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WE would fain hope that the old Masonic formula so clearly and effectively delivered by H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER, as is his wont, at the St. Ann's School gathering, will have due effect on many who are inclined to believe the very worst of our Order, simply because one great religious body adheres to its oft repeated incriminations and denunciations. Indeed, the proceedings of the Roman Catholic Curia often remind us of Don Bartolo, in Beaumarchais' famous comedy. La Calomnie, calumny if judiciously employed and calmly persisted in is pretty sure to have some effect sooner or later. A portion of the "dirt" assiduously besprinkled must adhere, and if we can only keep on long enough repeating this, affirming that, after a little while people begin to shake their heads, grow cool and distant, and look askance at some unconscious victims of one of the great "factors" of modern society, calumny. From 1738 the Freemasons have been under the ban of the Church of Rome, and the worst things have been said of them, and the hardest things believed. Since the French Revolution Roman Catholic Abbés and Jesuit Scribes have "una voce" declared Freemasonry the cause of that and all other revolutions, though with the former the Freemasons had nothing to do, and the sins of the "Illuminati," an entirely different Order, have been visited on the Freemasons as a revolutionary and destructive organization, which organization, by the way, was founded by A. Weishaupt, a Roman Catholic, and some even allege a Jesuit, who found Freemasonry too loyal and religious for him. Since 1821 the Freemasons have been declared to be revolutionists, and secret conspirators, like the Carbonari, &c., with whom they have nothing in common, and within the last month the great Roman Catholic authorities have united in proclaiming Freemasons everywhere, even in loyal and peaceful England, a dangerous clique of conspirators and revolutionists. His Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, in the manly and straightforward verbiage of our olden Masonic formulæ, on the contrary, announced to all that, though a mysterious Society, we were both loyal, charitable, and religious, and that, always obedient to the laws and ever amenable to authority, we rejoiced in nothing so much as aiding the work of religion in the world, by assisting, like our operative forefathers, at the raising of edifices for the worship of the Most High, and in all works of a useful, scientific, eleemosynary, and æsthetic nature. Though we cannot, we fear, expect or hope that these voices of intolerance and injustice will yet be hushed, or the echoes of calumny will yet entirely fade away, even before the realities of Truth, and Light, and Justice, and Reality; yet we may fairly entertain the assurance that the good old adage is true as ever, and will be found to be so, even amid senseless accusations and ill-omened anathemata, as regards our good old Craft, so perversely maligned,-"Magna est veritas, et prævalebit."

THE extreme intolerance and animus against Freemasonry, as recently exhibited in the Roman Catholic serial, "The Month," is a very serious matter to contemplate and realize. Freemasons had hoped, and not without fair grounds, that the long existing acrimony as manifested by the Roman Catholic body against Freemasons was becoming gradually diminished by the lapse of years, and the soothing influences of Time, reflection, and common sense ; and that whatever might be the case in some foreign jurisdictions, where the words and acts of Freemasons were certainly susceptible, both of great animadversion and official reprobation, in England and America, Freemasons and Freemasonry would be admitted to hold a distinct and distinguished position, separate from all others, above all others, and deserving the praise rather than the censure, the sympathy rather than the condemnation, of the Roman Catholic body itself. Alas ! such hopes are rudely dispelled by the recent deliverance of "The Month." That magazine is edited by a Roman Catholic writer cognizant of the wishes of his superiors, and the feelings of his contemporaries. It is a cultured serial for educated Roman Catholics; and yet what do we find? Simply the reiteration of the current vulgar tone of Roman Catholicism for the last 100 years unaltered, unchanged, unaffected by the progress of time, uninflu-. .

enced by any different condition of circumstances. In the same breath with the avowal of the distinct knowledge on the part of the writer that in England Freemasonry is both loyal and reverential, charitable and reputable ; that members of the Royal Family, the Church of England, the nobility, the legislature, the bar, all the learned professions form part of it habitually, acknowledge its fellowship and swell its numbers, this outburst of Roman Catholic petulance unequivocally affirms that Freemasons are Pagans and Revolutionists, Communists and Socialists, intent on bringing down the whole fabric of Society, destroying authority, religion, law, and order in the world. In such a state, both of "invincible ignorance " and, we may add, a "reprobate mind " as regards Freemasonry, is there any use in prolonging the controversy, in even noticing such allegations, and invectives, and assertions? We think not. We feel that henceforth it is our more dignified course, having called attention to the fact, as we sometimes say in social life, to " let the matter slide." We cannot go on repeating for ever that we are loyal and reverential, charitable and reputable, peaceful members of Society, inimical to revolution, anarchy, secret conspiracies, and secret societies; neither can we go on for ever protesting against the declarations of an infallible authority that we are all that is bad, and vicious, and detestable, and "booked for something uncomfortable." Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry at any rate will certainly not suffer in any way from recent Bulls, Allocutions, and the like. Nay, we venture to predict that it will still march on "conquering and to conquer," upholding its happy and genial truths among men, and proclaiming to near and far,-to savage and civilized,-Glory to Gon and Love to Man.

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WE sometimes feel inclined to ask Masonic historians to-day, what henceforth is really to be the "Ultima Thule" of Masonic archæology, where are we to be ultimately landed, into what unknown form of accredited authority are myth and legend to direct us? What will remain of dear old Masonic "Sagas" and mystic Masonic "Runes"? What shall we have left then ?- what are we to credit ? what to accept ? The developement of negative criticism would almost seem to foreshadow for us all a state of chaos, of nothingness, of unsubstantiality, of intangibility in respect of Masonic history. If we are not somewhat on our guard, we shall some fine day find ourselves without a creditable or credible history of any kind, so much so that we shall even ourinclined to say, as "each dear delusion fades and selves feel dies," we have nothing left to us. We feel also bound to observe, in the best interests as we deem of Masonic writers and Masonic history, that negative criticism is not the highest expression of the critic's labours, or the historian's art. In the first place, it is and remains negative, and negative alone. It is always difficult to prove a negative; it seems to us to be still more difficult to rest on merely negative criticism. For negative criticism, like circumstantial evidence, has always this drawback and danger,—it may be overthrown at any time by the pre-sence of some "scintilla" of affirmative and direct evidence alike overlooked and ignored. When the historical critic seeks to disprove a particular statement commonly received, and accredited for years, whether by mere tradition or personal asseveration, because a certain portion of affirmative evidence is wanting, it seems always to be, to some extent at any rate, a contest of intellectual activity, of mental athleticism, in which the result of a purely negative method, and alike exhaustive and effective, redounds to the credit of the writer in the school of destructive criticism. The great aim and end of all History to be History, "Istoria," namely, Truth, are temporarily forgotten, or momentarily obscured. It is one thing to assert our own ingenuity, cleverness, the ease of compilation, and the facility of transcription, the judicious reservation, and the amiable "padding," and above all the ever-taking element of originality and discovery, and it is another, yes, quite another thing, to claim for the lucubrations we issue and the theories we propound, the negations we exult in, and the "tabula rasa" we bequeath to studentposterity, the name of history, the dignity of that great science which so often and so pleasantly appeals to the faith and the doubt, the conviction and the credulity, the warm acceptance, the wavering cynicism of mankind. Some such thoughts have recently come over us, as regarding the Masonic literature to-day, we seem again to be dividing ourselves into the critical and uncritical schools. Our words of warning will do no harm if they will only induce some to realize that true history cannot long survive if based on negative criticism alone, that it is so easy to prove that anything really is not, when it is very difficult to demonstrate that anything really is; and that in certain cases, and under certain conditions, the discovery of a MS., or a book, or long-forgotten token, "the missing link" of our common Order, may supply the place of direct and positive evidence effectually, and reduce in a moment to nothingness and meaninglessness the highest efforts of negative destructiveness, and the longest and most elaborate arguments of some amiable literary "Nihilist," as simply based on a negation, which may be said to have exhausted the skill of the dialectitian, and evinced all the powers and assiduity of the writer.. **

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WE beg again to call attention to Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR'S request for help for the Masonic Exhibition at Worcester this autumn. The object is so laudable, and so many of our brethren are so willing and able to give help in so good a cause, that, we feel sure, in Bro. TAYLOR'S case it is only to ask to obtain.

BRO. G. FORT'S first monograph is indeed a most valuable contribution to Masonic archaeology and history. We advise all our readers to procure it, and study it for themselves.

THE following most interesting piece of news appears in the Standard of Tuesday last, and we append it for the information of all whom it may concern ;--" An instruction to the Bishops of the Roman Catholic world, emanating from Cardinal Monaco, on behalf of the Holy Roman and Universal Inquisition, has been received in Dublin as a complement of the recent encyclical letter of the Pope on the subject of Freemasonry. It sets out various duties to be performed by the clerical body in seeking to diminish the influence of the Masonic Order. The instruction announces that the Holy Father has suspended for one year the obligation of denouncing the secret leaders of the several objectionable societies, and has also suspended the reserve of censures granting the power of absolution to all confessors appointed by the ordinaries." Happily for our Fraternity everywhere, the power of that excessively amiable body, the "Inquisition," is at this moment nil. But a "straw" often shows how the wind blows.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

This prosperous province held a meeting, under the auspices of the Davison Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Among the numerous brethren we noticed

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The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at five o'clock precisely. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on the 7th July, 1883, were read and conand Garter Flotel, Richmond, on the 7th Jury, 1003, were read and con-firmed. The roll of the 25 lodges forming the province was duly called over, and, with few exceptions, they were represented. The re-appointment of the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., was read, and received with acclamation. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed upon the list of Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G. S. of W., who has undertaken the office of Steward at the ensuing Festival. The sum of five guineas was also voted to the fund for the relief of Mrs. D. M. Dewar. The following appointments were then made:

Bro.	F. Davison	•••				•••	D.P.G.M.
50	Faija ·	•••	•••		•••		Prov. G.S.W.
	Proffitt		•••		•••		Prov. G.J.W.
,,	Cama		•••		•••	• •.•	Prov. G.M.O.
,,,	Vincent	•••	••••	•••			Prov. G.S.O.
,,	Bowyer				•••	•••	Prov. G.J.O.
,,	Rev. Viscou		sworth		•••		Prov. G. Chap.
"	Rev. T. M.			•••	•••	•••	Prov. G. Chap.
,,,	Hammerton	· ·	•••		•••	· • • •	Prov. G. Treas.
33	Burroughs	•••	•••		•••		Prov. G. R. of M.
,,	Brighten	•••	•••		•••	•••	Prov. G. Sec.
37	Tisley			•••			Prov. G.S.D.
,,,	Taylor	•••	•••	•••		•••	Prov. G.J.D.
,,	Goodall		•••	••• •			Prov. G.S. of W.
55	Pargeter	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	Prov. G.D.C.
	Humphries		•••		•••		Prov. G.A.D.C.
37	Stedman	•••	•••	•••	•••		Prov. G. Swd.Br.
,,	Holliday		***	•••	•••		Prov. G. Std. Br.
• • • •	E. Hoare		•••	•••	•••	:	Prov. G. Org.
"	Scratchley	•••	***	•••	•••	•••	Prov. G.I.G.
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Bros. Williams, Keystone, Cama, Hiram, Scratchley, Carnarvon, Turner, and Tenterden were nominated as Grand Mark Stewards for the ensuing

year. The following brethren were elected on the Board of General Purposes : Bros. Hogard, Lardner, Lambert, and Klenck.

After the disposal of some minor business the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served, under the genial presidency of the R.W.P.G.M.M. The usual toasts were duly honoured. V.W. Bro. F. BINCKES responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers"

in an excellent speech. "The Health of "The R.W. Prov. G.M.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," was proposed by Bro. FAIJA. In the course of his speech he spoke of the valuable and efficient services rendered to Masonry in general, and to the Mark Degree in particular, by the R.W. Bro. Col. Sir

F. Burdett. His courtesy, amiability, and geniality at all times were con-spicuous, and throughout the whole of England there was not a more universally respected, and deservedly so, Provincial Grand Mark Master than he. He had a very excellent Deputy in the person of Bro. F. Davison, he. He had a very excellent Deputy in the person of Bro. F. Davison, whose absence from their festive board, in consequence of a family bereave-ment, every one present must deplore. The rest of the Provincial Grand Mark Officers were brethren who had done efficient services in the past, and who, no doubt, would continue to carry out the principles of Mark Masonry to the best of their ability. In conclusion, he called upon them to drink the health, prosperity, and happiness of the P.G.M.M., the D.P.G.M.M., and the rest of the P.G.M. Officers.

The toast having been drunk with acclamation,

Bro. Col. Sir F. BURDETT responded. In the course of a long and able reply he spoke of the great interest he had taken in the degree of Mark Masonry. He was particularly pleased with the great success the Order had achieved in Middlesex and Surrey. This was greatly due to the valuable assistance he had received from his Deputy, Bro. Davison, and the Secretary, Bro. Brighten. (Hear, hear.) In consequence of his numerous magis-terial, parochial, and other official duties, he was prevented from giving that full attention to the responsibilities of his position as Provincial Grand Mark Master as he would like to do. However, he had those connected with him whose zeal and attention were worthy of all praise, and therefore, when compelled to be absent from his Masonic duties, he was gratified to think that he was well represented, and that the Order did not suffer in consequence of his enforced absence. In concluding his remarks, he congratulated the executive upon the great success that had attended their meeting that day.

The toast of " The Mark Benevolent Fund " was coupled with the name of Bro. CAMA, who replied.

of Bro. CAMA, who replied. "The Health of the W.M. of the Davison Lodge" followed. Bro. FAIJA, in the course of his reply, announced that he had received the sum of 18 guineas towards his list as Steward of the Mark Benevolent Fund representing the Davison Lodge. (Applause.) The remaining toasts were "The Newly-Advanced Brethren, No. 331," "The Visitors," "The P.G. Treasurer and Secretary," "The Treasurer and Secretary of No. 331," and "The Officers of No. 331," all of which were duly responded to. The proceedings then terminated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTER-SHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was holden at the Masonic Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Thursday, the Ioth inst. The St. Augustine Chapter, No. 779, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Chapter assembled, having been opened, the M.E. Grand Superintendent, Comp. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., &c., accompanied by his Grand Officers, were received in due form. Among those present we noticed

Among those present we noticed Comps. Rev. John Denton, M.A., as P.G.H.; E. F. Mammatt, P.Z., as P.G.J.; Clement E. Stretton, P.Z., as P.G.S.E.; W. Carrick Crofts, P.Z., P.G.S.N.; W. S. Allen, P.Z., P.G.A.S.; T. Coltman, P.G. Treas.; Henry Blood, P.G. Reg.; Joseph Young, Z. 270, P.G.D.C.; Rev. W. Langley, P.Z.; A. Balmforth, Z. 779; John Hassall, C. J. Wilkinson, J. Tanser, and a large number of members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly read and con-firmed, the rolls of chapters and Prov. Grand Officers were called over, and met with a general response. The M.E. Prov. G. Supt. installed Comp. A. Wood as Z. of the De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were received. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Coltman for his valuable services as Treasurer and he was unani-Comp. Coltman for his valuable services as Treasurer, and he was unanimously re-elected to that office.

