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A CONTRARY opinion, on very high authority, having been expressed to us, relative to the wearing of Provincial clothing, and especially in reference to what we said last week in answer to a query, we think it right to observe to-day that, according to the Book of Constitutions, there seems to be no actual limitation as to wearing Provincial clothing. We thought that by using the word "member of a Provincial Grand Lodge, &c.," the Book of Constitutions wished to limit the wearing of such Provincial clothing to the actual subscribing members of a lodge in the province; in fact, bona-fide members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. But, as this limitation is not distinctly expressed in so many words in the Book of Constitutions, the wider interpretation must be accepted and must prevail. We therefore cancel our reply to our correspondent last week, for fear of misleading any of our readers.

WE regret exceedingly to have to announce to the Craft the decease of our esteemed, distinguished, and much lamented Bro. Sir ERASMUS WILSON. By the Order and by his brethren, especially his old friends of "Antiquity," he will be much missed and long remembered with the sincerest feelings of regard and affection. But Bro. Sir ERASMUS WILSON was no ordinary individuality. Purely a self-made man, he was distinguished by his power of mind, his warm-hearted sympathies, and his unselfish benevolence. He has indeed most thoroughly endeavoured to use a large fortune for the noblest of purposes, patriotic duty, and the welfare of mankind; and no more earnest and loyal benefactor of his race can well be named or found than him whose loss we chronicle and deplore fraternally and honestly to-day.

ALL our readers, wherever they be, will have read the announcement of Bro. Buss's intended resignation in our last with very sincere regret. He has been so long identified with the head-quarters of our English Freemasonry and for so many years connected with the office and Craft he has filled and served so well, that his loss to the officialty is a very serious one indeed. Bro. Buss will both be difficult to replace and hard to follow. Few if any, are so well versed in the routine of his office and the earlier traditions of the Order. Indeed, in many ways his acquaintance with matters of Masonic detail and usage is alike unequalled and unrivalled. Heavy, as his work often is in the office he has always been ready to impart his invaluable information to others, and many brethren can bear grateful testimony to his unflinching patience and courtesy the great assistance he has afforded to anxious querists about this and that. Bro. Buss has been for some time somewhat complaining, and, wise in his generation, seeks for what may be a great "solatium" to him,—rest from official worry and work. We trust that, relieved from onerous duties and serious responsibilities, he may yet enjoy his "otium cum dignitate" for many good years to come. He leaves an office where he will be most difficult to replace with the earnest good wishes of countless friends and of a grateful brotherhood. Grand Lodge will, no doubt, duly testify its warm appreciation of his long, faithful, and meritorious services to our great Order.

OUR good friend the Editor of the Philadelphia *Keystone* gallantly returns to the charge about wooden legs, &c. He evidently looks upon us as "lax brethren," those on whom the "blight of an innovating and revolutionary epoch has fallen." We, on our side, still "stick to our text." We think the old charges on the subject obsolete, for there is no law. The old charges are only read for "information," and the English Grand Lodge has no law on the subject. We have known in our Masonic experience several one-armed Masons, one-legged Masons, and we think that the question is one for each lodge simply of common sense. There are always "candidates and candidates;" but we confess we should never think of excluding

a candidate for a mere bodily defect if his personal character and personal position were such as seemed to satisfy the exigencies of Freemasonry on the one hand, and the lodge bye-laws, on the other. If the Editor of the *Keystone* is right in his views, no person with any bodily defect, on the old Guild laws, can be initiated. Surely he proves and advances too much, and destroys his own proposition. If such argument is sound, no one with the slightest corporal defect can be admitted into a lodge, and we confess it does seem strange to us to hear our able and distinguished confrère in America in 1884 invoking the regulations of Speculative Guilds in 1300 "et seq." We cannot pretend to lay down, even to gratify our good friend by telling him "how much of a man is to be natural" in order to justify his initiation in England; but this we can certainly say,—that in Freemasonry, as in other things, it is never good to yield us to the clouds of sentiment and unrealism, but it is our wont in England,—and long may it be so,—to guide us by the laws of practical reality and common sense. There is an adherence to ancient formulæ which to us savours of superstition!

THE editor of the *New York Dispatch* kindly alludes to our remarks about the ladies at our recreation banquets, and then cleverly introduces the questions of "Freemason installations, and the like." Now our difficulty always is and has been, where is the "line of demarcation to be drawn?" What part of our ritual is "esoteric," what part "exoteric"? Are the "charges" in the installation ceremony equally for members and the outside world? Where are we to stop when we once touch the normal ceremonial? There have been occasions in England no doubt, in the last century especially, where oratorios were performed, and musical interludes given at the consecration of halls, &c. but then they preceded or followed the Masonic ceremonial, from which non-Masons were rigorously excluded. We do not see our way, we confess, to public admittances for Masonic ceremonials, and though in America it may be deemed advisable in some parts thus to innovate on the old and imposing customs of our Order, we doubt, very much whether any such idea is favoured, therefore, in England. We are, indeed, glad to think that our recreation banquets are graced by the presence of the ladies, but we cannot be induced, therefore, even by Bro. SIMON'S silvery words, to say more, or to go further.

A FRESH batch of correspondence, as will be seen also in our review elsewhere, is now before us, as regards the interminable question of the Quebec Grand Lodge and the English Mark Grand Lodge, and whatever else our good brethren are in Quebec, to our English notions they are certainly awfully "long winded." When, for instance, you have waded through these twenty-four pages of correspondence, as published by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, you find that every thing essential might have been said in one, that the whole subject is woefully spun out, and that, after all, it is "much ado about nothing," a "tempest in a tea cup." We really begin to wish that Freemasonry was something more than a mere exercise of dialectic skill or controversial energy, especially in this hot weather. Such letters as these try the nerves and affect the temper: We think it right to say, after reading various communications, &c., that we deem the position of the Mark Grand Lodge is both legal and Masonic in Canada. We do not shut our eyes to the apparently hasty issue of new warrants; but on the whole, taking all the facts of the case into consideration, we are ourselves not prepared to impugn the legality or even the propriety of these proceedings. For be it remembered how the matter stands, "Ex confesso." The Quebec Freemasons are all now under the penalties of a Secret Societies Act. They are, as far as Masonic law is truly concerned, a "caput mortuum," a "dormant jurisdiction," until made legal as before the law by a retrospective or enabling Act. We must not shut out this grave truth, for momentous issues rest upon this very reality. The universal law of Freemasonry is—that Freemasons, if forbidden by the laws of the land, cannot legally meet. It may be very hard for the Quebec Freemasons; but the answer is plain, "obtain what the Grand Lodge of Canada had to do—a legalizing Act." And then, "ex converso," the truth is also clear that the position of the English Freemasons in Quebec is unimpeachable; they are Masonically and legally lawful, with the "best title in the world." We have never concealed in these pages the extreme disfavour with which we regard the very modern arrangement in America and Canada of including the "Mark" in the "Arch." It is to our mind such an absurdity that we cannot understand any one clinging to such an obviously unsuitable and ill-devised arrangement. The English Masons in Quebec have by the Act of Union an absolute right to the English system in its own full form. They are, therefore, entitled to their Royal Arch Chapter, and as the complement of Craft Masonry, remembering that the authorities of

the French Grand Lodge have proposed also voluntarily to limit the powers of the Mark lodges to English Mark Masons alone, we cannot see in what the Grand Lodge of Quebec is damaged or of what it has actually to complain in any sense. One of the worst features in this incessant multiplication of Grand Lodges and this manipulation of American State Masonic law is the dreadful question of authority and jurisdiction which intervenes. In all these fierce Masonic disputes we think that Masonic charity, equity, forbearance, seem often to disappear utterly, and believing that the authorities of the Mark Grand Lodge have been both reasonable and moderate, cautious and conciliatory, in every respect, we hope in the name of everything Masonic that we have heard the last of that jealousy and fretfulness of that petulance and pettiness, of that resting on a little brief authority, and that forgetfulness of kindlier feelings which have marked some recent controversies in Quebec, so emphatically from our point of view.

It is quite clear now that, according to the law of the land, until a legalizing or enabling act is obtained by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the English lodges are absolutely legal, the Quebec Grand Lodge "vice-versa," and that it is impossible to make Masonically lawful what is legally illegal. Until the Quebec Grand Lodge of Freemasons can show that they are bound and covered by a special Act, they simply remain illegal secret societies, under penalties every time they assemble. To assume what some writers do so hastily, and assert so boldly, that Freemasons can meet despite absolute laws to the contrary, is simply to justify the last Roman Catholic allocution in its untruthful assertion that Freemasons are an illegal secret society, in opposition and subversive of the laws of the land and of society. We hope that we have heard the last of such illegal nonsense. Neither can we overlook the rhodomontade indulged in by some, of the laws being passed by a Roman Catholic legislature, &c. Laws properly passed, whether we like them or not, are laws until they are lawfully repealed, and no more childish or revolutionary programme ever was put forth than that which, confounding every question of law, order, and right, seems to set up the absurd pretensions of a Masonic "Imperium in Imperio." We advise our good Quebec friends to moderate their ardour and amend their vocabulary. Life is really too short to be spent in reading unending rhapsodies about Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter rights, a defence of an illegal position, an inveighing against all lawful authority, and all, after all, for nothing. Nothing so strikes us in all this weary business as the utter nonentity of the hubbub, the entire worthlessness of the contest. We trust that calmer reason and prevailing good sense will lead our Quebec brethren to close this painfully lengthy, dull, uninteresting, and absurd correspondence, and that we may be spared the pain and the trouble of wasting our time and patience on discussions which are fruitless, on details which are irritating, and on, after all, an utterly untenable and unreasonable proposition, which must be condemned by all who will study the question, and are not above making themselves acquainted with the facts of the case.

A SMALL pamphlet, headed "Victoria Royal Arch Chapter," is fully dealt with among our reviews, and therefore suffice it to show here, we fear, that it shows the "difficulty of realizing the abstract importance of truth" is not confined to profane circles, but may be in Masonic as well. We much regret this fact. For, after District Grand Superintendent's BADGELY'S letter, the statement—so often and so boldly made—that the warrant of this chapter was returned to him formally,—is now demonstrated to be utterly untrue, and the very disagreeable fact remains that, by Masonic legerdemain, the warrant was abstracted by some one from the archives of the chapter, a reality well known to some who both ought to have known better, and who have sought skillfully to evade the full force of this admission by starting this hare of professed surrender of the charter. There are other matters, some latent and some patent, involved in these questions which must fill all sound Freemasons with pain and sorrow, as wholly incongruous, un-Masonic, and unconstitutional in themselves, and which serve to bring out a pettiness and a lawlessness, which give us an unpleasant commentary on the past, and we fear an unpropitious omen for the future.

THE brethren in St. John's, New Brunswick, have been celebrating their centennial; they organized a very long procession before many thousands of spectators and strangers. Everything seemed to have passed off most successfully, the speeches of the Grand Master, Bro. ELLIS, and P.G.M. Major-General LAWRIE, were effective, and Dr. MACRAE'S oration was very thoughtful and appropriate. Freemasonry seem there to be alike active and popular. We shall probably recur to Dr. MACRAE'S oration again.

THE following paragraph, taken from the *Standard* of Wednesday, contains a report which is alleged to have created "painful surprise" at the Vatican, but will afford amusement to Freemasons everywhere: "Much painful surprise has been excited at the Vatican by the discovery that King ALFONSO belongs to the Masonic Craft. Cardinal JACOBINI has written to the Nuncio at Madrid, in the Pope's name, asking for all details." If this rumour be verified we shall soon hear more of it.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter. Business commenced with a meeting of the Committee of Petitions, which assembled at one o'clock. R.W. Bro. W. G. ROGERS, 112, D.P.G.M., the Chairman of the Committee, presided. Among the brethren present were also

W. Bros. J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; E. T. Fulford, 1254, Prov. G. Treas.; Jno. Brewer, 251, P.G. Sec.; Jno. Stocker, 39, P.P.G.T.; John D. Barker, 70, P.P.G.O.; Jas. Gifford, W.M. 105; W. T. Maynard, 106, P.P.G.T.; Rev. W. Whitley, 156, Prov. G.S.W.; H. J. Trethewey, P.M. 159; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Welch, 202, P.P.G. Purs.; William Browning, 223, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Cawsey, 230, Prov. G. Stwd.; Major Davie, 251, Prov. J.G.W.; Thos. Chapman, 282, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Taylor, P.M. 328; T. Hine, W.M. 372; H. Ascott, P.M. 489; Lieut.-Colonel J. T. Davy, 421, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Cole, 1091, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; A. H. Whidden, W.M. 1212; John R. Lord, 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Sampson, I.P.M. 1254; C. Godtschalk, 1255, P.P.G.D.; F. Sanders, P.M. 1284; W. Bradnee, P.M. 1402; Samuel Loram, 1443, P.P.G.D.C.; J. G. Kevern, P.M. 1550; W. Brodie, 1753, P.P.G.D.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 1847; P. Rousham, P.M. 1855; and George R. Barrett, 2025, P.G. Stwd.

W. Bro. J. B. Gover, Secretary, read his report, which was received and adopted, and afterwards incorporated in the report submitted to the

Prov. Grand Lodge. The London representative, W. Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.P.G.S.W., was not present, nor was any report presented on his behalf. This was explained in a telegram received by W. Bro. Gover from the brother at Portsmouth during the meeting, stating that the report was not received through a mistake made in the brother's office. Bro. Curteis further asked Bro. Gover to explain to the Committee the result of the recent election, and added that Devonshire now owed 1100 votes to the Benevolent Institution for Aged and Decayed Masons and their Widows. No case could, therefore, be adopted for the next election. The Boys' and Girls' votes received had been lent, and were repayable next October. The case of a brother's son named should be taken up. He had already over 500 votes, and would get as many more. He had only two more chances before being over age. Bro. Curteis's absence was regretted, and after some discussion the following resolution was adopted: "That this meeting expresses its disappointment at there being no report of the London representative of this Committee of Petitions, and begs that Bro. Curteis supply such report to a special meeting of the Committee to be held within three months, and that a copy of that report be previously supplied to each member of the Committee."

