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WE have much pleasure in being able to announce that Bro. BINCKES'S efforts to secure the services of a distinguished brother to preside at the coming Festival of the Boys' School have been crowned with success. R.W. Bro. Lord SUFFIELD, Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, has very kindly promised to occupy the chair on that occasion, and the day fixed for its celebration is Wednesday, the 30th June next. This is very good news. His lordship signalled his appointment to the Prov. Grand Mastership of Norfolk by taking the chair at the Festival of the Girls' School immediately following, and his advocacy of the claims of that Institution to the support of the Craft proved very successful. He had too, as it was only reasonable to expect he would have, the loyal support of his province which, though by no means strong in numbers or in wealth, is always ready to do its best on behalf of our Charities. Thus two of the several conditions necessary to a successful result are already assured. We have to start with an experienced as well as a distinguished Chairman and a willing province, and these are certain to exercise a beneficial influence on the rest of the Craft, both Metropolitan and Provincial. There is this further to be said. The announcement of a Chairman comes opportunely, when there are still nearly three clear months left in which to make all the necessary arrangements, so as to ensure a great success. This is ample time, if usefully employed, to work the oracle and accite the brethren to raise contributions for the funds which, now that the School has been so very considerably enlarged, are more than ever required for its support. However, a fuller consideration of this and kindred matters must be deferred for the present. The Stewards will no doubt go on working steadily in order to secure the object they have in view, and with a greater prospect of success now that they know who will lead them in their labour of love.

WAVERLEY House, Waverley-street, Hull, was the scene of a rare but very interesting ceremony on Monday evening, the object being to do honour to one of the most distinguished Masons of our time, Bro. JOHN PEARSON BELL, M.D., P.G.D. of England, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire. Bro. BELL has for very many years been a prominent figure in the Craft, especially in the North of England, where his services both as a ruler and as an exponent of our mysteries, have secured for him a reputation such as it is given to very few members to enjoy. We need not, however, dilate on these services, with which the Masonic world is so familiar. But the fact of their having been recognised on previous occasions, though not so conspicuously, must make it clear that notwithstanding what may have been done in the past, the brethren of his province consider themselves still indebted for the unwearied interest he has always taken in their proceedings, and the earnest desire he has always shown to promote their welfare. Hence the gathering on Monday, which was very numerously attended, and to which a double interest may be said to have attached in consequence of the day happening to be the anniversary of the golden wedding of Bro. Dr. and Mrs. BELL. Nor must we omit to mention that this latest recognition of his services took the form of a marble bust of our worthy brother, and that, as the inscription on the pedestal supporting it indicated, it was presented to Mrs. BELL on her golden wedding day, the brethren very naturally considering that a gift bestowed in such a form and to commemorate such an occasion would be doubly gratifying to the recipient. It is needless to say the ceremony of presentation passed off admirably, the duty of unveiling the bust being entrusted to Bro. the Rev. H. W. KEMP, P.P.G.C. North and East Yorkshire, than whom it would have been difficult to find a more able exponent of the virtues of Dr. BELL, or the admiration and respect entertained for him so universally throughout the province. We consider it a great privilege to have had the opportunity of recording this episode in the case of so distinguished a brother and to be able to add our congratulations to those which were so genuinely uttered in his house on Monday.

WE take the liberty of putting our readers on their guard against a certain ex-member of the Fraternity by name GEORGE HUTCHINSON, who, from an account contained in *The Evening Journal*, of Jersey City, U.S.A., of the 11th March ult., which has been forwarded to us, appears to have derived considerable profit from a neatly-arranged system of begging-letter imposture. We gather from the particulars, thus kindly vouchsafed, that an enterprising reporter of the journal in question, accompanied by Mr. W. H. TRACY, Marshal of the Ridgefield Protective Society, recently visited and interviewed Mr. GEORGE HUTCHINSON at his residence at Fairview. That residence is described as being [a very comfortable one and well-appointed, and Mrs. HUTCHINSON, whom both her husband and herself appear to regard as a "confirmed invalid" as being "the healthiest 'confirmed invalid' he (the reporter) had ever seen." Mr. HUTCHINSON was a little disconcerted at first at the direct nature of the inquiries as to his career which were instituted by the reporter. But after a little hesitation he confessed to having netted several hundreds of pounds sterling by the appeals he had addressed to people in England whom he had once known. He further acknowledged that he was initiated in 1879 in a well-known London Lodge of Freemasons, bearing the honoured name of a distinguished, Masonic writer, who died a short time before GEORGE IV. ascended the throne and that when in New York he had made a little profit out of his former connection with the Craft. What he has attempted once, and successfully, he may attempt again, and it is just as well that our readers should be in possession of the above particulars, so that in the event of any of them being appealed to by letter, to assist this poor and distressed Mason, who lives comfortably at Fairview on the proceeds of his imposture, and has a healthy-looking "confirmed invalid" for a wife, they may know what kind of answer to remit.

WE doubt if we shall be able to find space in our columns for the rival statements of the Great Priory of Canada and the Scottish Templar Encampments in New Brunswick, which have aroused so strong a feeling of interest on the part of Bro. HOLMES. It must not, however, be imagined that the altered relations between the Great Priorities of England and Canada have lessened our respect for the latter body, or that we are less friendly disposed towards the Scottish Templars in the Province of New Brunswick. We took the liberty of pointing out in our former article that Bro. HOLMES'S expression of opinion as to the "anomalous position" of the New Brunswickers was unsupported by any argument, and yet that, notwithstanding this very serious omission, he presumed to think our readers would agree with him. He appears to have expected we should let the disputants do all the arguing, while he, in his capacity of representative of the Great Priory of Canada, did all the judging. He was a little hasty in arriving at this conclusion, but he has made amends in his letter of last week. We hear no more of the "anomalous position" of the Scottish Encampments in New Brunswick, but he thinks they will improve their status "by joining Great Priory." This, with all deference to Bro. HOLMES, is just one of those points about which the said Encampments must be taken to be the best judges. If they think it will benefit them to effect a union with the Canadians, we presume they will effect it; if they think it will be better to remain as they are, we presume they will so remain. But the right of exercising their own judgment as to joining or not joining the Canadians having been once conceded, what becomes of Great Priory's claims to force them into a junction? The fact is, though this may be the first dispute of its kind in British North American Templary, we have at this moment several similar cases in the same part of the world in Craft and Arch Masonry. For "Great Priory" read "Grand Lodge of Quebec" (or "Grand Chapter," as the case may be); and for "Scottish Templar Encampments in New Brunswick holden under the Chapter General of Scotland," read "English Lodges" (or "Chapters") in Montreal "holden under the Grand Lodge" (or "Grand Chapter") of "England," and our readers will have no difficulty in understanding the Templar difference. As the *Freemasons' Repository* for March puts it very clearly—"The lawful existence of the Great Priory of Canada may be unquestioned, and yet it does not follow as a matter of course that its rule extends over every province, without any regard to the conditions that existed before the formation of the Great Priory—or rather before its absolute independency was attained." This is the case as we have already submitted it, but in another form, and hence we are of our contemporary's opinion when he says, "We think too much is claimed by Grand Master MOORE in his assertion that when the Great Priory was declared an independent and sovereign power, it became the sole governing body in Templar matters throughout Canada." This opinion is the more valuable because it emanates from an American Masonic journal, and the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction in matters Masonic—at least in its present form—is almost wholly American.

Our esteemed contemporary Bro. JOHN W. BROWN, Editor of the *Voice of Masonry*, does not, and never intends to accept the "American doctrine" relative to the formation and recognition of new Grand Lodges, and we are very pleased to greet him as an able champion of the *minority*, in the new country, with Bro. HUGHAN, in the "old." He takes a thorough common sense view of the matter, being most willing to do all in his power to promote the institution of new Grand Lodges in districts and countries where such combinations of lodges are desirable; but he is a consistent and constant advocate of the rights of the *minorities*, as well as of the privileges and duties of the *majorities*; hence he declines to recognise any new Grand Lodge as absolutely *Sovereign* until such a body has secured the adherence of all the lodges within its jurisdiction. Until then he advocates patience, perseverance, and true Masonic feeling, so that the minority may be won over by fairness and friendly argument. For these reasons he would recognise the Grand Lodge of South Australia, without any reservation, as a Sovereign Body, with exclusive jurisdiction within its precincts; but would decline so to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Quebec, because, in the one case, *all* the lodges have united to form the Grand Lodge, whereas, in the other instance, *three* still decline so to do.