The M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed his officers as follows, and invested those present :

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omp. G. Toller, P.Z.		••• `	•••	Prov. G.H.
" E. F. Mammatt, P.Z.	•••			Prov. G.I.
" S. S. Partridge, P.Z.				Prov. G.S.E.
", W. S. Allen, P.Z			•••	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. Dalgleish, P.Z	•••			Prov. G.P.S.
,, F. Amatt, Z		•••		Prov. G.A.S.
" Dr. Willan, J.			•	Prov. G.A.S.
" Thomas Coltman		•••		Prov. G. Treas,
" Rev. C. H. Wood, H.		•••		Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Balmforth, Z				Prov. G. Swd. B.
" C. J. Wilkinson, E.	•••	• • •		Prov. G. Std. B.
" Joseph Young, Z				Prov. G.D.C.
,, W. Musson, J.				Prov. G. Org.
" T. Dunn and Comp. J.				Prov. G. Janitors.
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Comps. Denton and Mammatt, on behalf of the St. Augustine Chapter, expressed their thanks to the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. William Kelly, for his kindness in holding the meeting under its banner. The other routine business having been concluded, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in due form. The annual banquet then took place, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close;

ENGLISH FREEMASONRY BEFORE 1717.-No. II.

The traces of Freemasonry in the seventeenth century, once very indistinct indeed, thanks to Bro. Rylands mainly, are becoming more clear and consistent, and will one day, I feel certain, assume distinct proportions and an accurate reality. It is now, I think, admitted by expert students that we cannot, and need not, accept 1646 as the limit of Masonic seventeenth century history We shall, I fancy, ere long stumble upon signs of it before 1646 even. For the evidences are gradually accumulating on a point hitherto almost unnoticed,-that of Masonic Guilds and Societies in the seventeenth . century, the names of individual Freemasons; and it seems to be a fair conclusion that there was some common society, or societies, with which Freemasons in the seventeenth century were affiliated, and to which they belonged. Ashmole's evidence as to 1646 amounts to this,—that a lodge of Freemasons of some standing was holden at Warrington in 1646. Whether

habitually or casually does not yet clearly appear. If we are to believe a later biographer of Ashmole, he knew something of its earlier history. But of the condition of that lodge we know nothing more, so far, and all we gather from Ashmole's own scanty narrative is, that it called itself a lodge of Freemasons, and gave to Elias Ashmole what we . should call the Entered Apprentice Degree. Some have argued, from Ashmole's words in 1682, that he had received more than one degree, though not alluded to in his diary. But all, I think, we can fairly say is, that the words of 1682 simply refer to the conferring and reception of a degree. The Harleian MS. of 1663, as confirmed by the paper-mark, seems to me to point to an inchoate or completed attempt of central government of some kind in the Craft, a sort of gathering themselves together and organizing. My own opinion long has been that we have in Harleian 1942 perhaps our most valuable MS., and which is either a draft prepared for a stated meeting, (place not filled in), or the copy of a record which the transcriber of 1663 could not perfectly read. Of course, the 1663 MS. is copied from another MS. The editor of the 1722 Constitutions, like Anderson in 1738, had probably copied a transcript of the MS., varied by some other scribe, and there seems not to be the slightest reason now, scientifically, critically, or historically, to doubt the reality and importance of the Harleian MS. itself, or the "bona fides" of the unknown publisher of the 1722 Constitutions and of Anderson.

Where they got this date from of 1663 does not yet appear. But it is a very curious fact, explain it as you will, and to which my attention has been called in the British Museum, that the earliest known printed Masonic evidence actually supports the paper-mark; while on the other hand the paper-mark fully upholds the date given by the earliest Masonic authority on the MS. I think, then, we may take the MS. as avowing the existence, known to many, of a Society or Order of Freemasons in England, which in 1663, either the first great meeting after the Restoration, or at some other assembly, attempted to form or revive some sort of central government of the scattered lodges or societies up and down the country; and we have in this very MS. a drafting for consideration, or a record of approval, of certain forms of government and regulation, which were to give coherence and consistency alike to individual lodges and the entire system. It may be said, I know, that these regulations point to an unsettled state of things, and to a change "along the whole line" of the Masonic Guilds, in their inner life and their practical outcome. But, probably, such was the state of the Guilds generally, and we need not expect in the seventeenth century to behold a very distinct or settled order of things. I am, myself, inclined to believe that the admission of the speculative element was gradual, probably long adopted in localities before it was generally recognized, and rather forced on the body by the necessities of the case and the change of circumstances than by any very enthusiastic adhesion or approval of the Order itself. Randle Holmes's evidence is most important, as shewing that he fully recognized a difference which is distinctly marked, as some will remember, in the Antiquity MS.

The old theory that the Society of Freemasons was one with the City Company, or that the Guilds and Companies were all but identical, as Anderson seems to have held, cannot, I think, now be sustained; though many other writers, like Anderson, both older and modern, have been slightly misled by several facts which, in themselves not a little deceiving, seem to point to such an assumption and reality. We have a MS. testimony about 1760, at any rate to a lodge in Chester, which seems, as Bro. Rylands pointed out, to be a minute of a lodge in Randle Holmes's handwriting, and if the marks represent a voting process, we have not only another very important witness to the unchangeability of the customs of a similar society, but a proof—if proof be needed—of the lax way in which, as was probably the case, any such minutes were kept in those days. The writing of lodge minutes on separate leaves was a custom which survived to the eighteenth century. Plot's evidence is most striking, because that of a non-Mason and one hostile to Freemasonry. But he records the fact that lodges existed in Staffordshire and all over England of Speculatives and Operatives in 1686, and had existed for some time, and he even quotes words which seem to coincide with one or two old copies of assumed ritual usages. The evidence of Aubrey serves also to show that the Freemasons were recognized as a known existing society in 1691.

Thus we have a "catena" of authorities all pointing to the actuality of the Society of Freemasons from the earlier to the latest portion of the seventeenth century. What, however, its "modus agendi et vivendi," what its "norma morum," &c., what the actual conditions of its inner and outer life, is our great difficulty to-day to discover and realize, and above all how it was connected with the movement in 17.17. I propose in the next paper to point out some conclusions which serve inevitably to suggest themselves from the foregoing facts, and to finish with a few considerations and reflexions on what seems now to be the imperative duty of all Masonic Students.

DRYASDUST.

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

(Continued from page (341).

Later in the year a sub-Committee, consisting of Bros. John Symonds, the Rev. W. H. Lyall, and F. Binckes, whose name now figures prominently in the proceedings of the Institution, delivered their report as to the likeliest means to adopt with a view to increasing the resources of the Charity. This report was referred back for further consideration, and before it was submitted finally for adoption, Bro. Binckes tendered his resignation as a member of the said sub-Committee. Nevertheless its suggestions, both originally and ultimately, were eminently practical, and we doubt not must have exercised a beneficial influence in extending the resources of the Charity, especially in the Provinces, whose laxity of support had already been animadverted upon with a considerable amount of severity. The chief step recommended by this sub-Committee was the establishment of provincial organizations for the purpose of promoting the interests of both the Masonic Schools, the organizations taking the form of Committees. Simultaneously with the preparation of this report the House Committee were busying themselves in devising means for the accommodation of the whole establishment of boys at Wood Green, those only to be excepted who deliberately elected to remain with their families, and in the course of the discussion of this plan they proposed and submitted a full statement of the cost which such an extension would involve.

Having succeeded at length in providing the local habitation which alone was needed in order to complete the original idea of the founders of the Institution, and having had the opportunity of judging by practical experience of the beneficial results accruing from a portion of the establish-

ment being under one roof and educated in accordance with one system, the Executive lost no time in placing all the boys, or at least so many of them as were willing to accept the arrangement, on the same footing. At the some time they were careful to estimate the probabilities of their being in a position to meet the additional outlay. Accordingly, the House Committee charged themselves with the duty of examining into the receipts and expenditure for a term of six years under the old system, and for six months of the period that had elapsed since the adoption of the mixed system, and on the 2nd October, 1858, they handed in their Report. From this we learn that during the six years from March, 1851, to March, 1857, the sum received in respect of the General Fund 1851, to March, 1857, the sum received in respect of the General Fund amounted to $\pounds 8982$ os. 8d., the highest total being $\pounds 1746$ 5s. 4d., for the year 1853-4, and the lowest $\pounds 1215$ 6s. 5d., for 1851-2. The expenditure reached $\pounds 5338$ 7s. 2d., the highest sum disbursed in any one year being $\pounds 1031$ 8s. 6d., in 1851-2 and the lowest $\pounds 814$ 5s. 8d., in 1853-4. In the same period $\pounds 1700$ was invested. As regards the Building Fund, which had been kept distinct, $\pounds 1350$ was contributed by Grand Lodge and $\pounds 1624$ transferred from the General Fund, while the donations and sub-scriptions amounted to $\pounds 1171$: these three sources of income amountiever That been kept distinct, \pounds_{150} was contributed by Grand Lodge and \pounds_{1624} transferred from the General Fund, while the donations and subscriptions amounted to \pounds_{1171} ; these three sources of income amounting to \pounds_{4145} . For the six months ended 30th June, 1858, the sum expended in respect of the establishment at Wood Green was \pounds_{322} 13s. 8d., representing an outlay for the whole year of \pounds_{645} 7s. 4d. Adding to this 10 per Cent. for contingencies and the proportion expended for the resident boys in respect of clothing, namely, \pounds_{219} 7s. 6d., and the total cost of the branch at Wood Green must be set down at \pounds_{929} 5s. 6d. The cost for the year of the 45 boys remaining under the old system appears as \pounds_{572} 1s. 3d., making the total for the two branches \pounds_{1501} 6s. 9d. The Committee next considered what would be the cost if the whole of the boys were placed at Wood Green, and this they fixed at \pounds_{2129} 4s. 9d., towards which they estimated that the year's receipts would be sufficient, the last ten months of . 1857 having yielded over \pounds_{2000} , while the year 1858 was expected to give \pounds_{2130} . In order to provide the additional accommodation that would become necessary by receiving the whole 70 boys into the school at Wood Green, it was considered that a sum of \pounds_{1100} would be required, but with the experience of the first Building Fund to guide them, the House Committee apprehended that no difficulties would arise in procuring the needful sum. This Report was submitted at the usual Committee on the date aforesaid, when it was agreed to recommend it for adoption by the next Quarterly when it was agreed to recommend it for adoption by the next Quarterly Court. On the 18th October, this recommendation was adopted and the Report was referred back to the General Committee in order that its preposals might be carried into effect. The following month, it was arranged that a circular letter should be addressed to the lodges inviting them to send Stewards to the next year's Festival, particular attention being directed to the resolution to place all the boys at the Wood Green School and the increased expenditure which would be thereby necessitated. In December, it was announced that Lord Panmure, Deputy Grand Master, had kindly in was announced that both raining, Deputy Orland Master, had kindly undertaken to preside at the Festival in question, and in April 1859 it was stated that the proceeds exceeded \pounds 2000, including a sum of \pounds 306 9s. from the Province of West Yorkshire. Thus it is clear that the contemplated extension of the new plan to the whole of the establishment was regarded with satisfaction by the Craft generally, the prominence given to the appearance of West Yorkshire among the contributories being noticeable chiefly in consequence of the Report, to which allusion has already been made, which recommended the establishment of provincial organiza-tions in connection with our Charities, and from which it appears that there was a great dearth of support among our country lodges, though the latter was a great dearth of support among our country lodges, though the latter were the reverse of unwilling to accept the benefits conferred by the said Charities. In June following, the Treasurer was authorised to draw on the bankers to the extent of £,400, in order to provide for the extra accommodation at Wood Green. In August a resolution was passed to the effect that all the boys should be lodged at Wood Green, provided, of course, their presents user averagely to the arrangement, and in Masset 2000 their parents were agreeable to the arrangement; and, in March, 1860, we find that 66 of them were so lodged, only four of the total strength of the establishment electing to remain under the whole plan. Thus, within eight years from the adoption of the proposal to found a School of our own, and in three years after the premises at Wood Green had been purchased and would seem to have been forthcoming, in order to meet the increased outlay, even more readily than in the years we have passed under review. Each new effort in the direction of improvement appears to have been met by a corresponding increase in zeal and liberality on the part of the Craft. If one day we read of the sale of a portion of the funded property accumulated by the Institution, on some other day we come across an entry showing that a certain amount of new Stock had been purchased. Yet, only a few years before, it was gravely hinted that, having regard to the claims of the other Institutions, the provision of an annual sum of \pounds_{1500} was beyond the strength of the Craft to accomplish.

Beyond the fact that Bro. Viscount Raynham, M.P., presided at the Festival in 1860, when a sum of about f_{1650} was raised by the exertions of the Board of Stewards, there is little to arrest our attention till we enter on the year 1861, when the Minutes furnish evidence as to the condition of the School and the relations existing between the educational and governmental staffs. As regards the character of the School as an educational establishment, we have the report of the Rev. Charles James Dyer, Diocesan Inspector of Schools, in which are set forth all the necessary particulars to guide us in forming an opinion of the tuition and its results. In announcing that considerable improvement had been made since his previous report, the rev. entleman is careful to indicate that the School was very far from being so efficient as those interested in its welfare must desire. Judging from the standard he had applied in examining the boys, he felt he was justified in recording progress; but he goes on to say: "At the same time, I must admit that this standard, although relatively a fair one, was absolutely very moderate, and it will require much assiduity ang energy combined with a vigorous and expansive system to advance this Institution to a position capable of competing with other first-class commercial schools." Several recommendations were made by Mr. Dyer, and the Committee seem to have been well pleased with his advice, and took steps to act upon it. Nor ave been wen pleased with his advice, and took steps to act upon it. Nor could this report, as it happened, have come more opportunely. In Janu-ary, 1861, a Committee—consisting of Bros. John Symonds, H. J. Thomp-son, J. R. Sheen, A. H. Hewlett, and H. G. Warren—was appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the management of the Institution; but particularly with respect to certain allegations which had been made from time to time at the different Committees, full powers being at the same time conto ask for all such papers and books as they might consider it desirable to (To be continued.) examine.



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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Rough Ashlar," "La Revista Masonica del Peru," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Derby Daily Telegraph," "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland's Reporter," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Tricycling Journal," "The Daily Telegraph," St. John, N.B.



SATURDAY, JULY 19, 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.] BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL, 1884. To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother.

simply written in pencil in the printed list of lodges and Stewards, and at the same time my list was increased to $\pounds 6_{30}$, and was known by large numbers in the room at the time, and has been printed, under the authority of the Secre-tary of the Institution, in all Masonic and other papers, as tary of the Institution, in all Masonic and other papers, as the largest amount collected by any Steward representing either a London lodge or Stewards representing a province. Knowing Bro. Walter Martin very well, and thoroughly appreciating his assertion that he wishes credit should be given to whom credit is due, induces me to answer his letter, because he was not present at the festival, and therefore not in possession of the facts of the case; and I am quite sure, therefore, that when he reads this explana-tion he will be only too pleased to award the credit (as all others have done) to me, of being first on the list, above every one, and, therefore, the premier Steward. Trusting you will kindly insert this letter in your next issue,—I am, yours, fraternally obliged, W. A. SCURRAH, Stwd. of the Royal Savoy, 1744. July 16th, 18S4.