The petitions for relief forwarded were then considered, and the various recommendations adopted thereon and embodied in the following report to the Provincial Grand Lodge:

The Committee of Petitions have to report that during the past quarter two widows and one aged Mason have been elected annuitants on the funds of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows. The number of votes received by the Committee shows a slight increase over former years, but there are still a very large number lost to the province from various causes, and it cannot be too strongly impressed upon the representatives of lodges that the exercise of a little forethought and attention would largely increase the power and usefulness of the Committee. Some lodges and chapters have still not thought fit to entrust their votes to the Committee after repeated applications. At the meeting of the Committee held at Plymouth 31st January, 1884, the following sums were granted: £5 to the widow of a brother 13 years a member of Lodge 1099, Stoke, and £5 to the widow of a brother 12 years a member of Lodge 202, Devonport. At the meeting held this day in Exeter the Committee recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge to grant the following sums: £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1099; £10 to the widow of a brother 35 years a member of Lodge 489; £15 to the widow of a brother of Lodges 421 and 251, subscribing 22 years; £5 to the widow of a brother a member of Lodge 328; £15 to the widow of a brother 43 years a member of Lodge 282; £5 to the widow of a brother 23 years a member of Lodge 156; £20 to the widow of a W. brother 17 years a member of Lodge 202. In accordance with the resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Committee recommend that the sum of 40 guineas be granted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and 60 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows.

This closed the business of the Committee of Petitions.

The Prov. Grand Lodge assembled at three p.m. Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P., the Prov. G.M., presided, supported by the following officers and the members of the Committee of Petitions:—

Bros. Capt. W. Elphinstone, R.N., 39, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Morris, P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; Rev. H. A. Hebb, 112 and 444, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. T. Russell, 251, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. Dr. Langley Pope, 1138, P.P.G. Chap.; D. Box, Prov. G. Reg.; S. Jew, 1847, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.P.G.T.; H. L. Brewster, 1254, P.P.G. Reg.; R. B. Twose, 105, P.P.G.T.; F. W. N. Orchard, 164, Prov. G.J.D.; S. G. Loveless, 494, P.P.G.J.D.; R. H. Rae, 189, P.P.G.D.; C. H. Cooper, 105, Prov. G.D.; R. Fulford, 1753, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Hooper, 444, P.P.G. Reg.; G. B. Colston, 248, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Brodie, 1254, P.P.G.D.; H. Cole, 1091, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Evans, 1181, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Jerman, 39, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Easton, 39, P.P.G.S. of W.; James Thorne, 1332, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. B. Start, 106, P.P.G.O.; E. Vinnecombe, P.P.G.O.; A. Rodley, 39, P.P.G.D.C.; S. R. Force, 444, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Fidsley, 1254, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Parkhouse, 1125, Prov. G.A.D.G.; John Baxter, 954, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Welch, 202, P.P.G. Purs.; H. Bartlett, 710, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. M. Hifley, 223, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. C. Yelland, 39, P.P.G.A.D.C.; John Lynn, 230, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Haynes, 106, P.P.G. Purs.; P. L. Blanchard, 444, P.G. Tyler; S. Willoughby, 1099, P.P.G.S.B.; J. P. Heath, 39, P.P.G.D.C.; H. F. Willey, 1284, P.P.G.J.D.; W. B. Maye, 710, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Falk, 1338, Prov. G. Purs.; F. Pollard, 1254, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Huxham, 1254, P.G. Stwd.; R. P. Morrison, 251, P.G. Stwd.; Capt. O. W. Every, W.M. 666; T. E. Peck, P.M. and Chap. 1205; W. H. Hunt, P.M. 1205; J. Drennan, P.M. 710; J. Moass, P.M. 1284; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 1847; H. J. Barter, W.M. 1247; A. T. Blamey, W.M. 1402; W. Harris, P.M. 1138; W. Burd, W.M. 1753; W. Taylor, W.M. 328; Charles Stevens, P.M. 1138; H. Martin, P.M. 1138; G. R. Hearder, Past J.W. 1138; T. S. May, W.M. 1099; John Allen, P.M. and Sec. 1099; R. Jerman, W.M. 39; S. B. Chant, W.M. 421; J. A. Kingdom, P.M. and Treas. 421; S. L. R. Templer, P.M. 303; N. R. Hammett, P.M. 666; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; J. T. Border, W.M. 230; R. Pike, P.M. and Org. 230; Thos. Freeman, P.M. 106; J. Barton Land, W.M. 1254; Charles Organ, W.M. 202; J. T. Browning, P.M. 105; J. Lose, W.M. 1847; G. Wilton, P.M. 1181; T. Upward, P.M. 1254; W. T. Pittman, W.M. 1181; Jno. Lane, I.P.M. 1402; G. J. Pepprell, W.M. 1402; R. T. Tyacke, I.P.M. 1181; W. J. Jefferd, P.M. 494; D. Cross, P.M. and Treas. 1205; John Moyses, P.M. 22 and 370; S. D. Nicolls, P.M. 282; W. H. Discombe, 1443; J. Page, P.M. 39; M. Emdon, P.M. 105; H. J. Kitt, P.M. 105; W. Lavers, W.M. 1255; W. H. Ley, P.M. 1091; T. Pickering, I.P.M. 494; G. R. Stevens, I.P.M. 106; C. Ashford, P.M. 1284; P. J. Dunn, W.M. 1205; R. Dickson, I.P.M. 1205; D. Banks, P.M. 156; J. D. Cobeldick, W.M. 1091; and others.

THE PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that the addresses of condolence to the Queen and the Duchess of Albany on the death of the Duke of Albany, voted at the last meeting, had been duly forwarded, and gracious replies received from the Queen and the Duchess.

On the proposition of W. Bro. the Rev. T. RUSSELL, seconded by W. Bro. BRODIE, the Secretary was directed to enter those addresses and replies in the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Secretary, W. Bro. JOHN BREWER, read his report, which showed a total of 2459 subscribing members in the province.

The Treasurer, W. Bro. E. T. FULFORD, read his report, showing receipts £474 16s.; balance in hand, after paying all liabilities, £185 17s.

W. Bro. POPE read the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund. There were four annuitants on the fund; balance on the year carried to the savings' bank, £54 os. 10d.; fund invested, £1114 10s.; Consols, £500; Exeter Market Bonds, £766 11s. 10d.; savings' bank total, £2377 1s. 10d.

W. Bro. GOVER read the report adopted by the Committee of Petitions, and the whole of the reports were unanimously adopted.

THE PROV. GRAND MASTER reported that the Bye-laws Revision Commission had revised those laws. He proposed that they should be printed by September next, and two copies supplied gratis to each lodge, copies to be also procurable by brethren at one shilling each. Amendments or additions to be proposed to be placed in the hands of the Prov. Grand Secretary not later than the close of November, and a Special Prov. Grand Lodge to be held in December to consider the bye-laws and those amendments or additions. The alterations made by the Committee included the embodying various customs which had been adopted by the lodge in order to give them the force of the law, the rules adopted by the Grand Lodge of England were also followed, some changes were made in the fees, they being slightly raised for the advantage of the province. Some regulations of the Grand Lodge of Lancashire were adopted for making inquiries in reference to candidates and ex-joining brethren. It was proposed to add the London representative

and the Secretary of the Committee of Petitions, ex-officio, to the membership of that Committee. It was also proposed to meet halfway the wishes of any lodge which desired to obtain Life Governorship in either of the Masonic Charities. The long-standing grant to the Fortescue Fund was to be made permanent, and 10 per cent. of the balances in the hands of the Treasurers at each annual meeting was to be appropriated to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

His lordship's proposition was adopted on the motion of W. Bro. E. T. FULFORD, seconded by W. Bro. W. TREVENA, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the Revision Committee for their services.

On the proposition of W. Bro. H. F. WILLEY, seconded by W. Bro. R. B. TWOSE, and supported by W. Bros. the Rev. W. WHITTLEY, SAML. WILLOUGHBY, and others, W. Bro. J. T. Browning was nominated as Treasurer of the province.

On the proposition of W. Bro. SAMUEL JEW, seconded by W. Bro. P. J. DUNN, and supported by other brethren, W. Bro. D. Cross was also nominated as the Treasurer.

W. Bro. J. T. Browning was elected.

Bro. BROWNING acknowledged the compliment, and assured the brethren of his best exertions to justify their selection.

W. Bros. W. G. Rogers and the Rev. W. Whittley were appointed by the Prov. G.M. visitors of the lodges in their respective districts.

W. Bros. J. E. Curteis and J. W. Cornish were elected the Auditors.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year :

Bro. W. G. Rogers, 112	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" G. Pitt-Lewis, 444	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" R. Brewin, 112	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. H. A. Hebb, 444	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. R. B. F. Ebrington, 248	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. H. Wilton, 1181	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. T. Browning, 105	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Brewer, 251	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. R. Barrett, 1255	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Bradnee, 1402	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. J. Jefferd, 494	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" R. Cawsey, 230	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" George Huxham, 1254	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. P. Morrison, 251	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. Philp, 1550	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" T. Freeman, 106	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. Goodall, 954	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Ripper, 1212	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" P. Rousham, 1885	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Page, 112	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. A. Kingdon, 421	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. R. Hammett, 666	...	...	Prov. G.A.Purst.
" John Moysey, 223	...	...
" John Allen, 1099	...	...
" H. Ford, 1181	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. H. Discombe, 1443	...	...
" W. Burd, 1753	...	...
" J. H. Stevens, 1847	...	...
" P. L. Blanchard, 444	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

In the evening several of the officers dined with the Prov. Grand Master at the Rougemont Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

At the invitation of Mount Sinai Lodge, 121, the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall held its annual meeting at Penzance on Monday. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the proceedings throughout were very successful. The brethren of Mount Sinai Lodge had taken every precaution to make the gathering as auspicious a one as possible, and their careful preparations and general kindness and attention were much appreciated by their brethren from other parts of the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Central Hall, which was most tastefully embellished and conveniently arranged. In the course of the day the brethren, in regalia, proceeded to St. Mary's Church in procession, presenting a very imposing spectacle, which was witnessed by a very large number of persons. After the lodge had closed a banquet was held in St. John's Hall, the tables and the apartments being elaborately decorated, and the catering of the highest order.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W.P. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by W. Bro. E. D. ANDERTON and adopted,

W. Bro. CHIRGWIN read the Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts, which showed a balance from last year of £110 17s. 4d.; collection at church, £9 15s. 8d.; fees of honour, £21 9s.; fees for lodges, £174 0s. 6d.; sale of directories, £9 4s. 6d.; total, £325 12s. Balance carried forward, £198 13s. 8d. (Applause.)

The SECRETARY read his annual report, which showed an increase of 38 subscribing members, with the same number of lodges, viz., 29; total number of subscribing members, 1509; against 1471. In addition to that there was a large number of names in the returns marked in arrear, which were not included in the 1509. There were 114 initiations during the past year and 25 joining members, but in spite of the large increase of the initiations there had been a large falling off of brethren either from arrears or other causes. The Secretary complained of one lodge being habitually in arrear in sending in its returns.

Bro. CHIRGWIN read Bro. Tweedy's financial report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, which showed receipts, £505; expenditure, £115; balance, £390. The amount of capital at date of last annual meeting was £3594, being an increase of £167. There were at present four male annuitants. The amount authorised to be voted for educational grants had been increased from £60 to £80 per annum. The ordinary income was at present sufficient to meet all the grants. There was an increase of £11 in the annual subscriptions as compared with last year, and an increase of capital of £167. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 down to the present time the receipts from all sources had amounted to £5449, and the payments to £1687, leaving a balance of £3762; amount invested, £3372; balance in bank, £389. The Committee of Relief had had appeals from widows of brothers of Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, and Cornubian Lodge, 450, Hayle, both of which were dealt with. Appeals

were now made on behalf of a brother of Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, 331, and another somewhat informally from a brother of Lodge Peace and Harmony, 496, St. Austell. The Committee recommended a grant of £20 to the brother of Phoenix Lodge, and £10 to the brother of Hayle. He had pleasure in reporting that a large sum had been granted to the province from the Grand Lodge. A brother at Fowey had received £75, two brethren £50 and £10 respectively, and a brother at St. Austell, £50. The brethren would thus see that the province had received great benefit from the Grand Lodge Fund—(applause) and he hoped that the province would subscribe as largely as possible to the great Charities. The recommendations were adopted.

W. Bro. CHARLES TRUSCOTT, Prov. G.J.W., submitted his report as manager of the votes of the province in the central Masonic Charities. The Royal Masonic Institution festival was held on February 26th, when London contributed £8422, and the provinces £6219. For the Girls' Institution, London contributed £6300, and the provinces £6737; for the Boys' Institution, London contributed £7712, and the provinces £6349, making the grand totals for the Charities from London £22,435, and from the provinces £19,306—total £41,741. At each of these festivals Bro. S. G. Bake, Prov. G. Stwd., attended as Steward, contributing to the Benevolent Institution £47 5s.; to the Girls' Institution £12 12s.; and to the Boys' £28 7s.—total, £88 4s. These amounts might seem small, but it must not be forgotten this was the fourth year in succession that Bro. Controller Bake had acted as Steward to each of the Charities, and the thanks of the province are due to him for his energy. He was happy to report an increase of the subscriptions, but they were not yet doing for the great Charities in proportion to what they were receiving from them, and he hoped substantial additions to the subscription list would be made during the present year. He pointed out that if lodges would send in their papers as early as possible after receipt, it would greatly assist the manager. The report was adopted, and Bro. Truscott was re-elected manager.

