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WE trust the gathering of Tuesday next, when the Baroness BURDETT-COURTS will lay the corner-stone of the New Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, will prove worthy in all respects of the occasion, the School, and the lady who has so kindly undertaken to bear the chief part in the ceremony. The occasion is one which necessarily presents itself but seldom. Even in Freemasonry there must be a limit sometime to the work of enlarging the scope of its Institutions, and as regards the Boys' School, the record of what has been done in this direction during the last 27 or 28 years is simply marvellous. The changes that have taken place during that period remind us of the wonderful transformations we read of in the "Arabian Nights' Tales," where a sterile region is suddenly converted into a land flowing with milk and honey, a land rich in gold, silver, and precious stones; where virtue in all its many phases reigns triumphant, and vice, or even the semblance of vice, is unheard of. But even the resources of the Royal Art are not, as we have said, illimitable. The School that was not has developed into a School of the foremost rank, with a muster-roll of hale and healthy boys residing within its hospitable walls far more numerous than the founders, even in their most sanguine moments, could have dreamed possible. But a third considerable enlargement within the space of thirty years must be looked upon as the last of the series, and the ceremony of Tuesday next should prove all the more attractive, as it is not likely to be repeated, at all events for a long time to come. As regards the Institution, it will be difficult to find one which better fulfils the purposes for which it was established. There is no School in England that is better managed, none that is more successful in its educational work. The conduct of the Institution and its excellent results are the best evidence we can have—indeed, the only evidence that is needed—that the funds expended upon the School are well and judiciously laid out. Thus the brethren and their guests who will take part in the ceremony of Tuesday next will have the satisfaction of knowing that the Institution they are desirous of promoting is worthy of their aid. What it has done in the past it is capable of doing, and by the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. it will do in the future. Lastly, the lady who will play the chief part in Tuesday's ceremony has shown herself a staunch friend of our Society, and is known everywhere by her lifelong devotion to the cause of philanthropy. It is not now and again that Lady BURDETT-COURTS exerts her influence for the good of others. Benevolence and beneficence are a part of her being. She can no more suspend or dispense with them than she could speak without the organ of speaking, or hear without the sense of hearing; and for her sake, as well as in the interests of the Institution, we trust the event of Tuesday next will be as signal a success as the gatherings of a similar character which have preceded it under the auspices of Freemasonry.

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WE called attention in our last issue to the wild proposal of a foreign Mason to do away with all annual subscription to lodges, and to make the entry payment a nominal one. And this, too, on the absurd and illogical plea that the diminution of enforced payments would lead to larger voluntary efforts on extraordinary appeals. The whole tenour of our Masonic experience is against such a mistaken theory and such a childish proposition, in that we know it is this very "sine qua non" of lodge subscription which makes our English Freemasonry so real, so living, so active, and so beneficent. Indeed, there are many of us who think that our payments are pitched on too low a scale altogether. We do not indeed go with those

who think that high payments, intended to keep up a tone and temper of exclusiveness, are conducive to the best interests, or the "good form" of Freemasonry. But we take a "via media," as we said last week, in accordance with the views, as we believe, of the vast majority of our Order. We do not desire that entrance fees should be prohibitory or extravagant, but that they should be fair, considerate, and proportionable. The annual subscription depends on the requirements and arrangements of each lodge, and cannot legitimately be controlled by "sumptuary laws," or even Grand Lodge edicts, except for very special causes. Grand Lodge might if it thought fit, indeed, as indeed it does, affix a minimum of initiation fees, and, as many Provincial Grand Lodges do, to take lodges out of the old ruck and groove of benefit societies and benefit clubs, a minimum annual subscription. Grand Lodge, however, wisely leaves all the London lodges to full liberty in this respect, and there can be little doubt that under the present liberal and tolerant system Metropolitan Freemasonry has progressed and thriven amazingly, and has led the way in all charitable efforts, and even now develops the most remarkable energy and almost startling results in this "good old cause." In the same way provincial lodges are governed by the regulations of their own Provincial Grand Lodges. Whether or no there might be more spent on pure Charity, and less on creature comforts, we deem it unwise to consider or discuss here. Lodges with low annual subscriptions, whether Metropolitan or provincial, depend entirely for charitable efforts on the zeal and energy and liberality of individual members. A large number of London lodges, whose "pro rata" subscription is as a rule high comparatively, and some lodges of instruction, give, in addition to the munificent donations of individual Stewards, considerable donations from the lodge funds annually. There are, then, two sides to this and every other question, and it seems impossible to-day to lay down dogmatically a system of subscription and social arrangements suited to all lodges alike. But one thing is clear,—the salt of the whole English system, Attic or Masonic, as you will, is the lodge subscription; and that which gives cohesion to our whole Order, and controls and directs our vast machinery, in beautiful unity of action and movement, is that very reality of lodge payments annually, which places the Grand Lodge of England in a position, financially, to be admired and even envied,—if envy indeed were a Masonic characteristic,—by all other jurisdictions on earth. Where lodge subscriptions are lax or wanting, there we see Freemasonry comparatively in a dormant, and decadent, and decaying position. It may be famous, indeed, for genial gatherings, comfortable orations, and attractive symposia; it may be noted for long speeches, and abounding "wind bags;" it may be distinguished by a tendency to discuss matters alien to Freemasonry proper; it may even be degraded by infidel theories, political aspirations, socialistic leanings, and communistic tendencies, that abiding curse and disgrace of Freemasonry everywhere, but its Masonic character is weakened and gone, and the confidence of its members is utterly betrayed. Loyalty and Charity, its ever abiding characteristics, are altogether wanting, and it often ends in being suppressed by the Civil Power, as obnoxious to order and law, and inimical to Society and the State. From which untoward position may English Freemasonry be ever preserved, and may it speed on its useful and beneficent and loyal career in the true pride and confidence of its own members, and the benefactress and consolatrix of mankind.

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THE proceedings with reference to Bro. MUGGERIDGE are not a little noteworthy, and deserve a kindly and appreciative recognition in the *Freemason*. Bro. MUGGERIDGE, better known by his familiar and friendly appellation, has been one of the hardest workers English Freemasonry has ever seen. For more years than we care to count he has been happily to the fore wherever English Freemasonry is, and this is a friendly "souvenir" of "Old Mug." The Stability Lodge of Instruction has long been an institution of Metropolitan English Freemasonry, and long may it so continue. It and the well-known Emulation Lodge have been the two great contemporary and kindly rivals in the dissemination of Masonic lore, the preservation of Masonic ritual, and the due observance of all those generalities and particularities which constitute the essence of English Masonic work, and render our lodge ceremonial so effective, so welcome, and so important for us all alike.

There is a slight difference in their theory and arrangement of "labour," which we may do well to note and keep before us. The Stability represents the working of PETER THOMPSON, &c., and is, in fact, HEMMINGS. The Emulation represents BARTON WILSON, &c., and is, in fact, HEMMINGS, plus WILLIAMS. This is, of course, very shortly stated, but is correct as far as it goes, and is quite sufficient, we think, for a Masonic newspaper to put forth. Any other minutiae of working and actuality ought to be taught, (as no doubt they are,) or learnt in each separate lodge of instruction. Lodges of instruction are a good set off against that slipshod, parrot-like unmeaning "deliverance" which, based on unauthorized expositions and surreptitious expositors, keeps back Masonic work and disgusts "bright" and intellectual Masons. Bro. MUGGERIDGE can look back through a long array of years past and gone, spent as a Masonic Preceptor of great merit and clearness. He has witnessed the happy and onward progress of that Craft he has served so well. We think Bro. MUGGERIDGE's services have truly deserved well of the Craft, and we should be pleased to think that Grand Lodge, having instituted a "Badge of Preceptorship," would reward honest merit and commendable labour. We can recall pleasant meetings long years ago when Bro. THOMPSON was in his glory, and "Old Mug" was a "young man on his preferment" at the Old George and Vulture, Cornhill. Thus for more than a generation has his useful Masonic life been spent in untiring work and liberal benefactions to our Charities, and English Freemasonry can boast fewer more faithful, zealous, or untiring members than "Old Mug," now in his old age, bidding us professionally farewell, amid universal and hearty plaudits, from that stage where he has played so long, so important, so prominent, we will say so distinguished, a part.

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We call attention to an interesting report from West Yorkshire elsewhere in the good town of Leeds, where Bro. HENRY SMITH, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, laid the foundation-stone of a new church with the Craft around him. We call attention to the seasonable remarks of the Bishop of Ripon, and the effective work of our good old friend, HENRY SMITH. All that he does he always does well, and the brethren in West Yorkshire and elsewhere are always glad to see him, and pleased to welcome him, remembering his Masonic services and his personal worth.

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Our brethren of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, English Constitution, have recently done a useful, as well as a graceful, act, and one that deserves to be commemorated in these columns. It is a useful act, because it helps to promote the cause of University education among the sons of those Freemasons who are, or have been, resident in the colony. It is a graceful act, because it will serve to perpetuate the virtues of a most capable Freemason—R.W. Bro. JOHN WILLIAMS, J.P.—who for the last eight years has held the high office of District Grand Master of New South Wales with every credit to himself, and to the great advantage of the Craft. It is also an act worthy alike of our New South Wales brethren and the Grand Lodge to which they owe allegiance. Nothing, indeed, is so calculated to impress the outside world with a favourable idea of the beneficent influence of Freemasonry as any assistance rendered by a body of its members to the cause of education, and our New South Wales brethren are to be congratulated on having shown their respect for Bro. JOHN WILLIAMS by founding a "Freemasons' Scholarship" in connection with the University of Sydney. The sum raised and presented for this purpose is £1000, and the Scholarship, which will be of the annual value of £50 and tenable for three years, will be open only to the sons of Freemasons, members of the English Constitution, who have belonged to it for not less than five years, all such candidates for election or appointment being at the time matriculated students of the University. In the event of there being more than one candidate, the Scholarship will be awarded to him who obtains the first place in a competitive examination, held for the purpose of determining their respective merits. If there are no candidates, and the Scholarship is not filled up in consequence, the interest on the endowment fund will be allowed to accumulate, and the proceeds go towards founding other Scholarships of a similar character. We can only state, in conclusion, that this generous act of our New South Wales brethren is worthy of them, their distinguished chief, and the venerable body from which they have sprung.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The companions present were—

Comps. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as M.E.Z.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., as H.; and J. A. Rucker, as J. The other companions who attended were Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Rev. W. Lake Onslow, S.N.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.S.; Frank Richardson, 1st Asst.; J. M. Case, 2nd Asst.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, J. Sampson Peirce, J. H. Matthews, Charles Hammerton, H. J. P. Dumas, E. H. Letchworth, Hy. Maudslay, Dr. Ralph Gooding, E. M. Lott, G. Org.; Baron de Ferrieres, Frederic Davison, Major Charles Harding, Alfred Richards, and Butler Wilkins, W. Sergeant Lee, H. 1446; George Haldane, P.Z. 349 and 1615; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, Z. elect 1928; I. Cornelissen, P.Z. 1201; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; Alfred A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Sydney Myers, Z. 130; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169; C. G. L. Kipling, J. 79; Chas. F. Hogard, P.Z. 10; and W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348.

After the opening of the chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the May Convocation, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Charters were granted on the following petitions:—

From Comps. Edward Thomas Clark, as Z.; Henry Trevor Gardiner, as H.; Ezra Gooderidge, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to

be attached to the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, to be called the Aire and Calder Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goole, Yorkshire (Western Division).

From Comps. Robert Foreman Castellari, as Z.; George Edmond Coates, as H.; Henry Wilson Warmington, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Northern Star Lodge, No. 1463, Ferozepore, to be called the Mayo Chapter, and to meet at Ferozepore, Punjab, East Indies.

From Comps. William Kelly, as Z.; George Toller, jun., as H.; Samuel Steads Partridge, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, Leicester, to be called the St. George's Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, Leicestershire.

A charter of confirmation was granted to the Principals and members of the Sussex Chapter, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica, the original charter having been destroyed by fire in 1882.

A charter was also granted to the Royal Gloucester Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, authorising the companions of the chapter to wear a centenary jewel. The chapter has proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years.

Comp. SYDNEY MYERS, M.E.Z. 130, begged to be allowed to express on behalf of the members of the chapter their acknowledgments to Grand Chapter for their kindness.

Comp. LETCHWORTH proposed that the meetings of Grand Chapter in future take place in the Great Hall instead of in the Zeland Room, commencing at the November Convocation, and that the Committee be authorised to complete the paraphernalia and appointments which are at present defective.

The motion having been seconded,

Comp. H. MAUDSLAY wished to know why it was proposed to hold Grand Chapter in the Large Hall. The companions had never hitherto found the room in which Grand Chapter was held too small. It might happen some day that it would be too small, and then it would be in the discretion of the Grand Chapter Officers and the Executive and Committee of Management to meet and determine whether it should be held there still; but for the present he thought there was no absolute necessity for altering the place of meeting of Grand Chapter.

Comp. E. H. LETCHWORTH said that in making this recommendation the Committee were influenced by several reasons. It would be in the recollection of many of the companions present that not long since that room was found quite insufficient for holding the meeting. The Committee also felt that it would add to the dignity of Grand Chapter's meetings if they were held in the Temple, which was in every way suited for the purpose of the meetings. For the information of the companions, he might say that, although they did not have large meetings, it was never intended that they should be permanently held in that room—it was only a temporary arrangement. In regard to the paraphernalia, it occurred to all the companions on the Committee that they should have banners in Grand Chapters and other articles that were impressive for a Grand Chapter. There was no room for such things in that room.