July 16th, 1884.



CATALOGUE OF BOOKS. E. W. Stibbs, 32, Museum

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS. E. W. Stibbs, 32, Museum-street. No. 42. Mr. E. W. Stibbs, the well-known bookseller, of 32, Museum-street, has just issued a remarkable catalogue of books for sale, representing the various classes of litera-ture — English and foreign—Greek and Latin classics, voyages and travels, biography, history, the drama, poetry, the fine arts, topography, and works on America. Many of thesebooks have been purhased from Lord Gosford'slibrary, and are in admirable condition and excellent binding. Amid tness books nave been purnased from Lord Gostord's library, and are in admirable condition and excellent binding. Amid such a number of books, it seem almost impossible and invi-dious to mention any of the tempting works thus submitted to our notice. Some of the works are very rare, have not occurred some time for sale, and may not occur for a long time, perhaps ever again. We refer our readers and book collectors to the catalogue itself "Time" a monthly magazine. We wish we could

"Time," a monthly magazine. We wish we could honestly say anything in praise of this serial. But, alas! we cannot. We neither like the tone nor see the point of its poetry or prose. "Sclon nous," the only two readable articles are "The Ilmington Hills" and "British Explora-tion in Egypt."

"The Canadian Craftsman," as usually, well edited, is again before us, which we always read with pleasure. "The Philadelphia Keystone" contains a very able review of Bro. Fort's Monograph.

"The New York Sunday Times" is a very readable paper, and has much interesting Masonic information.

CRITICAL ENQUIRY INTO THE CONDITION OF THE CONVENTUAL BUILDERS, &c. By Bro. George Fort, J. W. Burton, 706, Broadway, New York, U.S.

OF THE CONVENTUAL BUILDERS, Sc. By Bro. George Fort, J. W. Burton, 706, Broadway, New York, U.S. We have perused Bro. Fort's singularly able and striking Monograph with the greatest pleasure and appreciation. It admirably illustrates the literary merit and untiring research of that well known and valuable Masonic historian. Bro. Fort tells his story in his wonted effective style, and gives us much that is absolutely new and much that is very startling to think over very seriously and digest. Too much praise cannot be accorded to his love of minute detail and copious research, and no one can allege that he does not quote the authorities he relies on, to validate his views and confirm his statements. It will be seen by readers of the little work, who we trust will be very many, asthis "Monograph" form is both cheap and convenient for all students, that Bro. Fort, curiously enough, reproduces Findel's theory of conventual lodges in the eleventh century. He concedes a previous organization under Charles Martel, in France, and Athelstan, in England, and we apprehend means to recognize the successors of the Roman Guilds in Italy, and seeks to shew that the Longobardic bodies of Masons "marmorios peritissinos," as they were called in one Royal Order, were moved from one part of the Italian Empire to the other. Bro. Fort states that when the Carlovingian Empire obtained the upper hand over the Longobardic the Cloisters adopted the artisans, who were "loaned" from priory to priory as the work of Church building went on. But here comes in one of Bro. Fort's most startling propositions, a theory new, we believe, to Masonic Students. We give it in his own words: "Down to the time of Charlemagne, it may be stated as a general pro-position, that nearly all Operatives were bondsmen." This view opens so a wide a question for Masonic Students that we shall make no apology for dwelling upon it. Broadly stated, it effects the whole idea of the Guilds, qua *Free Masons*. Why Masons were called "Free" is still a moot point, and re Abbey," it would almost seem as if shortly after the Con-quest there were Guilds for the "hinds and serfs," it may be that the Norman law of "Seigneurie" in all things— whether as regards the "chace" or those "ad-scriptiglebæ," To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, In answer to the letter of Bro. Walter Martin, which appeared in the Freemason of July 12th, I may observe that the amount of Bro. Skudder's list on the day of the festival was $f_{.440}$, and his list remained at that amount until a few minutes before the lists were announced, when a brother present in the room told the Secretary he would be answerable for Bro. Skudder collecting another $f_{.100}$. This amount was not even put on the list, but $f_{.100}$. This amount was not even put on the list,

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Masonic-Notes-and-Queries:

OLD LODGES.

367] [367] OLD LODGES. Can any brother give me the exact words of a reference I have lately seen in a French work, to the "Annec Maconnique des Pays Bas," Vol. 4, p. 372, and which profess to refer to two lodges at Paris and Lyons in 1535? The force of the reference is impaired by the statement that they were "Loges Ecossaises," and I am, therefore, inclined to believe that 1535 is a misprint for 1735. M.W.

368] A NEW ORIGIN FOR FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Boubee in the "Univers Maconnique" for 1837, emits the idea that Freemasonry took its rise at Jerusalem at the re-erection of Christian Churches by Constantine and Helena, and that the Christian workmen only, so to say, revived the Salamonic usages and divisions of ranks, BOOKWORM.

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STATE PERSECUTION OF FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE. It seems to me that we may gain a great deal of light upon the early history of French Freemasonry if only we could get at the real facts of the case in respect of the governmental interference with its acts from time to time in the eighteenth century. An anonymous French writer makes the following statement: In 1735 an edict is said to have been issued by the police against the Freemasons. In 1737 for the first time the police openly interfered with the body and fined a certain La Kapće, keeper of an hotel, rooo francs for a lodge held in his house, and shut up his house for six months. In the same year the Etats Generaux are said to have had the matter before them, but eventually to have ordered the repeal of the Edict of 1735. Louis XV. is said to have forbidden the courtiers from attending the lodges, and in 1738 some Freemasons assembled in the street, "Des deux Ecus," to celebrate the Fete of the Order, are said to have been arrested and conducted to Fort l'Eveque. In 1744 "The Chatelet" forbade the meeting of Fremasons again, and in 1745 Leroy, the keeper of a hotel, was fined 3000 francs, and all the furniture and jewels of the lodge were seized. There are probably other proceedings and decrees, which, if we could find, or be referred to, might throw great light, as I said before, on the now hazy history of French Freemasonry in the first part of the eighteenth century. MASUNIC STUDENT. the first part of the eighteenth century. MASONIC STUDENT.

A QUERY FOR BRO. WHYTEHEAD.

370] A QUERY FOR BRO. WHYTEHEAD. In the inventory of John Cadeby, of Beverley, Masom, Testamenta Eboracensia, Vol. iii., p. 97, occurs the following entry: "Item, Zona fracta de cerico, arg, ornata, cum litoris B et J in medio." This Mason seem to have been a Mason of some means and many effects. What do these letters mean? Do they refer to the Guild of St. John at Beverley, or are, they J and B? It is possible they may be the initials of a name, but then not J. Cadeby. B et J would not be after all correct. "Verbum sat." SURTIES.

SURTEES.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, who had £630 on his list at the Boys' Festival, is a founder of the Henry Levander Lodge, and will be invested as Junior Warden by Bro. H.

The Freemason.

REPORTSLAL 1910. COASONIC MAATINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Amongst the brethren present were the W.M., Bro. C. H. Phillips; Bros. H. Maunder Williams, S.W.; J. W. Hartley, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., Treas.; John Harmond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Sec.; H. Hooper, S.D.; F. Wootton, J.D.; G. W. Knight, I.G.; F. France, W.S.; P. Hakim, Asst. Sec.; F. Fuller, G. R. Langley, C. E. Pearson, W. H. O'Reilly, G. Mordey, E. Bye, sen., J. A. Gilbert, A. C. Chew, A. Pitman, E. Bye, jun., D. Baird, and others. The visitors were Bros. the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, P.P.G.C. Herts; H. Bendell, W.M. 1580; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426; B. de Solla, 244; G. Van Volen, 185; J. Lichtenfeld, 205; Wakefield Reed, 1922; G. R. James, 166; and others. The work before the lodge since the former regular meeting had been greatly lessened by an emergency, held a week previously, and on this occasion there were but two candidates for Third, and one for the Second, ceremonies. Mr. Albert H. Chew was a candidate for initiation. The whole of the work was ably performed by the W.M. and his officers, and the W.M. showed great coolness and presence of mind under the very unusual circumstance of sudden illness occurring to the candidate for raising. On the conclusion of the several ceremonies, a vote of 10 guineas to Bro. Hammond's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was carried, and after the dispath of usual routine business, the lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a pleasant evening was spent in

of usual routine business, the lodge was closed. Refresh-ment followed labour, and a pleasant evening was spent in

harmony. **PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON** (No. 1996).— A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Assembly Rooms, High-street, Acton, on Monday, the 7th inst. The W.M., Bro. C. E. Botley, was supported by Bros. W. Roebuck, I.P.M.; G. Wright, S. W.; F. Botley, J.W.; the rest of the officers, and a good attendance of brethren and visitors. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Benjamin Hardy was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board of that degree. The sum of \pounds_3 3s. was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge towards the temporary relief of a distressed brother in Acton. The W.M. announced that at the recent Festival of the Masonic Institution for Boys, at which he served the office of Steward for the lodge, the at which he served the office of Steward for the lodge, the amount of his list was $\pounds 51$ 9s., the total amount collected

being £ 14,000. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then drove to the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, where an excellent dinner was served by Host Sadler. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed by songs from Bros. F. Gillett, E. Monson, jun., F. Botley, and the W.M., Bro. E. H. Sugg, presiding at the piano. During the evening the W.M. and brethren were honoured by a visit from the Departure Brow Cread Macter for Middleson Bro. Bro. Raymond Depúty Prov. Grand Master for Middlesse, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp ; and after a most enjoyable outing, favoured by splendid weather, they started on the return journey to Acton about 9.30.

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SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—
The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present the following officers: Bros. J. C. Moor, W.M.; C. McNamara, I.P.M.; J. R. Pattison, S.W.; R. Singleton, J.W.; H. Tonkinson, P.M., Treas.; G. C. Watson, P.M., P.G.J.D., Sec.; Edwin Clarkson, S.D., W. Birch, acting J.D.; John Geo. Nasbet, I.G.; John J. Clay, P.M., P.G.S. of W., D.C.; Wm. A. O. Sutcliffe and J. G. Marshall, Stwds.; J. Brown, Tyler; W. Beattie, P.M.; T. M. Watson, P.M.; T. Twigell, P.M.; and among the visitors present were Bros. J. Sedcole, S.W. 1119; J. Hudson, Org. So; J. Hudson, I.P.M. 94; J. G. Garrick, J.W. 94; T. Pinkney, W.M. 1389; J. G. Harris, 94; R. Pay, 94; B. C. Morris, 199; S. Chadwick, W.M. 1643; J. Freyde, So; M. Kemp, 94; H. Simpson, J.D. 949; H. E. Crisp, I.G. 949; L. R. Dauer, 949; F. S. Cowper, P.S.W. 406; P. Maddison, 1389; and M. Douglas, P.M. So.
The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, Bros. R. C. Thompson and J. Craighead were examined in the usual questions by the W.M. The former was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Clay, P.M., and the latter by the I.P.M., Bro. C. McNamara. Bro, J. J. Clay afterwards moved "That the alterations in Bye-laws Nos. 3, 9, 11, 14, 6, and 20, recommended by SUNDERLAND .- Palatine Lodge (No. 97).

Bro. J. J. Clay alterwards moved "That the alterations in Bye-laws Nos. 3, 0, 11, 14, 16, and 20, recommended by the Permanent Committee, and in accordance with the revised Constitutions, be adopted, and submitted to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for his approval," which was unanimously agreed to. After a candidate had been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form. Refreshments were afterwards provided in the banqueting hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially proposed and received. proposed and received.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., the following being amongst those present: Bros. R. Irving, W.M.; R. Yates, I.P.M.; T. Forrester, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. M. Kerr, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; J. B. Withnell, P.M.; James Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032; John Heald, P.M. 730 and 1032; Henry Tattersall, P.M.; A. Hall, P.M. 1032; W. Blackledge, P.M. 286; J. Cor-bitt, P.M. 1032; Jos. Barnes, S.W.; John Bradshaw, Sec.; L. Eccles, J.D.; G. Footell, I.G.; T. Sharples, J. Barton, J. Ellison, J. Willis, J. Bromley, John Monks, C. A. Richmond, G. Yates, Dr. Farmer, and J. Henderson. Visitors: Bros. Franklin Thomas, P.M. 345, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, P.P.G.D. East Lanc., Installing Master; Edwin Halliwell, P.M. 345, P.P.G.O. East Lanc.; Westray Benn, P.M. 286, P.P.G.A.P. East Lanc.; O. Sagar, W.M. 345; and W. C.P. Grimshaw, J.D. 1032, as Org. The lodge being opened in ancient form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Jas. Jolly, formerly a member of 1032, was elected Tyler. Bro.

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suitably responded. "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Kennedy, Jolly, and Selman, who returned thanks.

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Bro. Coombes responded for "The Past Masters," and assured the W.M. and brethren that anything he could do for them and the lodge he would be only too glad to do. Bro. Parsons, in responding to a cordial toast of his health as Installing Officer, said he had tried to make the cere-mony as impressive as he could, and he felt flattered by the cordial expression of their approval. If they were satisfied, he was duly repaid by their kind wishes. The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, and then the brethren separated, with "hearty good wishes" for their mutual happiness and prosperity.

separated, with "nearly good wisnes" for their mutual happiness and prosperity. ELLAND.—Savile Lodge (No. 1231).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., when the following officers were present: Bros. L. Savile, W.M.; Walker, P.M., S.W.; Emsley, J.W.; Dyson, S.D.; North, J.D.; Smithies, Sec.; Dr. Hoyle; I.G.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; Dodgson, I.P.M.; Rhodes, Tyler; and Buckland. Visitors: Bros. Rickard, 61; Normanton, P.P.G.O., 1302; and Seed, P.G.O., 1302. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes were read, Mr. Lewis North, having been proposed, was balloted for, and then duly initiated. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by Bro. Savile, the north-east corner being given by Bro. Emsley, and the working tools were explained by Bro. Smithies. The charge was then given by Bro. Dordgson, and the beautiful ceremony completed by Bro. Dodgson, and the beautiful ceremony completed by Bro. Dr. Whalley, who gave the tracing board, or historical part, of the First Degree. Business was then resumed, when it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously— "That the fee be raised from six to ten guineas." The lodge was closed in harmony, when supper was served, and the usual loyal toasts given.— "The Queen," by Bro. Savile; "The Prince of Wales," by Bro. Hy. Edwards ; "Bro. Tew and the Prov. Grand Officers, Pre-sent and Past," by Bro. Savile. Bro. Seed, Prov. Grand Officer, responded for the-toast of "The Visitors," and said he was glad to visit the Savile Lodge, and was delighted by the beautiful way in which the ceremony had been conducted, and the careful manner each officer had gone through his portion of the work. They were highly favoured in having such an array of talent, which made it a great treat for any visiting brother to come amongst them. So far as he was concerned, he felt ashamed when he considered how often he came amongst them; but knowing he was welcome made him take the liberty. He wished prosperity to Savile Lodge, and of ashamed when he considered how often he came amongst them; but knowing he was welcome made him take the liberty. He wished prosperity to Savile Lodge, and of that he had no doubt, knowing full well that during the last year they had made such rapid progress. Bros. Buckland, Rickard, and S. W. North completed the evening by rendering some very beautiful songs in their usual good style