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PENDING the adhesion of all the lodges concerned, the Grand Lodge of the majority would continue to exercise concurrent jurisdiction; but absolute sovereignty being impossible, whilst any lodges prefer isolation, and recognition in full being denied such a Grand Lodge *ad interim*, matters would go on much as they now do in a Colony in which several Grand Lodges exercise jurisdiction—as say in New Zealand—the difficulties of co-operation under such circumstances being mainly imaginary.

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We are sorry to note that the *Australian Freemason* for January 10th, 1886, misrepresents Bro. BROWN, doubtless unintentionally, but the evil of such a course is none the less, by declaring that "one of the fiercest opponents of the claims of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to supreme jurisdiction in its territory has given way. We allude to Bro. BROWN, the learned editor of the *Voice of Masonry* a journal excellently conducted and altogether well put forth." Bro. BROWN replies in the April number of his magazine, "We have not said anything that justifies such an idea. We still insist that without unanimity of lodges there is no Grand Lodge. . . . We are firmer than ever for unanimity." In speaking of the "Canada Templar Imbroglia," Bro. BROWN observes "Unity in Masonry and Knighthood is what commands the blessing, and it should prevail, *not by compulsion*, but by fraternal choice and love." For such advocacy the editor of the "Voice" has been dubbed "the leading worker after the smiles of the Grand Lodge of England," which is a very ungracious and unwarrantable reflection and charge, for what possibly can Bro. BROWN gain from this country, by seeking to swim against the strong American tide of exclusive Grand Lodge majority jurisdiction? Bro. BROWN replies most appropriately, and with becoming dignity, "We are a worker for Masonic truth and right," and we believe him. He says again "We are a worker for the inalienable and indefeasible right of lodges to choose for themselves whether they will, or will not, join a proposed new body, and for the doctrine that unanimity of lodges is essential to the formation of a *Sovereign* Grand Lodge. By that we intend to stand, no matter who opposes us." Bravo! Bro. BROWN.

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We are very pleased to find that Bro. JOHN LANE has taken our advice, and reduced the subscription from two guineas to *one guinea* per copy for his "Masonic Records," by enlarging the edition. We feel assured that this boon will be warmly appreciated by several students of the literature of the Craft, and be the means of extending a knowledge of the valuable work over a much wider area than originally contemplated by the author. We beg to draw attention to the advertisement in another part of the *Freemason*, and we trust that our readers will not be slow to avail themselves of this special offer, prior to publication, the "Masonic Records" *being now in the press*; and the printed list of subscribers to accompany the volume, will necessarily only contain the names of such brethren as forward their applications for copies prior to the advent of the work, which will be alike worthy of its dedication (by permission) to our Royal Grand Master, and of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

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A HANDSOME, and at the same time appropriate little gift has been made to Grand Lodge. Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, Secretary of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, having presented it with a saltcellar, and so completed the set of consecrating vessels which are used at the solemn consecration of a new lodge. We are sure the Craft generally, as well as Grand Lodge, will appreciate such an act of attention as this.

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THERE is plenty of quiet, but effective, work done by our brethren in Ireland. We, unfortunately, hear but little of it in this part of the United Kingdom, for somehow Irish lodges, though news of their official and festive gatherings often finds its way into the columns of the local press, seem to fight shy of anything like publicity by means of a Masonic journal. They will no doubt forgive us, however, for suggesting that a paper like the *Freemason* is often in a position to render most important services, especially in connection with meetings held to promote some Masonic Charitable purpose. The more the announcement that a such gathering is to take place in a certain locality, on a certain day is noised abroad, the greater the chance of its proving a success. The more people hear of it, the more are likely to attend; and the more attend, the greater the chance of the proceeds to be devoted to charitable purposes being consider-

able. Thus it cannot be otherwise than profitable that our readers should know that our brethren of the province of Antrim intend holding a Masonic *Conversazione* in the Exhibition and Conservatory Buildings of the Botanic Gardens, Belfast, on Friday next, the 16th inst. The object is to assist the funds of the two Belfast Masonic Charities, viz., the one available for the relief of widows and orphans of Masons, and known as the Widows' Fund; and the other, or Charity Fund, which is appropriated to the relief of poor and distressed brethren or their families. Excellent arrangements have been made for the meeting. There will be a military band in attendance, the brethren of the different branches of the Order will appear in all the glory of full regalia, and visitors will have much to entertain them, not the least attractive being the programme of vocal and instrumental music which is announced. Last, but not least, the hall will be nicely decorated, and the needs of the guests, as regards refreshment, will be carefully attended to by a known firm of caterers, Messrs. CHARLES THOMPSON and Co., of Belfast. Considering the success that has attended similar gatherings in previous years, we trust the meeting of Friday next will be as brilliant.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of East Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 31st ult., in the parade room at the Salford Town Hall. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent, presided, and there were also present about 150 members of the Order, including representatives of Grand Chapter, and of the Provincial Chapters of West Yorkshire, Derbyshire, and Cheshire. The roll of chapters was called, and it appeared that all were represented save one. After a report, showing that the Order was making satisfactory progress in the province, had been presented by Comp. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, H., the financial statement was read, which stated that there was a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The accounts were adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Auditors. Upon the motion of Comp. B. Taylor, seconded by Comp. C. W. Godby, Comp. Ellis Jones (Salford) was elected P.G. Treasurer.

Comp. Colonel Starkie invested the office-bearers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, 45	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. O. Walker, 42	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. Chadwick, 152	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. J. Meakin, 935	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. W. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" T. Jackson, 274	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. T. Richardson, 581	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Ellis Jones, 325	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" James E. Wright, 286	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Nicholson, 221	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" James Townsend, 116	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" W. W. Dawson, 204	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" O. Startup, 344	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. Dumville, 935	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Higson, 348	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Auditors for the ensuing year were appointed, and a new code of bye-laws were read and adopted.

Upon the motion of Comp. W. BROCKBANK, seconded by Comp. SILLITOE, the sum of £10 was voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

In the evening the members of the Order dined together in the Salford Town Hall, Colonel Starkie presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

CONSECRATION OF GORDON LODGE, No. 364.

An emergency meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent was held at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Friday, the 2nd inst., to consider certain alterations in the bye-laws of the province, rendered necessary to bring them into harmony with the recently revised Book of Constitutions. The R.W. the Prov. G.M.M., Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., presided, supported by the D.P.G.M.M., V.W. Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, G. Chap. England; Bros. E. Bowyer, Prov. G. O. Middx. and Surrey; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; J. G. Podevin, Prov. G. Sec., P.D.P.G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; and others; and the following Prov. Grand Officers, present and past: Bros. H. Ward, G.S.W.; Rev. B. Harrison, G. Chap.; C. Coupland, P.G.W.; H. Penfold, P.G.W.; Abel Penfold, P.G.M.O.; F. Wood, G.M.O.; J. S. Eastes, G.S.O.; W. Kipps, G.R. of Marks; J. G. Ker, P.P.G.D.; S. H. White, G.I.G.; Dr. Watson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. S. Warne, P.G.W.; G. Kennedy, G.A. Sec.; J. C. Phillips, P.G.D. Gibraltar; Cousins, P.G. Org.; F. G. Nichols, P.G. Org.; W. Hills, P.M. 6; A. H. Bateman, W.M. 309; S. Vauer, W. Weiss, Weddell, Jones, Barlow, Brown, Mitchell, Carpenter, and Cobham, all of 322; and many other brethren from the different lodges in the province.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes was read, embodying the suggested alterations in the bye-laws, which having been adopted, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

After a brief interval, the Prov. G.M.M. announced that a warrant had been issued for a new lodge to be known as the Gordon Lodge, No. 364, and, after some appropriate and congratulatory remarks, stated that prior to the consecration, ballot and advancement could take place under the warrant.