The M.E.Z. asked what this would cost?

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said about £150.

Comp. LETCHWORTH added that the sum would certainly be wanted. A list had been made of the articles, and £150 would cover it.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE interposed that he did not say that. The amount would be about £150.

Comp. H. J. P. DUMAS added that he saw the desirability of holding Grand Chapter in a larger room. The meetings had certainly not been held as important meetings demanded.

Comp. BUTLER WILKINS would like to say a few words. He was sure that if they met in the Temple a greater number of companions would attend Grand Chapter than was the case at the present time. He had heard it remarked frequently that that room was not adequate for the purpose, and companions did not care to take the trouble to attend.

The recommendation was put and carried "nem. con.," and Grand Chapter was closed with the customary solemnities.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts held its annual meeting under the banner of the Gladsmuir Lodge, 1385, Barnet, on Friday, the 24th ult. R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bro. J. E. Dawson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, his Provincial Grand Officers, and a large gathering of the brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the roll of lodges called, Bro. F. S. Knyvett, P.M. 404, was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, after which the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested as his officers for the year the following brethren, namely:—

Bro. George Mickley, 449	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ John Brittain, 1385	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. Philip Deedes, 1479...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Rev. C. W. Harvey, 403...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ F. S. Knyvett, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ H. S. Sherry, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ G. E. Lake, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ H. J. Foster, 504	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ F. Hall, 403	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.

Bro. W. Smith, 409	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Terry, 1327	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Hughes, 869	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. K. Hopkin, 1385	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
" H. J. Moxon, 2054	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. J. Thody, 1580	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Wurr, 2086	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Henry Holmes, 1385	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" H. J. Giller, 1984	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Mole, 1757	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.

Bros. W. T. Graves, 1984; D. Schmidt, 1385; W. Lewis, 1385; J. Mellor, 1757; P. W. Dumville, 1479; and E. P. Debenham, 1479 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.

Bros. Wright and Thomas having been elected P.G. Tyler and P.G.A. Tyler, respectively, the report of the Board of Finance, which showed a balance in hand of £50 18s. 11d., and the sum of £104 18s. 2d. invested in Consols, was submitted and accepted, after which the following grants were unanimously made, namely: £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on Bro. G. E. Lake's list as Steward; £10 to the Gladsmuir Lodge, towards defraying the expenses of the meeting; and £10 to the High Barnet Schools. It was also agreed that the Provincial Grand Lodge Calendar should be continued, while a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. R. R. Hutton for having permitted the use of the Schools.

The rest of the business having been despatched, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a banquet was served, the chair being occupied by the Prov. Grand Master. The usual toasts were proposed and honoured, the circumstances under which the meeting was held at Barnet instead of, as originally proposed, at Hemel Hempstead, being referred to in the course of the speeches.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVON.**

A Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Devon was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at Devonport. The brethren assembled at the Friendship Masonic Hall, Granby-street, under the banner of Lodge Friendship, No. 16, Bro. J. Leonard, P.P.G.P., W.M. There was a large attendance. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, Prov. G.M., presided, supported by

Bros. Chas. Spence Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M.; Vincent Bird, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.M., pro tem.; W. Vicary, P.G.S.W.; A. Latimer, P.G.J.W.; J. Lane, P.G.M.O.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 33<sup>d</sup>, G. Chap., P.P.G. Chap., Prov. G. Chap., pro tem.; Dr. W. G. Jervis, P.G.T.; G. F. Gratwicke, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Cawse, P.G.A.S.; J. T. Williams, P.G.S.D.; A. Trout, P.G.D.C.; R. Lavers, G. Std. Br.; J. Haywood, P.G. Purst.; J. T. Crossley and H. Rogers, P.G. Stwds.; Jas. Gidley, P.G. Tyler; officers of the year, and the following Past Officers, of whom there was a large number present: Bros. Capt. A. W. Rodd, J.P., P.P.G. Reg. of Devon, P.P.G.S.W. Victoria, P.M. 47; W.M. 1701, Victoria; Saml. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; G. F. Burnes, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Allford, P.P.G.J.O.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.T.; Jno. Lynn, P.P.G.O.; R. H. Rae, P.P.G.T.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.M.O.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.D.C.; E. J. Knight, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Stocker, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Trout, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Whittley, P.P.G.A. Sec.; T. S. May, P.G. Purst.; R. Dickson, P.P.G. Purst.; H. Rogers, P.G. Stwd.; H. Miller, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; H. Langmead, P.P.G. Purst.; Jas. Lose, P.P.G.O.; D. Cross, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Pengelly, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Jno. Rogers, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Lavers, I.P.M. 76; C. Marshall, J.W. 159; W. H. Crimp, A.D.C. 66; and R. Maunder, J.D. 16.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY reported that all but one of the brethren appointed to office at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge had assumed their rank, and that the fees of honour had been paid. During the past year there had been 58 advancements, and after allowing for losses by death and otherwise, there had been a net gain during the year of 31. The number of members in the province was 452, as against 436 at the end of the previous year. On August 6th the province was honoured by a visit from the Grand Mark Master Mason and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The arrangements were made by a Committee of Provincial Grand Officers acting in conjunction with St. George's Lodge, No. 15. The attendance of distinguished brethren was large, the meeting was very successful, and the Earl of Kintore and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge expressed themselves highly pleased with the welcome given them.

The PROV. G. TREASURER reported that the receipts had been £68, and the payments £27 10s., leaving a balance of £40 9s. Both these reports were unanimously received and adopted.

The PROV. G. MASTER said he had the pleasure of informing the brethren that a very zealous officer of their province, V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, had been appointed to the high office of Grand Chaplain of the Order. He heartily congratulated Bro. Lemon on his appointment, and was sure the brethren would join in offering their congratulations. (Cheers.)

V.W. Bro. LEMON acknowledged the compliment paid him.

The Board of General Purposes recommended that £5 be voted to the Devon Educational Fund, £5 to the Benevolent Fund for Aged and Decayed Masons, £5 to the Boys' School, and £5 to the Girls' School, and that a sum not exceeding £5 be devoted to the purchase of a banner for the Provincial Grand Lodge, the design of the banner to be left to the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and Bros. Vincent Bird and the Rev. T. W. Lemon. This report was received and adopted, with the amendments that 10 guineas be voted for the banner, and that the contributions to the Charities be guineas instead of pounds.

Bro. D. Cross, 169, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the year.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following brethren as the officers:—

Bro. Chas. Spence Bate, F.R.S., 35 (reappointed)	...	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" J. M. Hifley, 76	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Stocker, 15	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" A. T. Blamey, 319	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. Lose, 48	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.

Bro. W. L. Sampson, 23	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" The Rev. T. W. Lemon	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" D. Cross	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. H. Collins, 316	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. F. Gratwicke, 15	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Oldfield, 16	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" H. Miller, 91...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. H. Lister, 169	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" H. Rogers, 96...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" T. S. May, 96	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Lavers, 76...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. T. Crossley, 64	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. D. Ford, 100	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Lavers, 64	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.

Bros. C. Marshall, 48; J. Gifford, 65; and F. Crouch, 16 } Prov. G. Stwds.  
Bros. Jas. Gidley ... } Prov. G. Tyler.

The following brethren were appointed by election the Board of General Purposes: Bros. E. Aitken-Davies, 96; E. J. Knight, 66; the Rev. W. Whittley, 66; and L. D. Westcott, 66.

Thanks were voted to the brethren of Lodge Friendship for the admirable manner in which they had provided for the reception and accommodation of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, Devonport; the Prov. Grand Master presided. The catering was very satisfactory. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and replied to, and vocal and instrumental music interspersed with the speeches contributed not a little to the enjoyment of a very pleasant evening.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.**

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Berks and Oxon was held at Abingdon on Wednesday, the 29th ult., and numerous attended, each of the six lodges—the Porchester, University, Abbey, Leopold, Alfred, and Jersey—being well represented. Much success attended the day's proceedings, the only drawback being the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, who has been compelled to leave England for a few weeks to recruit his health. In his lordship's absence, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stephens, presided, supported by the acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master and a goodly number of officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. Deep regret was expressed at the cause of the absence of Lord Jersey, whose letter to Bro. Stephens was read at the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. PULLEY, presented an interesting report upon the state of the province, showing a satisfactory increase in the number of members during the past 12 months. The province and all the lodges were represented at the recent Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund at the Crystal Palace, the Stewards representing them taking up about £82.

Bro. E. J. Trendell, having resigned office as Provincial Grand Treasurer, was cordially thanked for his past services, and Bro. John Tomkins was elected to fill that position.

The brethren were unanimous in conveying to Earl Jersey their hearty congratulations to his lordship on having been appointed by the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to preside over the Craft Masons in the Province of Oxfordshire.

Various matters affecting the welfare of Mark Masonry were considered, and the brethren of the Porchester Lodge gave a cordial invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet next summer at Newbury. The invitation was at once accepted by Bro. Stephens, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. E. J. Trendell, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. M. Dormor, 247	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Sir B. Brodie, Bart., 55	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. H. Simpson, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" E. Head, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. H. Wells, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. H. Lewis, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. G. Hall, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. Tompkins, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. J. Pulley, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. H. Lindars, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" W. W. Ridley, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" T. Lucas, 247	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Llewellyn, 257	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. E. Sydenham, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" F. J. Humphrey, 55	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" E. Nichols, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. Graham, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. B. King, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. Puttick, 257	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.

The business having concluded, the Prov. G.S.W., Bro. Trendell, following his liberal practice on former occasions of a like nature, invited the brethren to his charming residence, "The Abbey," in the grounds of which luncheon was provided in an elegant style, with an "ad libitum" supply of champagne and other choice wines. The guests included, besides the Mark Masons, many of Bro. Trendell's private friends, and among those seated at the head table were Mr. J. C. Clarke, M.P., and his son, Mr. Heber Clarke (the Mayor of Abingdon).

The usual toast list was gone through, and "The Health of the Much Esteemed Host, Bro. Trendell," proposed by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, was drunk amidst enthusiastic cheering. Several hours were agreeably spent in the Abbey grounds, and in the evening the highly successful gathering broke up. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Rowley, were excellent.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Sunday Times" (London), "Hull Packet," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Broad Arrow," "Western Morning News," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Boletín Masonico," "Voice of Masonry," "The Piano, Organ, and Music Trades Journal," "The Freemason" (Detroit)—April 25th to July 18th, "The Effective Advertiser," "American Eagle," "English Churchman," "El Taller," "Natal Mercury," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Keystone," and "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa."



SATURDAY, AUG. 8, 1885.

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.]

WHICH SHALL IT BE—"CHARITY" OR "DINNERS?"

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, I find nothing in the last letter of "Cakes and Ale" which calls for any notice from me, except his assumption that 15s. per head covers the cost at each banquet, and that that is a moderate amount for the purpose.

He must permit me to say that, in my humble opinion, enlightened by the experience of the Audit, 15s. per head instead of being a moderate expenditure for a dinner, is a monstrous waste of money—wholly unjustifiable in a Society which has for one of its chief attributes the god-like principle of "Charity"—even if it covered the actual cost per head, which it never does in a banqueting lodge.

Badinage is good in its way, but it is hardly the mode in which to treat a matter of such grave responsibility upon the Craft as the proper application of the funds of its lodges. Until I have some other grounds placed before me I shall adhere to my opinion that those funds can be much better utilised than in providing costly, wasteful, and extravagant "dinners."—Yours faithfully and fraternally, August 3rd. C. E. G.



A HISTORICAL TREATISE ON EARLY BUILDERS' MARKS. By Bro. GEO. F. FORT. McCalla and Staveley, 237, Dock-street, Philadelphia, United States.