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The members of the above lodge met for installation purposes on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, So, North Hill-street. There was a large attendance of members, and the attendance of visitors was both numerous and influential. The chair was taken by Bro. E. George, the W.M., who was supported by the following officers of the lodge: Bros. Councillor E. Paull, Prov. G.S., I.P.M.; James Keet, P.M.; C. Arden, P.M.; A. Woolrich, P.M.; James Keet, P.M.; C. Arden, P.M.; J. Woolrich, P.M.; John Ashley, S.W.; J. Lees, J.W.; T. Williams, P.M., Treas.; B. Holgate, Sec.; H. Wilson, S.D.; H. Hughes, I.G.; James Jones, Stwd.; and Peter M. Larsen, Tyler. The visitors present included Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; J. B. Mackenzie, Prov. G.S.D.; J. P. Bryan, Prov. G.O.; R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. Richardson, P.P.G. Treas. (Letter Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; W.C. Cowell, 1675; J. Hughes, W.M. 1675; J. M. King, S.W. Saya; J. Ball, P.M. 673; R. R. Martin, P.M. and Treas. 1182; J. O. Rea, W.M. 1182; R. E. Mitton, P.M. 1956; R. Bethell, S.W. 1094; W. H. Veevers, W.M. 594; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; J. J. Smith, W.M. 1035; W. Savage, I.P.M. 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; P. J. Buck, 1609; W. Hawkings, 1675; W. Vaughan, P.M. 724; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; Geo. Mitchell, J.W. 1035; A. Bucknall, I.P.M. 677; and others. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. Marson and Nickson, and was afterwards duly installed according to ancient form, the installation ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. E. George, the LIVERPOOL .- Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356) .---Marson and Nickson, and was afterwards duly installed according to ancient form, the installation ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. E. George, the retiring W.M. Bro. Ashley atterwards invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. E. George, I.P.M.; John Lees, S.W.; B. Holgate, J.W.; J. W. Williams, jun., P.M., Treas.; Councillor E. Paul, P.M., D.C.; A. C. Trevitt, Org.; Hartley Wilson, Sec.; H. H. Hughes, S.D.; W. Morris, J.D.; J. R. Roberts, I.G.; James Jones, S.S.; Laurance Phillips, J.S.; and David M'Farlane, A.S.

Subsequently the brethren banqueted under the presi-dency of the W.M., Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., catering in a manner which secured the commendation of catering in a manner which secured the commendation of every brother present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and in the course of the evening Bro. E. George was presented with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. The officers and members of the lodge also made a presentation of a silver tea and coffee service to Bro. George on behalf of his wife. A musical programme was given by Bros. Major H. J. Nicholls, J. P. Bryan, H. Hughes, D. J. Davies, L. Phillips, E. Saunders, and J. N. Beswick.

-The MILLOM.-Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390),installation meeting of the above lodge took lago, These day, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Holborn Hill, Bro. Britten returned thanks, and assured the brethren that when he was initiated the ceremony made such an im-pression upon him that he never thought he should be able to reach the chair, but fortune, and the example and advice if the Master and Past Masters, helped and induced him to try, and now he was thankful and proud to think he had ried and succeeded. He hoped to have a prosperous year, and plenty of initiates. He asked for the assistance and pooperation of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren to help him to do the work well, and by punctual attendance ired, "What grand working they have at the Sydney" The toast of "The Initiate" followed, and Bro. Martin

Thos. Sharples intimated that a generous brother wished to place, free of cost, an additional chandelier in the centre of the lodge room, and he moved that it be accepted, which, being seconded, was carried unanimously. Bor, J. Lawrence then presented a receipt for 10 guineas, paid in the name of the W.M. of the lodge, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the recent festival of which he was Steward. He informed the brethren that he had had the pleasure of He informed the brethren that he had had the pleasure of making a similar presentation to the W.M. of the Townley-Parker Lodge the previous week, and that he had yet another receipt, for a like amount, to present to the W.M. of the Lawrence Mark Lodge, No. 313, at its next meeting. The unanimous and hearty thanks of the lodge were The unanimous and hearty thanks of the loage were tendered to Bro. James Lawrence for the handsome gift, and the generous manner in which he had distributed the benefits of his Stewardship. Bro. John Henderson, being a candidate for the Second Degree, gave satisfactory evi-

a candidate for the Second Degree, gave satisfactory evi-dence of his proficiency, and was afterwards admitted and passed to the F.C., in customary manner, by the W.M., Bro. Robert Irving. The Installing Master, Bro. Franklin Thomas, then assumed the chair, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Joseph Barnes, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented, and, after some preliminaries, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and afterwards proclaimed, with full rite and ceremony, in Bro. Thomas's well-known eloquent and impressive style. Bro. Edwin Halliwell invested the rite and ceremony, in Bro. Thomas's well-known eloquent and impressive style. Bro. Edwin Halliwell invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Irving, I.P.M.; Wm. Dorman, S.W. (by proxy); T. Sharples, J.W.; Joseph Malcolm Kerr, Treas. (re-elected); L. Eccles, Sec.; John Bradshaw, S.D.; George Tootell, J.D.; Jeremiah Willis, I.G.; W. C. P. Grimshaw, Org.; John Monks, S.S.; Charles Albert Richmond, J.S.; and James Jolly, Tyler (by proxy). The visitors and members of the various lodge repre-sented offered "Hearty good wishes," and h lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren ad-journed to the Cattle Market Hotel, where the banquet awaited them, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in the manner known only amongst Masons.

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SIDCUP.—Sydney Lodge (No. 829).—The installation meeting of the above pretty little country lodge took place on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Black Horse Hotel, one of those pleasant roadside hotels in Kent that invite the tired traveller to refresh himself and his heart, if he had are with him the the work counter and empty of took place on I uesday, the Sth inst., at the Black Horse i Hotel, one of those pleasant roadside hotels in Kent that invite the tired traveller to refresh himself and his heart, if he had one with him, by the very coolness and comfort of its outward and visible sign of an inward and welcome hospitality; and never perhaps did a more jovial, and withal a more truly Masonic spirit, reign than at the gathering of the brethren under notice. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Coombes, W.M., and after the minutes had been passed, Bro. T. Brightling was advanced, and Mr. H. Martin initiated by the W.M. in excellent style. Bro. A. Britten, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. Parsons, P.M., P.P.G.O. Kent, for the benefit of installation, and was, with the usual ccremony, placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in due form. He invested his officers as follows: James Etheridge, S.W.; H. Greener, J.W.; T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, Treas.; W. Moulder, P.M., Sec.; J. Seaton, S.D.; T. Knight, J.D.; F. Cole, I.G.; R. Hanson, P.M., W.S.; and J. Parsons, P.M., D.C. Bro. Parsons then delivered the charge most impressively, and the ceremony was concluded amid well earned applause. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Parsons for his services as Installing Officer, and he returned thanks. Bro. L. Etheridge, P.M., P.P.G.A.P. Kent, was re-elected representative for the lodge on the Prov. Charity Com-mittee, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served by the worthy host. Among the brethren present beside those above named were Bros. W. Etheridge, W. Skinner, G. Gregory, A. Smith, C. Kent, E. Bosanquet, and W. G. Mison, of the lodge; W. W. Pritchett, P.M. 1622, P.P.G.O. Herts; G. Kennedy, W.M. 1536 ; W. Hills, W.M. 615; E. Selman, 140 ; C. H. Barham, 615 ; J. Swanson, 700 ; W. Williams, 192 ; S. R. Spreight, P.M. 147 ; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemasen*). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, that of "Lord Holmesdale, G.M. Ken

913 (Freemason). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, The usual loyal and wasonic toasts naving been nonoured, that of "Lord Holmesdale, G.M. Kent," was drunk with much enthusiasm. In responding for "The D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro: Hastings spoke eloquently of the magnificent services rendered to Freemasonry, especially in the province, by Lord Homesdale and Bro. Eastes, the latter of whom he and they were proud to think, had been invested province, by Lord Flomesdale and Bro. Eastes, the latter of whom he and they were proud to think, had been invested with the collar of a Grand Deacon of England at the last meeting of Grand Lodge. As for himself, he was proud of the purple, and hoped soon to see others in the lodge receive it, and no doubt they would in good time, but above all he trusted their G.M. and D.G.M. might be spared to rule over them in the province of Kent for many years to come to come

Bro. Parsons, as a Past Prov. Grand Officer, spoke of the recent Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Deal, and ex-pressed his pleasure at seeing their G.M. and D.G.M. in such excellent health and spirits, while their geniality and unceasing endeavours to make the brethren comfortable was the theme of universal admiration. He looked upon the purple as an incentive to still further efforts for the good of Freemasonry, and also as the goal that every Mason, from his initiation, should strive to reach. With reference to his connection with the lodge, he had only been absent one night during the eight years he had been in it, and would continue to do all in his power to increase its prosperity and influence in the province of Kent. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in brief but pointed terms, and in reponse

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Among the visitors present may be mentioned Bros. H. Bagot, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S. of W. West Lanc.; G. Nelson, P.M. 1021; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962 and 1225, P.P.G.P. Cumberland and Westmorland; J. Case, P.M. 395; J. Jenkins, W.M. 995; Rev. C. W. Bardsley, S.W. 995; W. L. Towerson, P.M. 1267, P.G.P. Cumberland and Westmorland; R. Tyson, W.M. 1267; A. Moordaff, I.G. 1267; G. Wilson, J.D. 1267; T. H. Walker, Stwd. 1267; W. Burnyeat, 1267; W. Mandall, S.D. 1398; R. Townley, J.W. 1398; J. Garner, 113; C. Watson, S.S. 995; Robt. Bowker, S.W. 1021; and Hankinson. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the house of Mrs. Black, Ship Inn, where a sumptuous, banquet had been prepared. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given and received, the speeches being inter-spersed with songs rendered by Bros. J. Atkinson, Wm. Atkinson, R. A. Mitchell, Bradley, Mills, Moordaff, Mad-dern, Hill, and Garner. In the course of the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. S. Marshall, I.P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his services in connection with the lodge during the past year. yea

of his services in connection with the lodge during the past year. PORTSMOUTH.—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).—The meeting for the installation of Bro. James G. Mason, as W.M. of this lodge, which was held on the rith inst., was.successful in the highest degree. There was a large attendance of the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge and many brethren from distant lodges, the following signing the attendance book: Bros. Charles Travess, W.M.; James G. Mason, S.W.; John Laverty, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. F. Williams, Treas.; Wm. Miller, D.C.; George Sylvester, S.D.; John Jackson, J.D.; Edwin Pratt, I.G.; James Johns, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. P. Arnold, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. R. Strick, P.M.; J.A. Elverston, P.M.; W. Dart, P.M.; W. Farren, P.M.; Jas. Doidge, J.W.; Jos. Mitchell, Stud.; James Palmer, and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. Robert Rastrick, Prov. G. Treas.; M. E. Frost, Prov. G.S.W.; George Rake, P.P.G.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Charles Knott, P.M. 342; James E. Buck, W.M. 342; Rev. Alfred C. Hervey, W.M. 309; G. B. Irons, W.M. 903; Joseph Swan, W.M. 928; Rev. B. Ring, W.M. 1705; James Graham Niven, W.M. 1776; T. H. Williams, P.M.; Henry Long, S.V. 1903; Dr. Flanigan, R.N.; Charles Townsend, James Cottrell, 387; and others. Bro. Charles Travess, W.M., acted as Installing Master, and rendered the ceremony in a most able and efficient manner. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by the lodge to the Installing Master, the same to be recorded on the minutes. The W.M. then presented Bro. Charles Travess, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, to Bro. C. Travess, P.M., on his retiring from the chair, as a token of their sense of his Masonic attainments, generous character, and able conduct in presiding over them, 1833-84." The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Charles Travess, I.P.M.; James Doidge, PORTSMOUTH,-United Service Lodge (No

banquet room, where a most recherche banquet had been prepared, under the superintendence of Bro. VV. Maybour,

prepared, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Maybour, which gave entire satisfaction. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," and "The Rest of the Prov. Grand Officers" having been honoured, that of "The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge" was given and responded to by Bro. M. E. Frost, P.G.S.W.; Bro. George Rake, P.P.G.W., responding for "The Past Officers." "The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said he knew he should not ask them in vain to do honour to it. He felt sure that in Bro. Mason they had a Master who would do honour to the lodge and increase its

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prosperity. Bro. Mason, in responding, thanked them for the cordial reception of the toast, and trusted he should not fall short of their good opinions. He had not taken office without considering the responsibilities, and trusted at the end of considering the responsibilities, and trusted at the end of his year of office he, nor they, would have nothing to regret. The other toasts were "The Installing Master," "The W.Ms. of Neighbouring Lodges," "The Past Masters." "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Robert J. Rastrick, Prov. G: Treas.; "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by are another some and resistions by Bros. C. Sulvester

some capital songs and recitations by Bros. G. Sylvester, G. Rake, C. Knott, James Palmer, Jos. Mitchell, and others, Bro. Sylvester ably accompanying on the piano.

PLUMSTEAD.-United Military Lodge (No. PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge, which took place at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, on Friday, the 11th inst., was honoured by the presence of Bro. B. K. Thorpe, P.M. 709, and P.G. Treas. Kent, and a number of other distinguished Masons. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Kennedy, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, it was intimated that Bro. Thorpe sought admission, and he was received with grand honours, and took his seat at the right of the W.M., There was one candidate for initiation, Sergeant McGowan, and after approval he was fully initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. A. G. Saunders, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Kennedy to receive at his hands Initiated in the Arrow of the second secon reciting the charges in eloquent and faultless style. The W.M. then presented Bro. Kennedy with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, as a token of esteem, and for service rendered to the lodge, during his term of

resolved that a vote of thanks be awarded him, and re-Installing Officer that day. Bro. W. Weston, P.M. and P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent, was unanimously re-elected repre-sentative on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bros.

R. Robertson and J. Morton were elected Auditors. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the brethren sat down to an admirably served banquet, the tables being handsomely decorated with choice flowers and ferns, lent for the occasion by Mr. P. Ladds, the eminent dorict eff Baulen Math florist of Bexley Heath.