The following brethren were accordingly proposed for advancement, balloted for, and declared duly elected:—Bros. Beamish, Biggs, Champion, Gramshaw, Hatten, Hubbard, Massey, Pollen, Stratford, Soley, Thomas, Wallis, Whitfield, Willoughby, and Walker, also Bro. Hogg, as a joining member.

The R.W.P.G.M. having retired from the chair, it was assumed by Bro. O. G. Podevin, P.D.P.G.M.M., P.G. Sec., who worked the ceremony of advancement to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. in the able way for which he is well known, and, notwithstanding the unusual number of candidates, the whole was gone through in a remarkably smooth and successful manner, the Deacons proving especially efficient in marshalling and conducting the large body of advancees, and Bros. Cummings and Matier affording invaluable assistance.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of advancement, the R.W.P.G.M. resumed the chair, appointed his officers pro tem., and most ably assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies, proceeded with the ceremony of consecration. The founders of the Gordon Lodge having been assembled in order, were addressed by the Consecrating Officer, the petition and warrant read, and the lodge constituted. The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Branfil Harrison, in a grave and eloquent oration on the principles of Mark Masonry, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with and completed by the P.G.M.M. in the manner so well known to Mark Masons, and which invariably draws a large concourse whenever it is known that the beloved and respected head of the province will officiate. The impressive and beautiful ceremony receives added dignity and interest when thus interpreted, and a rich Masonic treat was enjoyed by those present.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the chair was yielded to the recently appointed Dep. Prov. Grand Mark Master, the Rev. Hayman Cummings, Grand Chaplain, who installed the Worshipful Master designate, Bro. William Barlow. It is a severe test to follow the P.G.M.M., but Bro. Cummings as usual upheld his reputation for perfection of working and dignity of manner, and we have never seen the interesting ceremony of installation better carried out in every detail.

The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, which he did with considerable charm of manner, and thus the Gordon Lodge was placed on a career, that if in accordance with the opening day of its history, should be one of the greatest success and usefulness. Seldom has so complete an exposition of the ceremonies of Mark Masonry (Prov. G. Lodge, Advancement, Consecration, and Installation,) been laid before so influential and representative a gathering, and the vitality of Mark Masonry in Kent speaks volumes for the fostering care of perhaps the most honoured of an honoured list of names of those who have filled the dignified position of head of the province.

At the conclusion of the three hours steady Masonic work, and after a very brief breathing time, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, presided over by the new Master of the Gordon Lodge, Bro. Barlow, supported right and left by the R.W.P.G.M., the W.D.P.G.M., Bros. Binckes, Bowyer, Matier, Harrison, and others. Bro. Hubbard, the host of the new Falcon, was assiduous in his attentions to the comfort of the guests, and Bro. Cousins, P.G. Org., in due time contributed largely to the musical enjoyment of the evening.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal toasts were eloquently proposed by the W.M., and great enthusiasm was evoked by the toast of "The P.G.M.," whose recovery from recent severe indisposition and resumption of his full possession of his powers of eloquence were a source of the greatest possible satisfaction to his faithful subjects.

The P.G.M. responded in his usual genial and happy way, equally at home, as he is at the festive board, or in the solemnities of the highest Masonic rites, and warmly congratulated the new lodge, prognosticating or rather claiming, a successful and useful future.

"The Officers," "The Visitors," &c., all came in for their share of kindly mention by the W.M., but the toast of "The Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Cummings," most ably proposed by the new S.D., Bro. Carpenter, evoked genuine enthusiasm.

Bro. CARPENTER recounted the efforts of that officer to establish the Gordon Lodge, and stated that much of the success of that most promising start was to be ascribed to the initiation, advice, and assistance of Bro. Cummings, who, though advanced to very high dignity, was nevertheless always ready to help the humblest brethren in the truest Masonic spirit. Bro. Carpenter also referred to the splendid specimen of working set them that evening by Bro. Cummings, and expressed the hope that all present would do their best to imitate it.

At this juncture the P.G.M. rising to leave, was speeded on his way by a spontaneous burst of cheering, showing plainly how near to the hearts of Mark Master Masons dwells their respected head.

Bro. CUMMINGS then responded, with expressions of gratitude and satisfaction at the remarkable start of the newest Mark Lodge, and concluded with practical and sound advice, bearing on the prospects and future career of its members.

The remainder of a memorable meeting was spent in harmony, and the company separated "With hearty good wishes" to the Gordon Lodge.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, P.M. No. 1.

THE EARLY ORGANISATION OF THE "ANCIENT" MASONS.

II.

By G. B. ABBOTT.

Having enumerated the contents of the newly-discovered register, let me describe them at length, and, with a certain minuteness of detail, the Rules and Orders which were framed by the Committee appointed at the General Assembly, held at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, Soho, and which are given "in extenso" at the close of this paper, claiming, as of right, our first attention.

All we have known heretofore about this historical gathering is that it was held at the place and on the day specified, this knowledge being derived incidentally from a footnote inserted by Dermott in his Transaction Book of the Grand Committee of the "Ancients" immediately under the minutes of its proceedings on the 14th September, 1752. We now for the first time learn that this General Assembly was held for the purpose of bringing together the scattered forces of the Schismatic brethren, and organising them into a body corporate, so that they might be better able to

cope successfully, or, at all events, with a reasonable prospect of ultimate success, with their more powerful opponents. The half-dozen lodges of the so-called "Ancient" brethren existing at this time, and mustering, all told, only between 70 and 80 members amongst them, must have felt that separately they could look to achieve nothing against their "Modern" rivals. They must have realised to its fullest extent that their one chance of establishing themselves on an enduring basis lay in the lodges and members loyally co-operating one with the other. To the timely recognition of this fact we must not doubt attribute the issue of the summons which brought together the seceders in General Assembly at the aforesaid Turk's Head, and though unfortunately we have no means of knowing what other measures of organisation may have been concerted at the meeting, we are told by this "Morgan's Register" that a Committee of five brethren was appointed in order to compile a set of "Rules and Orders" for the government of the general body, the five brethren—as we learn from the "Register of Members"—being Bros. Sam. Quay and John Morgan, G. Sec., both of Lodge No. 2; Bro. James Shee, of Lodge No. 4; and Bros. Joseph Kelly and Philp. McLoughlin, of Lodge No. 6. That the Committee did the work entrusted to it most effectually will be apparent from the Rules and Orders which follow; but more particularly from the fact that, from the moment of their compilation, the half-dozen Schismatic lodges, mustering, as I have said, only from 70 to 80 members amongst them, went on rapidly increasing in numbers and influence, so that not only were they able to hold their own against the Regular lodges in England, but they likewise succeeded in establishing alliances with the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and setting up lodges of their own in colonial and foreign parts. However, what further remarks may seem desirable as to the character and scope of the meeting at the Turk's Head had better be deferred. It is enough for the present for us to know that it fixes the time when the work of organising the seceding brethren was seriously taken in hand. The Rules show this, and Dermott's notice of the 14th September, 1752, confirms it.

RULES AND ORDERS

to be Observ'd

By the Most ANCIENT and HONBLE. Society of
FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS.

As agreed and settled by a Committee appointed by a General Assembly held at the Turk's Head in Greek Street, Soho, on Wednesday, the 17th July, 1751, And in the year of MASONRY 5751.

By { Philp. McLoughlin | James Shee }
{ Saml. Quay | Joseph. Kelly }
& Jno. MORGAN, Gd. Secretary.
Vizt.
For the GRAND.

1st.
THAT the Masters and Wardens do meet on the First Wednesday of every Month at the Turk's Head, in Greek Street, Soho, or such other place as shall be agreed on, there to hold a Monthly Committee for the better Regulation and Government of the Lodges, AND to hear and determine all Matters and Disputes that may or shall arise in any of the Regular Lodges. AND that the Chair shall be taken the First Night by the Master of the Senr. Lodge, and every other Night by the other Masters each in his turn according to Seniority, until such time as there shall be a Grand Master and Grand Wardens appointed, and then every Grand Lodge Night the Grand Master to take the Chair, and in his Absence by the Deputy Grand, and in the Absence of both by the Senr. Grand Warden, and in their Absence by the Junr. Grand Warden, and if all the Grand Officers shou'd be Absent, then the Master of the Eldest Lodge, and so on by all the Masters in their turn according to Seniority.