This very interesting and, we may add, remarkable contribution to Masonic history, by that always pleasant and industrious writer, Bro. G. Fort, will be welcomed warmly by all Masonic students everywhere. It is divided practically into two great portions,—one extending to the 81st page, treating on the "Customs of the Craft," and the other, from 81 forwards, dealing with "Builders' Marks." We certainly owe to Bro. Fort a great deal of gratitude,—we Masonic students of Masonry,—for touching upon matters upon which no one else has treated, and searching out recondite facts and forgotten recollections, overpassed by, and unknown to, apparently all other Masonic writers. And so in the work before us Bro. Fort brings out very clearly, more clearly than in any other book we know of, Bro. Gould's perhaps excepted, the internal life and normal existence of the Craft Guilds, their powers of discipline and punishment, and the actual binding nature of their contracts, their covenants, and their membership. Bro. Fort points out that, just as in Roman Guilds, the members were free men, not slaves, whatever may have been the case, as to certain religious mysteries, so we find the Guilds at a very early date assuming a definite position, and claiming certain rights and privileges, as of immemorial use, and of binding authority. Bro. Fort seems to lay a good deal of store by the Monastic connection, and to adopt Findel's view of a Benedictine patronage of the Craft Guilds, and also which is noteworthy and in contradistinction to Bro. Gould, and in which we confess we lean to Bro. Fort's view, that there was a spiritual and symbolical teaching connected with the German Steinmetzen brethren, and that they possessed both a ceremonial, and mystical and trade secrets. On the question of marks Bro. Fort gives us very interesting details, and not a few curious facts. We do not think that the elucidation of the mystery and meaning of "marks" in the abstract has advanced much since Bro. Shaw's days, and we still lean ourselves to the essential correctness of the main views of that learned and regretted student. Marks were undoubtedly originally alphabetical and numeralistic, and in each country, just as the Runes, which were originally a modification of a Greek trading alphabet, were passed into the services of the early builders, so the letters and numerals of various languages became Masons' marks, and are distinctly traceable as such, and became marks, so to say, of a Cosmopolitan system and unity. As time ran on, the tendency to use mystic emblems become more marked, and the alphabetical marks seem to have been governed, as Bro. Fort well puts it, by mathematical rules and precision. The use, too, of the Hermetic and magical alphabet as Masons' marks is a curious fact, which so far has not received the attention it deserves. From an early period the Delta, the point within a circle, the circle and two parallel lines, the Folfoot, the Pentalfa, the Hexapla were largely used by builders. The Pentalfa was an Oriental sign, and became Pythagorean, with the word "Ugeia," Health, at the corners of the angles, on a circle. It is also used as a form of Hebraic Cabala, with the word Jehovah or Adonai, in the middle. The Hexapla was not Pythagorean, as far as we know, despite Bro. Fort's high authority for the statement,

and except derivatively was a mystic emblem of sacred and constant recognition in the East. It is, in fact, the wonderful and mystical emblem of Solomon's seal; was adopted by the early Christian builders to denote the Trinity, just as the Pentalfa, or Pentaculum Salomonis, as it is often called, became a Christian mystical emblem of the five wounds of our Saviour. The more we study Masons' marks, the more we must be struck by the law of mystic emblem and Hermetic symbolism pervading them. It may interest members of the Mark Degree to know that Bro. Fort alludes to Matthew of Arras and Peter Arler, whose images in the Cathedral of Prague bear the Order of Mansonarii, instituted by King Karl the IV. about the end of the fourteenth century. Matthew of Arras wears his mark a keystone set in a semicircle, depending on a broad band of blue, and Peter Arler a perfect square. Marks may have been trade, family, individual, Guild, and hereditary. Bro. Shaw professed even to have found marks of members of the Guilds as well as of the "Losses" and "Cowans" of Scottish nomenclature, not members of the Guild, though fellow-workers, "operantes, operarii." Mr. Street in his interesting work on Spanish cathedrals alike in Spain and Portugal, if we remember rightly, professes to be able to trace various members of a family by some slight difference of marks. The common idea that the marks were to enable the overseer to measure the work, is, we think, too far fetched. A curious fact has been discovered in some churches, to which a worthy brother has called our attention, that marks are sometimes found on the rough ashlar, as on the smooth, and sometimes two on one stone. We all know marks were adopted by various trades and Crafts and Guilds, and artists and families of artists, and it is said by Fort that there is trace of the same right of Craft Masons to take away marks by a judiciary sentence for some offence, with which the Guild, as a body corporate, could deal. A great deal has yet to be written on the common and inner life of the Craft Guilds in all countries, and to writers like Bro. Fort, Gould, and others who have turned their attention to this forgotten subject, Masonic students owe a great deal, which they often do not take the trouble to acknowledge, and will certainly never be able to pay. Bro. Fort gives a most interesting legend from the Acta Sanctorum, about the Master Reynoldus, a son of Haymon, killed by the Craftsmen at Cologne, which deserves careful study and thought. The romance of the Quatre Fils d'Aymon, like a good many other stories of Chivalric life, have all a side bearing on Masonry. There is a good lodge in England which keeps close to its Master's pedestal, a mighty sword, it may be the "old sword of justice" of some Free Guild, with a power of discipline, nay, even of life or death, over its members. But in this case the sword has on it the mystic name of "Excalibur," and is thus connected with the Arthur the King of the Chivalric Myths, or realistic Arthur. Bro. Fort has one great charm in his writing, he always throws light on the subject he treats upon. It may be fairly said of him "nihil tetigit quod non ornavit," and the elegance and effectiveness of his style carry on the contented and gratified reader to the last words of the unique smaller, or larger work. We confess to be among those many grateful students who the more we read of Bro. Fort's contributions the more we like them, and we thank him once again, and we hope not for the last time, for a most striking, careful, lucid, and learned contribution towards the much-needed study of a very taking subject, of a most recondite and difficult question.

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND LIST OF MEMBERS, Ancient and Accepted Rite, England and Wales. Corrected to 30th June, 1885. 33 Golden-square, London.

There is little that can be said of a work like this which is published annually, and annually exhibits a nearer approach to perfection in the accuracy and fulness of its details. As a book of reference for those whose duty necessitates frequent researches in order to ascertain from official sources the achievements of brethren who have attained high rank in the extra-constitutional branches of Masonry, this register can only be described as invaluable. A complete record of the Masonic services of many among our most distinguished members without this to refer to would be impossible; nor in speaking of the evident care and attention bestowed on its compilation do we feel that we can use terms likely to be thought too encomiastic. In short, what this calendar of the Supreme Council was in 1884, it is now, but with the further particulars which have accrued since, and that nearer approach to perfection of which we have already spoken.

CALENDAR OF THE GREAT PRIORY OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA IN ENGLAND AND WALES for 1885-86. Published by authority.

The Templar Calendar, like its companion of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, exhibits those points of excellence without which such books of reference possess no value whatever. There is here, however, no list of members, but we have a full account of the meeting of Great Priory, held on the 8th May last, when the Great Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior, occupied the throne, and a very satisfactory report was presented for the past year by the Council. The Statement of Account is also most satisfactory, the balances to the credit of the General and Benevolent Funds amounting together to close on £666. We note further that Sir Knight Ralph Clutton is the new Treasurer of the Order in succession to Sir Knt. C. Gooden, who had held the office, though not quite continuously, since 1865, and to whom, on his present retirement from a position he had so long and so eminently adorned, a handsome vote of thanks was unanimously accorded. Other changes that have occurred during the year are mentioned, and a list is given of the preceptories under suspension, several of them having been in this unpleasant predicament for a long term of years. It is to be regretted that the different preceptories have not attached to them lists of the subscribing members. The compilation of such returns would not be a matter of great difficulty, and then the doings of distinguished brethren in Templary, as in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, would be traceable. Probably this omission will be supplied in future years, though beyond this we do not see that anything in the way of improvement is possible.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 625] BRO. WOODFORD'S LIBRARY.

I have this morning received Messrs. Hodgsons' catalogue, and rise from its perusal with feelings of bitter despair. I was in hopes that our brother had only sent duplicate copies and less rare works for sale, but a glance at the catalogue has undeceived me. And now what can be done? Absolutely nothing. The sale is arranged for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and will be all over before my words appear. Every man has an undoubted right to do as he will with his own, but in spite of this, I think, and do not hesitate to frankly state that we are morally entitled to reproach Bro. Woodford for his haste. He should at least have left a fortnight between the issue of the catalogue and the date of the sale in order to allow time for concerted action. The books are lost to Grand Lodge, nay, are lost to English Students, for they will undoubtedly go to America, at least, the most valuable will. There are no less than three MS. Constitutions!

August 1st.

G. W. SPETH.

### 626] INSTALLATION OF R.W. BRO. T. W. TEW, J.P.

I am very pleased to note the appreciative review of the excellent record of the installation of the R.W. Bro. Thomas William Tew, as Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, so ably edited and compiled by Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, Leeds, &c., Secretary to the Installation Committee. It is by far the best of the kind ever published, and the report is replete with valuable information and most useful forms and lists relating to that auspicious event, in which the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D., was the prominent figure, and deservedly so, for few brethren have done so much as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and member of the Craft, to induce Masonic activity, interest, and charity as that good brother. I am, however, more particularly interested in the part that was allotted to my friend and brother, William Watson, P.M., of Leeds, viz., the Preface, and "Notes on Leeds Lodges," &c., who, as a Masonic Student has long been well known to me, his fault, however, being that he has been too much of a student, and too little of an author. The origin and history of the Province of West Yorkshire are carefully traced and explained by Bro. Watson, and many striking facts are made known relative to the spread of the Craft in that large and enthusiastic Masonic province. Two facsimile lists of the lodges, &c., at Leeds, 1754, and 1761, from Cole's Engraved List of 1767 are very curious and interesting. Bro. Mason kindly forwarded me particulars of the lodge of 1754, which was originated by some French Prisoners of War, whilst at Leeds. No. 749, St. Alban's, Leeds, took a new number in 1832, and its warrant was returned on 27th March, 1834, so that it existed a little longer on the roll than Bro. Watson fancied. It is remarkable that there are now three times as many lodges, as in 1821 when the province was reformed, and at the present time, the Prov. G.M. has to rule over more than 3000 members, a province larger than many Grand Lodges abroad. Then there are the "Provincial Notes" by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, and the P.G. Sec., Bro. H. G. E. Green, which cover the period of 1821 to 1885, and are most valuable, besides all the documents presented by Bro. Mason, relative to the installation. The work is a veritable *multum in parvo*, and most creditable to all concerned, the compiler and editor, Bro. Mason, deserving all praise for the arrangement of the numerous items that make up the handsome work.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).—**Installation of Bro. W. A. Scurrah.—It may be in the recollection of many of our readers that on the occasion of the election meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, some months since, we were privileged to report a very commendable instance of true Masonic feeling, and expression of regard and esteem for the worthy brother whose admission amongst the rulers of the Craft took place on Saturday, the 25th ult. The then S.W., Bro. C. J. Axford, whose preference to the office of W.M. was assured under ordinary circumstances, having received the permission of the members of the lodge for that purpose, and joining heartily in their desire to bestow the earliest possible honour on a brother whose Masonic services, both in respect of lodge work and exertions on behalf of the Masonic Charities, deserved the highest recognition, gracefully retired from candidature as W.M. and made unanimous the vote which raised Bro. W. A. Scurrah to that dignified and coveted position. In the interval between election and installation, this unmistakable evidence of esteem on the part of the members of his lodge was supplemented by a testimonial from other distinguished Craftsmen who, at a meeting held for that purpose, presented to Bro. Scurrah the badge which he will now be privileged to wear, it is to be hoped, for many years to come. Thus honoured by appreciation of past exertions, it is no cause for surprise that the occasion of Bro. Scurrah's installation as second W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge should have produced an "overflow" meeting of friends and admirers, nor that there should have been a more than usual demand for entry into the Masonic Order under his rule and guidance. The day appointed for his installation was remarkable for its high temperature, and for numerous out-of-door gatherings; but neither heat nor open air festivities deterred his many friends from attending in testimony of their regard and affection.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., and first W.M. of the lodge, opened the lodge early in the afternoon, the officers present being Bros. C. J. Axford, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; C. P. McKay, P.M., Sec.; P. Cheek, S.D.; R. W. Surridge, I.G.; W. H. Burgess, D.C.; H. Webb, Stwd.; J. Read, P.M., Org.;

and Very, Tyler. In the temporary absence of the J.D., Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., a visitor, kindly officiated in that capacity. There was also a full attendance of the members of the lodge, during the subsequent ceremonies, and the register was signed by the following, amongst many other visitors: Bros. H. Spencer, W.M. 73; Edwin Storr, W.M. 1671; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx., W.M. 1879; James Willing, W.M. 1997; J. W. Marsh, P.M. 73; Thomas Poore, P.M. 720; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426; F. Marx, P.M. 957; A. G. Fidler, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; W. Medwin, P.M. 1613; G. Emblin, 147; W. Fenn, 538; Harry Sillis, 957; J. Archer, D.C. 1426; J. Fidler, 1550; E. A. Francis, 1599; G. M. Thomson, 1599; B. J. Lowe, 1695; James C. Smith, C. Knightley, J. Glynn, J. C. Hamilton, H. Dickey, Sec.; R. Ross, W. H. Barling, H. W. Field, J. J. Taylor, A. Thomas, all of 1744; C. Gurr, 1919; E. Clun, C. Mennie, J. Duncan, 1997; F. Levander, P.M. 1415, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

The "work" before the lodge was enough to have satisfied the veriest cormorant for Masonic ceremonial, for it comprised the business of the Three Degrees in addition to the full installation ceremony, and from want of quite sufficient accommodation the entire body of Masons could not take part in all. Still in spite of heat and a little other inconvenience the programme set forth was admirably carried out. Bro. Lovegrove, the W.M., at the request of the W.M. of Lodge No. 1910, passed Bro. J. Mills, and immediately thereafter raised to the Third Degree, Bros. Edgar Robert Clunn and Arthur William Wace of the Henry Levander Lodge, and Bro. C. Mennie of the Strand Lodge. He then completed his brilliant year of Mastership by installing his successor, Bro. Scurrah, with perfect ceremony, and deservedly received at his hands the well-merited jewel which, in his case at all events, if not in all others, marks the reward of labours and duties well discharged.

The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. J. Axford (re-appointed, and enthusiastically applauded for his past year's service), S.W.; P. Cheek, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Treas.; C. P. McKay, P.M., Sec.; W. Surridge, S.D.; Burgess, J.D.; H. Webb, I.G.; Worrall, D.C.; Barfoot, Asst. D.C.; John Read, P.M., Org.; S. Reece, Steward; and Very, Tyler; and to each of them addressed appropriate remarks and expressed his hope that they would thoroughly support him during the ensuing year in promoting the prosperity of the lodge.

The W.M. then initiated, after usual ballot and acceptance, Messrs. Arthur Henry Scurrah (his nephew) Frank Charles Joseph, Alfred William Gerrard, H. W. Parker, and William Dent Dickenson, and seemed almost disappointed that he had not a similar number to go on with. Not so his members and visitors, for by this time the evening shadows were commencing to fall, and no long interval would elapse before separation would be necessary. Still order prevailed, and the lodge was duly closed.