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The following brethren were also present i. Bros. C. Coupland, Hon. P.M., P.M. 913, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, Hon. P.M., P.M. 913, T. D. Hayes, Hon. P.M., P.M. 913; G. Spinks, P.M.; T. H. Holleyman, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; W. Richey, P.M. 51, 700, and 1536; J. Warren, P.M. 700 and 1536; J. Parson, T. Preece, Org.; J. Whiteheart, T. Mills, E. Brind, Capt. J. McCaf-fery, R.A., J. Cooksey, J. Flack, Wills, H. Froud, H. Kerridge, W. Gibson, T. Hopper, G. Wheatley, J. Woods, D. Barker, C. Morris, A. Green, F. Packman, G. Draper, E. Smith, and R. Tompson, all of the lodge; E. Hughes, P.S.W. 913, M.L.S.B.; J. Parkes, P.M. 1967, Prov. G.P. Kent; E. Bowles, P.M. 700; J. H. Roberts, W.M. 700; W. A. Watkins, W.M. 1786; W. Rees, W.M. 913; E. Palmer, S.W. 913; W. Akers, S.V. 13; R. J. Wishart, S.W. 1789; Dr. H. Bernays, J.W. 706; G. Mason, J.W. 1789; B. T. Watts, 179, I.C.; W. Ramsden, 1424; J. Wood, 381; W. Seager, 767; J. Hooton, 913; W. Osborne, 1789; S. West, 700; W. Wray, 700; J. Horn, 13; and C. Jolly, 913, &C. (Freemason).
The usual loyaland Masonic toasts having been honoured, the W.M. proposed that of "Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G. Master of Kent," in bumpers, and, as usual, it was re-ceived with enthusiasm.
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The next toast was that of "Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, in putting it, the W.M. said it must be a serious tax upon the Grand Master and Bro. Eastes to fix upon brethren for the important position of Grand Officer; they, however, had nothing to complain of, for they had several in that lodge. That evening they were honoured by the presence of two Grand Officers, one of whom had held a most important office for many years—he alluded to Bro. Thorpe, the Grand Treasurer of the province—and with his name he would couple the toast, which he asked them to drink with a real "Kentish fire."

drink with a real "Kentish fae." Bro. Thorpe, who was received with cheers, said he rose to respond with a great deal of pleasure in one sense, because he felt that it was an honour to be coupled with such a toast, and in another sense with some sorrow, because he felt he was not a speaker good enough to do justice to it. The Grand Officers made it their duty, and a pleasant one, to do all they could for the good of Free-masonry in the province, while their esteemed D.G.M. was indefatigable in finding out the brethren most worthy to re-ceive the purple. They were all proudof the high honour given Bro. Eastes at Grand Lodge, especially as he was the first Mason in the province, with the exception of the Grand Chaplain, who had received such a distinction. He spoke highly of the arduous labour of Bro. Spencer, P.G. Sec. For himself, he had tried for many years to get an opportunity of visiting the lodge, but had not been able before the present occasion, and was exceedingly delighted with what he had seen, especially with the excellent manner in which Bro. Kennedy had installed his successor, but was which Bro. Kennedy had installed his successor, but was not surprised, for the reputation of the lodge for good working had gone before it. Twenty years ago it was a most unusual thing for a W.M. to install his successor, and it was the custom to send to London for some one to do it, gratified at seeing it. He thanked them most cordially for

the toast. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing paid Bro. Saunders a high compliment on his arduous endeavours while in the minor offices. Bro. Saunders had now won his spurs, and would, he (Bro. Kennedy) knew, do his duty to their satisfaction. He was proud of the remarks of Bro. Thorpe, and was sure their W.M. would maintain that high reputation unsullied.

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Bro. Saunders said he had to return them his heartfelt thanks in the first place for electing him Master of a lodge so large and so influential as the United Military. It was a position that he ought to be and was proud of, and trusted that at the end of his year of office they would find that he had not been unworthy of their confidence. Bro. Kennedy, in responding to the toast of "The In-stalling Officer," said he had only done his duty. In a lodge like theirs, where every junior officer knew, and did, his work so well, it would ill become an Installing Officer not to do his. The jewel they had given him that day would be one of the most precious souvenirs of his life—a life that life that "Had been passed in this vale of tears,

With its pleasures and pains, for sixty years." He thanked them most cordially for the toast, and trusted to see Bro. Saunders install his successor that day twelve months.

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The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and Bros. Kennedy and Holleyman responded. "The Initiate" was next toasted, and Bro. McGowan returned thanks modestly and briefly. For "The Visitors," Bros. Roberts, Rees, Hughes, Watkins, Akers, and Bernays responded. Bro. Hughes, who was most warmly received, regretted his inability to be with them oftener. As they had asked him to say a few words, he would do so for himself, only. He had so much to do that, while he should dofton like to him to say a few words, he would do so for himself only. He had so much to do that, while he should often like to be with them, yet at present he could not afford to give the time. That he regretted very much, for nothing afforded him more real pleasure than to be in good company, and especially at a Masonic banquet, where there were so many good fellows, and such excellent and harmonious intercourse; in fact a man might just as well send his bildays at such in fact, a man might just as well spend his holidays at such outings as go away to the seaside, where he knew no one, and no one knew him. It was now eight years since he had with many of them while volunteering, and always found them not only ready to do their duty to their country, but also able and willing to cultivate the social virtues. He trusted to be with them oftener, and thanked them heartily for the cordial hospitality and brotherly greeting extended to him that night.

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LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—
The annual celebration of the festival of St. John in connection with this lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. This lodge embraces several brethren who have shown conspicuous zeal in connection with Masonry, and the selection of Bro. Dr. A. Soldat to fill the chief position in the lodge gave universal satisfaction, his popularity being clearly shown by an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Ripley, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. C. M'Guire, I.P.M.;
J. H. Parker, P.M.; R. Warriner, P.M.; W. Ladyman, P.M.; J. A. Forrest, P.M., Treas.; A. Soldat, S.W.; Alderman E. Grindley, R. Stephenson, J. Wannop, C. Birchall, J. D. Kitchingman, and others. The visitors included Bros. the Rev. R. T. Leslie, P.M. 1713; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Salter, P.P.G.S.D.; Councillor G. Peet, P.M. 211; Evap J. Callow, W.M. 1004; E. Pigot, W.M. 1852; R. A. Davies, W.M. 1305; G. Crute, W.M. 1364; W. Crane, P.M. 1209; R. Foote, P.G.S.; J. M'Carthy, P.M. 1303; W. H. Jewitt, I.P.M. 1303; J. Keet, P.M. 1336; W. Burnet, 1393; W. Blunsum, J.W. 594; H. M. Molyneux, W.M. 135; P. Ashcroft, Sec. 1351; J. Booth, 673; and W. J. Morton, J.D. 1852. The W.M. elect (Bro. Dr. F. W. A. Soldat), presented by Bro. P.M.'s Parker and Warriner, was very effectively installed by Bro. Richard Ripley, the retiring Master. The officers invested were the following: Bros. R. Ripley, I.P.M.; W. M. H. Hignett, S.W.; C. J. Caddock, J.W.; J. H. Parker, P.M., Treas.; Thomas J. Farrell, Sec.; Jonathan Parry, S.D.; John Jessop, J.D.; William Ladyman, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Smith, I.G.; Henry Isaac, S.S.; J. E. Rayner, J.S.; and Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. LIVERPOOL.-Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).

Tyler. After business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. J. Casey, the house steward. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening, and a choice miscellaneous programme was furnished by Bros. Burnet, Pigot, Farrell, M'Carthy, Salter, Bailey, and others. The W.M., in a short and pointed speech, presented Bro. R. Ripley, I.P.M., with an exceedingly chaste and valuable P.M.'s gived, in recognition of the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge during a long series of years in connection with the various . offices he had filled.

cROYDON. -Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).-A meeting was held on the 5th inst. at Harewood House, High-st., there being present Bros. T. T. Phillips, W.M.;
T. Tremere, S.W.; Cross, acting J.W.; E. Moss, I.P.M., Treas.; E. M. Lott, P.M., G. Org., Sec.;
Aynsley, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; H. P. Jones, D.C., and acting I.G.; Holdgate, Stwd.; and Harrison, Tyler; Briscoe, Bass, Topham, Tichiaz, Brookbank, Aveling, Bennett, Glazier, Dixon, Jolly, W. Jolly, J. W. Jones, Aslet, Pittet, and Barnett. Visitors: Bros. Gaskin, 1897; Bendon, J.W. 704; Izant, 704; J. B. Little, 1685; T. Keene, P.M. Cambell Lodge, P.P.G.R. Middx.; and J. S. Temberini, 33.
The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Briscoe and Aveling were raised to the degree of M.M., and Bros. W. Jolly and A. F. Bass were passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was then taken for several gentlemen, amongst whom were Messrs. Aslet, Petitt, and Barnett, and being present they were initiated, the ceremonies being performed in the most commendable and painstaking manner by the W.M. and his officers, in fact it would be difficult to find better working in any lodge: The S.W., Bro. Tremere, was then unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. observing that Bro. Tremere had proved himself worthy of their confidence; he had filled several offices in the lodge, each of which he had discharged faithfully. For himself, he could solemnly say that Bro. Tremere had been zealous to every duty and trust reposed in him, and he could assure him that he had his best wishes for a successful year of office, and further he would promise to render him every aid in his power during his Mastership. for a successful year of office, and further he would promise to render him every aid in his power during his Mastership. Bro. Tremere briefly replied, thanking the W.M. for his kind wishes and promised aid, and the brethren for electing him, also promising to do his very best for the Mozart Lodge.

electing nim, also promising to do into the formal, was Mozart Lodge. Bro. W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, was unanimously elected Treas., and Harrison, Tyler. The Audit Committee was also appointed, and a P.M.'s jewel voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Phillips. A vote of thanks was also proposed and carried to the W.M. for the faithful discharge of his Masonic duties to the lodge, for which he

discharge of his Masonic duties to the W.M. for the faithful discharge of his Masonic duties to the lodge, for which he tendered his best thanks to the brethren. Bro. P.M. Lott, Sec., gave a brief statement of the financial position of the lodge, announcing that after an ex-pensive three years he was happy to inform them that the balance was on the right side. At the hanguest subscenative hold the usual loval and

balance was on the right side. At the banquet subsequently held the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, Bro. E. M. Lott, G. Org., replying on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Phillips, P.G.S., on behalf of "The Prov. G.M., General Brownrigg, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." Bro. Lott, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," to whom he conveyed his own and the lodge's best wishes, remarking that to Bro. Phillips' exertion and determination the Mozart Lodge was indebted for its existence, and its present success, in a great measure, was due to him; in fact, the lodge was under great obligation to their W.M. The Worshipful Master thanked them all for so hand-somely responding. He also eulogised his officers for their efficient assistance, and exhorted them to be as faithful to

efficient assistance, and exhorted them to be as faithful to their newly-elected W.M. for the ensuing year. In him they would find a strict, but genuine Master, faithful to his duties. He (the W.M.) had long been acquainted with his merits; and as this was the last time he would have an opportunity of addressing them as their W.M., he wished, them all prosperity, and trusted that unanimity and bro-therly love, which up to now had especially marked their meetings, would ever continue to do so. He would at all times try and be with them to render every assistance in his power, which to him had always heen one of brotherly his power, which to him had always been one of brotherly love; and he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would long give him health to be among them, and he thanked them again for having so well received the toast. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates." he

Bro. Aslet responded, stating the pleasure his brother initiates and himself felt at being admitted amongst The toast of "The Visitors" was well received, Bro

The toast of "The Visitors" was well received, Bro.. P.M. Keene returned thanks, and expressed the delight they all felt at seeing such excellent working. The W.M. then proposed "The Officers," individually mentioning them with the highest compliments, for whom Bro. Tremere, S.W., returned thanks, stating the gratifi-cation they all felt at having won the esteem and satis-faction of the W.M. and visiting brethren. The W.M.

faction of the W.M. and visiting brethren. I he W.M. made, as he said, a special toast, as a compliment to Bro. Holdgate, the lodge Steward for the past year, for the very able and painstaking way in which he had discharged the duties of that office. He also had to thank Bro. Aveling for acting Asst. Stwd. of the lodge, and hoped his name would soon be inscribed among them. Bro. Holdgate returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable meeting to all.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922). EARL OF LAIHOM LODGE (No. 1922).— The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. Sutton, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; Thomson, S.W.; Maxsted, J.W.; Paton, Sec.; S. Jacobs, Spencer, Baker, Triactur, Finch, Eidmans, Oliver, and Mattock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Jacobs acting as candidate. The Preceptor worked the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first and second time, and Bro. Maxsted being elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and a cordial vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes, was accorded him for the able manner he had; filled the chair of K.S. for the first time. Bro. Sutton replied, and thanked the brethren for their Bro. Sutton replied, and thanked the brethren for their vote and kind attention. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in peace and har-mony, with the long address.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192)

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ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).-The ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Monday last at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, when there were present Comps. John Derby Allcroft, Past G. Treas., M.E.Z.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, H.; Alfred Brookman, J.; George Kenning, Treas.; Crockford, Scribe E.; E. Y. Jolliffe, Larkin, Rawlinson, Arthur B. Hudson, Dr. GreatRex, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Levander, and several visitors. The minutes of the last convocation were read and con-firmed, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke installed the Three Principals in his usual excellent manner as follows : Comps.

firmed, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke installed the Three Principals in his usual excellent manner as follows: Comps. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, Z.; Alfred Brookman, H.; and Crockford, J. The newly-installed Z. then invested Comps. E. Y. Jolliffe, S.E.; George Kenning, Treas.; and Parkinson, Janitor. A handsome gold jewel was pre-sented to Comp. J. D. Allcroft on his vacating the chair of the first M.E.Z. of the chapter. A dinner afterwards took place

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Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 11th inst. M.E. Comp. Edward Clarke, Z., P.G. Asst. S., occupied the chair. Comps. F. Hodgson, H., P.G. Stwd.; W. Bewlay, J. and Treas.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; David Bell, S.N.; R. Baxter, P.S.; John Rothery and W. C. Johns, Asst. Sois.; John Casson, Janitor; John Barr, P.Z., P.G. H.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.G. J.; Thomas Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.G. Asst. S.; George Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G.S.W., Std. Br.; D. Recce, J. C. Thompson, J. Paterson, and J. Eden.
On the confirmation of the minutes Bros. J. Cant and J. Matthews were accepted as candidates and exalted to the Supreme Degree. The election of officers was next proceeded with, when Comps. F. Hodgson was elected Z.; Wrm. Bewlay, H. and Treas.; J. J. Robinson, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; D. Reece, S.N.; and D. Bell, P.S. The Treasurer presented his statement of accounts, which showed a balance to the credit of the chapter of £25 tos. 6d. On two notices of motion being given by Comp. Dalrymple, the chapter was closed in due form.

TWICKENHAM.—Strawberry Hill Chapter (No. 946).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. R. W. Forge, P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; Jacobs, H.; Hammond, J.; Ollerhead, S.E.; Jones, P.S.; Stedwell, P.Z., Treas.; and a numerous gathering of companions and visitors, including Comp. D. Haslett, P.Z. 145, acting as H. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. W. R. Phillips, P.M. 975, which resulted unanimously in his election, and, being present, he was duly exalted. The election of Principals was next proceeded with, result-ing unanimously in favour of Comps. Jacobs, Z.; Ham-

Phillips, Auditors. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z., on the motion of Comp. Stedwell, who, in a neat speech, referred to the energy displayed by the officers generally, and stated it was many years since the working had been so excellent. A petition was received from Comp. Austin, 177, and to other companions, for licence to form a chapter of improvement, to be called the Strawberry Hill Chapter of Improvement, and to work under the warrant of this chapter. This was unanimously agreed to, after which the chapter was closed in due form.

