Downic, and others. Ex. Comp. Atkins, P.P.G.S.N. Kent, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be endorsed on the minutes. The ceremony of installing the three Principals, Comps. Webb, Köhler, and Appleton, was ably carried out by Ex. Comp. J. Terry. This duty has been performed by him ever since the consecration of the chapter, and the careful and effective manner in which the arduous ceremony is performed always gives the most unqualified satisfaction to the members. The officers invested for the ensuing year are as follows: Comps. H. Higgins, S.E.; Cooper, S.N. (by deputy); G. Everett, Treasurer; Ayling, P.S.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Asst.; Plowman, 2nd Asst. (by deputy); Daly, Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Ex. Comp. Terry for his services as Installing Officer, and a similar vote to Comp. G. Everett, jun., for his past services as S.E.

The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given, but in consequence of the recent death of Ex. Comp. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, G.J., they were necessarily very brief. "The Health of the M.E.Z." having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. in the course of an excellent reply said that notwithstanding his year of office had commenced under somewhat melancholy circumstances, yet he hoped that it would be in every way as successful as his Mastership of the mother lodge had been; at least he would do his best to make it so. "The Visitor," "The Installing Officer," "The Past Principals," and "The Officers" were also toasted, the whole proceedings being in every way successful.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The bi-monthly meeting of what may be justly called the largest chapter in the province was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on the 20th ult., when there were present Comps. W. W. Dawson, Z.; A. B. Whittaker, H.; C. J. Schofield, J.; Robt. Hartley, P.Z., Treas.; Wm. Byway, S.E.; Ishmael Davies, S.N.; Henry Paulden, P.S.; R. A. Eldershaw, 1st Asst. Sof.; J. Dumville, P.Z.; J. F. Sallon, P.Z.; John Roberts, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; J. Andrew, P.Z.; Elias Nathan, P.Z.; J. C. Hind, P.Z.; Thos. Southern, Benjamin Taylor, B. R. Howell, J. Boylan, J. Andrew, Chas. Swinn, F. Molesworth, H. Whaley, W. Aldred, C. S. Allott, and S. Lawton. Visitors: Alfred Lewtas, 1387; H. Miller, 1387; C. Hargreaves, 325; Randle Fletcher, Org. 42, P.P.G. Org.; S. Bailey, Z. 42; and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (Freemason).

The companions first assembled to tea, after which the chapter was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was successfully taken for Comp. W. T. Schofield, 219, as a joining member, and subsequently for Bro. Robt. Hughes, 1219, and Bro. Samuel Bramwell, of 204, who were declared elected. Bro. Hughes was, after the usual formula, exalted to the holy Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, the interesting and beautiful ceremony being enhanced by the able rendering of some carefully selected anthems and chants by those well known artists, Comps. N. Dumville, A. Lewtas, H. Miller, and S. Bailey, Comp. Randle Fletcher officiating at the harmonium. The whole of the work was well done, and was a treat to witness and listen to. Comp. S. Lawton, who had previously received a portion of the Degree, took the remainder along with Comp. Hughes. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

The companions afterwards spent a pleasant couple of hours together around the social board, and their enjoyment was increased by listening to some excellently rendered songs and glees from the companions previously enumerated.

Mark Masonry.

RAMSGATE.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel on Thursday, the 27th ult., and was well attended. Amongst the numerous Mark Masons present were Bros. Chas. J. Aytton, P.P.G. Asst. Sec., W.M.; Jas. Smith Harris, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; S. S. Chancellor, P.P.G. J.D., J.W.; the Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A., G. Chap., M.O.; J. G. Henning, J.D. and Sec. (pro tem); F. Hughes Hallett, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; T. H. Grove Snowden, P.M., P.P.D.G.M.; James Stevens, P.M., P.G.O. Eng.; J. Geo. Povevin, D.P.G.M. Kent; and W. G. Ward, P.P.G.M.O.; C. Holtum, P.P.G. J.O.; and others.