A well-served banquet was spread in another part of the Railway Hotel at Harrow, wherein the lodge had held its meeting, and without much delay Master, members, and visitors were most agreeably occupied. After the cloth had been cleared, the able presidency of the W.M. effected an orderly though speedy disposal of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, amongst which special prominence was given to the late and present Masters of the lodge, to the newly-initiated, and to the visitors. Each of these received fitting response, necessarily brief, but none the worse for that. Train time arrived before the Tyler's toast could be given, and the whistle of the "steam horse" caused speedy dispersion, amidst general expressions of satisfaction with the entire proceedings of this eventful meeting.

**HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).—**The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., and was of a specially interesting character. After the transaction of the ordinary business, which included the impressive ceremonial of the Third Degree, rendered by Bro. Stevens, P.M., and the officers in a very effective manner, the W.M. (Bro. Hawkins) proceeded to carry into effect the resolution of the previous lodge, viz., to present to Bro. William Husband a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), in token of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by his brethren. He being about to remove to London, the members of the Cornubian Lodge desired to testify their high appreciation of his character and abilities, by presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, and by entertaining him at a banquet afterwards.

In making the presentation Bro. Hawkins briefly referred to the great interest and solicitude that Bro. Husband had always shown in the welfare of the Cornubian Lodge, during the many years (30 or more) of his connection with it. In choice and appropriate terms he also alluded to the many public services he had rendered to the neighbourhood as the first Captain of the Artillery Volunteers at its establishment, and to the great assistance he had given to the young men of the town in connection with the science classes, of which he had been the local secretary and main support from the time of their formation until now. His liberal support and kind sympathy with every good object were also themes for praise and commendation.

Bro. Husband in his reply, whilst thanking the W.M. for his genial words, and the brethren for their hearty acquiescence, could not allow that he was in any degree worthy of such kind expressions, but yet he was sensible of the warm and generous feelings that prompted them thus to do him honour on his leaving the neighbourhood. He wished it, however, to be understood that he should remain attached to the lodge, and continue to have the same solicitude for its success, and whenever he could do so he should still join them in their meetings. Referring to the ceremony they had witnessed that evening, and to the striking parallelism that is manifest between Operative and Speculative Masonry, he inferred that without doubt the grand and noble institution of Freemasonry, now so widely spread, and of such great power and influence in the world, had sprung from the combination of Operative Masons, for their mutual protection and assistance. Alluding to the basis of the foundation of Masonry, to the principles that from the beginning have formed the prominent characteristics of Masonic creed, he insisted (alluding to the continental departure therefrom) that the recognition of the G.A.O.T.U. is essential to its continued success, and even to its very existence. Other topics of an equally instructive and interesting character were

referred to, and Bro. Husband concluded by thanking the brethren for their great kindness to him.

The lodge being closed, the brethren repaired to their room specially prepared for the banquet, which was served in the usual good style for which Bro. Smith, P.M., Sec., is justly celebrated.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were given in a most hearty manner, and effectively supported by musical accompaniments, the toast of the evening, "The Good Health, Long Life, and Happiness of Bro. Husband," was given by Bro. John Poole, the senior Past Master of the lodge, in an appropriate speech. This was supported by Bro. Dr. Mudge, P.M., in an equally felicitous manner; and further supported by Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M., the indefatigable librarian of the lodge.

The response of Bro. Husband was as interesting and instructive as his former address in the lodge; and, referring to his own initiation into Freemasonry 38 years ago, he made an interesting comparison with the Masonry of then and of to-day. Then he had seen (but not in this country) a Royal visitor courting the loyalty of the Freemasons in a time of political disturbance, but now the loyalty of Masons was assured, and he hoped the day would never come when it would be in any degree used for party political purposes, but would ever maintain its political neutrality. Nevertheless, he was of opinion that a Society of such immense power should not, could not, remain idle and indifferent to the great movements of progress that were daily developing in the world. The cause of Masonic Charity is a natural object for its support, and this cannot be too highly commended, but there is much work to be done outside Masonry that the powerful brotherhood can well put their hands to. For instance, education and other kindred objects being for the weal of mankind, without reference to sect or party, or creed, are all objects within the scope and design of Freemasonry, and which in its collective capacity it would do well to further and support.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. W. K. Baker, P.M. 1272, and others, and the brethren were charmed by the singing of Bros. White, 1272; Rowe, 1544; and others, adding as it did greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Other toasts were given and responded to, but there was one sentiment pervading all, that of appreciation, respect, and esteem for Bro. Husband. It may be mentioned that there was a large number of Past Masters present, that being a notable feature of this influential and successful lodge.

**RUNCORN.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).—**On Tuesday, the 21st ult., the brethren of this lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall, Devonshire-square, to celebrate the Festival of St. John. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Richard Oldbury, W.M., who afterwards performed the ceremony of the installation of Bro. George Bell, J.W., as W.M., in a most impressive manner. He was assisted by Bro. E. Marwood, P.M. The W.M. then elected his officers as follows: Bros. R. Oldbury, I.P.M.; Tolkington, S.W.; J. H. Salkeld, J.W.; R. Edwards, Chap.; E. Marwood, Treas.; G. Summerfield, Sec.; J. Coxhill, P.M., D. of C.; F. A. Lake, S.D.; Thomas Wright, J.D.; Rosenberg, I.G.; Cooper, Org.; S. H. Annett, S.S.; and Richard Clarke, jun., J.S.

Subsequently a banquet took place, the catering of Bro. J. Coxhill, P.M., giving general satisfaction. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. R. Clarke, sen., P.M.; W. R. Wass, P.M.; W. Mellor, P.M.; Geo. Moss, P.M.; James White, P.M.; S. Orme, S.W.; and Harrington.

The retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and also made a Life Governor of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Fund.

## INSTRUCTION.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—**The usual weekly meeting was held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. Mercer, W.M.; Gush, Precursor; Frampton, S.W.; Hildreth, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Foald, S.D.; Hodges, I.D.; Bokenham, I.G.; Aynsley, J. Stevens, Oldis, Hill, Partington, Barnett, Sycklemore, Weddon, Rogers, Fenner, Turner, Knightley, Howard, Beck, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and Bro. Beck having offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was afterwards rehearsed. Three new members were elected, and a committee appointed to ascertain the members entitled to participate in the ballot for a life membership for one of the Charities. The lodge was then closed, and adjourned until Tuesday next.

## Royal Arch.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—**The usual Quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when the following were present: Comps. J. Wilkins, M.E.Z.; G. Kennedy, H.; T. Owendon, J.; W. Weston, P.Z.; J. Scottmitch, P.Z.; E. West, P.Z., Treas.; R. Gooding, S.E.; G. Spinks, S.N.; J. Bilton, 1st Asst. S.; A. Woodley, 2nd Asst. S.; G. W. King, R. Warren, A. Penn, W. Rees, H. 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation passed; the ballot was taken for Bros. Canning, J.D., and C. Wood, W.S., both of 1472, and proving unanimous, those brethren were exalted to the Supreme Degree by the M.E.Z. and his officers in finished style. Comp. Spinks took the work of P.S. at a moment's notice, and did it admirably.

The chapter was then closed and the companions banqueted at Comp. H. de Gray's establishment, the Freemasons' Tavern, opposite the Dockyard Station.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured, as also that of "The M.E.Z.," "The P.Z.," "The First and Second Principles," "The Visitors," "The Exalted," "The Masonic Press," and last, but not least, "The Host," who is deservedly popular as being premier caterer to, and oldest companion of, this grand old chapter.

**YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—**The regular quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on the 29th ult. There were present Comps. T. B. Whythead, P.Z., Prov. G.H., M.E.Z.; Mark Rooke, H.; J. Todd, P.Z., P.P.G.J., as J.; G. Garbutt, S.E.; Dr. Foster, S.N.; G. Kirby, P.S.; and about 20 other companions and visitors.

Successful ballots were taken for several candidates, and three brethren were exalted to the Supreme Degree. The new decorations of the hall were the source of much favourable comment, and the new organ, just erected by Messrs. Conacher and Brown, of Huddersfield, and which was manipulated by Comp. G. Balmford, P.Z., was much admired. A large sum of money has been expended upon the organ and fresh adornments, and very few Masonic Halls can be found more elegant and complete than this building, which is the property of the York Lodge, 236. After the close of the chapter the companions met at supper, and spent a very pleasant evening.

**CHATHAM.**—Pentangle Chapter (No. 1174).—The installation of principals of this chapter took place at the Sun Hotel on the 21st ultimo. Those installed were Comps. Quartermaster V. Brown, P.Z., 1st Principal; William Watson, 2nd Principal; and T. Watson, 3rd Principal. After the investiture the usual banquet took place. Among those present was Comp. the Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.A.S. England.

**Mark Masonry.**

**DRIFFIELD.**—Drifelt Lodge (No. 291).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. Jas. Elgey, W.M.; G. S. Highmoor, S.W.; W. Highmoor, J.W.; M. M. Westerby, S.W. 281, as M.O.; T. Dixon, W.M. 281, S.O.; Sydney Smith, 281, as J.O.; W. B. Dyson, Old York Lodge, T.I., as S.D.; John Dunning, P.P.G. Chap., J.D.; W. Brown, Old York Lodge, T.I., as I.G.; S. Chadwick, P.M., P.G.M.O.; J. Robinson, Sec.; and others.

Successful ballots were taken for Bros. Chas. Gray, P.M. 734; John Rennard, 734; John Moor, 734; and H. Overend, 1040. The ceremony of advancement was very ably performed by Bro. Chadwick, P.M. Masonic business over, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a very pleasant evening was spent, the customary Masonic and other toasts being duly honoured. The Charities' collection on this occasion amounted to 6s. 6d.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**JERSEY.**—Caesarean Lodge (No. 74).—A meeting of this lodge was held last Sunday afternoon, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stafford-road, St. Helier's. Present: Bros. L. Hespriadoux, acting W.M.; Le Scelleur, S.W.; J. Hamon, J.W.; J. Leat, P.M.; J. Pugsley, P.M.; Charles Naylor, M.O.; P. Bois, S.O.; J. Stone, J.O.; O. Dodge, Sec. acting S.D.; B. Coombes, J.D.; J. Gibson, I.G.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and was called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed with great credit by Bro. L. Hespriadoux, who explained the working tools, tracing board, and gave the charge. After fully explaining the symbolical meaning of the furniture and jewels of M.M.M. lodge, Bro. L. Hespriadoux spoke at length about the wages, division of labour, and numbers of Overseers, Mark Masters, and Workmen, and finally delivered, unabridged, the lecture on the Mark Master Masons' Degree. The lodge was then closed.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**HULL.**—De la Pole Conclave (No. 132).—A regular meeting of this conclave was held on the 31st ult. The attendance was very limited. Sir Knt. A. P. Wilson presided as M.P.S., and Sir Knt. Dr. R. Wiseman Cooper, V.E.; Past Sov. Sir Knt. W. Gillett, as Sen. Genl.; P. C. Whitfield, Jun. Gen.; and Geo. S. Highmoor, Recorder. The muster roll was called, and the minutes of the last conclave read and confirmed. Grand Imperial Councils were delivered to Herald. Sir Knt. Comp. Dr. Cooper, V.E., was elected M.P.S. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knt. Whitfield, V.E. The Permanent Council was elected as follows: Sir Knights Moll, T. T. Davis, and T. D. Wing, in addition to the Recorder and Treasurer as ex-officio. Sir Knt. H. Preston, Past Sov., was re-elected Treasurer, and Sir Knt. Burdell, Sentinel. The V.E., in returning thanks for the confidence the brethren again reposed in him, congratulated the companions on the success which had attended the conclave during the past year in the increase of its members, that being the only night on which the companions had had no work. He also referred to the very satisfactory condition of the conclave from a financial point of view.

The sir knights afterwards adjourned to the refectory, where the usual Red Cross and Masonic toasts were honoured.

**South Africa.**

**BLOEMFONTEIN.**—Rising Star Lodge (No. 1022).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 24th June, at the Masonic Hall. Bro. A. Barlow, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. S. R. Hill, S.W.; E. H. Croghan, J.W.; H. A. Robinson, Treas.; W. H. Norton, Sec.; A. Peters, S.D.; J. Clark, J.D.; C. J. Tate, I.G.; W. L. Bridger, Stwd.; M. Westley, Tyler; and H. Wilson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. P.M. Sir J. H. Brand, J. Bisseux, W.M. of Lodge Unie, under the Constitution of the Netherlands, and P.M. Royce.

In the course of the meeting the retiring W.M., Bro. Alfred Barlow, acted as Installing Master, and with the assistance of Bros. J. H. Brand, P.M., Royce, P.M., and Henry Wilson, P.M., who formed the Board of Installed Masters, regularly installed Bro. E. H. Croghan, according to ancient custom, as W.M., who then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. A. Barlow, I.P.M.; C. J. Tate, S.W.; W. H. Norton, J.W.; J. Clark, Treasurer; H. A. Robinson, Secretary; W. H. Thomson, S.D.; P. Eckstein, J.D.; J. L. Llewellyn, I.G.; A. Reus and A. Peters, Stewards; and M. Westley, Tyler. Bro. Samuel Barratt, formerly a member of the lodge, kindly presided at the harmonium, and the music greatly added to the solemnity and impressiveness of the ceremony. The W.M., having invested his officers as above, addressed the I.P.M., and said it was his pleasing duty to be the mouthpiece of the lodge in conveying to Bro. Barlow the high estimation in which he was held by the brethren, and at the same time to ask his acceptance of a slight token of their regard,

in the shape of a Past Master's jewel. This was handed to Bro. Barlow, who suitably thanked the brethren for their kind consideration.