TWICKENHAM.-Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter held its installation meeting on the 12th inst., when there were in attendance Ex. Comps. J. Faulkner, M.E.Z.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., Treas., acting H.; Dr. J. B. Ryley, M.D., J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., acting S.E.; T. Good-child, S.N.; Wingate, P.S.; and James Stevens, P.Z. (hon. member), Matthews Comp. H. Levy, P.Z., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the acting S.E. reported that in compliance with the rule of the chapter, passed at the last meeting, he had applied for dispensation to the P.G.S. of Middx., to enable Comps. Ryley and Goodchild to be in-stalled as H. and M.E.Z., and J. and H. respectively, and that the same had been granted. The M.E.Z. then called upon the acting S.F. to read the dispensation. This having been done, Ex. Comp. J. Stevens proceeded to install Comps. T. Goodchild, as J. and H., and T. B. Ryley, M.D., as H. and M.E.Z., the ceremony being well performed. The TWICKENHAM .- Sir Francis Burdett Chapter Comps. 1. Goodchild, as J. and H., and I. B. Ryley, M.D., as H. and M.E.Z., the ceremony being well performed. The officers invested were Comps. Walls, S.E.; Wingate, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, Treas.; and Gilbert, Janitor. The other appointments stood over. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Ex. Comp. J. Faulkner for his services during the past year, and a vote of thanks ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Ex. Comp. J. Stevens for his services as Installing Officer. Letters of apology were read from the P.G.S. of Middx., the P.G.H. of Middx., Comps. J. Mason, J. elect. Glover. and others.

J. elect, Glover, and others. The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was ably presided over by the M.E.Z. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

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MOUNT CALVARY (No. 3).—This popular and distinguished chapter held its installation meeting at 33, Golden-square, on the r1th inst. Among those present were Ill. Bro. Alfred Williams, M.W.S.; Bros. T. C. Walls, H.P., M.W.S. elect; F. Driver, 1st Gen.; Tayleur, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bros. W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Major Gardiner, G.M.; Lieut. Anderson, C. of G.; Graveley, D.C.; Chas. Driver, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Wodehouse, Kennedy, H. J. Lardner, Festa, and others. Ill. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, 32°, P.M.W.S., and Treas. of the Metropolitan, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. C. Walls was duly presented and in-stalled as M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. C. Driver in a manner that left little to be desired. The officers appointed and in-stalled as M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. C. Driver in a manner that left little to be desired. The officers appointed and in-stalled as M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. C. Driver in a manner that left little to be desired. The officers appointed and in-stalled as M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. C. Driver, H.P.; Tayleur, 1st Gen.; Major Gardiner, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Recorder, Herald; Berkeley, G.M.; Lieut. Anderson, Raphael; Graveley, C. of G.; B. Kidder, D.C.; and Lott, Org. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder, and subsequently five guineas were P.M.W.S., Recorder, and subsequently five guineas were voted to the fund now being established for the relief of Mrs. Dewar. Previously to the chapter being closed, a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer was moved by the

vote of thanks to the Installing Officer was moved by the M.W.S., and carried unanimously. III. Bro. C. Driver having acknowledged the compliment, a P.M.W.S.'s jewel was presented to III. Bro. A. Williams. Letters apologising for non-attendance were received and read from III. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; F. Richardson, Professor Lott, Roebuck, Dr. Ace, D.D.; and Bros. Belton, J. Mather, R. Stewart, W. Lake, and others. The resignations of Bros. T. Poore and Wodehouse were received and accepted with great regret. The brethren then adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM KELLY MARK LODGE, No. 339, AT WINSHILL.

AN ELOQUENT REPLY TO PAPAL SLANDERS.

On the 4th inst. a large and influential company of Mark On the 4th inst. a large and influential company of Mark Master Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, to witness the consecration of a new Mark Masons' Lodge. For several years past Mark Masonry has been making rapid progress, but in no shire has its noble and dignified characteristics been more warmly espoused than in Derby, which county now boasts three lodges, viz., the Duke of Connaught, No. 246, the Derby, No. 302, and the William Kelly, No. 330. At present these are included in the province of Leicester, which embraces the counties of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby; but the hope is in-dulged that a dispensation for the constitution of Derby as a separate Mark province will be issued at no very distant dulged that a dispensation for the constitution of Derby as a separate Mark province will be issued at no very distant date. The new lodge is named after the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, of Leicester, who is, we be-lleve, the senior Prov. G.M.M. of England, having served the Craft with distinguished ability and unflagging zeal for well-nigh half-a-century. The William Kelly has been formed, it may be added, under the auspices of the Royal formed, it may be added, under the auspices of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Craft Masonry, and its headquarters are at the Swan Hotel, Winshill; thus whilst it will tend to promote Mark Masonry in the populous town of Burton-on-Trent, its geographical situation will ensure its recogni-tion as a Derbyshire Lodge. The promoters of the lodge are to be congratulated in having coursed as its chief Consecrating Officer the vane-

having secured, as its chief Consecrating Officer, the vener-able brother whose name it bears. Prov. G.M.M. Kelly, who received a cordial and respectful greeting from the brethren present, was accompanied by Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, of Northampton, Prov. G.M.C., who took a promin-The election of Principals was next proceeded with, result-ing unanimously in favour of Comps. Jacobs, Z.; Ham-mond, H.; Ollerhead, J.; Stedwell, Treas.; Forge, S.E.; Jones, S.N.; Collick, P.S.; Sapsworth and Stwd. (England); Joseph Young, P.P.G.S.W.; T.

Worthington, Prov. G.S.W.; Thos. Cox, Prov. G.J.W.; Clement E. Stretton, G. Stwd. (England). Prov. G. Sec.; S. Knight, Prov. G.M.O.; W. L. Ball, Prov. G.D.C., W.M. designate; G. T. Wright, W.M. 246; R. Taylor, W.M. 19; Thos. Horsley, John Smith, A. Woodiwiss, T. Carter Wigg, C. Webster, E. Horne, W. J. Piper, J. Walker, J. Greensmith, W. L. Dodd, and others. The ceremony of consecration was performed in a most impressive manner, and was followed with the deepest interest.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER assured the brethren of the kindly interest he took in the lodge, and intimated that as its godfather he had presumed to make it a present in the shape of a set of handsome silver jewels for its officers. The oration for the occasion was delivered with great

The oration for the occasion was delivered with great effect by The Prov. Grand Mark Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. S. W. WIGG, who congratulated the brethren of the new lodge, not only upon being permitted to use the name of Bro. William Kelly, but in having that distinguished Mason to perform for them the act of consecration. Having paid a glowing tribute to the long, faithful, and able services of Bro. Kelly, the speaker exhorted the young Masons present to try and emulate an example so marked by nobility of purpose and purity of action. After some further observa-tions concerning the moral obligations of Masonry, the orator proceeded as follows: "There is one other lesson to be learnt in this degree to which I may perhaps venture to be learnt in this degree to which I may perhaps venture to allude, especially as just now we have occasion to put it into daily practice. I mean that every Mason who does his work honestly and well must not expect to escape misrework nonestly and well must not expect to escape misre-presentation and censure, especially if his work be some-what different and better than the work of those around him. The position of Freemasonry at the present moment affords a striking illustration of the truth of this teaching. If there is any body of men in the world who are peaceful, law-abiding citizens of the countries where they dwell, when fairly treated, who carry out the principles of their Order in deeds of benevolence, which, though only half-revealed, excite admiration in the breasts of those who behold them, who treat all forms of religion with respect, while holding excite admiration in the breasts of those who behold them, who treat all forms of religion with respect, while holding devoutly their own simple creed, who encourage in every possible way morality and all social virtues, I say boldly that this body of men is the Ancient and Honourable Fra-ternity of Free and Accepted Masons; and yet it is against this very Order that the Bishop of Rome has recently made charges so monstrous and absurd that they would provoke a smile were the matter not too serious for levity. And notwithstanding that our brother the Lord Carnaryon mildly and temperately denied and refuted than, they are provoke a smile were the matter not too serious for levity. And notwithstanding that our brother the Lord Carnarvon mildly and temperately denied and refuted than, they are again brought forward in the Continental newspapers; and repeated with added insult by a Roman Cardinal in our sister Island. It is a maxim of the Court of Equity that the complainant must come into court with clean hands, and that is also the opinion of every right-thinking man, but measured by that rule how would our accusers fare? The Bishop of Rome may in some measure be pardoned for including in one sweeping anathema, not only the Masons of Italy and France, of whom it may be presuned he thinks he knows something, but also the Masons of England, Germany, Scandinavia and America, of whom it is very evident he knows nothing. But when our fellow-subjects repeat these slanders, and emphasise them in the repetition we have a right to bid them look at home. I admit most fully and freely that the true principles and tenets of Freemasonry are diametrically opposed to the teaching and practices of the society to which they belong. The great principle on which our Order is founded are the common brotherhood of man, charity in word and deed, truth at all hazards, obedience to all lawful authority, loyalty to the sovereign in whose realm they dwell, and an humble reverence for the Sacred Name of the Great Architect and Great Overseer of the Universe. These facts can be proved, not only from our Masonic records, but from a far safer and unerring authority, the lives and actions of Freemasons generally. We are far from saying that in a Society so widely extended as ours evil men have not contrived once and again to shelter themselves or their designs under our banner, but they were aliens to our Fraternity and traitors to our principles. It is true that actions of Freemasons generally. We are far from saying that in a Society so widely extended as ours evil men have not contrived once and again to shelter themselves or their designs under our banner, but they were aliens to our Fraternity and traitors to our principles. It is true that in Italy and France Masonic Lodges have been perverted to other purposes than those for which they were consecrated, but we must remember when men are denied liberty of speech and action, when tyrants, regardless of the inalienable rights of every son of man, strive with an iron hand to crush out the spirit of freedom, men are driven to use any means within their power to regain that of which they have been unjustly de-prived; and we cannot wonder that our brethren, free born as they all are, should be the first to resist the unlawful encroachments of a despotic monarch or a tyrannical priest. For what is branded as "sedition" and " atheism " by kingly and priestly tyrants, history sometimes writes "patriotism" and " religion." In those countries where a reasonable liberty is enjoyed no complaints are made by kings or bishops of the evils of Freemasonry. Princes are members of our Fraternity, and ministers of religion join our assemblies. Loyalty to the Sovereign under whose protection we dwell is one of our fundamental rules; to go no further than our own country, it is no slight proof of our loyalty that the heir to the throne is the freely elected head of our Order, while we may remind the Bishop of Rome that members of *his* society tried to assassinate one of our Queens, and blow up with gunpowder both Houses of our Parliament, acting on principles which the Church of Rome to this day has not disavowed. If our accusers have such a strong antipathy to secret societies, how is it that the infallible preducessors of the Bishop of Rome sanctioned the so-called "Holy Inquisi-tion," with its secret dungeons and its penal fires? And why does he himself harbour in his palace, and even in his private counsel chamber, the agents of and who have been summarily expelled, at one time or another, from almost every country in Europe for their disloyal practices? Charges of sedition come with a very who bad grace either from the Bishop of Rome or an Irish Cardinal. There is a homely proverb, of which I take leave to remind those who have thus accused and anathe-matised us; it is, that "curses, like chickens, come home to roost." We Freemasons have been cursed before; we were excommunicated in 1738, and again in 1865, but like the effect of that solemn anathema in the "Jackdaw of Rheims," the result has been that "nobody seems one,

penny the worse," while there are plain indications that the day is not far distant when the Bishop of Rome will be glad to seek an asylum in one of those countries whose most loyal subjects he has so wantonly insulted! But, between we have any set of the day of the set of t most loyal subjects he has so wantonly insulted: But, brethren, we know our plain duty in spite of misrepresenta-tion, and even insult. We must patiently persevere in our allotted task until that day when the great Overseer shall perchance revoke the mistaken decision of his subordinates, and when with version with the set of the subordinates. and when with unerring skill He shall try every man's work of what kind it is, and to him who has been faithful and industrious shall a reward be given far exceeding his expectations and deserts.

"To him that overcometh are The new name written on the stone, The raiment bright, the crown, the throne; What time shall shine that morning star "

Whose rising brings peace and tranquillity to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 59.

A new chapter, under the wing of this ancient lodge, was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on Friday last, the 11th inst., under most favourable auspices. The founders are brethren so well known as workers in almost every phase of Masonry, that success in such hands is a foregone conclusion. A large number assembled at Freemasons' Hall, amongst whom were the following : Comps. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Raynham Stewart, P.G.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; C. Sadler, G. Janitor; G. Cooper, A. Millar, C. E. Ferry, C. H. Driver, H. S. Goodall, J. H. Thompson, R. Eve, A. M. Broadley, and C. F. Hogard. Founders : Comps. S. B. Wilson, Chas. Belton, Fredk. Binckes, C. F. Matier, F. J. Tyler, J. L. Mather, A. J. H. Goldney, and

C. E. Soppet. The Consecrating Officer was Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, The Consecrating Officer was Col. Snadwell 11. Clerke, G.S.E. The other companions who assisted in the cere-monies were Comps. J. Neal York, G.S. Cambridge, as H.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., as J.; Frank Richard-son, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; and Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., as Scribe N. The chapter having been duly opened, and the usual formularies observed, the Consecrating Officer called on the Rev. C. W. Arnold to give the orgation. The ceremony of consecration was then give the oration. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the chapter was duly consecrated in ancient form.

ancient form. The installation of Principals than took place as follows: Comps. Stephen Barton Wilson, as Z.; C. Belton, as H.; and F. Binckes, as J. The other officers appointed were: Comps. C. F. Matier, S.E.; A. Torkington, S.N.; Tyler, P.S.; H. Goldney, 1st A.S.; J. L. Mather, Treas.; Soppet, D. of C.; and Walkley, Janitor. A vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer was then proposed by the M.E., and seconded by Comp. BELTON, and it was further resolved that Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, James Neal York, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Frank Richardson, and Edgar Bowyer be elected as honorary members. This was carried unanimously, and Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE returned thanks. Letters of apology were then read from numerous bre-

Letters of apology were then read from numerous bre thren who were unable to be present.