2nd.
THAT such meeting do consist only of the Masters and Wardens of all Regular Lodges, and in the Absence of a Mastr. or Warden, a Past Mastr. may attend and bear the office in their absence for the time being, and to have a Voice in the Grand equal to the present Members.

3rd.
AND if any Members do not appear before the Roll is call'd the sd. Members shall be Fine'd in the Sum of Twopence, and in case of Absence the whole Night, Sixpence, Except Sick, Lying in Confinement, or three Miles from the place of Meeting, that none be admitted but Mastrs. Wardens, and Past Mastrs. of Regular Lodges, and such as have been regularly Install'd, and at the time of their coming to be members of a Regular Lodge of ANCIENT MASONS.

4th.
THAT No Brother be made either a Master or Warden of any Lodge except he hath been a Mason One half Year, and Member of a Regular Lodge for that time.

5th.
NO Person shall be made a Mason in any Lodge until first his Name, Occupation and Place of Abode shall be reported to the Secretary with the time he is intended to be made in Order that the Secretary may apprise all Lodges of the same.

THAT no Old Mason be admitted a Member of any Lodge except he hath been made in a Regular Lodge and hath a proper Certificate of his good behaviour and his not owing any thing in such Lodge and in case a Member of any Regular Lodge shall be desirous to become a Member of any other with an intent to belong to two or more Lodges then such Lodge he sues to come into must be assur'd that he is not Indebted to the Lodge he then belongs to—Registry. 6d. *

7th.
THAT all Complaints and Appeals must come before this Lodge by Petition.

8th.
NO Admission or Warrant shall be granted to any brothers to hold a Lodge until such time they have first form'd a Lodge of Ancient Masons and sitt regularly in a Credible House and then to Apply by Petition and such Petition to be Attested by the Masters of three Regular Lodges who shall make a Proper Report of them.

9th.
THAT on St. Johns day the 24th of June and St. Johns day the 27th of Decemr. the Master of every Lodge shall deliver into the Secretary of the Grand Lodge the Names of the Masters and Wardens that are appointed to serve for the Ensueing Half Year.

10th.
THAT on the first Grand Lodge Night after each St. Johns day the Master of every Lodge shall deliver into the Grand Secy. the Names of the Members of his Lodge together with their Half Year's Dues. THAT is the Members of each Regular Lodge, for the use of Indigent Brethren or otherways as the Grand Lodge shall think Proper, One Shilling each Member pr. Quarter.†

11th.
THAT if a Lodge should grow to Numerous, that Lodge to appoint Masters and Wardens to form a New Body, they applying to the Grand Lodge for Warrants and Constitution in One Month after the first Sitting Night and that no Lodge shall sitt on the First Wednesday of each Month it being Grand Lodge Night when the Mastrs. and Wardens are requir'd to attend.

12th.
THAT Every Person who shall be made a Mason in any Regular Lodge shall pay for his Register in the Grand Lodge Book for the Sum of One Shilling.

13th.
THAT No Person or Member of the Grand Lodge at the time of Sitting shall Interrupt the Grand Master or Grand Officers or any Brother then speaking to the Grand Master ti'l such Brother hath done and not then to speak without first asking liberty in

* In the margin is written: "All good men Accept. upon proper Recommendation. No ReRegistry pd. to ye G. Sec. Except the Br. Absolutely quit his former Lodge." The concluding words of the Rule seem to have written over a second time and "Registry 6d." added.

† Against this is written the following marginal note: "July the 1st 1752, Jno. Doughty in the Chair. Agree'd that no Half Year's Dues be paid into the Grand Comittee until there be a Grand Master.

a Proper Manner. Nor to hold any Private Committees during the Sitting of the Lodge, nor depart the Lodge without leave from the Grand Master under Penalty of being Fined at the discretion of the Grand.

14th.
THAT if any Member of a Private Lodge shall be desirous of leaving the Lodge he belongs to to join another, he must have a proper Certificate from the Master of that Lodge and Notice to be given to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of his leaving the same, and the Master of Lodge the said Brother shall join shall report him to the Grand Lodge in Order to have him Registered in the Grand Lodge Book to the Number of the Lodge he is then removed to and to pay the same the Sum of Sixpence.

15th.
THAT the following be the Charges and Paid for the Constitution of a New Lodge.

Vizt.		£	s.	d.
FOR the Warrant	...	0	10	6
Register for each Member	...	0	1	0
Pursevant } of ye Grand Lodge	...	0	3	6
Tyler }	...	0	2	6

AND that all Warrants Constitutions Registers and Petitions for Constitutions be the Fees of ye Grand Secretary, and that no Petitions be received but such as are wrote by the said Secretary, and he paid for the same.*

16th.
THAT the Grand Master have Power to Call a Committee at Pleasure or Deputy G.M. or G.W. or whoever shall be in the Chair in their Absence; and such Committee to consist of Masters of Lodges only, and their Resolutions to be laid before the Grand Lodge, the Next ensuing Night after such Committee held and that the said Committee have Power to Adjourn from time to time not exceeding three Grand Lodge Nights.

17th.
THAT each officer, viz., Masters and Wardens of all Regular Lodges under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, who thro: Negligence or Omission will be absent on a Grand Lodge Meeting (he or they having a proper Summons sent him or them) shall be fined as the Grand Rules Specify, and that all such fines shall be paid by the Body such Absentee belongs to . . . and that if any of the Members refuse paying his or their Dividend of said fines, such Member upon such his Refusal shall be Excluded.†

18th.
THAT upon the death of any of our Worthy Brethren whose names are or may be hereafter Recorded in the Grand Registry, &c., the Master of such Lodge as he then belonged to Shall immediately inform the Grand Secretary of his Death and the intended time for his funeral, and upon this notice the Grand Secretary shall summon all the Lodges to attend the funeral in proper Order, And that Each Member shall pay One Shilling towards Defraying the expences of said funeral or otherwise to his Widow or nearest friend provided the Deceased or his friends Really want and Require the same . . . otherwise the money so raised to be put to some other Charitable use, or as the Committee shall think proper, &c.

It is further Agreed (To support the Dignity of this W.G. Lodge) that no Memr. hereof (on any Grand Lodge Meeting) be admitted to sit herein without his proper Clothing and Jewell, &c., Except upon some great Emergency, in which case the Transgressor shall give sufficient Reason for so doing.‡

The first sixteen of the above Rules constitute the code of Laws compiled by the Committee as appointed, Nos. 17 and 18, which are in a different handwriting, having been added—no doubt by Lau. Dermott—at the dates mentioned in the marginal notes respectively inserted. The earlier marginal notes would seem to be likewise in his handwriting. Then in addition to the above, there comes on the page immediately following, and with the inscription "Sep. 14, 1752, N. Stile. Geo. Hebden, Mastr. No. 4, in the Chair," entered in the margin, the following important Regulation passed at an Emergency meeting of the Grand Committee on the day specified, and here introduced in accordance with the terms of the Resolution at the time agreed to:

WHEREAS it is highly expedient for the Universal Benefit of the Ancient Craft that a GRAND MASTER and Grand Lodge should govern and direct the proceedings of the several Ancient Lodges held in and about the Cities of London and Westminster. And as the present low condition of the Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons renders the hope of obtaining a Noble Personage to preside over us at this time very precarious,

In Order to preserve the present remains of the true Ancient Craft, &c., We, the under Named, being the Masters and Wardens of the several Masonical Meetings called Lodges of true Ancient Masonry aforesaid, do agree (pursuant to the powers vested in us by our Respective Brethren of the several lodges) to form a Grand Committee (we mean such a Committee) as may supply the deficiency of a Grand Master until an Opportunity offers for the Choice of a Noble Personage to govern our Ancient Fraternity. And that We will therein (by the Authority aforesaid) make Statutes or laws for the better government and well Ordering the said Fraternity, Receive petitions, hear Appeals, and Transact Business (that is to say such Business as ought to be peculiar to a Grand Lodge) with Equity and Impartiality.—Dated in our Grand Committee Room on Thursday, the fourteenth day of September, New stile, 1752, And in the year of Masonry 5752. In the presence of

No. 2 John Doughty, Master	Rich. Coffy	Sen. Warden	Petr. Britain	Junr. W.
4 Geo. Hebden Do.	Honble. Edwd. Vaughan	Do.	Chr. Pidgeon	Junr. W.
5 Rich. Stringer Do.	Owen Tudor	Do.	Barth Scully	Do.
6 Edwd. Ryan Do.	John Dally	Do.	John Wilson	Do.
8 Thos. Bower Do.	Alex. Fife	Do.	John Smith	Do.
11 Andw. Francis Do.	Wm. Turner	Do.	William Weir	Do.
12 John Cartwright Do.	James Ryan	Do.	Barnaby Fox	Do.