After the ceremony was over the brethren partook of refreshment in the ante-room, when the W.M. proposed the following toasts, viz., "The Queen and the Craft," "The President," "The M.W. Grand Master of England," "The G.Ms. of all other Constitutions, coupled with the G.M. of the Netherlands." The S.W. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," the W.M. proposed that of "The I.P.M. and the Outgoing Officers," and the I.P.M. that of "The Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year." The W.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge Unie."

A very pleasant evening was spent, the new banqueting-hall being well filled with brethren, who seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves.

**DUTOITSPAN.**—Charles Warren Lodge (No. 1832).—The ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Beaconsfield Lodge room on the 2nd ult., in the presence of many visiting brethren from the Cosmopolitan, Athole, and Richard Giddy Lodges. The installation was ably performed by Bro. Connolly, assisted by the retiring Master, Bro. C. Aburrow. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Bros. H. W. Hull, W.M.; C. Aburrow, I.P.M.; E. T. Somerset, S.W.; W. K. Bradford, J.W.; E. Withycombe, Treas.; R. Harbord, Sec.; C. Masterson, S.D.; G. Mackay, J.D.; Alport, I.G.; Rees, D.C.; F. Illig, R. Urry, and Donald, Stwds.; and T. Stow, Tyler.

A goodly number of the brethren of the lodge then adjourned to the Dutoitspan Club, where Bro. Adendorf had provided dinner. Amongst the guests were Bros. R. W. H. Giddy, Past Dist. G.M.; Walton, Richards, Ball, Forster, Hampton, and others.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NATAL.**

R.W. Bro. Finnemore presided at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Natal, held in Durban, on the 27th March last. In the course of the proceedings the following brethren were appointed to office, namely:

- Bro. Thomas Cook ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " Jesse Smith ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " D. Deeves ... Prov. G.M.O.
- " B. Ireland ... Prov. G.S.O.
- " W. Sellwood ... Prov. G.J.O.
- " Ven. Archdeacon Garde, M.A. ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " M. H. Emanuel ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " S. Hollick ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " G. Leask ... Prov. G.A. Reg.
- " G. Russell ... Prov. G.A. Sec.
- " Dr. J. Schultz ... Prov. G. Pres. B. of G. Purposes.
- " J. F. Wood ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " S. Marriott ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " W. Sink ... Prov. G.I. of W.
- " M. W. Frye ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. Crowe ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " F. A. Noyce ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " G. Pullock ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " F. Pay ... Prov. G. Org.
- " Bros. E. L. S. Torzins, P. Sandford, and E. H. Wiltshier ... Prov. G. Stwds.

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.**

The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Natal was held in the Masonic Hall, Durban, on Friday, the 27th March last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore, D.G.M. There was a large attendance of members, every lodge in the district being represented. The minutes of the meeting on 20th September, 1884, having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer's report, which was of a satisfactory character, was submitted and adopted, and the brethren then unanimously elected Bro. S. Marriott, D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report of the Board of General Purposes was also accepted, after which the D.G.M. appointed and invested his officers for the year, namely:

- Bro. Wesley Francis ... Dep. Dist. G.M.
- " George Russell ... Dist. G.S.W.
- " Jesse Smith ... Dist. G.J.W.
- " Ven. Archdeacon Colley M.A. ... Dist. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. A. Ikin, LL.D. ... Dist. G. Treas.
- " S. Marriott ... Dist. G. Reg.
- " E. Homershun Wiltshier ... Dist. G.P.B.G.P.
- " T. J. Hill ... Dist. G. Sec.
- " S. Hollick ... Dist. G.S.D.
- " J. Crowe ... Dist. G.J.D.
- " S. Stranack ... Dist. G.S. of W.
- " W. Sink ... Dist. G.D.C.
- " D. Deeves ... Dist. G.D.A.C.
- " T. Cook ... Dist. G. Swd. Br.
- " W. A. Smith ... Dist. G. Std. Br.
- " J. B. Cottam ... Dist. G. Org.
- " G. Pullock ... Dist. G.A. Sec.
- " G. Lambert ... Dist. G. Purst.
- " W. H. Kinsman ... Dist. G.A. Purst.
- " B. Ireland ... Dist. G. Stwds.
- " S. Ford ... Dist. G. Stwds.
- " T. Dickinson ... Dist. G. Stwds.
- " P. Sandford ... Dist. G. Stwds.
- " P. Flett ... Dist. G. Stwds.
- " A. Kingsworth ... Dist. G. Stwds.
- " W. Attwood ... Dist. G. Stwds.

District Grand Lodge was closed, and in the evening a large number of those who had taken part in the proceedings sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the D.G.M., whose health was duly toasted, Bro. FINNEMORE acknowledging the compliment in a very appropriate speech.

The Queen has caused it to be officially announced that she greatly regrets that owing to some misunderstanding as to the date no gentleman of the Royal Household was present at the funeral on Friday, the 31st ult., of the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The General Committee held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. A. F. Godson, V.-Pat., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, presided, and among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Maple, Stephen Richardson, Rev. Robert Morris, LL.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Alfred Williams, J. L. Mather, F. Adlard, G. Gardner, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified and those of the House Committee read for information, the Audit Report was submitted and adopted. A sum of £500 transferred from the General to the Sustentation of Building Fund, and the sale of £3500 stock, realising £3561 5s. net, reported.

Two petitions were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the April election next year. Grants towards the outfit of three past pupils were made, and a vote of thanks to the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, for having presided at the Festival in June last, and his able advocacy of the Institution having been passed unanimously, the meeting concluded with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

**ANNUAL OUTING OF THE ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 68.**

On the 27th ult., the members of this lodge had their annual outing, the point selected being Stourton Tower, the seat of Sir Henry Hoare. The party, which included the W.M., Bro. R. Gough; Bros. Coafce, P.M., P.G.S.W.; W. J. Abbott, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; Galpin, Smart, Brewen, J. Parker, C. Godwin, E. Ware, Ley, Trull, Page, Wood, Daunton, Dainfield, T. Brooke, Hallam, Compton, and others, arrived at Frome at about half-past nine, and at once proceeded in breaks provided by Mr. T. Wall to Stourton, via Maiden Bradley. In the evening the party returned to Frome and had dinner at the Misses Bull's hotel, Bros. E. Olive and H. F. Moore, of the Royal Somerset Lodge, 973, being among the visitors. The W.M. presided, and the toasts drunk were "The Queen," "The Worshipful Master," "The Committee," "The Ladies," and "The Hostesses." About 60 sat down.

**SUMMER PIC-NIC OF THE HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.**

The first summer pic-nic of the brethren and their friends of the above lodge took place (as previously announced in these columns), on the 18th ult., when the party proceeded to Keston, Kent. Some in waggons, others by rail to Bromley, thence to Keston in carriages, or by a delightful walk by way of Hayes Common. The party much enjoyed their rambles over Hayes and Keston Commons, and at 6 o'clock all met (to the number of twenty eight) at the Red Cross Hotel, Keston, where the host had prepared a most substantial repast on the lawn, which adjoins a most charming garden, where the roses and many other blossoms spread their fragrance around. There were no set speeches, but the W.M., Bro. H. Maunder Williams, expressed his gratification at the number of the brethren of the lodge and friends, who had favoured him with their company at this their first lodge pic-nic. He trusted that at the next they might have as many more, and no doubt they would, when the excellent arrangements of the committee, from which resulted the pleasure they all had received that afternoon, became known to the absent ones. This was the special occasion on which, as Masons, they were favoured with the companionship of the ladies of their families. He (the W.M.) most cordially welcomed the ladies and invited them all to come next year.

After dessert the company separated for a time, the gentlemen to enjoy the aroma of the Havannahs, and the ladies to choose their bouquets among the roses and other lovely flowers, to which they were made heartily welcome by the hostess. The party drove back to town in good time, about 10.30, a lovely evening had succeeded a somewhat dull and oppressive afternoon. Those present included Bro. H. Maunder Williams, W.M.; Bro. W. H. Williams, P.M.; Mrs. Williams, and Miss Williams; Mrs. John Hammond; Bro. Fox, P.M., and Mrs. Fox; Bro. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M., and Mrs. Phillips; Bro. J. W. Hartley, J.W., and Mrs. Hartley; Bro. A. Darch, P.M., and Mrs. Darch; Mr. Fred. Williams, Bro. Bye, and Misses Bye (2); Mrs. and Mrs. Warne; Mrs. Moorcock, Mr. T. G. Williams, Dr. W. G. Reid, Dr. J. Worthy Williams, Bro. Fuller and Mrs. Fuller; and Bro. George Mordey and Miss Mordey.

**ANNUAL SUMMER BANQUET OF THE MERCHANT NAVY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 781.**

The members of this flourishing lodge of instruction held their annual summer banquet on Thursday, the 16th ult., at Bro. Benningfield's, The Crown, Broxbourne. Proceeding thither, as per usual, in Bro. Rochester's four-horse brakes, and in charming weather—rendered the more so by the over-night's downpour, and the delicious north-east breezes,—they had one of the most enjoyable rides it has ever been our lot to chronicle. Making a cross-country journey of nearly 24 miles, they had barely two miles of main road until reaching Cheshunt, where the second stoppage was made. Having dived into Endmorton for the first stage of refreshing the inner man—and woman, even this magnificent drive came to an end, and at 2 o'clock the Crown was reached in safety, where, after divesting themselves of any particles of dust which might have adhered to the outer and inner man, a stroll through the beautiful grounds gave an unusual zest for the choice dainties which were in store for them.

At the appointed time, 3 o'clock, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. H. Pringle, W.M. of the Merchant Navy Lodge, and among the large and influential gathering of brethren and ladies by whom he was supported, we noticed Bro. P.M. Robinson; Bro. P.M. Ould, Mrs. and Miss Ould; Bro. Gaisford, S.W. 781, Mrs. Gaisford, Mrs. Gaisford, junr., and Mrs. Chambers; Bro. Bull, S.D. 781, and Miss Bull; Bro. Clements, with Mrs. and Miss West; Bro. and Mrs. Colpus; Bro. F.M. Kennett; Bro. and Mrs. Frank-



land; Bro. and Mrs. Kinnipie; Bro. and Mrs. Wilkinson; Bro. P.M. Breden, Sec. (both of the mother lodge and lodge of instruction), with whom was Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Chalmers, and Mrs. Breden; Bro. and Mrs. Lloyd; Bro. Shepherd, I.G. 781; and others.

The banquet was served in Bro. Benningfield's usual style, which is saying all that need be said of such an establishment. The wines may truly be said to be fit for Royalty itself, at least that was the opinion expressed, and we certainly may take some of the Craft to be good judges of such. So that the company might have the full enjoyment of the beautiful gardens and the surrounding scenery, the Committee had very wisely limited the number of toasts to five.

The first, that of "The Queen and the Royal Family," was given by the chairman. The second, "The Chairman," was on this occasion coupled with the third, viz., "Prosperity to the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of Bro. Pringle, the Preceptor, who duly responded thereto; the fourth, that of "The Visitors," being responded to by Bro. P.M. Kennett, and the last, that of "The Ladies," being ably responded to by those striplings, Bros. Robinson and Bull, who, although they have not yet tied the knot, seem to know as much as some of the brethren who have.

Having enjoyed themselves in various out-door amusements until 7 o'clock, the company re-assembled to partake of the cup that cheers, but does not, &c., leaving the Crown at 8 for the homeward journey with "hearty good wishes" for Bro. Benningfield, and hoping he might have the continued prosperity he deserves.

#### LAYING CORNER STONES OF A CHURCH IN LEEDS.

The corner-stones of the church of St. Mary, Tong-road, New Wortley, were laid on the 30th ult. by the Lord Bishop of Ripon and Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire. There was a large attendance of clergy and laity at the ceremony, which was witnessed by a crowd of several hundred persons. Among those present were the Revs. Dr. Gott, T. R. W. Pearson, C. E. Lamb, Dr. Mitchell, W. de Lacy Evans, T. H. May, S. S. Lamb-bridge, E. O. Williams, J. Rosser, J. Child, J. Thompson, W. H. Stansfield, Hercules Butler, F. G. Hume-Smith, and F. C. Kilner, Mr. Charles Ryder, and Mr. E. Newsham.

The following brethren were also present—Bros. Thos. Ruddock, 275, as Prov. G.S.W.; T. W. Embleton, 1513, as Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. J. J. Needham and Rev. E. W. Makinson, 289, Prov. G. Chaplains; Robert Craig, 302, as Prov. G. Treas.; Herbert G. E. Green, 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Watson, 2069, and Jos. Dobson, 284, as Prov. G. Deacons; Robt. Abbott, 2069, as Prov. G.S. of W.; E. Poppleton, 827, Prov. G.D. of Cers.; Tudor Trevor, 2069, and E. Wales Smith, 284, as Prov. G. Deacons; Arthur Simonson, as Prov. G. Org.; E. Woodcock, 304, as Prov. G. Asst. Sec.; Jas. Wright, 600, Prov. G. Purst.; M. W. Jameson, 2069, as Prov. G. Steward; John Tinker, 652, Prov. G. Steward; S. Barrand, 304, as Prov. G. Tyler; J. E. Honing, 306; Wm. Flockton, 1042; Rev. H. S. Butler, 2069; and others.