Several brethren were then proposed for exaltation, and Comps. A. M. Broadley and Webster Glynes as joining members.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Holborn Restau-rant, presided over by the M.E.Z., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the Waterloo Station of the South-Western Railway wore an aspect which promised well for the usual success of another of those enjoyable summer banquets which have been for so many years carried out by the above prosperous lodge. The brethren there assembled were accompanied by a large number of lady friends, and the W.M., Bro. C. J. Rich, and his wife must have looked around them with much gratification to see how brilliant an assembly had gathered there, fully confi-dent of the arrangements which had been made for the most popular day of their year.

dent of the arrangements which had been made for the most popular day of their year. Saloon carriages had been reserved in an express train for the run down to Walton-on-Thames; and upon the arrival there, Bro. Dintelmann, the host, who had under-taken to receive the company, had provided a wealth of waggonettes, victorias, and omnibuses to drive them across two miles of beautiful country; and a glorious summer sun favouring all, the former palace of his late Royal Highness the Duke of York-mow the Oatlands Park Hotel-was reached after a most enjoyable drive. After an hour's stroll in the spacious park, the welcome call to dinner was heard, and the large dining hall was then found to have been beau-tifully laid out for 150 guests—the host had done his utmost. tifully laid out for 150 guests—the host had done his utmost. The lodge had provided handsome menu cards, and one of

The lodge had provided handsome menu cards, and one of the members—Bro. Bentley Haynes—had crowned it all by a lavish present of flowers—roses everywhere in profusion, and in an ante-room roses again for the ladies, in the form of sprays, besides enough for every gentleman. When the brethren and the ladies had assembled at the tables, presided over by Bro. C. J. Rich, the W.M., we noticed present Bros. Goodwin, Treas.; L. A. Leins, P.M.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; W. Chicken, P.M.; J. Roberts, P.M.; G. Schadler, P.M.; J. H. Hawkins, S.W.; W. Walker, J.W.; R. Dyson, S.D.; Bentley Haynes, J.D.; and several visitors distinguished in the Craft. With the aid of a string band, piano, and a quartette of voices, grace was beautifully sung, and then the event of the day—the splendid banquet pro-vided by Bro. Dintelmann, himself a member of this lodge wided by Bro. Dintelmann, himself a member of this lodge -was duly disposed of and enjoyed. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been well received, Bro. Bentley Haynes sang "God save the

Queen," accompanied by the orchestra and the whole of the company.

Bro. SCHADLER, the I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," saying that if he had any experience in thought-reading at all, he could see from the

faces in front of him how successful he should be in propos-ing such a toast. Not only was their meeting here last year a great success, but he could plainly see that it was eclipsed by the one of to-day. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said that, although weighted with a load of good words, he hardly knew how to express them sufficiently; but his sincerity would supplement all. The pleasure of meeting the brethren with their wives and daughters in so glorious a place was in great measure due to the wisdom of his predecessors, who for many years had established this annual custom, but he congratulated himself upon the happy appearance of all to-day, and assured all the ladies who had Freemason husbands, and those who hoped to have them, that it was not mere dining out that the brethren ladies who had Freemason busbands, and those who hoped to have them, that it was not mere dining out that the brethren had in view. In spite of what certain ecclesiastics had lately said, English Freemasons of to-day had nothing to do with "sedition, privy conspiracy, or rebellion," neither "false doctrine, heresy, or schism;" the one grace they endeavoured to court was Charity; the noble Institution for Aged Freemasons and their wives, whom misfortune may overtake in the rugged path of life, also that for the Girls, and for the Boys, was sufficient proof of this, and demonstrated that mere dining out was nothing compared to the useful work of the fraternity. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed the principal toast of the day, "The Ladies," saying that upon this occasion he had a secret to tell them, and that was that the hearts of the brethren had been quite charmed, not only by their kindly act of being precent, but by their so gracefully adorn-ing themselves, and he specially thanked Mrs. Haynes, who had interested herself so much on behalf of her sister visitors.

visitors. Bro. HALLER, who replied for the ladies, said that he had Bro. HALLER, who replied for the ladies, said that he had already heard a brother whisper, "Have you your speech prepared," but in the face of so brilliant a company he felt no such need but rather encouraged. The ladies around him had expressed unbounded satisfaction at the welcome awarded them, and he had no hesitation in saying that every one of them were deeply indebted to the W.M. and his Committee.

After the toast of "The Visitors," the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the company adjourned to the lawn. At seven o'clock the dining room had been cleared lawn. At seven o'clock the dining room had been cleared and dancing commenced, which occupied the young people until nearly ten o'clock. Thus ended a most enjoyable day, and under a bright, full, summer moon, in the cool of the evening, the company were driven back to the station, the ladies in many instances saying that as they for once had been admitted into the privileges, they would willing leave the mysteries of Freemasonry in the care of their husbands and friends.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317, MANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, the oth inst., 34 ladies and brethren assembled at Victoria Station for the purpose of proceeding to Bolton Abbey, via Skipton. The committee of manage-ment had previously arranged for saloon carriages to con-vey the party to Skipton, and at 0.35 the train took its departure for that old fashioned Yorkshire town, which was reached shortly after 11 o'clock. On leaving the train the company walked to the Midland Hotel, where luncheon was awaiting them, after which waggonettes conveyed them to Bolton Abbey. The drive was most enjoyable, and some of the loviest scenery in Yorkshire met the eye on all sides. On arriving at the lodge gates the party alighted, and walked through the woods, and viewed the remains of the ancient Abbey and other places and objects of interest for which the locality is famous, subsequently assembling for the return journey at 4.15.

for which the locality is famous, subsequently assembling for the return journey at 4.15. Directly after leaving the Devonshire Arms a very heavy thunderstorm, with torrents of rain, came on, and lasted until long after the company returned to the hotel, the result being that several of the ladies and brethren, despite the use of mackintoshes and umbrellas, got unpleasantly and uncomfortably wet. This unfortunate "contractemps" uncomfortably wet. This unfortunate "contretemps" somewhat marred the enjoyment that hitherto had pro-

somewhat marred the enjoyment that hitberto had pro-gressed uninterruptedly; but matters tock a more favour-able turn, after a substantial tea "Ala fourchette" had been partaken of, and the saturated garments had been dried, through the kindness of the proprietor, Bro. Throup, who exerted himself to the utmost to make every one feel comfortable, and lent those who needed them coats, &c., while their own were drying. After the cloth had been cleared and tables removed, Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, W.M., on the piano, and Bro. R. R. Lisen-den, J.W., on the English concertina, performed a short selection, and subsequently a few dances were indulged in, which the ladies particularly seemed thoroughly to enjoy. The note of departure having been sounded by the VV.M., all made their way to the station, and eventually arrived at Victoria at 10.25. The whole of the company expressed themselves thoroughly pleased with the day's outing, which, but for the storm, would certainly have been enjoyment "par excellence."

"par excellence." Amongst the company were Bro. W. J. Cunliffe; W.M., and Mrs. Cunliffe; Mr. and Mrs. Cunliffe; Bro. James Wilson, P.M., Mrs., and Miss Wilson; Bro. H. Walmsley, P.M., and Mrs. Walmsley; Bros. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Marsden, Wm. Nicholl, P.M.; Bro. John Smethurst, P.M., and Mrs. Smethurst; Bro. W. B. Aker-man, I.G., and Mrs. Akerman; Bros. Abraham Wild, Chesworth, Stephen Hamer, John Garside; Bro. J. W. G. and Mrs. Coombes; Mr. and Mrs. Banning; Bro. and Mrs. McAllister; Bro. and Miss Freeman; Bros. Chas. V. Anger, John Bollard, P.M. 126; R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Preemason*); and others. A deserved vote of thanks was awarded to Bros. W. J. Cunliffe, W.M., and John Garside, Sec., for the labour and

Cunliffe, W.M., and John Garside, Sec., for the labour and pains they had expended over arranging for bringing the picnic to a successful termination.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469, SPALDING.

This pleasant annual gathering took place on Monday, the 7th inst., the object of the visit being the ancient University of Cambridge. The party left Spalding by the Great Eastern express at 10 o'clock, arriving at Cambridge at 11.16. On arrival they were met on the platform by Bro. W. W. Campion, a native of Spalding, but now resi-dent in Cambridge, by whom they were "carted" off

bodily to his pleasant villa close by, where a substantial luncheon awaited them. Tramcars were then taken into the town, and Bro. Spalding, of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, then escorted the visitors to most of the colleges and buildings, as well as to the far-famed walks and avenues of the "Backs," with the museums and other objects of interest. At .p.m. a noble binquet was provided at the Red Lion Hotel by Bro. Host Moyes, to which ample justice was done. Owing to a severe bereavement, the W.M. (Bro. the Rev. A. W. G. Moore, M.A.) was unable to be present, so W. Bro. Barrell, the Scerctary of the lodge (who had organised and conducted the trip throughout) presided. "Ladies and lewises" had been invited to join the party, and a number of the fair sex bodily to his pleasant villa close by, where a substantial throughout) presided. "Ladies and lewises" had been invited to join the party, and a number of the fair sex graced the brethren by their presence. The usual toasts were honoured, although very briefly, from the shortness of the time, and at 6.40 the return train was taken, and Spalding again reached at 8.0. Several brethren and ladies from Boston also joined the Hundred of Elloe, and it was the universal opinion that a more enjoyable outing could scarcely have been arranged. A photograph of the party, arranged in a group, was taken by Bro. Hills in his beautiful garden. The courtesy and hospitality of this worthy brother, as also of Bro. Watts, was almost un-bounded, and the invaluable assistance of Bro. Campion enabled every one to assert on their return that pleasure and profit had been the result of the day's proceedings.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

The fourth annual summer banquet of this lodge took

The fourth annual summer banquet of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. There was a good attendance of bre-thren of the lodge, visitors, and ladies. Amongst those present were Bro. J. P. T. Conture, W.M., Mrs. and Miss Conture; Bro. C. Veal, P.M., Mrs. and Miss Veal; Bro. Magrath, P.M., Mrs. and Master Magrath; Bro. T. Wooding and Mrs. Wooding; Bro. Hardy, Mrs. and Miss Hardy; Brc. Wise and Mrs. Vise; Bro. Oppenheim and Mrs. Oppenheim; Bro. Blaney; Bro. Beard and Miss Beard; Bro. Collier, Mrs. and Miss Collier; Bro. Blain and Mrs. Blain; Bro. Joslin and Mrs. Joslin; Bro. King and Mrs. King; Bro. Stichling and Mrs. Stichling; Bro. Dale; Mrs. Weston; Mrs. Bennett; Bro. Twinn, Hon. Sec., and Mrs. Twinn, and others. Bro. Conture, W.M. of the lodge, occupied the chair, the vice being filled by Bro. C. Veal, P.M. The banquet, which was served in first-rate style, and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by every one present, being ended, grace was said, and the usual loyal and other toasts duly honoured, Bro. King ably responding for "The Visitors," and Bro. F. H. Dale for "The Ladies." The W.M. in-formed the company that there were breaks in waiting to take them for a drive, and the whole of the party embraced the opportunity of viewing some of the lovely scenery of Epping Forest, and enjoying the fresh air. On returning to the hotel tea and colfee was served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, a quadrille band having been specially engaged, Bro. Stichling, of the Earl of Zet-land Lodge, ably officiating as M.C. Altogether a most delightful day was spent, and the party returned to town, declaring that this had been the most successful and enjoy-able of any of their summer outings. able of any of their summer outings.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1542.

OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642. On Thursday, the 10th inst., the members of the above lodge held their annual summer banquet. The lodge was opened in the morning at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, and, after the usual business, was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors, accompanied by their wives and members of the lodge of instruction, numbering upwards of 120 persons, proceeded by train to Taplow, where there were in readiness three steam launches to convey them to Bourne End, the country residence of the W.M., Bro. F. C. Frye. The trip was a most enjoyable one, and the spot for the day's festivity charmingly situated on the banks of the Thames. The W.M. and Mrs. Frye received their visitors as they alighted from the launches, and conducted them through the grounds to a large tent, where luncheon was provided. They were then invited to go again on board the launches for a trip to Medmenham Abbey, which was readily responded to, and the numbers increased by several brethren who had come down direct to Bourne End by a later train. The day had not at any time been very bright; but as the launches steamed away, the sun broke through the thick clouds, and all hoped for a fine after-noon. The launches had, however, proceeded but a short distance, when the company appeared to meet what proved to be a thorough downpour of rain. On arriving at the Abbey, the launches were turned, the ladies housed in the to be a thorough downpour of rain. On arriving at the Abbey, the launches were turned, the ladies housed in the cabins, and Bourne End was reached soon after six o'clock. The banquet was presided over by the W.M., during which the band of the Wickham Volunteers performed a selection of movies. of music.

The toasts of "The Health of the Queen," "H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers' were given. Bro. S. SMOUT, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a few well-chosen remarks.

W.M." in a few well-chosen remarks. Bro. FRVE thanked the brethren and visitors for coming so far to spend the day with him in the country. He was particularly pleased to see the ladies with them for the first time; but regretted the weather had been so unfavourable as, to a great extent, spoil their enjoyment. He thought he had calculated on everything to make the day a happy one; but had not reckoned for the weather, and he was

sorry for it. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. STRUTWICK (Jamaica), and "The Ladies" by Bro. the Rev. KERR GRAY.

Rev. KERR GRAY. The evening having been fine, the time that remained was enjoyed by dancing and promenading through the grounds. Bros. Parkhouse, P.M. and Treas.; Murlis, P.M. and Sec.; and Lander, P.M. and D.C., were indefa-tigable in assisting the W.M., and greatly added to the enjoyment of all present; and at 10 o'clock a special train from Bourne End brought the company safe back to town.

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The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Guildhall, Deal, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by the Mayor, Bro. J. R. Lush. The town of Deal was gaily decorated in honour of the meeting, and the inhabitants seemed to throughly enter into the spirit of the inhabitants seemed to throughly enter into the spirit of the proceedings. Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, and having been opened with the customary formalities, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge were confirmed, and then the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were submitted; these showed the expenditure during the past year of a total of $\pounds 470$ ros. in Charity, and there remained a balance of $\pounds 262$ 3s. 4d. on the General Fund, and of $\pounds 270$ ros. on the Charity Fund, a state of affairs that must be extremely gratifying to the members of the Province. Brother Thorp was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the follow-ing brethren were appointed as the other Officers for the ensuing year:

ensu	ing year:		
Bro.	R. T. Tatham, P.M. 1725		Prov. G.S.W.
,,	R. S. Davey, P.M. 1096	••••	Prov. G. J.W.
,,	Rev. E. G. Banks, M.A., P.M.	_ }	Prov. G.S. Chap.
	1209	··· >	
,,	Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M. 199	•••	Prov. G. J. Chap.
55	Alfred Spencer	•••	Prov. G. Sec.
,,	C. S. A. Atkinson, P.M. 709	•••	Prov. G. Reg.
,,	C. P. Drawbridge, P.M. 20	•••	Prov. G.S.D.
,,	T. R. S. Champion, P.M. 77	•••	Prov. G.S.D.
,,	Thos. Watson, P.M. 1050	•••	Prov. G. J.D. Prov. G. I.D.
"	F. Klatt, P.M. 558	•••	Prov. G.S. Wks.
,,	Richard Durtnell, P.M. 1223	•••	Prov. G.D. Cers.
,,	E. Evans Cronck, P.M. 1414	•••	Prov. G.D. Cers.
,,	John Wyer, P.M. 1314	•••	Prov. G.A.D.C.
,,	Jno. T. Reeves, P.M. 1915	•••	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
,,	Jas. Husband, P.M. 1424	··· ``````````````````````````````````	
,,	Alfred Bourne, P.M. 1089	··· {	Prov. G. Std.Brs.
,,	Thos. J. Pulley, P.M. 1436 Ed. Kipps, P.M. 1531	····) ····	Prov. G. Org.
,,	W. E. Manby, P.M. 1854		Prov. G.A.S.
,,	J. Parkes, P.M. 1967	•••	Prov. G. Purst.
,,	Geo. Band, P.M. 1907		Prov. G.A. Purst.
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iros, A. W. Wills, P.M. 2005 J. M. 1 Browning, P.M. 784; Edwin Fenn, { P.M. 1208; C. F.Wacher, P.M. } 1200; R. C. Sudlow, P.M. 1965; J. G. Chillingworth, P.M. 1973 J

The confirmation of grants recommended by the Charity Committee of the province then called for the attention of the brethren; these consisted of \pounds_{30} to the widow of a late member of 184; \pounds_{20} to a brother of 1208; \pounds_{20} to the widow of a late member of 20; \pounds_{25} to the widow of a late member of 140.