James Hagarthy and Henry Lewis, Past Masters of No. 4, and Thomas Kelly, Past Master of No. 6.

And whereas several of the lodges have congregated and made Masons without any Warrant (not with a desire of Acting wrong, but thro: the Necessity above mentioned), in order to Rectify such irregular proceedings (as far as in our power) It is hereby Order'd That the Grand Secretary shall write Warrants (on Parchment) for the Unwarranted Lodges, viz., The Lodges known by the Title of—No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and that all the said Warrants shall bare date—July the Seventeenth One thousand seven hundred fifty and One, being the day on which the said lodges met (at the Turk's Head Tavern, in Greek-street, Sofia) to revive the Ancient Craft.

That the Secretary shall leave proper spaces for the Grand Mastr., Deputy G.M., and Grand Wardens to sign all the said Warrants according to Ancient Custom.

That as soon as we shall arrive at the Great happiness of installing proper Grand Officers, the possessors of the Unsigned Warrants shall present them to the Grand Master for his Worship's Signature or Renewal, Until which time the said Warrants, as well as those which have or may be (thro: necessity) granted in the like manner, shall be deem'd good and lawful.

Lastly, this our Regulation shall be Recorded in our Registry, to show posterity how much we desire to revive the Ancient Craft upon true Masonical principles.

Signed, by Order, Lau. Dermott, G.S.

* In Margin: "This Rule was farther Confirm'd July 13, 1753. Vide Transactions."

† Note in Margin: "Apr. 6th, 1752, Jno. Morris in the Chair."

‡ Note in Margin: "July 1st, 1752, Jno. Doughty in the Chair."

REVIEW.

FOURTH NOTICE.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. Vol. V. By ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.S.D. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate-hill, E.C. 1886.

The account of Ramsay, his connection with, and influence on, the Craft, to which we briefly referred at the close of our last article, is undoubtedly among the most valuable studies in the volume. With his public

career we need not concern ourselves much, beyond noticing what Bro. Gould makes tolerably clear, namely, that the Chevalier's Jacobite proclivities were not quite of that pronounced character they have ordinarily been supposed to be. As to his Masonic career, Bro. Gould inclines to the belief that he "was initiated in London, circa 1728-29," and for this he gives the following reason: "Among his" (Ramsay's) "fellow members of the Gentlemen's Society of Spalding,"—of which he was made a member on the 29th March, 1729—"were no less than seven very prominent Freemasons, and among his brother Fellows of the Royal Society,"—of which he was elected a Fellow on the 11th December, 1729—"were Martin Folkes, Rawlinson, Desaguliers, Lord Paisley, Stukeley, the Duke of Montagu, Richard Manningham, the Earl of Dalkeith, Lord Coleraine, the Duke of Lorraine (afterwards Emperor of Germany), the Earls Strathmore, Crawford, and Aberdour, Martin Clare, and Francis Drake. In such a company of distinguished Freemasons, we can scarcely doubt that Ramsay soon became a prey to the fashion of the hour, and solicited admission to the Fraternity, also that the lodge to which he is most likely to have applied was the 'Old Horn,' of which Desaguliers and Richard Manningham were members." This is a most reasonable conjecture, but after all, even if the facts "are by no means as clear as might be desired," it is of secondary importance to know where he became a Freemason, when we have Ramsay's own statement that he was one in evidence. As to his famous speech, of which an English version is furnished, Bro. Gould seems to have fixed the date of its delivery, on the authority of Daruty, on the 21st March, 1737, while as to its contents, he holds that he was guiltless of any deliberate intention to pervert Freemasonry, though he may have been unintentionally "the cause of the numerous inventions" which followed so soon after. "Given," writes Bro. Gould, "a nation such as we know the French to be, volatile, imaginative, and decidedly not conservative in their instincts, suddenly introduced to mysterious ceremonies unconnected with their past history,—given a ritual which appeals in no way to their peculiar love of glory and distinction—which fails to harmonise with their bent of mind—and it was almost inevitable that some improvements should have been attempted. Add to this a certain number of more or less clever men, ambitious to rise at once to an elevated position in the Craft, or perhaps to replenish their purses by the sale of their own inventions. All these elements existed, as events have proved, and thus France was ready for the crop of high grades which sprang up. Finding in Ramsay's speech indications which they could twist to their own purpose, they cleverly made use of them as a sort of guarantee of the genuineness of their goods." Those who read the speech and the reasons offered by Bro. Gould for the presence in it of those "indications," which were so abundantly made use of by the degree inventors of those days will accept the above passage as a sound common sense explanation of the circumstances, and will doubtless allow in future that to whomsoever may belong the questionable honour of having invented the numerous systems of degrees which found their way into the Craft from about 1740, it is no longer just to ascribe that honour to Ramsay. He wrote the speech, and it is quite possible it may have "aided intending inventors" of systems "in their previously conceived designs," but as is justly remarked, "his intentions were quite compatible with the most absolute innocence."

The rest of Chapter XXIV. is occupied with short sketches of the more important "systems of Degrees that from about 1740 invaded the Craft," the author having wisely grouped them together here, so that he might proceed with his "History of Freemasonry on the Continent of Europe" without having to break the continuity of his narrative in order to refer to or explain some rival system. Considering the numberless variety of these systems, and the extent to which Bro. Gould must have carried his researches, he seems to have brought his accounts of them within reasonable and readable compass. He remarks, however, that it has been impossible for him "to enter into the reasons which have influenced" him "in preferring one account to another." He gives in the case of each system "a list of the authorities consulted," and leaves it to the reader to correct the description given "by his own judgment." This is perhaps about the best thing Bro. Gould could have done. The array of systems with which he deals is almost appalling, and their intricacies, as every one who has attempted even a superficial study of continental Masonry from about 1740 onwards is well aware, are still more so. However, by the aid of the chart and the letterpress, the reader will probably be able to learn all he will care to know about "Scots Masonry," the "Chapter of Clermont," "Knights of the East," "Emperors of the East and West," the "Strict Observance," &c. What, perhaps, will most interest him are the paragraphs at pp. 98-9 in "The English Lodge, No. 204, Bordeaux," the history of which is not a little singular, and which appears to have stuck boldly to the principles it owed to its English origin.