After the usual routine business, the D.P.G.M.M., Bro. Povevin, at the request of the W.M., took the chair of A., and in a very effective and impressive manner installed W. Bro. J. S. Harris as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed and invested in the following order: Bros. S. S. Chancellor, S.W.; J. B. Harrison, J.W.; F. Leith, P.P.G.A.D.C., M.O.; Chas. Palmer, S.O.; J. G. Henning, J.O.; the Rev. E. Gripper Banks, M.A., Chap.;

George Page, Treas.; E. J. Bellerby, Sec. and Reg. of Mks.; Chas. Dudley, S.D.; W. Jones Lane, J.D.; C. F. Wacher, I.G.; Alfred Aubrey, Org.; and R. T. Rolfe, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, and after propositions for advancement had been taken and correspondence read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The speeches after the clearance of the cloth were brief, as time passed for early departure to towns at a distance, but all the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Povevin, the D.P.G.M., in his reply to the toast of "The Installing Master," took occasion to refer to the very marked progress of the province in respect of the Mark Degree, there being no less than fifteen lodges now working in Kent, and a very great increase in the number of registered members.

A very pleasant evening was spent in harmony, Bros. James Stevens and Alfred Aubrey distinguishing themselves by capital recitations, and generally the proceedings of the afternoon and evening gave much satisfaction to all present on the occasion.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—A meeting of this chapter was convened for the 29th ult. at the Commercial Hotel, when the following brethren were in attendance: Ill. Bro. W. J. Thomson, 30°, M.W.S.; Bro. Arthur Middleton, 1st Gen.; Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°, Treas.; Bros. J. D. Murray, Grand Marshal; W. Nicholl, Raphael; T. H. Glendinning, D. of C.; R. G. Brook, 1st Herald; John E. Lees, Org.; W. M. Wylde, Stwd.; T. W. Edwards, E. Eveleigh; Thos. Morris, P.M. W.S.; and Jas. Horrocks, P.M.W.S. Visitor: Ill. Bro. Tyrer, 30°, Liverpool Chapter.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Wilson was perfected as a Rose Croix Mason by Ill. Bro. Tyrer, 30°, and further invested with the symbols of the Order. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Ill. Bro. Tyrer for his careful and correct rendering of the beautiful ritual of perfection. Bro. Arthur Middleton, 1st General, was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°, was re-elected Treasurer, and a vote of thanks was passed to the M.W.S. for his past services, and a P.M.W.S.'s jewel was awarded to him in token of the respect in which he is held by the brethren. Chapter then closed.

LEICESTER.—St. Margaret's Chapter (No. 92).—The second annual festival and eighth convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Present: Ill. Bros. J. T. Thorp, 30°, M.W.S.; C. Fendelow, 33°, I.G. W.C. Dist.; S. S. Partridge, 30°, I.P.S.; Ex. and P. Bros. W. Kelly, Prelate, M.W.S. elect; T. Worthington, 30°, 1st G.; W. L. Ball, 2nd G.; F. J. Baines, Treas.; Joseph Young, Recorder; W. A. Fielding, G.M.; Dr. W. C. Crofts, R.; W. J. Freer, Org.; M. J. Walker, Herald; J. H. Thompson, D.C.; R. Taylor, W. J. Curtis, J. D. Harris, T. G. Charlesworth, and Henry Meadows. Visitor: Bro. H. J. Norris, 2nd G. Nottingham Chapter.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. John Henry McCall, late Organist of 523, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly perfected, the ceremony being rendered by the M.W.S. in a most impressive manner. Ill. Bro. S. S. Partridge, 30°, I.P.S., having then assumed the chair, the veteran Bro. Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, was presented by the Grand Marshal to the Installing Officer as the M.W.S. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being admirably performed and completed amid acclamation. The explanation of the M.W.S.'s jewel was given by Ill. Bro. C. Fendelow, 33°. The newly-installed M.W.S. having expressed his obligations to the chapter for the honour which had so recently been conferred on him proceeded to appoint his officers for the year ensuing as follows: Ill. Bros. J. T. Thorp, 30°, I.P.S.; T. Worthington, 30°, Prelate; Bros. W. L. Ball, 1st G.; W. A. Fielding, 2nd G.; F. J. Baines, re-elected Treas.; Joseph Young, reappointed Recorder; Dr. W. C. Crofts, G.M.; J. H. Thompson, Raphael; M. J. Walker, D.C.; Dr. W. Hammond, Herald; W. J. Freer, C. of G.; J. H. McCall, Org.; M. J. Walker and J. D. Harris, Stwds.; J. Tauser and T. Dunn, Tylers. The remainder of the business having been disposed of alms were collected, and the chapter closed in peace according to ancient custom.