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widow of a late member of 20; $\pounds 25$ to the widow of a late member of 1449. The confirmation of these grants was proposed by Bro. H. MONCKTON, and was carried, after which the following grants from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund were proposed by the R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, viz.:- $\pounds 52$ 105. to the Girl's School in the name of Prov. Grand Secretary, completing his qualification as Vice-President to that Institution, and $\pounds 52$ 105. to the Female Fund of the Royal Benevolent Institution in the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary, also making him Vice-President of that Institution. Institution.

The sum of $\int_{2}^{2} 4s$, to be transferred to the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Grand Lodge Charity Fund. These also were carried, and then the PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed that the following grants be made from the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, viz. :--To the Boys' School on behalf of the following lodges,

To the Boys School on behalf of the following lodges, f_{10} to 10s. each, 913, 972, 1050, 1063, 1059, 1096, 1107, 1174, 1206, 1208- f_{105} . And to the Girl's School on behalf of the following lodges, f_{21} each, 1096, 1107, 1174, 1206- f_{105} . And to the Aged Freemason's Institution on behalf of the following lodge (reach 1008, 1000, 1200, 1200, 1200)

the following lodges, £21 each, 1208, 1209, 1223, 1273,

These grants, being put to Provincial Grand Lodge, were also carried, and then a third proposition was brought for-ward by the PROV. GRAND MASTER:—" That a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Warne, for his valuable services in connection with the production of the Provincial Manual." His Lordship spoke of the great value of the Calendar to the Province, and bore testimony to the careful way in which it had been compiled during the few years in which it had been issued. He considered it contained a mass of information useful to the brethren of Kent, and felt that Bro. Warne was entitled to the thanks of the brethren for the care he had bestowed on its compilation. He looked upon it as a model of what a Provincial Calendar should be, and spoke of the difficulties attached to its continuation, owing to the lack of support experienced. He felt it was owing to the lack of support experienced. He felt it was worthy of more general support than it had hitherto received, for although Bro. Warne was not an actual loser by its publication, it was a matter that should produce something to recompense him for the trouble he took in its something to recompense him for the trouble he took in its preparation. The proposition, after being seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, who said he also felt a deep interest in the work, was carried, and then Bro. WARNE returned thanks. He related some very painful experiences of the want of appreciation on the part of the brethren. There were, he said, something like 3000 Masons in the district, and yet only 300 copies of the work were sold. He suggested that as the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken the matter in hand, and paid the balance of the expense out of its General Fund, some sort of pro rata support should be given by the lodge to the Calendar. The brethren then proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, where a special service was held, and a sermon preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. E. G. Banks. At by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. E. G. Banks. At its conclusion a collection was made, which realised a sum of

 f_{13} . The brethren after the service returned to the Guildhall, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. A banquet followed at the St. George's Hall, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured and acknowledged in much the usual way. The arrangements for the day were made with that care and thoroughness which characterise the brethren of Kent, and as a result the meeting passed off most successfully.

BRO. JOHN E. DAWSON, D.P.G.M. HERTFORDSHIRE.

The new Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire, Bro. The new Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire, Bro. John E. Dawson, has earned his promotion by many years of active and honourable service. He is not, perhaps, en-titled to rank among the old members of the Craft, seeing that it was only on the 4th October, 1870, that he was initiated into Freemasonry—in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7. But the year following he joined the Watford Lodge, No. 404, and from that time forward has exhibited the most indefatigable zeal in all kinds of Masonic cumulting the 25 how was elected W M of the Watford Watford Lodge, No. 404, and from that time forward has exhibited the most indefatigable zeal in all kinds of Masonic pursuits. In 1878 he was elected W.M. of the Watford, and on laying down this office was appointed Secretary of the lodge, a position he has held ever since, and still con-tinues to hold. In 1876 he had conferred upon him the minor distinction of Asst. Grand Purs. of his province, and at the same time acted in the capacity of Prov. Grand Asst. Sec. In 1878 he was inducted into the chair of Prov. G.S. Warden, and the year following was chosen to fill the office of Prov. G. Sec. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Watford Chapter, No. 404, in 1874, was appointed Scribe E. in 1879, elected M E.Z. in 1882, re-appointed Scribe E. in 1879, elected M E.Z. in 1882, re-appointed Scribe E. in 1876, was alected E.C. in 1879, and last year was appointed Registrar. In Mark Masonry he has achieved similar distinction. Having been advanced to the degree at the time the Watford Mark Lodge, No. 241, was consecrated in 1879, Bro. Dawson was appointed to and retained the office of Secretary till the present year, when he was elected to the still higher position of W.M. Thus in every branch of Masonry with which he has become associated our respected brother has attained the highest rank it was in the power of his brethren to her tow upon him. Nor are these his only tiles of distinction. the highest rank it was in the power of his brethren to bestow upon him. Nor are these his only titles of distinction. In his dual character of Prov. G. Secretary and Prov. G. Scribe E., he has had charge as editor of the Hertfordshird *Calendar*, and it is paying him but a very modest compliment when we say that among the different provin-cial calendars which are now published, that of Hertford-shire takes rank among the most meritorious. Lastly, Bro. Dawson has constituted himself a Life Governor of Bro. Dawson has constituted number a Life Governor of each of our Charitable Institutions, and in addition has served 'the office of Festival Steward, twice for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and once for each of the Masonic Schools. In the circumstances we have described, it may be said truthfully, and without the slightest appearance of flattery, that Hertfordshire owes a debt of gratitude to its Prov. G.M., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., in having chocen as his Denuty one whose claims to the in having chosen as his Deputy one whose claims to the esteem and respect of its members rest on so sure and solid a foundation as do those of Bro. John E. Dawson.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND. A meeting of the P.G. Masters, Chapter, and Lodge and the Royal Bruce Chapter will be held at 33, Golden-square, this day (Friday), at 4 p.m. We understand there are 22 candidates for advancement in this most ancient decree degree.



Our readers will be glad to learn that Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Grand Treas., is progressing more rapidly than was anticipated.

Bro. Belt has been commissioned to execute a bust of the late Bro. Sir Michael Costa, being assisted by a mask of the face taken after death.

At the city election for the vacancy in the Ward of Cordwainer, Bro. A. T. Hawkins will be proposed by Bro. H. Lovegrove, and seconded by Bro. J. F. Quartly. Bro. G. S. Nottage is Alderman for the Ward.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G. Mark I. of Wks., W.M. No. 4, will represent the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey at the Festival of the Mark Benevo-lent Fund, and will be glad to receive donations for his list.

By command of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bec-tive, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Workington, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

The Supreme Council, 33°, consecrated a new Rose Croix Chapter at South Norwood, on Friday, the 11th inst., when Ill. Bro. Wm. Milligan, 30°, was installed 1st M.W.S. The new body is styled the Norwood Chapter, and stands as No. 98 on the roll of the Supreme Council. We heartily wish it every success.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONAL. - The following THE FIUGHAN TESTIMONAL. — The following additional subscriptions have been voted since our last announcement: Worcester Lodge, No. 280, Worcester, $\pounds 2$ 2s.; Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley, $\pounds 1$ 1s.; Vernon Lodge, No. 560, Stourport, $\pounds 1$ 1s.; Perseverance Lodge, No. 573, Halesowen, $\pounds 1$ 1s.; Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, Kidderminster, $\pounds 1$ 1s.; Godson Mark Lodge, No. 330, Kidderminster, $\pounds 1$ 1s.; and Hope and Charity Chapter, No. 347, Kidderminster, $\pounds 1$ 1s.

Ex.-Comp. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., &c., Grand Treasurer, the M.E.Z. of the Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777, will not be able to preside at the first regular convocation on the 26th inst. at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, in consequence of the recent severe accident which he met with, and although fast approaching such a which he met with, and although fast approaching such a state of convalescence as he hopes will enable him to leave town for change and perfect rest the latter part of the coming week, his numerous Masonic and other engage-ments will have to stand over for an indefinite period. Comp. Henry Baldwin, the Scribe E. of the chapter, informs us that Ex. Comp. Marshall has deputed Ex. Comp. John L. Mather, P.Z., to act as Z. during his enforced absence, and exalt a number of worthy brethren whose names angear on avenda for above convocation whose names appear on agenda for above convocation.

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

On Saturday, 5th inst., at Woking College, the prizes were distributed by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton. Amongst the successful boys were sons of the Grand Secre-tary and Bro. Edgar Bowyer.

The following dinners, &c., have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week :-- Wednesday, 16th-Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. Friday, 18th-University Lodge.

The Chaucer Lodge of Instruction hold their Festival at Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday next, 23rd inst. Tickets and all particulars to be obtained of Bro. W. Wingham, 2, St. George's-circus, Southwark.

Bro. Henry Muggeridge celebrated his golden wedding on Tuesday last, the 15th inst. His many Masonic friends we are sure wish him and his good wife many more years of happiness and prosperity, and in their name we congratulate him on so felicitous an event.

The funeral of his Royal Highness the Prince of The funeral of his Royal Highness the Prince of Orange was arranged to take place on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Delft, in the Great Church of which is the mauso-leum of the Orange family. Among the many tributes of respect placed on the late Prince's coffin was a wreath sent by the Prince of Wales, on the ribands attached to which was the following inscription: "A tribute of brotherly re-gard and respect to Alexander, Prince of Orange, Grand Master of Freemasons in the Netherlands, from Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Freemasons in England."

In presenting its readers with a portrait of Bro. James Judd, C.C., chairman of the Billingsgate Market Sub-Committee, the Fish Trades' Gazette remarks that James Judo, C.C., charman of the Dinngsgate Market Sub-Committee, the Fish Trades' Gazette remarks that Bro. Judd is an active and busy man, and besides being a member of the Corporation, is vice-charman of the Assess-ment Committee of the City of London, and a Commissioner of Land and Income Tax; besides which he is the senior churchwarden of his parish, president of the Upper Nor-wood Liberal Association, and Premier of the Sydenham and Forest Hill "House of Commons." He is also a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. Although a native of the Isle of Wight, his family have very old associations with the City. On the paternal side he claims connection with Sir Andrew Judd, Lord Mayor of London, and on the maternal side he is a direct descendant of Peter Mew, the soldier-ecclesiastic, who was educated at Merchant Taylor's, and being expelled from Oxford by the Puritans, became a soldier, served under the Duke of York in Flanders, and was finally made Bishop of Winchester by Charles 11.— *City Press.* City Press.

City Press. WILL OF THE DUKE OF ALBANY.—The will of H.R.H. Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Albany, K.G., was proved on the 1st inst., the value of the personal estate amounting to over £46,000. The will was executed on April 27th, 1882, in the presence of Sidney Herbert and Walter James Douglas Campbell, of Blyths-wood, as witnesses. The operative part simply states :— "I give all my property of every description unto to my beloved wife, Helen Frederica Augusta, Duchess of Albany, for her own absolute use and benefit"; and he appoints her and his friends the Hon. Francis Richard Charles Guy Greville, commonly called Lord Brooke, and Sir Robert Hawthorn Collins, K.C.B., executors, who have all proved. —Illustrated London News. -Illustrated London News.

WILL OF SIR MICHAEL COSTA. — The will (dated November 13th, 1877) of Sir Michael Costa, late of No. 69, Eccleston-square, Pimlico, who died on April 29th last, at Hove, was proved on the 18th ult. by Henry Bromley Heath and William Henry Husk, the executors, the value of the personal estate exceeding (6700 The bromey Heath and William Henry Husk, the executors, the value of the personal estate exceeding $\pounds 6700$. The testator bequeaths the silver testimonial group presented to him by the Birmingham Festival Committee on the occa-sion of the production of his oratorio "Eli," the silver tes-timonial presented to him on the occasion of the Handel Festival, 1859, the two gold snuffboxes severally presented to him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Wellington, the three conductor's bitom corrected to him Wellington, the three conductor's bâtons presented to him by the gentlemen of the Opera chorus, the Glasgow Choral Society, and the Emperor Nicholas of Russia, and a bronze bust of himself to the trustees of the British Museum, to be placed together in a case in some conspicuous part of the building; and the original manuscript scores of his be placed together in a case in some conspicuous part of the building; and the original manuscript scores of his musical compositions, to be placed in the library of the Museum. He also bequeaths to his brother Raphael cer-tain furniture and effects, and an annuity of \mathcal{L} 300 for life; and to his executors \mathcal{L} 50 each, and a further sum of \mathcal{L} 50 each on the death of his said brother. On the death of Mr. Raphael Costa, the testator leaves the residue of his pro-perty, upon trust, to provide a scholarship of \mathcal{L} 120 per annum, tenable for five years, in the Royal Academy of Music, to be called the "Sir Michael Costa" scholarship, to be bestowed upon such young English-born male student of the said Academy as shall manifest the greatest ability for composition, especially as respects the faculty of invent-ing melody, for the purpose of pursuing his studies upon the Continent of Europe, and particularly in Germany. The scholarship is to be held upon the condition that, during the tenure of it, the scholar is not to publish any composi-tion. The remainder of the income of such residue is to be applied in providing two other "Sir Michael Costa" scholarships of \mathcal{L} 40 per annum each, tonable for five years, to be bestowed also upon young English-born students of pursue their studies. These scholarships are to be held upon the condition that the scholars are not, during the tenure thereof, to accept any engagement for performing in public. The ultimate residue, if any, of his property, after upon the condition that the scholars are not, during the tenure thereof, to accept any engagement for performing in public. The ultimate residue, if any, of his property, after providing for these scholarships, is to accumulate for the purpose of founding similar scholarships of \pounds 40 each.— Illustrated London News.

250 to 2500.—Tobacconists commencing.—A pamphlet, How to open a shop respectably for Ligo; post free. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Wholesale only.

Co., rog, Euston-rd., London. Wholesale only. HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Discases of the Bowels.— A remedy, which has been tested and proved in a thousand different ways, capable of eradicating poison-us taints from ulcers and heal-ing them up, merits a trial of its capacity for extracting the internal corruptions from the bowels. On rubbing Holloway's Ointment repeatedly on the abdomen, a rash appears, and as it thickens the alvine irritability subsides. Acting as a derivative, this Ointment draws to the surface, releases the tender intestines from all acrid matters, and prevents inflammation, dysentery, and piles, for which blistering was the old-fashioned, though successful treat-ment, now, from its painfulness, fallen into disue, the discovery of this Ointment having proclaimed a remedy possessing equally derivative, yet perfectly painless, powers.—[ADVr.]

The total collection up to last Tuesday for the Hospital Sunday Fund reached nearly £33,000. There are a few other sums to come in.