The brethren then proceeded to St. Mary's Church. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. De C. Treffry, P.G.J.C.

On the lodge resuming, grants of annuities were made to two widows of deceased brethren of the Falmouth Lodge, and to a widow of a late member of the Liskeard Lodge. Educational grants were made to a daughter of a late member of the Torpoint Lodge, and to a daughter of a deceased brother of Redruth Lodge.

Bro. ANDERTON moved that £50 be voted from their fund to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Widows, £25 to the Girls' Institution, and £25 to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.—Carried.

Bro. TWEEDY reported that the present position of the Truro Cathedral Masonic Memorial Fund was in Consols, £355; cash, £74; promised subscriptions, £42—total, £471.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was pleased to add £25 to that amount—(applause)—so that they might be able to say the fund amounted to £500 for certain. He wished to have their opinion as to the way in which they considered the money should be expended. The Truro Cathedral Building Committee hoped of the amount yet required (£7500) should come in to be able to continue the work and open the building about this time next year, so that before the Provincial Grand Lodge met again something should be done in the way of deciding as to the manner in which the Masonic Fund should be expended. The present estimate (of which £7500 was yet required) included everything in the shape of lighting, heating, and fittings generally, all of the simplest kind and most temporary form, and he could not help thinking it would be a mistake for the Masonic body to give at present any one article, such as a pulpit, which would be out of sympathy with the surrounding fittings. His idea was that one of the great piers which were to support the central tower should be erected by the Masons of the county. (Applause.) The price of such a pier was about £500, and they were being built now. He had felt that if such a pier were built by the Masonic body, with a brass plate affixed to it stating who erected it, that would be the most lasting and permanent record that the Masonic body could possibly adopt. (Applause.) At the same time, if the money came in so freely that the building was finished without the assistance of their £500, the question then might arise whether they might not add some special object to the building, but his inclination lay at present in the direction of one of the great piers. (Applause.) He suggested the formation of a Committee to consider the subject.

Bro. HARVEY pointed out that there were several Masons on the Truro Cathedral Committee, and moved that these brethren form the Committee. This was seconded by Bro. TRUSCOTT, and carried, with the addition of the name of Bro. Anderton.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows :

Bro. Sir Charles Sawle, Bart....	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. M. Harvey	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. De C. Treffry	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. E. K. Kendall	...	...	Prov. G.J. Chap.
" G. S. Bray	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. Boase	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. D. Anderton	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Pole	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Dr. Mason	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. P. Davies	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. H. Small	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Mitchell	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Turner	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" F. J. Hext, jun.	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. J. Joyce	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Rooks	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Manger	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Tregoning	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. L. Clarke	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" O. Colmer	...	...
" W. D. Rogers	...	...
" A. H. Tresidder	...	...
" W. H. Roberts	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Bassett	...	...
" R. Angel	...	...
" R. Reynolds	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. W. K. Baker and W. Lidgely were appointed Auditors.

The following were appointed the Committee of Relief: Bros. R. Carter, W. Rowe, C. Truscott, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Secretary. This concluded the business of the lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of the above province was held on Friday last, the 8th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, under the Presidency of the Right W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master. The lodge was opened in due form and solemn prayer at 2.30 o'clock, Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M. 1069, P.G.W., and Bro. Drew, acting J.W., in the absence of Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., occupying the chairs. Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G.S.W., acted as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master in the absence of W. Bro. Hickman, through illness. There were also present:

Bro. A. L'Argent Bell, 394, P.G. Chap.; R. J. Rastrick, 1069, P. G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 130, P.G. Sec.; J. S. Hickley, 723, P.G.S.D.; J. Wodehouse, 928, P.G. S.B.; W. H. Jacob, I.P.M. 76; J. Robertson, 130; J. Patstone, 359, and Latimer Saunders, W.M. 1869, P.G. Stwds.; A. Barfield, P.M. 35; W. C. Powell, W.M.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; W. Stopher, J.W., and J. Marks, 76; Jas. Cole, P.M. 130; F. A. Johns, W.M. 132; S. Wheeler, W.M.; D. S. Pring, P.M., Treas., P.P. G.S.D. and F. W. Bulley Waterworth, J.W.; G. H. Paek, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., and G. L. Stobbs, S.W. 175; E. Worth, W.M. and Sec. 195; W. Blades, 209; E. Hall, P.M.; and C. D. Lovegrove, Org. 257; Rev. A. C. Hervey, W.M. 309; J. E. Buck, W.M. 342; R. Saunders, 434; R. Maples, 473; W. M. Outridge, I.P.M.; G. Bond, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Beale, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; H. E. Lodder, S.W.; and J. T. Thackara, Sec. 487; J. Gibson, W.M., and J. Dew, P.M., Sec. 694; S. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D., 698; J. H. Askham, P.M., W.M.; W. L. Couison, S.W.; J. B. Harrison, J.W.; R. Eve, P.M., Treas., P.G.S.W.; J. S. Hacker, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Stone, H. Selman, and C. Bulley, 723; H. Kimber, P.M., and W. Dart, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., 804; G. B. Irons, W.M.; J. Hall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. W. Mitchell, P.M.; and J. Dempsey, S.W. 903; J. Swan, W.M., and H. V. Hann, 928; C. J. E. Mummy, W.M.; J. Geive, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; H. Cooke, S.W.; G. Whitehall, Sec.; and J. Jenkins, 1069; J. R. P. Sharp, W.M. 1112; D. Phillips, P.M. 1141; R. Reeside, W.M.; E. Barlow, S.W.; C. Norton, J.W.; Capt. R. Croisdale, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Brown, and J. Howell, 1331; W. H. Parsons, I.P.M.; G. H. Barclay, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Stwd.; J. G. Mason, W.M.; C. Travers, I.P.M.; J. Johns, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. R. Strick, P.M.; J. Jackson, J.W.; E. Pratt, S.D.; and W. Miller, 1428; D. O. Hobbs, W.M., and J. Wither, 1461; Rev. B. King, W.M. 1705; W. Rice, P.M. 1755; J. G. Niven, W.M.; T. H. Williams, P.M.; and G. Barnden, Sec. 1776; W. Berry, P.M. 1780; J. Harle, P.M. 1782; R. Dampier-Childs, S.W. 1869; W. Gamon, P.M. 1882; J. T. Burchett, W.M.; H. Pottle, J.W.; J. Harrison, J.D.; J. Leary, and J. Greig, 1883; F. Cooper, 1834; T. Page, I.P.M.; A. L. Emanuel, Sec., P.P.G.J.D.; and G. Sylvester, R.N., Org. 1903; Surgeon H. Grier, W.M.; Asst. Com.-Gen. J. F. G. Cook, P.M.; Rev. T. P. Mullins, Chaplain of the Forces, J.D.; and Neal, 1971; C. N. Vallet, P.M.; H. Harbor, S.W.; C. H. Swanborough, J.D.; and E. Loe, 2016; H. Smith, W.M. 2116; C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap. of Eng., D.P.G.M. Surrey; and others.

The minutes of the last regular special meeting, of the 19th November, 1883, and special meeting, of the 9th April, 1884, respectively, were read and confirmed.

The report of the Committee for auditing the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts was received. About £40 was voted as grants for relief elections to Masonic Institutions. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted. The receipts amounted to £332 18s., and expenditure £215 18s. 9d., leaving a balance of £116 19s. 9d., and the assets amounted to £800.

Bro. RASTRICK was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and for the confidence the brethren placed in him.

The Committee for auditing the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were appointed as follows: the D.P.G.M., P.G. Wardens, P.G. Secretary, and the W.M.'s of lodges Nos. 1112, 1331, 1373, and 1428.

Bro. the Rev. J. N. PALMER, P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. 698, Ryde, proposed: "That it is desirable, having regard to the increasing numbers of the Craft, and the extent of the funds contributed from time to time from this province to the central Masonic Charities, that a duly qualified brother be appointed by this Provincial Grand Lodge to act as the representative of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight on the General Committee of each of these Institutions," and, in supporting this, Bro. EVE, quoted from the *Freemason*, April 24th, relative to the leading article on the Charities, and the position of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Bro. PAEK, P.M., P.P.G.S., seconded, and it was carried unanimously. The following were elected to represent the province: Bro. EVE, P.M., P.P.G.W., the Boys' School; Bro. Francis, P.M., Girls' School; Bro. A. Barfield, P.M., P.P.G.D., Benevolent Institution.

Bro. R. J. RASTRICK, Prov. G. Treas., in the absence of Bro. G. F. Lancaster, proposed, and it was carried, and which will be laid before the Charity Committee to bring up a report prior to the next provincial meeting: "That it be an instruction, to the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee to consider and formulate a scheme for establishing a charitable fund for this province, to be supported by voluntary contributions, having for its objects the education and maintenance, in the vicinity of their own homes, and under the care of parents or guardians of the children of indigent or deceased Freemasons of the province, either entirely or pending the election of such children to the central School. A copy of such scheme to be sent to each lodge prior to the next Provincial Grand Lodge."

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed the Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, and remarked that the number of officers to be appointed was larger than in any preceding year, and was due to the fact that there were over forty lodges in the province.

- The following were the officers appointed for the ensuing year:—
Bro. W. Hickman, 130 ... D.P.G.M.
Major W. S. Smith, 2016 ... Prov. G.S.W.
W. Gamon, 76 ... Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. T. P. Mullins, 1971 ... Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. A. C. Hervey, 309 ... Prov. G. Chap.
J. Cole, 130 ... Prov. G. Reg.
R. J. Rastrick, 1069 ... Prov. G. Treas.
J. E. Le Feuvre, 130 ... Prov. G. Sec.
T. Page, 1903 ... Prov. G.S.D.
J. Pomeroy, 723 ... Prov. G.S.D.
G. H. Paek, 175 ... Prov. G.J.D.
Dr. H. Grier, 1971 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
E. Hall, 257 ... Prov. G.D.C.
D. S. Pring, 151 ... Prov. G.D.C.
R. W. Mitchell, 903 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. Robertson, 130 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
E. Worth, 195 ... Prov. G.S.B.
R. W. Beale, 487 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
C. H. Liddell, 804 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
W. Horton, 319 ... Prov. G. Purst.
G. R. Strick, 1428 ... Prov. G.A.P.

- Bro. G. Sylvester, R.N., 1903 ... Prov. G. Org.
R. Saunders, 434 ...
Jacob, 76 ...
Glasspool, 723 ... Prov. G. Stwds.
Lewis, 133 ...
J. E. Buck, 342 ...
Patstone, 359 ...
Exell, 487 ... Prov. G. Tyler.
Biggs, 130 ... Prov. G. Tyler.

A very handsome silver gilt square and compass for the use of the Provincial Lodge was accepted from Bro. M. Emanuel, 359, P.P.G. Reg., and a set of silver gilt consecrating vessels from Bro. Major Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.W., for which hearty votes of thanks were carried with acclamation.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, and for the province in particular, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and prayer.

A large number of the brethren subsequently adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, Bro. J. Stone, host, and partook of a banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

FRENCH FREEMASONRY FIFTY YEARS AGO. No. II.

On looking over a collection of French Masonic contributions, in prose and poetry, we stumbled upon the following evidences of the truer teaching of French Freemasonry 50 years ago, and which as forming a second article on the subject may well fill up to-day a column in the *Freemason*. We hear a great deal just now about the "dogma" of the "Immortality of the Soul" which the French Freemasons have most perversely erased from the French Masonic belief and profession.

Will it surprise our readers to hear that not fifty but a hundred years ago Bro. Voltaire had openly declared his belief and the then belief of French Freemasonry universally in the immortality of the soul in an imitation of Addison, whom some contend was a Freemason? Let us listen to the lines which follow, very clear, truthful, and significative—

Oui je n' en doute pas notre ame est immortelle,
C'est un Dieu qui lui parle, un Dieu qui vit en elle.
Et d'ou viendrait sans Lui ce doux presentiment,
Ce degout des faux biens, cette horreur du néant,
Vers des siècles sans fin je le sens Qui m'entraîne,
Du monde et des mes-sens Il va briser la chaîne,
Et m'ouvrir loin d'un corps dans la fange arrête,
Les portes de la vie et de l'Eternite.

The following advice to candidates for initiation is very sound and sober:

Profanes qui de nos mysteres,
Ignorez les regles austeres,
Etes-vous mechans ou jaloux,
Eloignez-vous!
Mais vous pour qui la Bienfaisance,
Est la premier jouissance,
Même en secourant des ingrats,
Ne vous éloignez pas.

The two following verses carry out alike a pretty idea, and well represent the "Portrait of a Freemason":

Les hommes sont des pelérins,
Qui du bonheur cherchant la route.
Pour la trouver il leur en coûte!
Le bonheur a bien des chemins.
Souvent l'homme au declin de l'age,
Voit hélas qui il s'est égaré.
Nous que l'Art Maconnique engage,
Nous avons quel doux avantage.
Signe, attouchement, mot sacré
Pour nous reconnaître en voyage.
Fidèle au lois de son pays,
Le monde entier est sa patrie;
Et grace du doux nœud qui nous lie,
Partout il trouve des amis.
A l'Eternel il rende hommage.
Etre inhumain, cest l'offenser.
Jete par Lui sur cette plage,
L'homme sensible est son image.
Ah! trop heureux qui peut laisser,
Quelques traces de son voyage.