The consecrating elements were carried by Bros. James Yates, P.M. 302; C. W. Moore, P.M. 1221; and A. Scarth, 289.

After singing and prayer, a trowel and mallet were presented to the Bishop, with which his lordship proceeded to lay one of the corner-stones. Subsequently Deputy Provincial Grand Master Smith laid the other stone with full Masonic ceremonial, the prayers being read by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The BISHOP then addressed those present, and expressed his deepest sympathy with the work which had been begun. When they began a building, whether it was a house, a factory, or a church, there was above all the thought that the building would become a centre into which would gather the interests, the sympathies, the aspirations, and the moral and mental life of man. If it were a house there would gather in it the affections of home, and the fears, anxieties, and hopes that belonged to the family circle. If it were a factory there would gather in it the constant effort and the persistent patience of man in working materials into fabrics which would be useful for man. If it were a church there would gather in it those whose lines were cast among so many vicissitudes, and who, recognising what was elemental and common to their humanity—the need of Divine help and Divine culture—felt the confidence that their Divine Father would not deny to them that help and that culture, nor suffer them to be cast down in their hopes. Such a work as that, therefore, enlisted the sympathy and demanded the prayers of them all. But it did more. Every church which was started became an expression of something which was needed in our growing and enlarging life. He did not think that they always reflected upon this, that a nation ought to be a growing nation in the matter of its moral life just as much as in the order of its mental improvement. Just in proportion as we grew in national morality—in righteousness and integrity of character—should we be weaving those webs which would be cords of strength to future generations. For that reason a church became the expression of the need of going forward, and promoting the improvement of the moral and spiritual life of mankind. A church was a silent witness that all mankind should live up to a high spiritual standard, and a protest against all that was low and mean, and immoral and base and defiling to the life of the community. But there was a deeper thought even than that—namely, that the spirit of man needed to be linked into constant unity with the Spirit of God, and that church would be a means through which that union might be brought about. (Applause.)

Deputy Provincial Grand Master SMITH said that after the eloquent and interesting address of the Bishop it was not desirable that he should detain them more than a few minutes, whilst he endeavoured to convey to them on behalf of himself and the members of the Craft who had associated themselves with him the great pleasure it afforded them to assist in that excellent work. They trusted that when completed the church would be a blessing to the district, and would create an increased reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe and His beneficent acts. As Freemasons they were not out of place in assisting in that ceremony. Although no longer Operative Masons, they had sympathy with works of benevolence and Charity. Although it might be contrary to their custom to parade

their own works, yet he might venture to say that they were full of practical Charity, on which they expended yearly £60,000, with which they relieved the declining years of the aged and necessitous, and supported and educated 500 boys and girls in Institutions which had cost upwards of £100,000. (Applause.) Surely they were entitled to some credit for that evidence of good intentions. Before concluding, he wished to express the deep regret of their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tew, who had been prevented attending and discharging the duty which had fallen to his lot. (Applause.)

The Rev. Dr. MITCHELL expressed the thanks of those present to the Bishop for attending and performing the ceremony, to the Rev. Dr. Gott for having preached the sermon prior to the stone-laying, and to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the members of the Craft for the part they had taken. He also alluded to the excellent work done in the district by the Rev. J. Rosser, vicar designate, and said that the new church, being situated in a purely working class neighbourhood, was deserving the support of outsiders.

A cold collation was afterwards served in the Green Lane Board School, under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Mitchell.

The Rev. J. ROSSER expressed his thanks to the band of enthusiastic workers by whom he had been assisted in the carrying on of the work, and to the Bishop and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the part they had taken in the ceremony.

In the evening there was a parochial tea meeting in the same school.

#### LAYING A CORNER STONE AT CASTLEFORD WITH MASONIC CEREMONIES.

An interesting function was carried out by the Freemasons of West Yorkshire at Castleford, on Saturday last, when the Provincial Grand Master laid the north-east corner stone of the new National Schools at that town. The gathering was under the banners of Legiolium Lodge, 1542, and St. Oswald Lodge, 910, and the brethren of these lodges met at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Castleford, at 2 p.m., and opened a lodge. The Rector of Castleford, Bro. the Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, in the meantime entertained a party at luncheon at the Rectory, amongst the guests being Bros. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire; the Very Rev. A. P. Purey Cust, Dean of York, P.G. Chap.; H. Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire; the Hon. and Rev. P. Y. Savile, rector of Methley; the Rev. Canon Naylor; Rev. J. J. Needham, rector of Whitwood Mere; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; and several other brethren, and the Rev. J. J. Christie, rector of Pontefract.

At 3 p.m. the Provincial Grand Master, his officers, and the visitors were received in the lodge, and at once a procession was formed to the church. The procession was headed by the Castleford brass band, followed by the surpliced choir, and then by the brethren in the usual Masonic order, the various emblems and tools being carried by brethren of the local lodges. Bro. W. W. Macvay, the senior P.M., carried the Holy Bible, Bro. J. Rickard, W.M. 1542, bore the trowel, Bro. T. H. Tolson, P.M., the mallet, Bro. W. J. Morley, architect, the plans, &c. The church was filled with an attentive congregation, and there was a full choral service, prayers being said by the rector, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Needham, and the absolution being pronounced by the Dean of York. The first lesson was read by Canon J. A. Naylor, and the second by the Hon. and Rev. P. Y. Savile. The sermon was preached by the Dean from I. Corinthians, 3rd chapter, 11th v., "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," dwelling in his discourse upon the necessity for religious instruction [of a daily and constant kind, and showing the utter failure of a purely secular education to make men and women moral and honest. At the conclusion of the service a collection was made, and a procession was once more formed, including the children of the school, to the site of the building. Here there was a platform with raised seats to accommodate an audience of ladies. The Masonic ceremonial then commenced, and the stone was laid in due and solemn form by R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, who also addressed the assembly upon the nature of the gathering. The rector of Castleford thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his attendance, and that of the brethren, and the Dean of York also gave a short address, after which a collection was made. The musical accompaniments were given by the church choir and the children of the schools, and after prayer by the Rev. J. J. Needham, and the singing of the National Anthem, the brethren returned to their lodge room.

The Masonic arrangements were very well carried out under the guidance of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. Green. We understand that the collections represented a handsome sum, that will materially lessen the debt on the schools.

#### BANQUET TO BRO. DARASHA RATAUJEE CHICHGUR.

Bro. Darasha R. Chichgur, who has been honorary Secretary of the joint Committee of Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, for the last eight years, and is now on a visit to this country, was entertained at a complimentary dinner on Wednesday, the 20th May, by his brother members of the Committee, M.W. Bro. Captain H. Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, being an honoured guest on the occasion, while R.W. Bro. Tyrrel Leith, D.G.M. Bombay, under the English Constitution, was only prevented being present by indisposition. All the lodges in Bombay were likewise represented, a very large number of the brethren, both European and native, having formally requisitioned the Committee to be allowed to take part in the festive meeting. Bro. J. G. Smith, who is President of the Committee, occupied the chair, and was supported on his right by the guest of the evening, and on his left by Bro. Captain Morland, covers being laid for 140.

On the removal of the cloth, and when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the CHAIRMAN gave the toast of the evening—"The Health of Bro. Darasha R. Chichgur." Bro. Darasha, he said, had been a brother for something like five and twenty years, during the whole of which he had shown himself to be, in every sense of the word, a true Mason. From the very day of his being initiated in Freemasonry he had evinced, and had

been continually evincing day after day, the greatest interest in the affairs of Freemasonry. If ever it was shown to him that his services were required in order to further any real Masonic object, it was necessary simply to mention the matter to him and his sympathies were immediately enlisted. His Masonic services had been acknowledged by his own lodge by raising him to the highest possible position, and they had not failed even to attract the attention of the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, who had conferred upon him very high honours indeed. His services had also been acknowledged by numerous lodges in Bombay by electing him honorary member, and these lodges not only belonged to the Scottish Constitution, to which Bro. Darasha belonged, but also to the English Constitution. Ever since the English and Scottish Constitutions had met in one hall Bro. Darasha had been the honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and as such had given both Constitutions entire satisfaction. The Hall Committee was not in a flourishing condition when the two united about eight years ago; but under Bro. Darasha's kind care and nursing large funds had been accumulated, which had enabled them to pay their way from year to year. He hoped those funds would form the nucleus of a building fund, and that in course of time the Masonic Fraternity would have a temple of their own. He was sure it must be exceedingly gratifying to Bro. Darasha, as well as to himself (the Chairman), to find that the occasion of his departure from these shores for a trip to Europe had been the means of bringing together such a large assembly. He was glad to observe that not only was their dining hall full to overflowing, but that they had had to place a table in the adjoining room to accommodate other brethren who had gathered together to grace the occasion. They all knew they had asked Bro. Darasha to meet them to bid farewell to him on the eve of his leaving Bombay for England, and he was sure he was echoing the desire of every one when he wished him a pleasant voyage and uninterrupted enjoyment during the time that he stayed in England, and a safe return to Bombay with renewed health and strength, and a full accomplishment of the objects with which he left Bombay. (Cheers.) The Chairman then read the several resolutions passed at the Hall Committee meeting the Monday previous, and concluded by proposing Bro. Darasha's health.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, the assembly remaining standing, and after a Guzerati song had been sung, and a gold embroidered purse, containing a contribution in rupees from the Committee, had been presented,

R.W. Bro. DARASHA R. CHICHGUR, who was received with loud and prolonged cheers, said that he was so overpowered by the kindness and sympathy evinced by the brethren towards him, that words failed him to thank them in an adequate manner. He might at the out-set say that he owed a deep debt of gratitude for all he had acquired in connection with Freemasonry to the Most Worshipful Bro. Captain H. Morland, who afforded him ample opportunities from time to time to prove himself of some service to the Craft. He was again deeply indebted to R.W. Bro. J. Y. Lang, the Deputy Grand Master, for the kindly interest he took in all the little services he performed in connection with Freemasonry in general, and the Hall Committee in particular, and he (Bro. Darasha) was indeed very happy to see him at the banquet that evening. At the latter end of 1877 a compact was made between the English and the Scottish Constitutions to have a joint hall for their meetings, and he was nominated Honorary Secretary to the Committee appointed for that purpose. It was then apprehended on all sides that this union between the two Constitutions must cause certain difficulties in course of time, and the success which it had since achieved had never been expected. As one of the executive he succeeded by means of a little tact and patience in bringing about the union which was so much desired by both the Constitutions. It was at the suggestion of Bro. T. Counsell that the then Committee which was presided over by W. Bro. Tyrrel Leith, D.G.M., voted him a handsome present of a gold pencil and silver inkstand for what they thought to be substantial services rendered by him to the Hall Committee, but which he (Bro. Darasha) thought were over-rated by his kind friends. W. Bro. Tyrrel Leith good naturedly suggested that the presentation should take place in the District Grand Lodge, and he now stated with pardonable pride that the presentation then made by the hands of W. Bro. James Gibbs, the then District Grand Master, was an honour which any Mason would covet. Representing the Scotch Constitution, as he did, he had worked during the last eight years with brethren of eminence and position of the sister Constitution like W. Bros. Tyrrel Leith, Andrew Hay, H. I. P. Thomson, and last though not the least, with W. Bro. J. W. Smith. (Cheers.) He stated with pride and pleasure that during his connection with the Hall Committee, if the two Constitutions ever disagreed on any minor detail it was for the purpose of agreeing in the main. He had undoubtedly had to work hard in connection with his duties, but he had amply been repaid by the spontaneous, hearty, and cordial reception they had accorded him that night. The purse and the money they had been pleased to present him with would be devoted as desired towards the purchase of certain articles which would not only descend as an heirloom to his family, but would serve as a palpable token of the love and esteem in which the kind brethren of different denominations and creed held him for the small services he had been able to render, and Bro. Darasha concluded by thanking the brethren individually and collectively for the very high honour they had done him.

M.W. Bro. Capt. H. MORLAND proposed the toast of "The Chairman." He had accepted the position of guest that evening with the greatest pleasure, because it afforded him an opportunity of paying his tribute to the great merits and great worth of Bro. Darasha R. Chichgur. He need hardly tell the brethren that he looked with pride on Bro. Darasha as one connected with the constitution with which he was himself associated. He had heard the true and just praise that was his due being accorded to him by the Chairman, and he (Bro. Morland) expressed a hope that Bro. Darasha during his visit to the United Kingdom would take the opportunity of visiting the Grand Lodge of the constitution under which he hailed. He wished Bro. Darasha a prosperous voyage, and a safe return with fresh vigour and health to again give them the benefit of his valuable services. The Grand Master then formally proposed the toast of the Chairman, dwelling at some length on the very great skill and care that he had brought to bear on the affairs of the Hall Committee.



The toast was drunk with due honour and enthusiasm. The CHAIRMAN, in his reply, observed that, during his four years' connection as President of the Hall Committee he had never had any occasion to differ with Bro. Darasha. Whatever he suggested was always good for the interest of Freemasonry, and he (the Chairman) always offered his cordial co-operation.

Other toasts followed including that of "Bro. Captain Morland," and the meeting, which was most enjoyable throughout, terminated about midnight.

**LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW HALL, WOOD GREEN.**

The full programme of the ceremony which will take place on Tuesday next, the 11th inst., when the corner stone of the new Assembly Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, will be laid by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, has been issued, and, to judge from the arrangements which have been made by the Executive, the hopes we express elsewhere for the success of the gathering stand a very fair chance of being realised. The Stewards' list is 50 strong, and though we should like to have seen a more formidable one, it unquestionably includes the names of many of our most active and energetic brethren, men who have laboured zealously for many, many years in the interests of our Institutions, and who, if a thing has to be done, are as capable of doing it as any similar body of Stewards of equal, or even greater, numerical strength. Indeed, there is hardly a name in the list which is not familiar to our readers in connection with the proceedings of our different Festival celebrations, and if we mention those of Bros. R. Berridge, C. Belton, Edgar Bowyer, R. Clowes, of Essex, C. F. Hogard, Capt. G. Lambert, H. B. Marshall, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, W. Roebuck, W. A. Scurrah, A. Torkington, A. Williams, James Willing, jun., as being in the list, it is not for the purpose of exalting them by comparison with their fellow Stewards, but that our readers may be in a position to form a just estimate of the quality of the Board as a whole. We say, in fact, "ex his disce omnes," and if these 50 brethren do not make up a good return it will be owing to a concatenation of circumstances which no other similar Board of brethren would be in a position to overcome.

We have said the function of laying the stone will be carried out by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who will be assisted in her task by competent brethren, members of the Board of Stewards, and of the House and Audit Committees. The active duties of the Chair will be in the hands of Bro. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcester-shire, rota Chairman of the House Committee, and we may be sure that under his auspices, assisted, as he will be, by such tried veterans as Bro. F. Binckes, the Secretary, who took part in the opening of the first school premises, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Bro. Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., Bro. William Roebuck, P.G. Std., &c., the function itself will be carried out most successfully. There is, however, one point to which it is our duty to draw especial attention. Our readers are aware that a special fund was raised for the purpose of defraying the cost of the new buildings. This fund amounted to somewhat over £14,000; but when the whole of the work has been carried out, the expense will amount to £19,457, of which £3200 will have been devoted to the purchase of freehold land and houses—an expenditure not included in the original scheme of the Preparatory School, while a further outlay of over £2000 will be in respect of a new laundry, &c., &c., for the use of the whole establishment. Thus the Preparatory School Fund, in its original dimensions, will not have been exceeded, and the deficit of between £5000 and £6000 will be found to have arisen—in respect of £3200, from the necessity for purchasing the land adjoining, which would otherwise have fallen into other hands, and in respect of £2000 for what will benefit the main as well as the preparatory branch of the School. In any circumstances our readers should clearly understand that between £5000 and £6000 more is needed, if the Institution is to enter on its new stage of progress unembarrassed by serious liabilities. We have said we believe the Stewards who are working for Tuesday's Festival are as likely as any other body of brethren to raise this sum, and we elsewhere express our earnest hope that what is required will be forthcoming. Let the Craft do their part of the work, and we have every confidence the School, once fairly started under the new régime, will hold its own. We trust all will go well, notwithstanding the shortness of the time that has elapsed since the meeting was sanctioned, and that it will be our duty to chronicle a brilliant success in our issue of next week.

**ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER OF CANADA.**

At the session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. and A.M., here to-day the Grand Master, Hugh Murray, in his annual address, said decisions had been given during the year that Quaker's affirmation in lieu of the oath or obligation of Masonry is not admissible; that a candidate before initiation must declare his belief in the Supreme Being, who has revealed His will to man in His Holy Book, which is one of the three great lights placed on the altar to rule and direct our faith; that an agnostic who says, "There may be a God; I do not deny it; but I do not know that there is," cannot be made a Mason; that no person can be initiated who does not believe in the true God, the Great Architect of the Universe, the creator and preserver of all things, who has revealed His will to man and who will punish vice and reward virtue; that an atheist, who denies the existence of God, a free thinker, who discards revelation, or who expressed contempt for God or religion, should be proceeded against according to the mode laid down in "Masonic trials;" and, in reply to

a question, Can an Indian who is not enfranchised be made a Mason? that colour, creed, or country is no bar to initiation; the question of admitting a candidate, being one of expediency, is left to the judgment of the members of the lodge where such application is made. It was also held that the jurisdiction of a lodge extends half way in every direction to the nearest lodge, and that a resident of a city where there are a number of lodges having concurrent jurisdiction may be made Masons in a lodge outside the city limits, provided their residence is nearest that lodge. The Grand Master condemns the use of Masonic emblems as trade marks, recommends a careful examination of visitors, and refers to special communications as to finance. The receipts and expenditure of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1885, were—Receipts from lodges, 13,558 dols. 75 cents, interest investments, 3184 dols. 8 cents—total 16,742 dols. 83 cents. Expenditure: general purposes, 5916 dols. 55 cents, benevolence, 10,625 dols.—total 16,091 dols. 55 cents. Cash capital of Grand Lodge, 68,394 dols. 49 cents. Notwithstanding the fact that there has been considerable increase in the payments on account of benevolence the total expenditure is less than during the previous year and the cash capital is greater. Reference is made to the North-west Rebellion and thanks to God expressed for its being kept within small proportions, and to the brave men, many of them Masons, who fought for law and order. The Grand Master trusts that the D.D.G.M.'s of the respective districts will take especial pains to see that the wives and families of brethren now on duty in the North-west are not permitted to want for the comforts of life. Referring to the question of a belief in the Supreme Being the Grand Master quotes approvingly the deliverance of the Grand Master of the State of New York: "My brethren, Masonry wisely required no more than a belief in one great, all-powerful God, the Great Architect of the Universe, its father and preserver, who has revealed His will to man and who will punish vice and reward virtue, but it requires that, and nothing less will be accepted. The man who denies the existence of a God is already excluded. Practical atheism should also be excluded in the persons of those who only admit that there possibly may be a God, and that there may be a future life where men will be rewarded or punished for the deeds done in the body." The Grand Master also makes reference to the difficulties as to the standing of certain lodges in Montreal, and says: It is cause for regret that the brethren of St. Paul's, St. George's, and St. Lawrence Lodges have not seen it to be their duty to remove all occasion for contention by surrendering their warrants and affiliating with the Grand Lodge of the province. I sympathise strongly with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the struggle for what I believe to be a correct principle, and I admit that from her standpoint she is not bound by the conditions that applied to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Further than this, however, I think our Grand Lodge cannot go, for though we may regret that conditional recognition was accepted by our predecessors, who acted no doubt under circumstances peculiarly adverse, and at a time when the question of Grand Lodge sovereignty was not so prominent as in the present day, yet we are, I believe, bound honourably to carry out the agreement entered into by them, and which has remained undisturbed for nearly 26 years. A case of clandestine Masonry is spoken of, and in his concluding remarks the Grand Master says the Grand Lodge has more lodges on its register than ever before, though two Grand Lodges—Quebec and Manitoba—have been formed from the parent one.—*Montreal Gazette*, Hamilton, Ont., July 8th.

**NORTH WALES AND THE MASONIC CHARITIES.**

A meeting of the Worshipful Masters of the lodges and a delegate from each lodge in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Chambers, Public Hall, Wrexham, and was numerously attended. The purport of the meeting was to elect a Sub-committee of six brethren, three from North Wales and three from Shropshire, who will be deputed to draw up a scheme for the equitable division of the funds in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the votes for the Masonic Charities, the "Sir Watkin Presentation," and the other property of the present Prov. Grand Lodge, which scheme will be submitted to a Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held in September. The three brethren that were elected to represent North Wales were Bros. James Salmon, of the Rhyl Lodge; John Davies, of Denbigh; and John Lloyd Griffith, of Holyhead. Those chosen to represent Shropshire were Bros. Rowland G. Venables, of Ludlow; W. Lascelles Southwell, of Bridgnorth; and V. C. L. Crump, Shrewsbury. The first meeting of the above Committee was held on the 24th ult.



"The Theatre" for August contains photographs of Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft and a group of the chief ladies in "The Mikado," now being played with so much success at the Savoy. The former will be a pleasant souvenir of the Haymarket management. The literary portion of the magazine is replete with interest, also containing as it does articles by many of those eminent in the drama.

Bro. Lionel Brough has joined with Mr. Willie Edouin as lessees of the Novelty Theatre, Great Queen-street, which they purpose re-opening in September, with a burlesque, in which they and Miss Alice Atherton (Mrs. Edouin), will be the chief performers. Bro. Harry Paulton is engaged in writing a new piece for them. If the author and the artistes be as successful in the contemplated work, as in "The babes," they will be almost the first to make the Novelty pay.

Bro. Terriss has engaged the Daly Company to play at the Strand, next spring, in their well known parts, and some new pieces also. We are sure our friends from the States will receive a hearty welcome—even more than they did last year,—now they are so well known.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. JAMES CUTBUSH, P.M.**

We regret to announce the death under painful circumstances of Bro. James Cutbush, head of the firm of Messrs. W. Cutbush and Son (Limited), of the Highgate, Barnet, and Finchley Nurseries. Bro. Cutbush took great interest in all those societies which sought to promote a love for the cultivation of fruit and flowers among the working classes, and was present on Saturday evening last at the distribution of prizes by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts in connection with the Brookfield Horticultural Society, South Highgate. He was in the act of seconding a vote of thanks to the officers of the society when he fell forward in an apoplectic fit, and, being removed home, died at midnight. Bro. Cutbush was a member of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet, and served the office of W.M. in 1876. He was also a member of the Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385, and at the time of his death occupied the chair of H. He was likewise a Past P.G.A.D.C. of Hertfordshire, had served once as Steward for the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and twice for the Boys' School, and was a Life Governor of all three Charities. It is somewhat singular that the deceased's brother, Bro. William Cutbush, also a Past Master of the Gladsmuir, died with equal suddenness while on a visit to Brighton. We offer our most respectful sympathy to the family of our late brother.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

**BIRTHS.**

- DALTON.—On the 1st inst., at Eton College, the wife of the Rev. T. Dalton, of a son.
- HIAM.—On the 29th ult., at Windmill-road, West Croydon, the wife of W. J. Hiam, jun., of a son.
- LEACH.—On the 2nd inst., at Hatherop Castle, Fairford, the wife of Colonel E. P. Leach, V.C., Royal Engineers, of a son.
- SMITH.—On the 1st inst., at Dunedin, Chichester-road, Croydon, the wife of J. Smith, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**

- GREEN—MACDONALD.—On the 4th inst., at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, G. W. F. Neville, eldest son of the late George Henry Green, of Wakefield, to Margaret, eldest daughter of William Chambers Macdonald, of Evering-road, Upper Clapton.
- HETLEY—HARRISON.—On the 4th inst., at the Church of St. John Evangelist, Upper Norwood, Dr. H. Hetley, of Upper Norwood, to Lillian Josepha, daughter of E. F. Harrison, Esq., C.S.I., of South Norwood-hill, and late of the Bengal Civil Service.

**DEATHS.**

- BREE.—On the 4th inst., at the Charing-cross Hotel, the Rev. C. H. Bree, rector of Washford Pyne, N. Devon, son of the Bishop of Barbadoes and of the Windward Islands, aged 34.

**THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S PROGRAMMES OF TOURS.**

- (1) NORTH WALES, THE ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT, &c.
- (2) SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND.

It is the habit now-a-days for our principal railway companies to issue programmes, or what may more reasonably be described as elaborate guide-books to the districts they traverse or are connected with. These guide-books make their appearance annually in good time for the tourist season, and they are very welcome, both on account of the explicit information they contain as regards the mere arrangements for travelling and for the really interesting particulars they furnish as to the most notable places on the different railway systems they relate to. The London and North Western Company is specially fortunate in the programmes it issues, which this year would seem to be far more elaborate than usual if we may judge from the two which are now before us. The first treats of North Wales and the English Lake District, showing the arrangements the Company has succeeded in making for the convenience of the public during the current season, and the terms on which it is prepared to carry them out. Of the beauty and picturesqueness of the country in these localities, of their amazing wealth of historical associations, there never can have been the slightest doubt, but travellers have probably missed many sights they would gladly have seen, had they known, as they may know, from this guide-book how easy of access they are by the L. and N.W. Railway, and what facilities are within their reach for breaking their journey. One general idea governs this in common with the whole of these programmes, namely, that of issuing tickets available for two calendar months, the terms charged being all the more reasonable from the fact that holders may content themselves with visiting a locality if they wish to remain stationary or traverse a district if they prefer moving about, permission being accorded them to break their journey at certain stated places, where they may sojourn for as long or as short a portion of the time allowed as they please. It is also open to them, if they are so disposed, to extend the period of their tour by paying such further sum as is announced in the fare tables, but under no circumstances will the period for which tickets are issued be allowed to extend beyond the 31st December of the present year. The guide-book to Scotland describes the country traversed by the Caledonian Railway, and contains full particulars of all the places of interest to which, directly or indirectly, it has access. Both books are abundantly illustrated, and both are furnished with a series of maps carefully and minutely drawn. Both likewise contain all the requisite particulars as to the train service and such other means of conveyance as are associated with it, and both supply trustworthy information as to the hotel accommodation to be met with and the different tariffs which tourists will have to meet. In fact, so complete is the information contained in these books that it does not occur to us there is anything the traveller may be desirous of learning which is not fully described by them. But should there be any other matters into which he may be desirous of obtaining further insight, he has but to apply at the Company's offices, at the Euston terminus, at its stations, or, if in London, at any of its receiving offices, and full particulars will be most courteously supplied.



Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., visited Mr. Fitzwilliam Dick, at Thames Ditton Lodge, on Saturday last and stayed till Monday.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G.T., who is churchwarden of the parish, was present at the vestry meeting of St. Bride's, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., and Lady Truscott have returned to town much benefited in health by their trip to the Continent.

Bro. A. Staveley-Hill, Q.C., M.P., has been displaying considerable activity in Brixton and elsewhere in connection with the preparations for the general election in November next.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom is staying at Cowes for the yachting, and the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane have gone north to their seat, Taymouth Castle, N.B.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland returned to their residence in Arlington-street, from Goodwood where they had been on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, on Friday, the 31st ult.

Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Col. Stanley, M.P., were present at the Cabinet Council in Downing-street on Monday.

The Claremont Lodge, No. 1861, have recently changed their quarters from Esher to the Crown Hotel, Chertsey, the installation taking place on Saturday last. Bro. S. Ward, W.M., presided, and there were 20 members present.

Any further subscriptions to the Iddesleigh Testimonial Fund, which will be closed at an early date, should be sent to Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., or Bro. Puleston, M.P., or to the bankers, Messrs. Fowler, Dimsdale, and Co.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G.T., W. Malthouse, and J. Bertram were among the members of the Common Council for Farringdon-without who dined last week with Bro. Alderman De Keyser, Alderman of the Ward, at his residence, Chatham House, Clapham-park.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon will pay their promised visit to Bray some time during the week after next, the change of weather from summer to mid-winter having necessitated the postponement of the regatta which was to have been held on Tuesday and Wednesday in the current week.

On Wednesday there was a grand display of fireworks from the Parade at Cowes, which was witnessed from the Club-house of the Royal Yacht Squadron by the Prince and Princess of Wales and their family, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Bro. the Duke of Connaught, and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

The Commons Preservation Society had a garden party in Parliament-fields, Hampstead-heath, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when Bro. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., as spokesman of the Society, expressed a hope that the locality would be preserved as an open space for the public, and Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Chairman of the Board of Works, said the scheme had the sympathy of the body over which he had the honour to preside.

A sad accident occurred on Saturday evening last at the railway station at Sittingbourne. Col. J. Dixon Dyke, J.P., uncle of Bro. Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.S.W. Kent, had just alighted from a train and was descending the staircase, when he missed his footing and falling on his head sustained such injuries as to cause instant death. The deceased was between 80 and 90 years of age.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have returned from their visit to the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, and on Saturday last the Prince was present at the confirmation of Prince Adolphus and Princess Victoria of Teck, which took place privately in the Chapel Royal, St. James's. Their Royal Highnesses subsequently journeyed to Portsmouth, and have occupied quarters on board the Osborne during the yachting week at Cowes.

Among the guests at the complimentary dinner given at the Star and Garter, Richmond, on Wednesday last, by Mr. Cyrus W. Field, in commemoration of the 27th anniversary of the completion of the first Atlantic Cable were Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales, East Division, Sir Charles Bright, P.D.P.G.M. Middx., G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and the American Minister.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., the officers of the Mark Grand Lodge who attended the Moveable Grand Lodge at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the previous day, turned the occasion to very excellent account by taking part in a number of excursions. At 10 o'clock a start was made from the Hotel to view the Mersey Dock Estate, including the corn and tobacco warehouses. A conveyance was provided for the brethren, and another to take those who desired it a trip to Garston vineyards. At 12 o'clock a general meeting took place at the entrance to the Mersey Tunnel in James-street. A large number of the brethren met, and under the guidance of Mr. Tate, traffic manager of the Mersey Railway Company; Mr. Gill, solicitor to the company; Mr. Wilcox, resident engineer; and Mr. Rowlandson, permanent resident engineer, they visited the Mersey Tunnel, many of them walking through. Subsequently the officers of Grand Lodge, &c., lunched with the Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. David Radcliffe, at the Town Hall. Amongst those present were Bros. C. S. Lane, P.G.D.; Norman Selfe, P.G.D.; W. Nicholl, G.J.D.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.W.; H. George, G.A.D. of C.; W. Brackenbury, W.M.; Alderman Grindley; Captain Sweeney; Colonel Beauble; R. Berridge, P.G.M.O.; A. Middleton, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; T. M. Humphries; P. Wallis, G.S.D.; J. H. Parker; and Tate.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharncliffe have left Wharncliffe House for Wortley Hall Sheffield.

Bro. J. M. Klenck has been elected an auditor of the River Thames Steamboat Company (Limited).

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., is among the contributors to the Iddesleigh Testimonial Fund.

Bro. Alderman Cowan has been chosen conservative candidate at the General Election for the borough of Whitechapel.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Granville have left their residence in Carlton House-terrace for Walmer Castle.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts formally opened a new cabmen's shelter in Piccadilly on Friday, the 31st ult., and was accorded a vote of thanks for her kindness.

Bros. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and J. B. Firth attended a meeting on Wednesday of the new council of the Borough of Chelsea Liberal Association.

Bro. Plunket, M.P., was present at a meeting of the electors of the north-eastern division of Bethnal-green in support of the Conservative candidate at the General Election.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond-Wolff, M.P., who leaves England for the East on a Mission-Extraordinary to the Sultan and Khedive to-day (Friday) or to-morrow, had an audience of the Queen on Wednesday at Osborne.

Bro. W. Harry Saunders obtained a verdict for £2228 damages in the Supreme Court against Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, of Upper Norwood, for defective drainage in a house let by defendant which caused the death of plaintiff's wife.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., has remitted to the Mayor of Manchester £1350, being the amount raised at the Mansion House towards the relief of the sufferers by the recent terrible colliery accident at Clifton Hall.

Among the prizes to be awarded at the approaching meeting at Shoeburyness of the National Artillery Association are sundry prizes presented by the Prince of Wales, the Corporation of London, the City Companies, Bro. Lord Waveney, and others.

Bros. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., J. M. Klenck, J. Cox, H. Massey, and others were among the guests at the court and livery dinner on Tuesday of the Leathersellers' Company. Bro. Alderman Staples, the Master, was unavoidably absent.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., on Tuesday distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the Royal Naval School, New-cross. His lordship was accompanied by Miss Bertha Fowler, and among those present were Bros. Alderman Savory and Rear-Admiral Bedford Pim.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.S.W. England, and Prov. G.M. Londonderry and Donegal, has expressed a wish to become a vice-president of the National Sea Fisheries Protection Association in the interest of the Irish Fisheries.

Bros. Alderman Staples and De Keyser were members of a deputation from the Special Committee of the Corporation, which on Friday, the 31st ult., had an interview with the Home Secretary on the subject of the Government of London.

Several articles belonging to Bro. Robert Burns were sold on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Tam O' Shanter Inn, Ayr, the "Tam O' Shanter" and "Souter Johnnie" fetching £47 each, and being secured for Burns' Cottage, the Stirrup Cup, £55, and an autograph letter to Hamilton Nimmo, £7.

The funeral of the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., took place at Ramsgate, on Friday, the 31st ult., amid every possible demonstration of respect for the venerable deceased, the shops being wholly or partially closed, and the insignia of mourning everywhere visible. Sir Moses was buried in the Mausoleum, he had himself caused to be erected, by the side of his wife Judith Lady Montefiore, who predeceased him twenty-three years.

Wm. Woollams and Co., of High-street, near Manchester-square, W., the original makers of non-arsenical wall-papers, are showing at their stand, No. 1662, in the west passage of the conservatory at the Inventions Exhibition, a new material called "Tergorine," an artificial leather for wall-hangings, screens, &c. When painted and lacquered it closely resembles embossed leather in appearance, is non-poisonous, free from unpleasant odour, and washable.

The Prince of Wales, as Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, presided at the annual meeting at Cowes on Monday afternoon. On the motion of his Royal Highness it was agreed that the flags of the yachts belonging to the squadron should be at half-mast from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, that being the hour at which the opening funeral rites of General Grant were appointed to take place on the removal of the body to New York.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Antrim, Bro. Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, Bart., M.P., and Miss Acland, Bro. the Right Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., Bro. the Hon. H. S. and Mrs. Northcote, and Bro. Colonel King-Harman were among the guests present at the wedding breakfast, given at the Greenlands, Henley-on-Thames, on Thursday, the 30th ult., in honour of the marriage of Bro. A. Dyke Acland with Miss Beatrice Danvers Smith, third daughter of the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., Secretary of State for War.

3,000,000 tins of CHAMPION'S MUSTARD were sold in London alone during the past year. Why was this so? Because the public, having satisfied themselves it was the best and cheapest gave it a preference over all others.—ADVT.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT exert a rapidly favourable effect in all those diseases which are induced by exposure to damp or by great changes in the temperature. They will therefore be found eminently serviceable to those who work in iron foundries, copper mines, and collieries. These well-known remedies present manifest advantages in respect of use and effectiveness, being entirely compounded of vegetable drugs selected with the greatest care and regardless of price. When used in accordance with the ample printed directions which accompany them, they act surely but mildly, and do not interfere with the daily work. There are but few diseases which are not capable of cure—or, at all events, of great relief—if Holloway's remedies are perseveringly used.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland have left Arlington-street for Upleatham, Yorkshire.

The funeral of the late Bro. James Cutbush, P.M., was fixed to take place at Highgate Cemetery at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., attended the meeting held on Wednesday of the Accidents and Mines Commission.

Bro. the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, has been elected a member of the Council of the National Free Trade League.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir Charles Dilke's health has improved so much that the right hon. gentleman was able to resume his place in the House of Commons at the beginning of the current week.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has intimated his intention of visiting the city and county of Limerick towards the end of the present month, his lordship's object being to encourage the revival of various Irish industries which, from various causes, have fallen into a state of decay.

The west window of the parish church of Cheltenham is about to be fitted with stained glass at the cost of Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P. The subject of the five lights will be scenes in the life of our Lord, and the work is being executed by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of Garrick-street, London.

Bro. T. Loveridge was present at the annual general meeting on Thursday, the 30th inst., of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Permanent Building Society, and was re-elected a director, a vote of thanks to him and his brother directors for their services during the past year being also passed.

It has been resolved to present to Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., P.G.W., the senior Whip of the liberal party, a testimonial in recognition of his important services, and it is not improbable the presentation will take the form of a portrait in oils of his lordship.

Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., is candidate in the liberal interest for the Chelmsford division of the County of Essex, and Bro. E. Dresser Rogers for the Peckham division of Camberwell, while Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., is the conservative candidate for the Hornsey division of Middlesex.

Bro. Sir F. S. Roberts, G.C.B., has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of India, in succession to Sir Donald Stewart, who has been appointed member of the Council of India. Sir Frederick will probably be succeeded in the command of the Madras Army by Sir Herbert T. MacPherson.

Bros. the Marquis of Ailesbury, the Earl of Haddington, the Earl of Kintore, the Earl of Milltown, and Lord Harlech, were among the guests present at the sessional dinner given by the Earl of Redesdale, Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, at the Trafalgar, Greenwich, on Saturday last.

Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, was leading counsel for the claimants in the case of J. and W. Kennedy v. Great Northern Railway Company, in which the former claimed that the whole of their premises in Brewery-road, Islington, should be taken in consequence of the works about to be constructed by the latter, while the company desire to take a part only.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was accompanied by Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Chief Secretary for Ireland, received a deputation on Wednesday from the Irish Glebe and Church Lands Purchasers' Association, among the gentlemen so received being Bro. Ellison Macartney, M.P.

Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., P.G.W., Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Under Secretary, received a deputation from the South African Committee of the Aborigines Protection Society, on Wednesday last, among the members constituting the said deputation being Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Sir G. Elliot, Bart., M.P., and Puleston, M.P.

The members of the Beacon Court Lodge, No. 1967, which holds its meetings at the Ghuznee Fort Inn, New Brompton, had a delightful drive to Town Malling one day last week. A party of forty left the lodge room shortly after one o'clock, and proceeded to their destination in Mr. Sampson's four-in-hand brake and a wagonette. At Town Malling the halt was made at the Bear Inn, where a capital repast was provided for the pleasure seekers. The drive each way was enlivened by music from several members of a band.

The Great Western Railway Company have issued their programme of Tourist Arrangements for the current season. These arrangements do not seem to differ appreciably from those adopted last year, but where any changes have been made, our readers will hardly need to be told that they are decidedly improvements. The tickets, as usual, are issued for a term of two months, which may be extended on very favourable terms, if the people holding them are desirous of prolonging their holiday, and for such further period as they desire, but not exceeding the 31st of December next. Moreover, as is the custom now-a-days, the journey may be broken at the most important places on the line, or in the district traversed. In this way a trip to Cornwall or Devonshire, to Wales, North or South, to Ireland, or, in fact, to any district through which the Great Western system has running powers, or with which it is connected may be made leisurely, and without missing those localities which are worthy of being seen, but which are not, ordinarily, easy of access. Full particulars of the arrangements as to fares, train service, hotel accommodation, local conveyances, &c., &c., will be found in the Special Tourist Programmes issued by the Company, while anything of a special character may be learned on application to the Company's Terminus at Paddington, the stations on its line, or on lines connected with it, or at the Company's Booking and Receiving Offices in London, and the chief provincial towns. As to the excellence of the arrangements, and the beauty and attractions of the country worked by the Great Western, we do not need to add anything to what we have said in former years. They are too well known, and are too widely appreciated to require further minute description.