The members and visitors shortly afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet, at which the M.W.S. presided. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts peculiar to the Order were proposed and duly honoured.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL (No. 1).—The members of this prosperous council assembled in good numbers at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G. I.M., T.I.M.; T. Poore, P.G.P.C. of W., &c.; H. C. Levander, D. M. Dewar, G.S.; A. Williams, R. Berridge, Major Dunbar, R. P. Spico, Lemon, Graveley, Godson Anderson, T. Cubitt, Bryant, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. L. Ball, 19; G. Hollington, 173; F. Graves, 3; and T. Fletcher, 13; were balloted for and being in attendance were duly admitted and received into the Degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master, by the T.I.M., ably assisted by Bros. Poore, Dewar and Bryant.

Several communications having been received the council was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M., &c., the news of which had but just reached England, the after proceedings of the banquet were short of their usually festive character, and but few toasts were given.

On the occasion of a recent visit to Sir Moses Montefiore of a member of his family who is eighty-three years of age, Sir Moses requested his attendant to offer "that young lad" a glass of his good old port.



Bro. E. V. Jolliffe has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460.

Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette has been re-elected Examiner to St. Paul's School for the ensuing year.

Bro. William Brindley was installed W.M. of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday last.

Bro. Henry Windybank, C.C., of the Burgoyne Lodge, 902, and West Kent Chapter, 1297, is spending the Easter recess in Devonshire. On the 15th inst., Bro. Windybank will dine with the Mayor of Devonport.

The Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744, meets on Thursday evenings at eight o'clock, at the Yorkshire Grey, 17, London-street, Tottenham Court-road. A cordial invitation is extended to all brethren anxious to receive or to dispense instruction.

A dreadful accident happened at a lodge meeting held at Guildford, New York State, on the 3rd February last. The brethren had gathered together on a funeral occasion, and the floor upon which they were met gave way, this calamity being intensified by a fire breaking out amongst the ruins. This however was promptly extinguished, but of the seventy brethren who were precipitated below, many were seriously if not fatally injured.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Temple Lodge, 1094, was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Masonic Hall, Hope street, Liverpool, when Bro. Evan J. Callow was duly placed in the Worshipful Master's Chair by Bro. R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1094. There was a numerous attendance of visitors, to whom the important and interesting proceedings of the day afforded evident gratification.

The following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week: Monday, April 7th—Lodge of Joppa, Old King's Arms Chapter, Caxton Lodge, and Urban Chapter. Tuesday, 8th—Wanderers Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, and Prudent Brethren Chapter. Wednesday, 9th—Enoch Lodge, and Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday, 10th—Rose of Sharon Chapter, Polish National Lodge, and Lodge of Regularity. Saturday, 12th—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

A literary and musical entertainment in aid of the Masonic Boys' Orphan School is advertised to take place in the Corporation Hall, Derry, on Wednesday evening, April 23rd. The entertainment will be under the patronage of the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master, and the Marquis of Hamilton, Prov. Grand Master of Derry and Donegal. The Freemasons of Derry have signified their intention to come in full Masonic costume. The programme will be sustained by a number of distinguished amateurs, and the performance promises to be such as will well repay a visit to the hall on the occasion. Bro. Maurice C. Hine, M.A., J.L.D., the head master, is the organiser of the entertainment, which in his able hands, we trust will be a success.