Yes! "Footprints on the Sands of Time."

The following hortatory teaching to French Freemasons if somewhat longer deserves our attention as most markedly in contrast with that official nihilism of the hour, which now unfortunately dominates French and Belgian Freemasonry—

Elevons une ame pure
A notre Divin createur.
Amis, et dans la nature
Admirons son Createur,
Chantons le Grand-Architecte
Qui jeta ses fondemens,
Qui forma l'homme et l'insecte,
Et ses vastes elemens.
Ce fut ce puissant Genie
Qui du Chaos tenebreux
Fit eclore l'harmonie
De ces globes lumineux,
Qui sous la celeste voûte
Plaça ses mondes divers,
Et l'astre qui dans sa route
Feconde cet Univers.
A Te rendre nos hommages
Qu'ici nous trouvons d'attraits.
Grand Dieu! Chanter tes ouvrages,
Cest retracer Tes bienfaits
Sans cesse Ta Main Feconde
Sous nos yeux les reproduit,
Si de fruits la terre abonde,
Cest Elle qui l'enrichit.
Reconnais Pere adorable
A nos respects Tes enfans
Vois les d'un œil favorable
Se nourrir de Tes presens.
De ce banquet qui's apprête,
Bénis les mets en ce jour,
Daigne honorer cette fête
D'un souris de Ton Amour!

And not to make the article too long, or the selections too many, though the power of choice is almost unlimited, we will conclude with the following Masonic prophecy which unlike some prophecies even to-day, we hope will prove true in every respect.

L'Art Royal que nous professons
 N'a rien à redouter des maîtres de la terre,
 Il est indépendant, antique, salutaire,
 Il brave les climats, la foudre, et les saisons.
 Est-il persécuté? le voile du mystère
 Couvre alors ses travaux, fait circuler ses dons,
 Il entoure, le instruit l'un et l'autre hémisphère
 Pars des sermons sacrés, par d'austères leçons,
 Oui, tant que du soleil brillera la lumière,
 Il existera des Francs-maçons!

So mote it be.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN MARK LODGE, No. 340.

The Mark Province of Gloucestershire has just received an addition to its strength by the consecration, on Wednesday, of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 340. This event took place at the Speech House Hotel, Forest of Dean, the Consecrating Officer being Bro. C. F. Matier, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W. and Grand Mark Sec., on whom, in the first instance, it was arranged that the important duty should devolve. There was a numerous gathering of brethren to witness the interesting ceremony; and 10 Craft Masons having been advanced to the Mark Degree by Bro. Walker, the office of consecration was begun, and carried out most impressively, by Bro. Matier, who was very ably assisted in his task by Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Past G.M.O., as S.V.; John Walker, as J.W.; Rev. Will Lynes, D.D., M.D., S.W. designate, as Chaplain; Geo. Norman, Prov. G. Sec. Gloucestershire, as Sec.; W. W. Forth, Past Prov. G.S.W. Gloucestershire, as D. of C.; and G. Clarke, jun., P.G. Stwd., as I.G. Bro. W. W. Forth then took the chair, and installed Bro. W. C. Heane, W.M. designate, after which the latter appointed and invested his officers for the year, Bros. Rev. Will Lynes, D.D., M.D., and J. Shaw Carleton being the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The beautiful ceremonial of this degree was most admirably and impressively rendered, and the labours of the day being closed, the brethren celebrated the auspicious occasion with a suitable banquet, followed by the usual array of Mark Masonic toasts.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A special meeting of the House and Building Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of examining the tenders for the erection of the new building at Wood Green. Among those present were Bros. Berridge, J. L. Mather, W. Roebuck, and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary. The following firms, fourteen in number, tendered estimates for the work, namely, Mr. E. Conder, Messrs. Bangs and Co., Humphreys and Co., E. Laurence and Son, Ashby, Bros., Ashby and Horner, Perry and Co., Deakin and Son, Martin Wells and Co., Grimwood and Sons, Peto, Bros. Fish, Prestage and Co., M. Patrick and Son, and W. and T. Denne, the work for which these were submitted being ranged under the three heads of schools and laundry, assembly hall, and sundry fittings as follows:

	School and Laundry.	Assembly Hall.	Sundry Fittings.	Total.
D. King and Son...	£8530	£3820	£985	£13,335
Ashby and Horner ...	8543	3627	1054	13,224
Humphreys and Son ...	8700	3500	950	13,150
M. Patrick and Son ...	8400	3600	950	12,950
Bangs and Co. ...	8403	3583	948	12,934
Grimwood and Sons ...	8475	3440	984	12,899
W. and T. Denne... ..	8450	3428	930	12,811
E. Laurence and Son ...	8255	3595	943	12,793
Ashby Bros.	8307	3482	988	12,777
Peto Bros.	8273	3442	903	12,678
Perry and Co... ..	8129	3525	950	12,604
Martin, Wells, and Co.	8400	3250	860	12,510
E. Conder	8094	3333	910	12,327
Fish, Prestage, and Co.	7966	3400	946	12,312 (Accepted.)
Architect's estimate ...	£8282	£3560	£943	£12,785

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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The portrait was painted by Bro. S. Rosenthal, who voluntarily agreed to accept in remuneration of his labour the sum of 70 guineas in lieu of the customary charge of 120 guineas, and still adorns the walls of the dining hall, as a worthy and artistic memorial of one who laboured unceasingly to promote the welfare of the Institution, to which, as to the other Masonic Charities, he proved to be one of the most generous of benefactors. A successor to him was found in the person of Bro. Algernon Perkins whose name has already been mentioned as having presided at the laying of the first stone of the new School building in 1863, and who, like Bro. Cabbell, was a Past G.J. Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. Unlike Bro. Cabbell, however, Bro. Perkins's tenure of the Treasurership was very brief. His death occurred on the 15th November, 1872, and at the Quarterly Court held on the 13th January, 1873 the following resolution of sympathy with his relatives was passed unanimously, namely: "That this Court, having been informed of the decease of R.W. Bro. Algernon Perkins, (P.G.W.), a Vice Patron, Treasurer, and a Trustee of this Institution, desires to convey to his relations and friends the assurance of its heartfelt sympathy and warmest condolence in the bereavement they have sustained. Profoundly sensible of the long and valuable services rendered by the late Brother Perkins to Freemasonry generally and notably to the Charitable Institutions connected with the Order, this Court bears vividly in grateful recollection the special interest manifested by him in the welfare of this Institution during the many years he was so intimately associated with it, and is anxious to place on record its high sense and appreciation of the manner in which Brother Perkins discharged the duties of his distinguished and responsible position; and in so doing to pay a fitting and merited tribute of admiration and regard for the memory of one whose loss it so deeply

deplores." This resolution was ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased Treasurer, by whom it was appreciated most highly. At the same meeting Bro. George Plucknett, who still happily retains the position, was elected successor to Bro. Perkins in the Treasurership, while the Earl of Carnarvon, at the time Deputy Grand Master, was chosen to occupy the vacant Trusteeship of the General Fund.

About the same time that Bro. Cabbell disappears from the scene as an active participant in the labours of the Executive—he remained a strenuous supporter of the Institution till the day of his death—we lose sight of another familiar and zealous worker, Bro. J. S. S. Hopwood, P.G.D., who, both as Chairman of the General Committee for several years, and likewise, after the resignation, by Bro. R. H. Giraud, in 1864, of the office of Honorary Solicitor, by his professional advice and assistance had rendered valuable aid to the School. In May, 1866, Bro. Hopwood announced his intention of vacating the Chairmanship of the General Committee—which office was abolished a few months later—and at the close of the meeting, Bro. J. Symonds being anxious the Committee should not separate without marking their sense of his services to the Institution, moved, and Bro. Udall seconded, a resolution to the effect "That the most cordial thanks of this Committee be given to the Worshipful Bro. J. S. S. Hopwood, P.G.D., for the valuable services he has rendered as Chairman of the General and House Committees for the past three years, and for the time and attention he has devoted to the affairs of the Institution." The motion was agreed to unanimously and warmly acknowledged by Bro. Hopwood, who in the course of his remarks assured the Committee that "though retiring from the discharge of active duties amongst them, it was not his intention to abandon them. He ever had felt, and he should continue to feel the warmest interest in the welfare of the Institution." Unfortunately, Bro. Hopwood did not long survive his resignation as recorded. He died in October, 1868, in the very midst of certain negotiations that were being carried on in relation to a plot of land at Wood Green which had been enclosed erroneously as part of the School estate, but which turned out to be the property of a Mr. Grineau, and a letter of condolence was written by the Secretary on behalf of the House and General Committees and then sent to the family. From this we take leave to extract the following testimony to Bro. Hopwood's zeal and ability: "They,"—that is, the House and General Committees,—cannot fail to remember the lengthened and disinterested career of Bro. Hopwood, marked by untiring earnestness in carrying out the duties of the various positions he was called upon to fill, those particularly in connection with the Masonic Institutions, notably as an ardent friend and supporter of this School. They beg to testify to the singleness of purpose by which he appeared ever to be actuated, to the cordiality with which he acted with those whose views assimilated with his own, and to the indulgent consideration he invariably extended to those from whom in the conscientious discharge of duty it may have been his lot occasionally to differ. They are anxious to express their deep sense of the value of the professional services rendered by their deceased brother from time to time in matters of serious importance, and their warm appreciation of his practical attention to every detail affecting in any way the interests of this Institution. They do not presume to trench on the domain of domestic privacy, but they wish to embody as vividly as possible their feelings with reference to their lost friend in the various relations of life; to endorse the eminently favourable opinions unanimously passed on his public services, to record their esteem for him as a member of the Order in the cause of which he so long laboured; ever bearing in mind with pleasure, now tinged with regret, the kindness, courtesy, and urbanity, by which he was distinguished, and cherishing enduring recollections of the many qualities of head and heart which endeared him to a wide circle of friends, and which cannot fail to foster and maintain a lasting regard for his memory."

In the same year, 1868, but in the first month, not towards its close, there died another brother, Bro. W. Thiselton Dyer, who in the capacity of Honorary Medical Officer for upwards of thirty years had likewise rendered valuable assistance to the Institution. In September, 1862, Bro. Thiselton Dyer tendered his resignation, having at the time held the office for five and twenty years, but at the earnest request of the General Committee, formally conveyed by the Secretary, he very kindly consented to retain the office. In January, 1868, however, it devolved on Bro. Dyer's son to repeat on his behalf the act of resignation, but in a manner which admitted of no hesitation in accepting it, the illness which rendered such act imperative being described as of such an alarming character as to entirely preclude "the hope of his ever being able to resume professional work of any kind." In fact, in the brief interval that elapsed between the date of his son's letter and its formal submission to the Quarterly Court, Bro. Dyer had succumbed to the attack, and the Court instead of accepting the resignation as they would have done, had the melancholy duty of recording their sorrow at his loss, Bro. Wharton P. Hood, M.D., the present Honorary Surgeon, a member of Lodge of Antiquity, being elected as Bro. Dyer's successor. One other change may be noted, but being of an official character, we need not be at the pains of referring to the personal services of the brother referred to. In 1870 Earl de Grey and Ripon was elected M.W. Grand Master in succession to the late Earl of Zetland, and as a matter of course, his lordship, who, like his predecessor, had on several occasions evinced his deep interest in the School, became President of the Institution. But it hardly comes within our province to enter with any marked particularity into the circumstances of Lord Zetland's career as head of the Institution. To him, undoubtedly, belongs the honour of having encouraged those efforts towards establishing a School as part of the Institution which had been so strenuously resisted by his predecessor, the Duke of Sussex. To him also we are indebted for the exercise of his great influence in Grand Lodge in aid of the building, as well as for the display of a deep and warm-hearted personal interest in the conduct of the Institution. But more than this it is unnecessary to say. Lord Zetland helped the Boys' School, as he helped everything connected with Masonry, both from his high sense of official duty and from his personal predilections in favour of extending the Institution.

The most conspicuous feature, however, in the conduct of the Institution will be found in connection with the Anniversary Festivals. Hitherto we have bestowed only a few passing remarks on these celebrations, partly because, the School being more limited in point of members, there may not have appeared to the authorities the same necessity for any special exertion on these occasions, and partly because they do not seem to have been allowed to play so leading a part in the transactions of the Institution. But with the advent to office of Bro. Binckes, a new spirit was infused into the Executive, and, through his instrumentality, the Festival at once asserted its position as the great event of the year.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 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.]

WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have had placed in my hands a circular which I am told has been issued to the various lodges in the province of West Yorkshire, a copy of which I enclose, and request you to insert with this letter. I cannot find language strong enough to condemn such a proceeding as that taken by the St. Oswald Lodge, and am surprised that our R.W. D.P.G.M., who is a member of the St. Oswald Lodge, would allow such a circular to be issued, and I shall be equally surprised if our Prov. Grand Secretary presents any petition got up for the purpose of interfering with his Royal Highness' prerogative. I have previously addressed you on appointments in this province; this, I think, is the climax.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
Huddersfield, Aug. 12th, 1884. JUNIOR P.M.

St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910.
Bro. the Rev. J. J. Needham, M.A., B.D., W.M.
Fraternal regards and greeting.

Dear Sir,—The W.M. and brethren of this lodge having heard with regret of the resignation of the R.W.P.G.M., Sir H. Edwards, Bart., have presented a petition to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, in favour of the appointment of our Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G. Deacon of England, &c., to the vacant office.

Believing that the province will be unanimous as to the desirability of this appointment, I am requested by my lodge to communicate with you, asking for the co-operation of the brethren of your lodge in forwarding a petition of the same import to his Royal Highness.