The Chapter that follows is devoted to "Freemasonry in France," as regards which the author is probably about right when he says that "the history of the first 50 years of French Freemasonry cannot be otherwise than a series of possibilities, probabilities, surmises, and traditions; whereas in recording that of the last 100 years, we must steer very carefully between contending opinions." What he says, too, as to the earlier lodges in France, as well as in other continental countries—that "they were held in an informal and irregular, perhaps even spasmodic manner"—is true enough likewise. For this reason we are inclined to regard with composure the statements as to a lodge having been held in Paris as early as 1725, seeing that Englishmen of fashion made a point of visiting that capital, and would certainly take with them their newly-created zeal for the Society. Even the alleged Dunkirk Lodge, of 1721, though there is little or nothing to support its existence, need not excite much suspicion, if we remember that it would be in the capitals and commercial ports of continental States that our English brethren would have the best opportunities of meeting and practising their rites. Considering how much of mystery there is connected with our home lodges, there would naturally be still greater mystery connected with the earliest doings of the Craft in continental cities. Such lodges, however, as may have been held in the years assigned to them were probably no more than occasional lodges, and it is not till some years subsequently that we get as far as a warranted lodge. As to Lord Harnouwester, like Bro. Gould, we have always wondered who could have been intended by this description, and we shall probably be not far wrong if we omit him altogether as being far too mythical a personage ever to have had much to do with early Masonry the other side of the English Channel. However, with the Duc d'Antin as Grand Master, as Bro. Gould points out, we appear to touch really solid ground, and our course henceforth, if not as clear as might be wished, is brilliantly so by comparison with the obscure period which precedes the election of that nobleman to the Grand Mastership of the French lodges.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held under the banner of the Keystone Lodge, No. 109, on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Newport. The proceedings were rendered additionally attractive from the fact that R.W. Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, the D.P.G.M. of the Province of Monmouth in Craft Masonry, was to be installed the Prov. Grand Mark Master, and the R.W. Bro. R. C. Else, P.G. M.M.M. of Somerset, was to undertake the duty of installing Master.

Amongst the distinguished brethren present was V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Past Grand Warden and the Grand Mark Secretary of England, and the knowledge of his presence on the occasion had drawn together an unusually large assembly of brethren from this and the adjoining provinces. The brethren present at the lodge were as follows: Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, Prov. G. M.M.; Major A. T. Perkins, D.P.G.M.M.M.; A. J. Sinclair, W.M.; William Watkins, P.M. and Past G. Std. Br. Eng.; G. Beavis, S.W.; T. G. Jones, S.O.; Rev. D. Bowen, Chap.; Alfred Taylor, P.M.; J. H. Pettingell, Reg.; P. J. Reley, S.D.; Henry John Groves, Org.; H. Fletcher, Tyler; B. de Angulo, Hy. Allen, H. Shute, F. H. Phillips, G. Hazall, A. Thornton, C. Cullum, D. P. Phillips, T. W. Mitchell, A. MacMahon, W. J. Dix, P. Prov. G.M. Sec.; E. T. Evans, G. A. Stephens, of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Decimus Fitt; J. L. Hunter Little, W.M. St. John, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Herbert Reece Langley; H. Marsh, P.M. St. John's, P. Prov. G.J.O., P.G. Std. England; T. Harry, P.M. St. John's, P.G.J.W.; Henry Harris, St. John's, P.P.G.O.; John Jones, I.P.M. St. John's, J.O.; J. G. Thomas, St. John's; T. H. Tomkins, St. John's, P.G.S.B.; J. G. Hedges, Ashlar; S. O. Peglar, S.O. St. John's; John Lewis, P.M. Ashlar, P.G.S.W.; J. H. Fowler, Ashlar, P.G.S.O.; D. Evans, J.D. Ashlar; J. J. Williams, J.O. Ashlar; J. R. Davies, M.O. Talbot; J. H. Taylor, P.G.M. Talbot, I.G.; G. Golding, W.M. Ashlar; A. D. Marks, P.M. Langley, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Mackintosh, Ashlar; and E. H. Davies, P.P.G.J.O.

Visitors: Bros. A. Dochitt, S.D. Bridgwater; Wm. Nott, P.G.M.O. Wilts.; Wm. Rowe, Langley, P.P.G.J.O.; C. W. Radway, Royal Cumberland, P.G.D.; R. B. Carter, Royal Cumberland, P.P.G.W.; John Walker, Prov. G.M.M. Gloucester, P.M. Cheltenham and Keystone; J. R. Ford, D.P.G.M.M.M. Somerset; R. V. Smith, W.M. Cheltenham and Keystone; W. C. Banfield, S.W. Canynges; C. J. Hill, Somerset, P.P.G.P.; R. C. Else, P.G.M.M.M. Somerset; T. Rule Owen, W.M. Picton Castle; J. T. Hallam, Carnarvon, P.G.S.W.; W. M. Locke; and others.

The order of proceedings embraced a lengthy programme, which was speedily and ably gone through, especially that of the installation ceremony, including that of the obligation, investment, and induction of the Prov. Grand Master into the chair of A—. The following is the first list of the officers appointed by the R.W. Bro. Capt. S. George Homfray, Prov. G.M.M.M.:

Major A. Thrale Perkins	Dep. Prov. G.M.
J. C. Hunter Little	Prov. G.S.W.
Alfred Taylor	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. D. Bowen	Prov. G. Chap.
J. Porter Fowler	Prov. G.M.O.
J. O. Marsh	Prov. G.S.O.
Andrew McMahon	Prov. G.J.O.
Giles Golding	Prov. G.R. of M.
Samuel Davies	Prov. G. Treas.
Edwin J. Whitley	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Davies	Prov. G.A. Sec.
George Beavis	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Jewel Williams	Prov. G.J.D.
J. Holman Dunn	Prov. G.I. of W.
J. G. Hedges	Prov. G. Std. B.
S. O. Peglar	Prov. G.D. of C.
H. R. Hudson	Prov. G.A.D.C.
T. W. Mitchell	Prov. G.I.G.
J. G. Thomas	
A. Thornton	
Daniel Evans	
William Parsons	Prov. G. Stwds.
J. N. Barnett	
Hy. Fletcher	Prov. G. Tyler.

The lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren repaired to the Westgate Hotel, where the banquet took place. Host Dean, proprietor of the hostelry, placed on the tables a sumptuous spread, laid out in the most attractive style, the menu being of the choicest character. Every attention was given to secure the comfort of the guests, numbering nearly 100 of the brethren. Right and left of the President, the R.W. Bro. S. George Homfray, P.G.M.M.M., were Bros. A. T. Perkins, D.P.G.M.M.M.; John Walker, P.G.M.M.M. Gloucestershire; Fred. Binckes, P.G. Warden and G. Mark Sec. England; R. C. Else, P.G.M.M.M. Somerset; Col. Chas. Lyne, D.P.G.M.M.M.; Thos. M. Humphries, P.P.G.S.W. Staffordshire; William Watkins, Past G. Std. Br. Eng.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.P.G.D.M.M. Gloucestershire; C. W. Radway, P.G.D. Eng.; E. H. Davies, P.P.G.J.O.; S. G. Homfray, jun.; Thos. Harry, P.P.G.J.W., J.O.; Marsh, Past G. Stwd. Eng.; and others.

In due course the PROV. GRAND MASTER proceeded with the toast list, first giving "The Queen and Mark Masonry." As loyal subjects of her Most Gracious Majesty they all hoped she might long be spared to reign over them. The National Anthem was then given, Bro. H. J. Groves accompanying on the pianoforte.

The R.W. P.G.M.M.M. next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M. nominate." They were very pleased to find that his Royal Highness was taking such a deep interest in Masonry, and on the occasion of his Royal Highness being installed as the Grand Mark Master, he (the President) should make it his duty to represent Monmouth. (Applause.) If their good Secretary (Bro. Binckes) who was present with them—(cheers)—would kindly let him know how far or to what extent he could afford accommodation, he had no doubt that a considerable number of Mark Masons from this province would attend the installation. (Hear, hear.)

W. Bro. W. WATKINS, P.M. 109, Past Grand Mark Senior Warden, said he was highly honoured with the next toast, "The M.W.G.M.M., the Earl of Kintore." As Mark Masons they were much indebted to his lordship for what he had done for the Mark Degree. It was highly gratifying to know that they would have as his successor H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in whom they would have a

most distinguished brother who has expressed himself as highly interested in the advancement of Mark Masonry. (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. Col. LYNE, Prov. G. Master of the Craft for Monmouthshire, gave "The R.W.D.G.M.M.M., the Lord Egerton of Tatton, and Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge, Past and Present." He felt it a great honour to propose this toast, and to couple with it the names of the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucester, and the Provincial Grand Secretary of England. (Applause and musical honours.) They all felt it a high honour for these distinguished brethren to come amongst them on such an interesting occasion. It was a rare circumstance that a Provincial Grand Master was supported by such excellent representatives of the Mark Degree as they found there that night. (Hear, hear.) Referring to Bro. Binckes, Col. Lyne said he had done and was continually doing a vast amount of good to the cause of Masonry. (Applause.) And he was sure that when he rose to respond he would be well received, and both the brethren whose names he had coupled with the toast would reply much more ably than he had done in proposing it.