Seventy years will on Thursday next (10th inst.) have elapsed since the memorable battle of Toulouse terminated the Peninsular War on the 10th April, 1814. We can trace but three survivors of that glorious day, and only eight others remain among us of the Army which the Iron Duke said could go anywhere and do anything. There are doubtless a few more veterans of the Peninsula ending their days in private life, but these cannot easily be traced. Eight names, and eight only, still linger in the pages of the official "Army List" for January, 1884; but there are three others well known to be still alive—viz., the Earl of Stradbroke, Major John Eden, and Lieut.-Col. S. L. Stretton. Of the names still recorded in the official "Army List" we find Gen. George Whichcote, Gen. P. V. England, Chap.-Gen. G. R. Gleig, Major J. Brien Pardy, Lieut. F. Bayly, Lieut. R. Blake Humfrey, Mr. J. W. Wybatt (Asst. Com.-Gen.), and Lieut. A. Gardner. Thus only three Toulouse men are known to have survived. There are a few more names in "Hart's List" for 1884, but it is doubtful if the officers are still living.—*Broad Arrow*.—Our contemporary adds to the names the services of each of these veterans.

A grand pageant of three hundred French and Indians commanded by De Cleron sent out by the Governor of Canada in 1749 crossed Lake Erie and Chautauqua and down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers in the interest of the French Government depositing at the mouth of the principal tributaries of the Ohio leaden plates with the object of their mission inscribed thereon. Among those found at the mouth of the Muskingum were Masonic emblems, consisting of square and compasses (attached), level, plumb, and cross, with a star enclosed in a circle at the intersection, with an inscription in French engraved upon them. These emblems were in the possession of the late Louis Soyes, a Frenchman, who was Mayor of Marietta for several years. A person now living remembers distinctly Mr. Soyes exhibiting them at his store on Ohio-street about forty years ago to party of gentlemen consisting of Stephen Hildreth, Lewis Anderson, Timothy Buell, Silas Cook, Ben. Soule, John Cunningham and others, who, after relating the circumstances named above, said that they were dug up by workmen in making a landing at Marietta. If found they would be interesting relics in a Masonic point of view as well as in connection with the history of our city and State. They would attract much attention at the Centennial Celebration in 1888. Who will say—Eureka?—Bro. George T. Hovey in the *Weekly Leader* (Marietta, Ohio).

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—THE GREAT NEED.—The blood is the life, and on its purity our health as well as our existence depends. These Pills thoroughly cleanse the vital fluid from all contaminations, and by that means strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over-excited action, and establish order of circulation and secretion throughout every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills exercises marvellous power in giving tone to debilitated and nervous constitutions. These Pills dislodge all obstructions, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are on that account much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons who are naturally weak, or have from some cause become so.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette has been unanimously re-elected for the sixth time Treasurer of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460.

Bro. W. Latham Cox, Adjutant 10th Regiment, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1913, Portsmouth, and Bro. Threadingham, Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Klenck and Co., Auctioneers, announce that in consequence of their old premises being required by the Metropolitan Board of Works they have removed to more central and convenient offices, at No. 42, Bishopsgate-street, Within, Cornhill, E.C.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught bagged his first tiger on March 5, about thirty miles out of Ulwar. The beast, which is supposed to have been a man-eater, measured nine feet five inches. News has been brought into the camp of several other tigers in the neighbourhood.

We are asked to announce that the meetings of the Industry Lodge of Instruction, No. 186, at the Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, will be resumed on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John Horsey, W.M. 186, P.M. 1892 and 1619, P.G.D.C. Surrey.

The daily observations recorded at the meteorological stations established last year at Greenwich and Gravesend have resulted in the remarkable discovery that although the temperature of the Thames water at Gravesend varies far less than that at Greenwich, still it is almost invariably higher. The observations are taken in both cases at a depth of two feet below the surface.