If this project meets with your approval, I would suggest that there be as little delay as possible in taking the necessary steps, and that the petition be forwarded to Bro. Henry Smith, P.G. Secretary, St. John's, Wakefield, for presentation.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
W. J. BOOTH, Secretary.

To the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. July 12th, 1884. POSITION OF A P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In the revision of the Constitutions a great deal of discussion took place with reference to the proposition that a joining P.M. should rank as a P.M. of the lodge, and the proposition was by a large majority repeated on the confirmation of the minutes. As to the wisdom or unwisdom of the proposition and its rejection I am not now dealing with, but on reading over the new constitutions I find by article 141, page 69, it is declared that "In the Master's absence the Immediate Past Master, or if he be absent, the Senior Past Master of the lodge present, or if no P.M. of the lodge be present, then the Senior Past Master who is a subscribing member of the lodge shall take the chair, and if no Past Master who is a subscribing member of the lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall rule the lodge."

Does this not amount to the same thing which was rejected?—Yours fraternally,
W. A. FEURTADO, S.W. 1836.
Kingston, Jamaica,
7th July, 1884.

DESERVING CASE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Being aware of the urgency of the case appearing in last *Freemason* of the "Widow of a P.P.S. Warden," might I ask you to forward the enclosed cheque as some little aid towards this case, which I can safely recommend to others.—Your fraternally, &c., as per enclosed card,
H. G. C., P.P.S. Warden Cornwall.

PROVINCIAL CLOTHING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
May I be allowed to join issue with you upon your ruling in the note to the letter from "Observer" in your journal of August 9th?
I hold that, as Rule 96 says nothing as to the continuing to subscribe to a lodge in the province being necessary, in order to retain the right to wear Provincial clothing, that qualification is not necessary. A brother who has held any Provincial rank is, for all his life, entitled to call himself "Past Provincial so-and-so," this formula being simply a statement of a fact.

If a Past Master ceases to subscribe to the lodge of which he is Past Master, is he no longer to wear the levels? I am aware of no other rule which, being read with No. 96, can be held to alter its meaning.—Yours fraternally,
G.M.M.C.O.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have received by post a copy of the *Montreal Herald* of July 26th, in which is reprinted a letter of mine (which you were good enough to insert some weeks ago, on the subject of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia), with an introductory anonymous note, claiming me as an adherent of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in its unfortunate quarrel with the Grand Lodge of England.
Will you allow me to say that I have never taken any part whatever in this unhappy controversy between ruling bodies, and desire utterly to disclaim any "adherence" whatever to any Masonic party or body, save that loyal support which I trust always to give to the ruling organisation under which I live. I presume that it is both possible and proper to entertain, and even to enunciate, views regarding points of Masonic history without being ranked as a partisan in current collisions.—I am, yours fraternally,
York, August 11th, 1884. T. B. WHYTEHE AD.



CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE M.E.G.Z. OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

We think our readers will agree with us that this is a dreadfully trying correspondence to read, very wearying, and very long-winded. In reply to Bro. Binckes' courteous and conciliatory letter of February 26th, this pamphlet, of 24 closely-printed pages, constituting one letter, seems to us—amid the trials of hot weather—we say it respectfully, a waste of time to have written, and even a still greater waste of time to read. After all it becomes a log-machy. Like the female immortalized in history, the G.Z. of Quebec will have the last word, and after all is said and done what a childish controversy it all is, and "much ado about nothing." When the Grand Mark Lodge concedes this point,—that the authority is to be limited to the English lodges in Montreal,—practically the Grand Chapter of Quebec has got all it wants. The English lodges in Montreal are, both Masonically and legally, in a better position than the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and as it was only absolutely reasonable they should have Royal Arch chapters, so in the present state of affairs it is not unreasonable they should have Mark lodges. The English system, as regards the Arch and the Mark, has always seemed to us the best, and we have never approved of the system in vogue in America of mixing up the Mark and the Arch. Of course, a good deal depends, as we have always contended, on the terms of the Concordat. In England it is asserted that such Concordat was never meant to abrogate the claims of the Grand Mark Lodge over its lodges in Canada. There it seems to be regarded as an absolute recognition of jurisdiction according to the American system. We believe the English authorities never contemplated such a position of affairs, and we hope therefore that all will speedily settle down into an "entente cordiale." But our dear friends are dreadfully long-winded, and often all about nothing. One amusing feature is the hyper-reality of menace. These threats of "boycotting" seem to arise from one or two irresponsible agitators, who, with everything to gain and nothing to lose, do not seem to care how they irritate or how they pain, and whose language too often is marked by vulgar coarseness, without a trace of gentlemanly forbearance or Masonic good feeling.

HENRY IRVING'S IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA.

By JOSEPH HATTON. Sampson, Low, and Co.
We always we confess take up "impressions," "recollections," "experiences," of America with fear and trembling. There seems to us something of great "bad form," in availing yourself of family hospitality and fondness of a friendly reception and a kindly interest, and then at once rushing into print with those thousand "nuisances" of elaborate confession, of audacious commentary on the private life of your quondam hosts, of which certainly the Americans have good reason to complain and to condemn. Few such hasty and presumptuous publications give us, or can give us, a true idea of the life, manners, feelings, and tastes of a nation, and we have always regretted the publication of these rapid entries of the travellers' and visitors' diary, which might be true, or which might be the reverse, exaggerated in the fact, jotted down in splanetic mood, or, like Count Smorltork's invaluable notes, the outcome of misunderstanding and incapacity combined. The Americans are a very hospitable and friendly people, especially kind and considerate to strangers, and they feel that too often such too evident "padding" for the publishers' needs is an unjustifiable return for attentions and sympathies lavished on [the] too curious or too credulous

guest. If we doubt the accuracy of "John Bull et son Ile," how much more have we reason to question the "Diaries" of dyspeptic travellers. Mr. Hatton in this work gives us the impressions of Bro. Irving, well-known to us all alike in his Masonic character and his histrionic form. As Bro. Irving's reception has been the cheeriest possible, and the pleasantest and most successful; his impressions are "couleur de rose." Indeed, we cannot see how it could have well been otherwise. His tour was a great triumph, and he, with Miss Terry and his company, was feted everywhere. A great portion of the "Impressions" is purely theatrical, and will have much interest for intending visitors to America as a company or as individuals. We rather wish the anecdotes of individual and general character had been more numerous, as we judge from them the character and proclivities of a great people, rather than from any "impressions," however clear or full. The following story, taken from others, is a good specimen of the lighter portion of the work. The story of "The Inquisitive Broker and the Queer Bundle" was read out at the dinner of the Papyrus Club, where Mr. Irving and Miss Terry were guests:—

"An inquisitive old broker noticed a queer bundle upon the lap of a man sitting opposite him in the horse-car. He looked at the bundle, in wonder as to what it might contain, for some minutes; finally, overmastered by curiosity, he inquired:—
"Excuse me, sir; but would you mind telling me what is in that extraordinary bundle?"
"Certainly; a mongoose," replied the man, who was reading 'Don't,' and learning how to be a real, true gentleman.
"Ah, indeed?" ejaculated the broker, with unslacked curiosity. "But what is a mongoose, pray?"
"Something to kill snakes with."
"But why do you wish to kill snakes with a mongoose?" asked the broker.
"My brother has the delirium tremens, and sees snakes all the time. I'm going to fix 'em."
"But, my dear sir, the snakes which your brother sees in his delirium are not real snakes, but the figments of his diseased imagination—not real snakes, sir!"
"Well, this is not a real mongoose." Moral: Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no lies."

VICTORIA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

This is a very lucid exposure of a great deal of "bunckum" and childish frivolity which have been going on in *re* Quebec, &c., as well as an answer to certain audacious statements calmly reiterated until people began to believe them. The alleged surrender of the charter to D.G.S. Badgely is now proved to be a myth, and we regret to find that Freemasons are to be found still alleging what this pamphlet clearly establishes to be an untruth. We feel bound to say that we rise from all these documents with very painful feelings, and lower views of what Freemasonry, so great and useful in itself, in unscrupulous hands may be made. In our opinion, the best course the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec can pursue is to proclaim a "general peace," and an "universal amnesty" to let bye-gones be bye-gones, by a judicious and friendly arbitration reknit the bonds of Masonic goodwill and consideration with some greatly aggrieved and unjustly treated brother Freemasons in Montreal.



383] THE DEFENCE OF MASONRY.

Can any Masonic student, echoing Bro. Gould's query in the *Freemason*, give us a clue to the original pamphlet said to be published first in 1730? Bro. Gould's highly ingenious theory that Bishop Warburton, whose classical tastes and special studies are well known as exemplified in the Divine Legation, was the real author, and not Anderson, deserves most careful consideration. All must be struck by the verbiage and views of the *Defence*, and so far I am not aware of any work by Anderson which demonstrates similar ideas or equal knowledge. His genealogies is a very remarkable work and honestly speaks of him in terms of commendation. There seems always to have been an idea, however, that Anderson was the author of the *Defence* and Euclid's letter. Why should they know? Bro. Gould points out firstly that if Euclid's letter be bona fide the writer of the *Defence* was not a Freemason at all, and if Bishop Warburton was a relation of Bro. Hugh Warburton, the likelihood that he was the writer is greatly increased. Undoubtedly Bishop Warburton's peculiar studies as regards the Mysteries had perhaps led him to find analogies and allusions, when analogies and allusions were only imaginary after all, and the position now of the assumed virginal evidences is very striking in the *Defence* as in the Divine Legation. Bro. Gould has raised a very interesting and most important question.
MASONIC STUDENT.

384] ANDERSON.

The following passage from a very able review in the *Philadelphia Keystone* of Bro. Gould's work so entirely accords with the views I have already expressed here, that I make no apology for quoting it:
"A word, now, in reply to Bro. Gould's attack upon the credibility of certain points of Anderson's 'Constitutions.' This work was prepared by order of the Grand Lodge of England. What was Anderson's duty? Simply to draw up a homogeneous digest of the Gothic traditions, preserved in the manuscript histories of the Craft accessible to him. These MSS. were closely followed down to a period within the personal knowledge of Freemasons living at the time he wrote his famous treatise. There can be no doubt he followed the earliest of these annals with slavish fidelity. How is it, then, that the later portion of his work, nearest to the time when by the oral testimony of persons who must have known whereof he wrote he could obtain his facts, and be criticised in return, has now been impeached in its integrity; while Bro. Anderson is himself gravely accused of falsifying the records? Is it in order that a theory of historic transmission may be supported, which the acceptance of Bro. Sir Christopher Wren's Grand Mastership

would effectually bar? The direct and unequivocal evidence of Bro. Anderson, writing within the memory of men conversant with his facts, must ever carry with it the same weight, no more, no less, that Bro. Gould's history does, or would, were derived from the hearsay transmission of those who lived at or near the time of which he wrote, or may hereafter write." MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. GOULD'S MASONIC HISTORY.

A very full and able article in the *Keystone* reviews Vol. III. It is too long for our pages, but we extract the salient passages:—

We have the third volume of Bro. Gould's History before us, and its four chapters contain matter of the largest interest and importance. Bro. Gould affords the student of Masonic history the largest facilities for investigation and critical judgment. True, we do not always agree with him, but we always admire his ability; and he can never mislead, for he gives the fullest and fairest discussion of every topic under review, and enables his reader to combat, if need be, his conclusions, and frame opposite ones of his own.

It will be observed that this volume elucidates that portion of the history of Freemasonry in England which is, in the main, traditional, having only side-lights cast upon it by historic evidence. It is the middle-ground, the debatable ground, of our annals. Bro. Gould proves this most abundantly, for he has displayed all of his admitted ability as an advocate in his endeavour to overturn certain received opinions. We freely admit that we admire his daring and dash, his intellectual power and literary skill, while we cannot always crown him as a victor in the onset. Our brother is true to his training—he has all of the impetuosity of the warrior, joined to all the analytical power of the lawyer; but neither the one nor the other is exactly in place in what should be a calm and impartial consideration of the traditions of Freemasonry. The history of our fraternity is a peculiar one. The latter part of it, since 1717, is subject to the strictest canons of criticism; for a century or more prior to 1717, our annals are semi-historic and semi-traditional; and prior to that they are almost entirely traditional—although year by year, with the discovery of lost evidence of the Craft's existence, the historic portion is being extended further and further into the past. Bro. Gould has approached this middle, debatable ground with the most pronounced prepossessions. True, it may be said that his opinions are based only upon a careful examination of the records,—but what records? Not all the records, for some he perhaps unconsciously sets aside. Now, we freely confess that we have no admiration for merely negative and destructive criticism in Masonry. We do not believe that the literary fathers of the English Craft, such as Preston and Anderson, deliberately falsified history, and hence when they present as facts certain statements which are corroborated by tradition, and which were received at the time as true by the associates of the men to whom they relate, we do not feel like saying, "well done" to a skilled advocate, who has made a confessedly lawyer-like argument, aimed to reverse Masonic tradition supported by bits of Masonic history.

Having endeavoured to correct Bro. Gould's canon of criticism; to intimate his failure to destroy the reputation for truth of Bro. Anderson; and to de-Masonize and de-throne from the Grand Mastership Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, we shall not indulge in further criticism, but only add, in conclusion, that there is as much, nay more, room for praise than for criticism. Bro. Gould's History opens up for popular appreciation a wealth of Masonic works and references, that all students of the Craft will gladly avail themselves of. No Freemason's library should be without Gould's History. It furnishes abundant facts, and abundant food for thought. It is eminently provocative of thought. It is the work of a scholar and a thinker, and the more we have of it, the more we desire. The third volume, like the two that have preceded it, is handsomely issued, and finely illustrated. Half of the work is now finished, and the remainder is promised within a year. When it is complete, in common with the representatives of opinion throughout the English-speaking Masonic world, we shall say hail, and farewell, but not for ever, since so capable a brother should never lay down his pen.