On rising, R.W. Bro. WALKER and V.W. Bro. BINCKES were well received. The former thanked the brethren most heartily on behalf of the Grand Lodge for the manner in which they had honoured the toast. He regretted that only one supporter from his own lodge was present, but had hoped several more would have been there. Owing to the weather and other causes they were prevented from being present to do honour to their distinguished Bro. Homfray.

Bro. BINCKES remarked that the frequency and facility afforded him to respond to this toast was the very cause of difficulty to him. He was so frequently called upon at Provincial Grand Lodge meetings to reply to this toast that he was almost at a loss for words to change the phraseology of his utterances. It was gratifying to him to note the manner in which this comprehensive toast was received amongst Masons. In conversation with an eminent actor, he had expressed an opinion that it must be very monotonous to go through the same performance night after night for a long series of nights. His reply was, "We feel we have a different audience night after night to play to," and so he might say he had to return thanks for this and other toasts to different companies of brethren. Alluding to the toast, he remarked that their Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, could look back over a long retrospect, and of him it may be said that there never was a brother who had met with such an amount of success in his duties, and who discharged them more faithfully than he had done. (Hear, hear.) He (the speaker) had had a long experience in connection with the Mark Degree—twenty-eight years associated with this Order, and he should complete his twenty-fifth year in June next, a quarter of a century in an official position, and even now he was not quite prepared to be laid on the shelf. When he looked back upon Mark Masonry and saw what it was as compared with what it is now, and noted the progress it had made, he was more than gratified. In this province the Order had prospered very much indeed, and he said this without indulging in an invidious comparison. He hoped they would date a new starting point in regard to Mark Masonry in the Province of Monmouthshire. When he looked round those tables, and saw so many who worked so actively in the cause, there was every reason to anticipate greater prosperity. Their excellent brother, the P.G.M. of Somerset, had done much for the Order. They had elected a progressive Prov. Grand Master for Monmouthshire, and they had taken the first opportunity to incorporate the name of his Royal Highness with the toast since his election as the Grand Master nominate. Taking the hint already given by the Prov. Grand Master, that at the installation of his Royal Highness he would be there, no doubt he would be attended by a very large number of brethren from that province. Speaking eulogistically of the way in which the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucester carried out his duties, Bro. Binckes remarked, that looking back over a long life, he had reason to congratulate himself on the success which had been attained in Mark Masonry, and in fact it had exceeded their most sanguine anticipations. They had now 400 lodges, and over 20,000 registered members, and he questioned if there was any other branch of their Order which could show such progress. He congratulated the brethren of the provinces represented on the progress which had been made in Mark Masonry, and hoped the time was not distant when Mark Masonry would be recognised among the essential Degrees of Freemasonry. (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. ELSE proposed "The R.W. Bro. S. Homfray, P.G.M.M.M. of Monmouthshire." This was the toast of the evening, and he felt it a very high compliment to be entrusted with it. He most sincerely congratulated the Prov. G.M. on his election, and paid a high tribute to the ability which he displayed in all that appertained to Masonry. His appointment was an augury of greater progress in the future. In the matter of the Charities, for some time past Bro. Homfray and he had been going hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, and in all that they had undertaken they had succeeded. Hence it was he felt so much pleasure in seeing him inducted to the chair of A— (Hear, hear.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks in well selected terms for the honour which had been accorded to him, and also for the way in which his name had been received, also thanking the visiting brethren for the kindness evinced towards him.

A number of other toasts followed, including "The Mark Benevolent Fund and other Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of our well respected and beloved Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who responded in such a telling speech that he even eclipsed all his former efforts on behalf of the various Charities in connection with this and other degrees. Other toasts were duly acknowledged and responded to.

Throughout the evening the proceedings were enlivened with sentiment and song, and a more convivial gathering has not been held in this province in connection with Mark Masonry.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. TURNER PAYNE, OF BATH.

At the last Grand Lodge for the Province of Somerset Bro. E. Turner Payne, of Bath, retired from the office of P.G. Treasurer, which for a quarter of a century he had held, to his own honour and the advantage of the Craft. On

his retirement he received at the hands of the D.P.G.M., on behalf of the province at large, a richly illuminated address in recognition of his Masonic services and virtues. A happy suggestion of Bro. J. L. Stothert's, that those brethren who had been associated with Bro. Payne in P.G. Lodge should combine to present him with some memorial of his official connection with the province, resulted in the appointment of a Committee to carry it out, the task being deputed to Bros. J. L. Stothert, T. P. Ashley, and C. F. Marshall, three Past Wardens and members of the two oldest lodges in Lord Carnarvon's jurisdiction. The response to the appeal was both generous and general, and with the money subscribed the Committee purchased a silver centre piece.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., Bro. Payne accepted the invitation of the Committee to meet the subscribers at the Grand Pump Room Hotel, and receive the reward of distinguished merit. The attendance was numerous and representative. In the chair was Lord Carnarvon's popular Deputy, Bro. R. C. Else, and supporting him were the Mayor of Bath, Bro. A. Hammond, who, though not a P.G. Officer, is an old member of the Craft, and was present by special invitation; Bros. E. Turner Payne, P.P.G. Treas.; C. L. Fry Edwards (his successor in office), T. P. Ashley, J. L. Stothert, and C. F. Marshall. There were also present Bros. Col. J. R. Ford, C. W. Radway, C. W. Oliver, R. D. Commans, J. S. Bartrum, C. Milsom, J. Rubie, J. S. Turner, R. B. Cater, C. W. Radway, J. H. Wilson, B. H. Watts, I. Sumsion, Cannings Collins, G. Helps, T. S. Keene, J. A. Timmins, Lawson Howes, J. V. Watts, W. A. Humphries, A. G. Williams, G. Yates, and others.

Bro. RUBIE apologised for the unavoidable absence of the W.M. of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bro. W. Peach.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, having expressed regret at the absence of the P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, addressed the brethren upon the interesting nature of the gathering, recalling to their minds the incidents we have summarised above. The Committee had successfully accomplished the object for which they were appointed, and they had assembled that day to put the top stone to their labours by asking Bro. Payne's acceptance of the testimonial which had been subscribed. Addressing himself to Bro. Payne, Bro. Else, on behalf and in the name of the Past and Present P.G. Officers, assured him of the esteem and love they felt for him, and of their high sense of the value of his services as Treasurer of the province during the long period of twenty-five years. The fulfilment of his duties had been such as to endear him to the heart of every Mason. Personally he acknowledged the loyal support he had given to him, and he prayed that the G.A.O. T.U. might grant him many years of peaceful, healthful, and honourable retirement.

The centre piece was then unveiled and formally presented. It is a handsome silver ornament representing the vine and its branches, with richly cut frosted glasses for flowers and fruit. On the tripod base are three shields beautifully embossed and engraved with Bro. Payne's crest and monogram, and the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. E. Turner Payne, P.G.S.D. of England, on his retirement from the office of P.G. Treasurer, by many Somersetshire P.G. Freemasons, Past and Present, in token of their sincere regard and of their appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered the Craft as Treasurer for the long period of 25 years. 1886."

Bro. ASHLEY said several letters explanatory of their absence had been received from a large number of brethren, including Col. Adair, P.P.G.M. (who spoke in most affectionate language of Bro. Payne and hearty appreciation of his services), Bro. Jelley, Bro. Hunt, P.G. Sec., and Bro. Edmund White, the oldest S.W. in the province, who wrote that whatever reward they bestowed on Bro. Payne could not exceed his deserts.