We have had occasion to note the destruction of Masonic apartments by fire, at different times and places, but always with feelings of regret. The latest case is reported from Amesbury, Mass., where Warren Lodge and Trinity Royal Arch Chapter had rooms in Union Block destroyed by fire on the last day of February. It is a glaring fact that in too many of these cases little or no insurance is had on Masonic property, and if correctly reported, our brethren at Amesbury had less than one-third of insurance on their total financial loss. We hold this to be a good-natured negligence, and the poorest kind of Masonic economy.—*Liberal Freemason*.

The following statistics of Royal Arch Masonry for 1883 in North America have been published: The total membership is 132,737 against 128,557 in 1882, and 127,105 in 1881; the exaltations are 10,557 against 7,424 in 1882, and 6,733 in 1881; the admissions and restorations are 5202 against 1868 in 1882, and 1900 in 1881; the dismissals are 3142 against 3813 in 1882, and 3073 in 1881; the expulsions are 55 against 65 in 1882, and 82 in 1881; the suspensions (including suspensions from membership) are 2625 against 2859 in 1882, and 3762 in 1881; and the deaths are 1594 against 1633 in 1882, and 2496 in 1881.

Evidently the Grand Chapter of Quebec has acted hastily and rashly in severing fraternal intercourse with the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Edicts of non-intercourse are very foolish. Practically they amount to this: "If we cannot convince you we are right, we can and will spit in your face, and treat you as outlaws." That's the kind of Masonry some craftsmen possess, and they are never happy unless engaged in a quarrel. They have not the slightest idea of the meaning of Masonic friendship and brotherly love, but, like the anti-Masons, are constant provokers of jealousies, hatreds, and uncharitableness. It is high time that they were given a back seat, and that true Masonic principles were made paramount.—*Voice of Masonry*.

THE RESTORATION OF THE TEMPLE.—Satisfactory progress is being made in restoring or rather rebuilding the Temple, and it will no doubt be ready for occupation, although not finished or decorated, in time for the Grand Festival on the 30th. The lines of the old room have been preserved in every particular, except that a gallery has been constructed at the end capable of seating about 60, while the rearrangement of the seats will probably increase the accommodation by about 100. The approach to the gallery is by stairs to the left immediately inside the door, and another stairs to the right provides for egress into the corridor in case of fire or panic. Another space gained is that formerly occupied by the Organ, which is now placed outside the room, with the exception of the key-board. This will give additional room for the occupants of the dais, which is now much needed.

The greatness of the English Masonic Charities is notable. The sum contributed to their Metropolitan Institutions in 1883 was £56,010 17s. 3d., divided as follows: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £18,449 6s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £12,650 10s. 2d.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £25,010 17s. 1d. . . . The example thus set before us is one which might well be emulated in this country, especially by the great jurisdictions, to wit: California, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas. Kentucky is in the field, and doing splendidly. Her Masonic Home is grand, and well may she be proud of it. Illinois, equally able, has no Grand Lodge Hall, no Grand Library, and no Grand Charity. Her private charity, by lodges and individuals, is magnificent, but in the great work she is delinquent. Iowa has a magnificent Grand Library, but no Grand Lodge Hall and no Grand Charity. Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania have Grand Lodge Halls and Grand Libraries, but no Grand Charities. New York and Pennsylvania are deeply in debt, but abundantly able to pay, and to establish Grand Charities. We think the time has come when all of these jurisdictions should advance to the great work before them, and so give our Institution a grand impetus. It is eminently worthy of the front rank in the Benevolent work, and forward, in solid phalanx, should be the resolution and order now.—*Voice of Masonry*.

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During the present week many houses have been closed, amongst them being the Opera Comique; but on Monday Lotta reappears here in "The Marchioness," specially adapted for her. * * *

The Haymarket shortly changes its programme, Bro. Bancroft having made arrangements for the reproduction of Sheridan's ever-popular play "The Rivals," in which Bro. Lionel Brough will appear as Bob Acres. * * *

Miss Minnie Palmer still continues to have it all her own way at the Strand. Bro. Lestocq has recently written a new song for her, which Mr. Wilford Morgan has set to music. * * *