TRIP IN AID OF THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

On Monday, the 4th inst., the brethren of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, with their wives, sweethearts and children, numbering about 240, left the Prince's Landing-stage, Liverpool, at 9.30 a.m., in the steamer Despatch, for Llandudno, where, after a pleasant sail, they arrived shortly after noon. The trip is the sixth of the kind which was originally inaugurated by Bro. Thomas H. Carefull, P.M., for the especial benefit of the Masonic Charities of West Lancashire for aged Freemasons and orphans of deceased brethren; the whole of the proceeds, less hire of the steamer and other incidental expenses, landing and pier dues, being given to those charities. The weather being all that could be desired, the brethren, on landing at Llandudno, took various routes—some driving inland to Conway, Bettws-y-Coed, &c.; others rambling over the Great Ormshead. After about six hours on shore, the party returned to their steamer, which left about 6.45 p.m., for Liverpool, where they arrived about 9.30 p.m., being thoroughly delighted with their day's out. In order to render the trip a financial success in aid of the charities, the catering, &c., was undertaken by Bros. John Houlding, P.M., and John Beesley, P.M., and under the skilful management of their manager, Mr. Ramsey, the result will no doubt prove highly beneficial to the charities. The music, &c., also were supplied by the brethren, amongst whom were Bros. H. Hart, Citrene, Beaven, Carefull, Wilson, Mumford, Martin, Gibson, Gryll, Sharples, Hipson, Metcalf, W. Brassy, I.P.M.; Gow, Sec.; Britten, I.G.; and others; the steamer being under the command of Bro. Captain Crebbin.

Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., arrived in Queens-town Harbour on Wednesday morning in his steam yacht, Pandora, from Dartmouth. The Misses Smith, who are at Queens-town visiting Mr. R. N. Penrose Fitzgerald (the selected Conservative candidate for Cambridge) at Carnage, will embark on board the Pandora and proceed on a cruise with their father.

REPORTS OF THE LANCASHIRE MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—At the meeting of this lodge, held on Monday last, Bro. J. Blenkin, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; W. Knights, W.M. 570 (I.C.); and a number of other brethren. A vote of condolence was passed by the lodge with the widow and family of the late Rev. John Metcalfe, Rector of Holy Trinity, York, and Chaplain of the lodge, who had died since the last monthly meeting. It was also decided that the money subscribed by their late brother to the Lodge Building Fund should be refunded to the widow. The ceremony of the evening consisted of the raising of Bro. Frank Collins to the Third Degree, which was done by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland. Official replies to votes of condolence passed by the lodge early in the year on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Albany, were read and ordered to be placed on the minutes. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate. The W.M. announced that an application had been received from Worcester for the loan of the curiosities belonging to the lodge, and that it had been arranged to send a collection. At refreshment the usual toast list was cut short owing to the heat of the weather, but the toast of "The Lodge 1611," which had just passed its eighth anniversary of existence, was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead and responded to by the W.M.

INSTRUCTION.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when there were present Bros. Charles Daniel, W.M.; Pitt, S.W.; Rich, J.W.; Walker, S.D., Hon. Sec.; Haynes, I.G.; Moss, Preceptor; also Bros. Schweitzer and Roberts.

After the usual preliminaries the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Schweitzer answered questions leading to Third Degree, was instructed, and duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Lodge was then resumed to First Degree, when Bro. Schweitzer having answered the usual questions, and being entrusted, was duly passed to the degree of a F.C. The lodge being again resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Pitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in harmony.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer-street, Westminster, when there were present Bros. W. Brindley, W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Grist, J.W.; F. G. Wray, P.M., Preceptor; G. Musson, Sec.; Jamieson, S.D.; Balchin, J.D.; Fraser, I.G.; and Purnell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Jamieson, candidate. Bro. Fraser answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and was entrusted. Lodge opened up, and Bro. Purnell passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Fraser answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and retired. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hayes, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and there being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, 8th inst., at the Guardsman Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, when there were present Bros. Brindley, W.M.; Green, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Boulton, Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Wade, S.D.; Wray, J.D.; and C. White, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A committee consisting of Bros. Boulton, Brindley, and Green were elected to select a suitable place for the lodge to hold its meetings. Bro. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 11th inst., at Barons Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. George Gardner, W.M.; W. Keen, S.W.; Lefevre, J.W.; Harris, P.M., Treas.; W. Morley, Sec.; Sarat, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Pidcock, I.G.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris being the candidate, who then offered himself as a candidate for the Second Degree, and was duly examined and entrusted. The S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed with peace and harmony.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. Bean, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; Thomson, S.W.; Youens, J.W.; Spencer, S.D.; Bennett, J.D.; Blaxland, I.G.; Paton, Sec.; Forster, Mattock, La Feuillade, and Marshall.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Forster acting as candidate. Bro. J. H. Bennett, 1415, was admitted a joining member. Bro. Thomson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes, was accorded the W.M. for his very able working. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, Bro. Preceptor giving the long address. At the close of the lodge a meeting of the Charitable Association was held under the presidency of Bro. Johnson, when a ballot was taken, which resulted in favour of Bro. H. A. Thomson.

China.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA, SHANGHAI.

The District Grand Lodge of Northern China met on Wednesday, the 13th June, at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai. The members of the District Grand Lodge and visitors having assembled in their respective places in the lodge, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Bro. C. Thorne, entered, accompanied by the District Grand Officers, and was received in due form.

The District Grand Lodge was opened at 5.10 o'clock p.m.

The circular convening the meeting was read. Letters of apology for non-attendance from several Worshipful brethren having been read, the Right Worshipful DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said that the circular informed the brethren that they had met to pass a vote of condolence on the death of their deceased Right Worshipful Bro. his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. The brethren might, perhaps, consider that the meeting for this purpose had been delayed rather long, but a meeting of the District Grand Lodge in a place like Shanghai could not be called at a moment's notice; at the time the news was received of the death of their distinguished brother, many members of the District Grand Lodge were absent from Shanghai, either in Hankow or elsewhere, and it was deemed advisable to delay the meeting till now. He was pleased to see so many brethren present, especially those from the sister lodges. Their Right Worshipful brother who had passed away was not known perhaps personally to any one present, but they had all heard and read of his many good acts during his lifetime; he had rendered most valuable service on educational and other important subjects; and had not only laboured for the good of Freemasonry, but in other good works that conduced to the benefit of his fellow-countrymen. Knowing that it was impossible for him to speak as he would wish, he would read to Grand Lodge the speech made by Bro. W. W. Beach, in seconding the address of condolence at the meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England on 24th April, 1884, as it set forth more fully than he was able to do the manner in which his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany had worked for the interests of Freemasonry. Having read this speech, the R.W. Master said it expressed the general feeling of the brethren in England, and he would, without further preface, move the adoption of the following vote of condolence which he had prepared to be forwarded to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales:

"To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

"May it please your Royal Highness—
"We, the District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master, and Present and Past District Grand Officers, and other members of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, in open lodge assembled, desire to express to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and, through you, to all the members of the Royal Family, our sincere sympathy and condolence in the loss you have sustained by the sudden death of your beloved Right Worshipful Brother his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. Although far away from our native land we have watched with interest the earnest manner in which his Royal Highness laboured; not only for Freemasonry, but in every good work which was calculated to conduce to the benefit of his fellow-countrymen; and we feel that the Craft has reason to lament so great a loss.

"To her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, we would ask you, Most Worshipful Sir, to convey our loyal homage, and assure her that it is our earnest prayer that the G.A.O.T.U. may of His great mercy sustain her in the hour of her affliction.

"To her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, we beg you of your great kindness to say that, even in this distant country, the brethren cannot allow so mournful an event to pass without offering to her their heartfelt sympathy in this her great trial; and they pray that the G.A.O.T.U. will of His mercy give her strength to support her in all her trouble.

(Signed) "C. THORNE, Dist. G.M.

"J. I. MILLER, Dep. Dist. G.M.

"A. JOHNSFORD, Dist. G. Sec.

"Shanghai, China, 13th June, 1884."

The Right Wor. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said the foregoing was the vote of condolence which he proposed for their acceptance. If adopted, it would be signed by himself, the Deputy District Grand Master, and the Secretary, and forwarded with a copy of the minutes, which would contain the names of all those present on this mournful occasion.

W. Bro. J. I. MILLER, Deputy District Grand Master, said that after the very able manner in which the Right Worshipful District Grand Master had placed the resolution before the District Grand Lodge, it would be presumption on his part to say much. He begged to second the motion and to heartily endorse every word that the Right Worshipful District Grand Master had said, and he was sure it was the feeling of every member of the District Grand Lodge that the vote of condolence should be passed unanimously.

The R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said he should be happy to hear any remarks from brethren present.

W. Bro. C. J. HOLLAND, R.W.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge (S.C.), on behalf of the members of his lodge, expressed their regret at the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of their distinguished Worshipful Brother his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, and begged to endorse the sentiments expressed in the vote of condolence to be forwarded to the Grand Master of English Freemasonry and Patron of Scottish Masonry, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

W. Bro. M. H. COOK, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass., Const., on behalf of his American brethren, also cordially endorsed the sentiments that had been expressed.

The R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER remarked that it was gratifying to the members of the District Grand Lodge to know that the brethren of their sister lodges working under the Scottish and American Constitutions so cordially joined with English Masons not only in their pleasures, but in their sorrows, and he warmly thanked them for their presence and the kind feeling they had expressed. He then asked whether it was the will and pleasure of the members

of the District Grand Lodge that the vote of condolence he had read should be adopted and forwarded.

The vote of condolence was then unanimously passed, and the R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said it would be forwarded to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, together with a printed copy of the minutes of the meeting.

The Right Worshipful DISTRICT GRAND MASTER said that before he closed he should like to mention that an important subject had been mooted in one of the English lodges, and before long action would have to be taken. It was the subject of forming some school, or at least subscribing to some fund, whereby Masons could do something towards the education of the children of brethren who died poor, instead of leaving them to the charity of brethren in a casual manner. Brethren were aware that during the last few years applications had been made on behalf of children of Masons who had belonged to the Cosmopolitan and Ancient Landmark Lodges, and it seemed to him that any action that was taken should be united. He asked the brethren to seriously think the matter over, and if any brother at any time had any suggestion to make he would be pleased if he would communicate with him, and he would call a general meeting so that the matter could be discussed.

There being no further business, and nothing more offering for the good of Freemasonry, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, the brethren separating in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

Queensland.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

The installation of the Masters, Wardens, and other officers for the ensuing year, of the four Metropolitan Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, which hold of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, took place in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, June 24, it being the day of St. John the Baptist. Shortly after 7 p.m. the brethren began to assemble, and at 8 o'clock, when the ceremonies commenced, there were about 150 present, including several brethren from the country and four from H.M.S. Nelson. The lodge-room having been tyled, the four lodges interested were opened in due form by their respective Masters in the following order: Athole and Melville, No. 455, by Bro. Henry M'Clear, R.W.M.; Silver Cross, No. 504, by Bro. J. Smith, W.P.M.; Stanley, South Brisbane, No. 680, by Bro. A. F. Luya, R.W.M.; and St. Andrew, No. 435, by Bro. J. L. M'Kellar, R.W.M. The preliminaries over, the Installing Officer, Bro. Walter Scott, W. Past Substitute D.G.M., received the gavel from the outgoing Masters, and having taken the chair proceeded with the installation of the new masters and their respective wardens and officers. The following is a complete list:—

Bros. Nicolaus Joseph Kessels, P.M., R.W.M.; H. M'Clear, P.M.; G. Ogilvie, D.M.; W. G. Parker, S.M.; G. A. Patullo, S.W.; E. P. Smith, J.W.; C. Beuge, Treas.; J. J. Patten, Sec.; Rev. E. Griffith, Chap.; W. G. Mayers, Org.; C. W. Thurlby, S.D.; J. Archibald, J.D.; F. Shaw, P. of S.; A. Wilson and T. Fraser, Stewards; A. M'N. Fraser, I.G.; R. A. Rankin, Tyler; all of 455; George Sweetman, R.W.M.; C. Klinger, P.M.; R. Lettwich, D.M.; C. Kertland, S.M.; G. J. Smith, S.W.; F. W. Faithful, J.W.; C. Birkbeck, Treas.; F. F. Weinthal, Sec.; J. Smith, P.M., Chap.; N. Smith, S.D.; H. W. Dark, J.D.; H. Rogers, I.G.; R. A. Rankin, Tyler; all of 504; A. Midson, R.W.M.; A. F. Luya, P.M.; W. Edds, P.M., D.M.; J. Martin, S.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; A. Wilson, J.W.; E. Grimley, Treas.; F. W. Faithful, Sec.; Rev. J. Carson, Chap.; J. Ramsey, Org.; J. H. Gruer, S.O.; J. Barclay, J.D.; F. R. Hall, Architect; W. M'Andie, Marshal; W. Larsen, M.C.; W. J. Brown, Jeweller; J. Edwards, Bible Bearer; P. Thomle and L. Larsen, Stwds.; W. Trimble, I.G.; J. Smith, Tyler; and J. Telford, P. Tyler, all of 680; William E. Adams, R.W.M.; J. L. M'Kellar, P.M.; R. Picking, D.M.; G. S. Hammond, S.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; J. Standem, J.W.; J. Bailey, Treas.; E. S. Costin, Sec.; W. Westlake, Chap.; W. H. Blake, S.D.; R. Potts, J.D.; W. Westlake, W. Hampson, and T. Stephens, Stwds.; G. Elliott, I.G.; and R. A. Rankin, Tyler, all of 435.