Miss Kate Vaughan and Mr. W. Farren will appear to-night (Saturday) (for 12 nights only), at the Novelty, in the "Country Girl." "Nita's First" will also be played. * * *

We do not remember an Easter with so many new attractions in the theatres as this year. The critics, first nighters, and general public will have a hard time if they make the round of the houses which re-open on Saturday or on Monday. * * *

"Falka" is to be withdrawn altogether on the 26th inst., and the Comedy will be occupied with "Nell Gwynne," transferred from the Avenue. The latter will most likely be opened with another comic opera under Bro. A. Henderson's and Bro. D'Albertson's management. * * *

The Court also reopens on Monday with its programme unchanged. When "Dan'l Druce" has had its run, an adaptation by Mr. Boucicault of "The Duel Sous Richelieu" will be produced, with Miss Ada Cavendish in the title rôle. * * *

Bro. Holland's great house, the Alhambra, re-opens to-morrow night (Saturday) with the long promised and much talked of opera "The Beggar Student." The ballets will be on a grand scale. Many alterations have been made lately in the comforts and furnishing of the theatre. * * *

The Vaudeville has no need for a change of programme, "Confusion" proving such an attraction to those who want an evening's mirth. Our readers will regret to learn that Mrs. Thorne, the wife of the lessee, is very seriously ill at Nice; all will wish her a speedy recovery. * * *

Last Saturday evening every West-end theatre was closed in token of respect to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. The late Duke was very fond of the play, and went to most of the theatres as his health and time would allow. He was no dull hand himself in amateur theatricals. * * *

Miss Mary Anderson had intended personally thanking the public "vivà voce" for the reception they have given her since she has been in London; but was precluded owing to the Lyceum being closed on Saturday. She, however, through the Press has offered her thanks in the form of a letter full of happy expression. * * *

The Vokes family have taken the Imperial Theatre and purpose trying their luck there, "running" it on in a new plan. There will be only morning performances, except on Mondays and Saturdays, when there will also be an evening one, commencing on Monday next with two performances. "In Camp" is the title of the piece. Fees are abolished, having become a scandal here. * * *

To-morrow (Saturday) night Mr. Laurence Barrett, the eminent American actor, who has just been entertained in London by his brother professionals at a dinner, appears at the Lyceum in "Voric's Love," supported by Mr. James Fernandez, Mr. Philip Ben Greet, Mr. Irish, Mr. Hamilton Bell, Miss Annie Rose, and Miss Wainwright. * * *

Her Majesty's reopens on Monday with Charles Reade's "Ticket of Leave Man," under the direction of Mr. Henry Neville. Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Clara Jecks, Bro. E. Righton, and Mr. Arthur Stirling are amongst the cast. Mr. Wilford Morgan's "Waterman," will be the first piece. With the new popular and cheap prices Mr Taylor, the lessee, ought to make it pay. * * *

On Easter Monday the Globe reopens with a new comic opera, "Dick," founded on "Dick Whittington." It will be in two acts only. Mr. Warde is responsible for the dances; this itself will be an attractive feature. The cast will be composed of Misses Camille Dubois, Gladys Homfrey, Hetty Chapman, and F. Harcourt, Mons. DeLange, and Mr. J. L. Shine. The dancers will be Mr. Warde and Miss Alice Holt. Mr. Gilbert Tate is the acting manager. * * *

"Our Helen" was brought out at the Gaiety on Monday, but was not so well received as burlesques usually are there. The author is Mr. Reece, who has so often written popular pieces for the artistes and patrons of this home of burlesque. It requires a little brighter music and solo dances to make it a Gaiety success. There is no lack of puns upon words. The cast is a very strong one on the male side, but Miss Farren is the only lady who has any part to speak of, and hers is the leading one. Bros. E. Terry, Dallas, Elton, and A. Williams all shine in their various spheres and when more used to their parts the piece will go much better. Miss C. Gilchrist does not appear, there not being any character for her. There is no foundation for the statement which a few of our contemporaries have given forth that Miss Gilchrist is leaving the Gaiety. We are in a position to state that she will resume her place in the next burlesque. * * *