The Installing Officer was chiefly assisted by W. Bro. J. G. W. Barnes, P.M. 455, Sub. D.G.M., as Director of the Ceremonies. Eleven Past Masters also assisted in the ceremony of placing the Masters elect in their chairs. The usual salutations and grand honours followed. The installation of the other officers was then proceeded with, and the whole ceremony was brought to a close by the usual charges to the Masters, Wardens, officers, and brethren respectively. These were delivered by Bro. Scott in a clear and very impressive manner. Bro. W. G. Mayers rendered great service during the ceremony of installation by his performances on the organ.

Addressing the Installing Officer and his assistants, R.W. Bro. N. J. KESSELS, 455, said: On behalf of the metropolitan lodges under our Constitution, I beg to thank you most heartily for having this evening kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Brethren, I think it is but due to our W. Bro. Scott, P.M., to say that he is one of the few brethren who, having once passed through the Master's chair, still retain great activity with regard to Freemasonry—an activity which in his case may be justly termed enthusiasm. The able manner in which the ceremony was performed this evening left nothing to be desired, and it would be superfluous on my part to eulogise it. He is, and always has been, to the fore in anything that concerns Freemasonry, and always ready when called upon, whether the notice be long or short. I trust that he may live many years, that he may enjoy health, happiness, and prosperity, and that we shall often have the pleasure of seeing him handle the gavel as Installing Master again. And to the R.W.S.D. Grand Master, Bro. Barnes, I also beg to tender our sincere thanks for his valuable assistance, and for having undertaken the duties of Director of Ceremonies.

Bros. SWEETMAN, 504; MIDSON, 680; and ADAMS, 435, returned thanks to the Installing Officer and to the members for their elections.

Each lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren passed from labour to refreshment.

About 100 brethren sat down at 11.20 p.m. to a banquet liberally supplied by Bro. F. Whitehouse, of Ipswich. Full Masonic justice having been done to the edible portion of the feast, a long toast list was discussed. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. Kessels.

In proposing "The Queen-Empress and the Craft," the CHAIRMAN suggested that it afforded an opportunity of

expressing sympathy with her Majesty in her late bereavement by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who held the position of District Grand Master of Oxfordshire from 1875 till the day of his death.

The toast was drunk with extra enthusiasm, followed by the National Anthem.

W. Substitute D.G.M., Bro. BARNES, in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of Scottish Freemasonry," said he did so as a loyal citizen and brother, and with infinite pleasure. They had seen how under his Royal Highness's beneficent sway the Grand Lodge of England had risen to have under its jurisdiction upwards of 2000 lodges. The Prince is also, as they were aware, patron of the Irish Constitution. In fact, no matter in what part of the United Kingdom or her dependencies where there is an assemblage of the Craft, he is looked up to as its chief supporter.

The toast was drunk with true "Macduff" honours, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales."

W. Bro. SCOTT, in proposing "The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Earl of Mar and Kellie," said he expected they would, as loyal Scotch Masons, heartily drink to it. Referring to the remark that under the rule of the Prince of Wales the number of lodges in the English Constitution had increased to 2000, he said that, considering the relative conditions of the population of England and Scotland, the Scottish Constitution, with 700 lodges, was not far behind. One proof how Scottish Masonry "tells" was in the manner in which it was making its way in the colonies and our foreign possessions.

The toast was drunk with full honours.

"The District Grand Masters of the Scottish and English Constitutions and the Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution" was cordially proposed by R.W. Bro. G. SWEETMAN. At the same time he deplored that there were so many Constitutions in Queensland, and expressed a hope that the day was not far distant when there would be one Grand Lodge of Queensland. (These remarks were received with mingled sounds of assent and dissent.)

The toast was duly honoured.

W. Bro. J. G. W. BARNES replied as follows: It affords me great pleasure to reply on behalf of our R.W. Bro. the Hon. John Douglas, our District Grand Master. It has fallen to my lot to do so in his absence, and in the absence of his Depute. We are all well aware how the Scotch Constitution has prospered since he has held the reins in Queensland—the number of its lodges has been doubled, and their financial position and material prosperity has placed the Constitution on such a firm footing in the colony that it never held before. A number of you may not be aware that at the present time a party of brethren under the Scotch Constitution are visiting Townsville, Charters Towers, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, and Maryborough, with a view to the advancement of not only Craft but Royal Arch Masonry. I am hoping that if we are spared to take part in next year's installation, we shall find a substantial addition to the number of Craft lodges. Not only in Australia is Freemasonry extending rapidly, but in the United States of America. There they now number 52 Grand Lodges, with a roll of members in good standing of 552,530. Of Royal Arch Grand Chapters they have 42, with a roll of 127,655, and of Knights Templar 32 Grand Commanderies, with 51,713 Knights. I beg to thank you most heartily for the cordial manner in which the toast has been proposed, and for its enthusiastic reception.

W. Bro. HENRY BAILEY, P.M. 127, E.C. (Margate, England), in the absence of any other English officers, responded for his Constitution. During his very brief stay in the colonies he had observed that Scottish Masonry had taken a very firm hold in the colonies. He referred to the great strides made by Freemasonry in England since the Prince of Wales had occupied the Grand Master's chair. So great indeed had been the progress that the question had been asked "Was it a healthy progress?" The result of their inquiries into this matter had been an increase in all fees, and the exercise of a scrutiny much severer. He also referred with pride to the grand Masonic Charities in England, and stated that for the schools alone £43,000 was voluntarily raised last year.

A brother also responded for the Irish Constitution.

"The Newly-installed Masters" was proposed by W. Bro. J. L. M'KELLAR, and briefly responded to by R.W. Bros. KESSELS, SWEETMAN, MIDSON, and ADAMS.

W. Bro. A. GARDNER, in proposing "The Health of the Wardens and Other Officers," impressed upon all the necessity for attention to their duties.

The toast was responded to by Bro. G. SMITH, S.W. 504, and Bro. W. JONES, S.W. 680 and 435; the latter specially referred to the progress of the Stanley Lodge, 680, in South Brisbane, stating that its condition was healthy, and its proceedings were harmonious. He concluded by suggesting the establishment of charitable funds in connection with Masonry in Queensland.

The remaining toasts were "The Immediate Past Masters," proposed by the Chairman; "Other Past Officers," proposed by R.W. Bro. Adams; "The Installing Officer," proposed by R.W. Bro. Midson, and suitably responded to by W. Bro. Walter Scott; "Visiting Brethren" was very heartily drunk and responded to by several brethren, among whom was R.W. Bro. T. Pryde, Caledonia Lodge, Ipswich; "Success to the Metropolitan Lodges," "Freemasonry all over the World," and the Tyler's toast concluded the list.

The proceedings were enlivened by a few songs and recitations. Two brethren from H.M.S. Nelson especially distinguished themselves in that respect. The banquet was brought to a close after two o'clock in the morning by the hearty chorus of "Auld Lang Syne."

The Carpenters' Company held a dinner at their hall, London-wall, on Tuesday evening.

The Brewers' Company, as stated at the time in the City Press, recently made application to the Clerkenwell Vestry, submitting that as the Company were giving up a good piece of land for the purpose of widening the roadway of Rawstorne-place, and to make a thoroughfare from it into Buxton-street, the expense of the new formation required for the roadway and for the pavements ought to be borne by the parish. A committee visited the place, and stated they found the building operations only just commenced. The vestry adjourned the consideration of the question until the buildings are further advanced towards completion.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR ERASMUS WILSON.

We allude elsewhere in terms of sincere regret to the death of our distinguished Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, which took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at Westgate-on-Sea. Bro. James Erasmus Wilson was born in 1809. He studied anatomy and medicine in London and at Aberdeen, and became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1831. He was a hard worker and successful operator, and soon made his way, though he was emphatically, as he used to say, a self-made man, "a poor Scotch boy who came to London with sixpence in his pocket." He took to writing as a relaxation from his professional business, and while still quite young won considerable repute by his "Dissector's Manual," "The Anatomist's Vade Mecum," and other publications, including some elaborate anatomical plates. But Bro. Wilson's renown was definitely consecrated when he took skin diseases as his speciality. Doubtless his philanthropy guided him to the study of this most painful, repulsive, and embarrassing class of disease. The horrible cases of scrofula, anæmia, and blood poisoning which he witnessed among the poor of London—they are happily rarer now than they were half a century ago—enlisted his warm sympathies; and it may be said at once that skin diseases, resulting most often from improper nourishment and filthy surroundings, may often be more quickly cured by a doctor's purse than by his prescriptions. "Some the enclosed pound, and call for another dose every week until well," is said to have been a form of prescription which Erasmus Wilson found efficacious more than once.

Among the best known of his works are "The Student's Book of Diseases of the Skin," "A Healthy Skin—a popular treatise on its management," "Report on Leprosy," and the article on "Skin" in "Cooper's Surgical Dictionary." Wilson also wrote countless articles and reports for journals of medicine and science, and was for a time correspondent on Surgery to the Academies of Medicine of Paris and Leipsic. Professional honours were lavished on him abundantly in reward of his labours. He became Fellow of the College of Surgeons in 1843, member of the Council in 1870, and President in 1881. In 1860 he founded at his own expense the chair and museum of Dermatology in the College of Surgeons, and was elected the first professor. He also instituted the chair of Pathology in the University of Aberdeen. This brings us to Erasmus Wilson's performances as a philanthropist. He amassed great wealth by his practice and his books, and he gave his money away for charitable objects with a real relish in doing good. He was not one of those men who build only that others may admire; he went out of his way to inquire how his wealth might serve others, and if all the stories related as to his benevolence may be believed, the visible results of his charity did not amount to a tithe of the good which he did secretly, and would have blushed to find fame. Nevertheless, he was always pleased when he could put his name openly to a charitable scheme and draw others into it thereby.

Sincerely religious, his purse was always open to the requirements of the Church. He erected a chapel and new wing to the Sea-bath Infirmary at Margate; he built the Master's house at the Epsom Medical College in 1872; and restored the Church of Swanscombe, Kent, in 1873. For these and other similar acts of bounty which it would require many lines to set forth her Majesty conferred the honour of knighthood on Bro. Wilson in 1881; but by that time Sir Erasmus had earned national fame of a new sort by bringing the obelisk—generally but inaccurately named Cleopatra's Needle—to England.

Sir Erasmus Wilson leaves no issue. He was married in 1841 to Miss Doherty, daughter of Mr. James Doherty, who survives him. Among the honours not already enumerated which Sir Erasmus Wilson enjoyed were those of Fellow of the Royal Society, honorary LL.D. of the University of Cambridge, and Vice-President of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, and President of the Egypt Exploration Fund.

Our deceased brother's Masonic career, if somewhat brief, was, nevertheless, a brilliant one. He was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, on 25th May, 1870, and served as Deputy Master to the late Prince Leopold in 1876. In the interim he was installed as the first W. Master of the lodge bearing his name, the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, Greenhithe, Kent, and the year following was appointed a Grand Steward, being President of the Board of Stewards at the Grand Festival held the day of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master. In 1878 his Royal Highness appointed him a Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry he played an equally distinguished part. He was exalted in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, on 7th December, 1871, and was installed Z. in 1878, in which latter year he was appointed and invested as Grand Scribe N. of the Supreme Grand Chapter. As may well be imagined, however, from the innate generosity of his disposition, it was in connection with our Institutions that the late Sir Erasmus Wilson displayed his chief interest. He was a Vice-Patron of all three Charities, and had served as Festival Steward twice in aid of the Boys' School, once for the Girls' School, and twice for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This is a record of which any brother might be proud.

The funeral of Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson took place on Wednesday afternoon in the churchyard of Swanscombe, Kent. The body was removed early in the day from Westgate to Northfleet, accompanied by many friends, who were joined by others who left Charing-cross in a special train at half-past eleven. The burial office was read by the Rev. T. H. Candy, Rector of Swanscombe, and the Rev. H. Lindsay, of Margate. The mourners included, among others, Mr. J. Cooper Foster, President of the College of Surgeons; Sir Stephen Pierce, Bro. Col. Creaton, the Rev. H. Woods Tindall, Dr. Price, Mr. C. Moxon, Bro. C. A. Swinburne, Dr. Garson, Dr. Hetley, Mr. Stephen Pearce, Mr. G. H. Ibbetson, Mr. Trimmer, Mr. Stone, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Lingen. A large number of wreaths were sent by the family and friends, and they completely covered the coffin as it was lowered into the grave.

BRO. THE REV. GEORGE JACOBS.

The death, on the 15th ult., of Bro. the Rev. George Jacobs, of Philadelphia, is announced in the Jewish World. The deceased, according to an obituary in the American Hebrew, was born in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, in

September, 1834. In early life he was put to a trade, at which he worked earnestly, devoting his spare hours to study. When 20 years old he went to the United States, and engaged in business, which he followed up for a number of years in Richmond, Virginia. Bro. Jacobs took a prominent part in all charitable movements, displaying warm interest in the workings or all institutions, and lending his aid whenever called upon. He was a leading member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and served for many years as Chairman of the Literary Committee. He lectured before that society frequently, and also before kindred and similar associations, besides congregations, in different cities in the Union. The "B'nai B'rith," the "Keshet Shel Barzel," and the "Free Sons of Israel" counted him among their leading members. He compiled the rituals of all three Orders. Bro. Jacobs joined the Masonic Fraternity early in life, and rose to a high position therein. He acted as one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the New Jewish Hospital. He was also a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati. As a writer, Bro. Jacobs contributed, especially to the Jewish Press of Philadelphia and New York, numerous articles, sketches, and sermons. Of these may be mentioned "Sketches of Abarbanel's Commentaries" and "Specimens of Hebrew Literature," from the time of the redaction of the *Mishna* to the year 1800 of the common year. He published in book form two catechisms, viz., "Elementary Instruction in the Hebrew Faith" and "The Path of Truth," both of which have been adopted by a number of Sabbath and Sunday Schools.

BRO. T. MORING, P.M.

It is with true regret we have to announce the death of Bro. Thomas Moring, P.M., of High Holborn. The deceased had been for many years a member of the Craft, having been initiated in the Albion Lodge, No. 9, on the 1st October, 1850. In 1859 he was raised to the chair of his lodge, and at the time of his death, as for several years previously, held the responsible office of Treasurer. Bro. Moring's name was to be found among the contributors to all three Institutions, and in addition he had served as Steward for the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution.

BRO. WILLIAM CARTHEW DAVEY, W.M. Elect No. 1512.

The funeral of the above highly-respected brother, whose almost sudden death occurred last week, took place at Norwood Cemetery on Monday, the 11th inst., and was attended by a large assembly of sorrowing relations and friends, amongst whom were many brethren members of his respective lodge and chapter and others. The burial service was rendered in the private chapel of the Lambeth Workhouse, of which the deceased had been for many years the able and valued Master. Amongst those present at this service were Bro. P. W. Funnell, the Chairman of the Board of Guardians; the two Vice-Chairmen (Messrs. Mills and Forman), and many other influential officials and residents connected with the parish. A large proportion of the congregation followed the funeral cortege to the cemetery, where had assembled numerous members of the Hemming Lodge, 1512, of which the deceased was W.M. elect, and of the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, of which he was a Past Officer. Amongst these we noticed Bros. Thomas Moody, W.M.; P.M.'s Bros. T. Hammond, T. W. Ockenden and C. W. Fox, W. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; Ballard, Ealy, and others, of 1512; the M.E.Z.; and Ex. Comps. J. E. Woodrow and James Stevens, P.Z.'s., with other members of the Lebanon Chapter; W. Pound, P.M.; J. Brown Allison, and many brethren from neighbouring lodges. These, with the provincial officers of the Workhouse, and several boys and girls from the Parochial Schools constituted a gathering at the grave, far larger than is usually witnessed on similar sad occasions, and testified to the esteem in which our late brother had been held by those who had benefited by association with him. At the close of the solemn and impressive ceremony, and after due respect had been shown to the bereaved relatives and sorrowing friends, the brethren and companions gathered round the grave of their lamented brother, and depositing the sprigs of acacia upon his coffin, paid the last tribute of respect to one whose memory will long be cherished amongst them.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. The Secretary reported the death of three male annuitants, and also that the Supreme Council had renewed their annual gift of tea, sugar, and tobacco to the residents of the Institution at Croydon. A vote of thanks was passed and directed to be forwarded to the donors for their handsome present. Cheques for the ensuing quarter's annuities were ordered to be signed. The applications of two widows for half their late husband's annuities were granted. The petitions of one man and three widows were examined and passed. It was unanimously resolved to forward a letter of condolence to Lady Wilson on the death of Sir Erasmus Wilson, and the Committee then adjourned.

The Duke of Wellington died suddenly on the platform at the Brighton Railway Station on Wednesday afternoon. For some time past the Duke had been some what unwell, and by the advice of his medical attendant he had gone to Brighton for a change of air. He arrived on Tuesday, and took a suite of apartments at the Bristol Hotel, Marine Parade; but not feeling so well on Wednesday morning, and fearing that he was about to have a lengthy illness, his Grace determined to return to his country seat, Strathfieldsaye, Winchfield, Hants. Arrangements were accordingly made for his going so on Wednesday afternoon, and the Duke was accompanied to the Brighton Railway Station by Mr. Birkbeck, of Brompton, crescent, London, and his valet. After conversing with Mr. Birkbeck, his Grace suddenly reeled and fell. Medical aid was promptly sent for. Mr. W. Coleman, surgeon, of Buckingham-place, was in attendance in a few minutes, and pronounced life to be quite extinct. There is little doubt that the death was due to heart disease.



The King of Sweden and Norway has arrived at Taymouth Castle on a visit to Lord and Lady Breadalbane.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has left England for about five weeks. Letters demanding an immediate answer should be addressed to the Resident Chaplain, Lambeth Palace, until the end of September.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the inaugural banquet of the City Constitutional Club on Wednesday evening, at the building in Milk-street. His lordship also attended, on Thursday, the Executive Council of the Health Exhibition at South Kensington.

Sir H. Ponsonby has, by command of her Majesty the Queen, written stating that her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice has consented to become president of the London Musical Society, vacant by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

The Principals and Antients of Barnard's-inn presented five pictures to the National Portrait Gallery during the past year, according to the annual report just issued, namely, portraits of Lord Burghley (1520-1598), Lord Coventry (1578-1646), Sir Wm. Daniel (died 1610), Sir John Holt (1642-1710), and Sylvester Petyt (died 1716).

At the close of his present leave of absence Prince George of Wales, who will shortly be gazetted to his lieutenancy in the Royal Navy, will complete his studies at the Royal Naval College, and will then join the Mediterranean Squadron. It is stated that Her Majesty intends conferring the Grand Cross of the Bath on His Royal Highness.

The Rev. Dr. Doudney, vicar of St. Luke, Westminster, Bristol, editor of *Old Jonathan*, has presented one of his "Little Book Bags," which are made by the children of his industrial school, to each of the inmates of the Printers' Almshouses, Wood Green. These book bags contain tracts, &c., suitable for travellers, district visitors, and others for distribution.

Lord Lauderdale, who was struck by lightning while shooting on the Lauderdale moors on Tuesday, died about midnight after the accident happened. Lord Lauderdale was carried to a shepherd's house, and he lay there unconscious for two hours. His lordship's watch and chain, which had been struck by the lightning, were run into a solid lump. The body was removed to the Castle on Wednesday morning. The deceased was 62 years of age.

At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. A. L. Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G.D., and founder, presented a petition to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for a new lodge to be held at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, which building has been given for two years free. The lodge is to be called the Portsmouth Temperance, and Bro. Capt. Ward, R.A., P.M., has been designated the first W.M., with Bro. Palmer, R.A., S.W., and Bro. Reading, J.W.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., accompanied by Lady Ellis, distributed the prizes at Kingston Grammar School on Wednesday, the 6th inst., and referred to the great service which such institutions had been in connection with the education of English youth. Subsequently the Alderman promised 10 guineas yearly to augment the prize list; and Bro. Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, M.P., with whom was Miss Carden, in a brief address spoke of the importance of swimming, and gave a prize for competition in that exercise next summer. Bro. Sir Whittaker Ellis afterwards presented the prizes at Tiffins' Girls' School, and said the object to be attained by such schools was civilisation, and by the increase of civilisation the happiness of the whole human race. Happiness, he urged upon the young, was only to be found in seeking the happiness of others. Prizes of two guineas each were promised by the Alderman for competition among the pupils attending that institution and Tiffins' Boys' School.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts, accompanied by the Misses Henderson (daughters of Colonel Henderson) and the Rev. C. T. Alkland, vicar of St. Anne's, Highgate, and his wife, was present on Wednesday at the distribution of prizes in connection with the Monnow-road Flower Show, which took place in the Alexis-street Board School, Southwark. Her ladyship observed that flowery language had been held to be the language of either insincerity or extravagance, but she felt she must say a few words which should be neither. The flowers there spoke beautifully and eloquently of the diligence and more than common amount of care which had been spent in bringing them to their state of beauty and perfection, seeing the great difficulties under which they must have been reared in a neighbourhood like Bermondsey. She might be allowed to point out how in other matters work worthy of any of us could only be produced by similar diligence, care, and attention. What had struck her also was that many of the plants and flowers grown by the people in Bermondsey were scarcely inferior to those which had been lent and grown under more favourable conditions, and this made her feel how nearly the pleasures and benefits of life were equal among all classes of those who did their best to make their own pathway good and happy. A vote of thanks to the baroness was carried by acclamation.

£50 to £500.—Tobaccoists commencing.—A pamphlet, how to open a shop respectably for £50; post free. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Wholesale only.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when it should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases, which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. This Ointment checks the local malady. The Pills restore the vital powers.—[ADVT.]

The Merchant Taylors' Company have made a grant of £100 to the funds of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution.

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, with the Earl of Arundel, sailed on Wednesday from Tenby for Milford Haven, in the yacht *Star of the East*.

Bro. the Marquess of Hartington left town on Wednesday evening for Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire, to join the Duke of Devonshire and party for grouse shooting.

In our report of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex last week, the name of one of the Prov. G. Std. Brs. was given as 'Marshall'; it should have been Bro. J. J. Marsh, W.M. 1326, J. elect 1326.

The Duke of Edinburgh was entertained at luncheon on Wednesday by the inhabitants of Galway, and afterwards joined a lawn-tennis party. Addresses were presented, to which his Royal Highness responded, expressing his gratification at the reception given to him.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Buckinghamshire will hold their annual meeting under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, at the Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, on Saturday, the 30th inst.

Last week we announced the alteration of the date of the installation meeting of the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, from the 13th to the 20th. Our authority was that of a regular correspondent, but we regret to find from the best authority that our second notice was incorrect and that the original date was the right one.

An emergency meeting of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2023, was held on Tuesday last at the Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey. The W.M., Bro. B. E. Blashy, presided. Four brethren were raised and five passed, and one gentleman was initiated. The W.M. was ably assisted in the heavy work of the day by the Senior Warden, Bro. Digby. The lodge, which was consecrated so recently as March last, bids fair to be the representative one for the residents of Richmond and its neighbourhood. After the work of the lodge a capital banquet was supplied by Bro. John Munro.

Warrants for two Mark Lodges have recently been granted, and their consecration may be looked forward to at an early date. Of these, the first in order of priority is the Egerton of Tatton Lodge, No. 341, which will hold its meetings the first Friday in the month, at the Masonic Hall, Sa, Red Lion-square, and will be conducted on temperance principles. The following are the principal officers designate, namely, Bros. Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge (Craft), as W.M.; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as S.W.; and Edward J. Mills, as J.W. Among the petitioners, in addition to the above, are Bros. the Rev. Canon Portal, P.M., W.G.M.M.M.; Geo. Graveley, Harry Tipper, and Charles Lee. The second lodge will rank as No. 342 on the roll of Grand Lodge, will be styled the Chelmer Lodge, and will meet at Chelmsford, thus constituting a servicable addition to the province of East Anglia. The following are the officers named in the warrant, namely, Bros. James Pearce Lewin, G.S.D. East Anglia, W.M.; Alfred Francis Ginn, S.W.; and Andrew Charles Durrant, J.W.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held on Wednesday last at the Public Hall, Maldon, under the banner of the two local lodges—St. Peter's, No. 1024, and Blackwater, No. 1977. The Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by Bros. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President of the Board of Benevolence, and about 150 officers and brethren of the province. The Prov. Grand Master invested the following officers: Bros. Donald S. Baynes, W.M. 2006, Prov. G.S.W.; J. C. Earle, I.P.M. 214, Prov. G.J.W.; the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, S.D. 697, Prov. G. Chap.; Andrew Durrant, P.M. and Treas. 276, Prov. G. Treas.; Wm. Herbage, W.M. 2005, Prov. G. Reg.; T. J. D. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, Prov. G. Sec.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, I.P.M. 1024, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Gilling, P.M. 1280, Prov. G.J.D.; A. Mead, W.M. 276, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; A. Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; A. Richardson, W.M. elect 1977, Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.; W. V. Wilson, I.P.M. 160, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; G. A. Eustace, I.P.M. 697, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; John Dean, P.M. 433, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Geo. F. Smith, 1977, Prov. G. Organist; H. G. Everard, W.M. 650, Prov. G. Asst. Sec.; D. Bartlett, P.M. 1343, Prov. G. Pursuivant; Charles Floyd, I.P.M. 1817, Prov. G. Asst. Pursuivant; R. H. Ives, W.M. 51; John Hutley, W.M. 1024; S. H. Ellis, 1977; and W. Strutt, 1977, Prov. G. Stewards; and T. S. Sarel, 276, Prov. G. Tyler. We shall give a full report in our next.

On Wednesday night the first of the classical concerts was given by Bro. Crowe at Covent Garden, the first part of the programme being devoted to Cherubini, Handel, and Mozart, and to two little-known works by Raff and Dvorak. The floor was crowded, and a large number of people occupied the dress circle, balcony, and boxes, listening with evident enjoyment to music which is certainly "caviare to the general." Among the most interesting features of the evening was the appearance of Chevalier L. E. Bach, Court pianist to the German Emperor, who played, in the first part, the "Fantasie Hongroise" of Liszt, for piano and orchestra, and, later on, an "Etude" by himself and "Lützen's Wilde Jagd." These three pieces displayed to the best advantage the pianist's wonderful powers of execution and expression. Liszt's excessively difficult fantasia was rendered with exquisite delicacy and force, and at the end the Chevalier, who was greeted with great applause, warmly shook Bro. Crowe's hand. The "Etude" was given with great refinement, and, as a contrast, the weird "Wild Hunt" brought out the accomplished musician's perfect mastery over his instrument. It may be added that Chevalier Bach is the husband of Mme. Sembrich, the accomplished *prima donna*, and was her teacher in music before he wedded her. His success, therefore, in England is peculiarly gratifying in view of Mme. Sembrich's position as a favourite songstress. Mr. Santley sang several pieces with great effect, and in the second part Bro. Crowe's "See Saw" waltz was given for the second time, and enthusiastically encored.