Bro. COMMANS related some interesting Masonic recollections, the incident which had a special interest for the meeting being his mention of the fact that he had the honour and pleasure of nominating Bro. Payne as Provincial Grand Treasurer in succession to the late Dr. Falconer. He paid a glowing tribute to his zealous and efficient performance of the duties, adding that no testimonial the brethren could give him could be too handsome or valuable.

Bro. OLIVER followed with equally cordial testimony, adding that he was the only survivor of a very small company of Masons who resolved to nominate Bro. Payne for the Treasurership.

Bro. STOTHERT endorsed the sentiments of the previous speakers, and stated that the number of subscribers to the testimonial was 105; had the subscription not been limited to Past or Present Provincial Grand Officers, but thrown open to the province, the result would have been a more handsome acknowledgement of Bro. Payne's merits and kindness.

Bro. PAYNE, who was cordially received, expressed his pleasure at receiving at the hands of the D.P.G.M. so handsome a work of art, of great intrinsic value and high artistic merit, the spontaneous gift of so many eminent members of the Craft in the province. He should regard it with pride and satisfaction, and hand it down to his children, who would see in it a memorial of the kindly fraternal feeling which his brethren entertained for him. Incidentally mentioning that during his tenure of office the number of lodges in the province had been doubled, and the contributions to the Charities had been multiplied by five, he expressed a fervent hope that under the benign rule of the Earl of Carnarvon, and his most excellent Deputy, the Craft would continue to flourish, and that for generations to come the brethren would join in joyful celebration of the annual festival.

The P.D.G.M. having informed Bro. Payne that a record of the gift with the names of the subscribers would be forwarded to him,

The MAYOR added a few kindly words to mark his appreciation of his esteem for Bro. Payne, as a citizen, as a public official, and as a private friend. He proposed a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for his attendance.

Bro. PAYNE seconded the motion, which, being heartily endorsed, was briefly acknowledged.

At the instance of Bro. COMMANS, seconded by Bro. Col. FORD, due recognition was made of the labours of the Committee, on whose behalf Bro. MARSHALL returned thanks.

The Mayor was cordially thanked for his presence, as were the brethren from a distance, and Bro. Radway for kindly placing the room at the disposal of the Committee.

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By Brother W. A. Scurrell, Vice-Patron—"That so much
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To elect 30 Boys from a list of 48 Candidates as approved
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April 3, 1886.

The 88th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on
Wednesday, the 30th of June. The Right Hon. Lord
Suffield, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, has kindly
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lution being carried, 24, into the School from a list of 36
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o'clock (or after the usual business is over.)

Notices of Motion—By Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G.
Std. Br., Vice-Patron, upon recommendation of the House
Committee: "That one further vacancy be declared at the
Quarterly General Court in April, caused by the death
of Inga Edith Wilkinson."

By Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell: "That in recognition of
valuable professional services gratuitously rendered to
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To Correspondents.

The first List of Members of the Bear and Harrow Lodge
promised by Bro. Sadler is to hand, but too late for inser-
tion; it will appear next week.

The following communications stand over:—

CRAFT:—

Faith Lodge, No. 141.

Masonic Women.

Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Die
Bauhütte," "Bucher-Verzeichniss," "Cadiz Masonica," "El
Taller," "Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," "Liberal
Freemason," "Freemasons' Repository," "Boletín Masonico,"
"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba," "The Organists'
Quarterly Journal of Original Compositions," "Centenary of the
Tyrian Lodge," "Western Daily Mercury," "Le Moniteur de la
Chancie Universelle," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Penn-
sylvania," "Yorkshire Gazette," "Le Monde Maconique,"
"Citizen," "Sunday Times" (London), "Masonic Era and
Analectic," "Sunday Talk," "Court Circular," "The Free-
mason" (Sydney), "Bath Chronicle," "Jewish Chronicle," "New
York Dispatch," "Masonic Record," "Loomis' Musical and
Masonic Journal," "Texas Masonic Journal," "Proceedings of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska," "Cuba
Masonica," "The Watchman" (Boston), "Revista Masonica,"
"Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The
Canadian Craftsman," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Cassell's
National Library," "Keystone," "Piano, Organ, and Music
Trades Journal," "Light," "Voice of Masonry and Family
Magazine," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "La Chaîne
d'Union," and "Effective Advertiser."



SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1886.

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.]

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly permit me through the medium
of your widely-read and much valued columns to ask the
attention of Freemasons generally, and of members of
Grand Lodge in particular, to what I consider an anomaly
in the state of our laws and our practice as regards the
clothing of Past Masters?

The "apron" is similar to the Master's (see Article 310,
paragraph 4), though according to paragraph 3 it may be
presumed he can have, as a past officer, the similitude of
a Past Master's jewel, depicted in silver or white in the
centre of his apron. Would it not be better to state the

fact distinctly? Paragraph 13 of Art 310 also says: "In
private lodges gauntlets of light blue silk with silver em-
broidery may be worn by the officers." The embroidery
here referred to possibly means that the officers in private
lodges may have the emblems of their respective offices em-
broided in silver. But note—it is only officers, not past
officers, nor even Past Masters, who may have gauntlets,
and even officers can only wear these in private lodges—not
in Grand Lodge, nor Provincial, nor District Grand Lodges.
A Past Master has no gauntlets anywhere, therefore only
actual officers of private lodges wear gauntlets, and that
only in their official capacity in their own lodges. I think
this is the clear inference.

In the Constitutions of 1815 there is no mention of
gauntlets at all, possibly because the fashion of that time
would scarcely admit of such an addition to attire, with
propriety, but if the gauntlet now permitted is an allowable
innovation, why confine it to actual officers in their own
lodges? Why not permit Past Masters to follow suit,
and further, if considered a suitable adornment in private
lodges, why not permit it in Grand Lodge, &c.?

Article 307 describes the collars of officers of a private
lodge, but past officers have no collar, not even a Past
Master, and yet a Past Master, according to the custom of
Grand Lodge, must have a collar, on or he cannot be ad-
mitted. Why does Grand Lodge insist on this? Is it an
order of Grand Lodge? If so, does it not contravene
Article 288? If a P.M. has no collar why is he compelled
to wear one in Grand Lodge? He cannot be an officer,
for Article 129 describes the officers, both regular and per-
missory, and a P.M. is not one of them. But if Articles
307 and 308 had included Past Masters as well as officers,
even then, according to 308, a P.M. could only wear a collar
in his own lodge or when representing his lodge in Grand
or Provincial or District Grand Lodge. Supposing a P.M.
attends Grand Lodge by virtue of his right under Article 9,
he is not then a representative, and consequently has no
collar. Is this what was intended? If not, would it not be
advisable to have certain rules redrafted?

According to Art. 300, Provincial and District Grand Of-
ficers attending Grand Lodge must wear their collars and
jewels of the lodges and offices respectively, in right of
which they attend as members of the Grand Lodge, over
their Provincial or District Grand Lodge collars. If a
Master or a Warden, he is an officer, and can cover his
purple with his blue collar; but if a P.M., he is not assuch
an officer, and has no collar; therefore, what has he to
cover his purple with? Would it not be desirable to intro-
duce a new rule in the Constitutions—say after 306—some-
thing as follows?—

"Past Masters of private lodges wear a collar of light
blue ribbon, four inches broad, with a silver cord in the
centre, in all Masonic meetings."

Having individual rights as a member of Grand Lodge,
he certainly should be distinguished in some such way above
a representative, not that I see any reason why a Master
or a Warden, being also members of Grand Lodge, should
not also have the right to wear their collars in all Masonic
meetings; but I think, as Past Stewards have been given a
silver cord, so Past Masters ought to have one also as a
distinction of past rank; but if, with all the lavish insignia
granted to Grand and Provincial and District Grand Of-
ficers, Present and Past, this simple silver cord cannot be
granted to Past Masters, then we can do without it if the
words "Past Masters and" are inserted in Rule 307 before
the word "officers," in order that Past Masters may have
a collar of some sort, so as to be able to comply with the
standing custom of Grand Lodge to require a collar to be
worn as a necessity to gain admission.

And in Rule 308 I beg to suggest that the word "assistant"
be inserted in line 1, before the word "officers," and that
the last three lines be expunged; or if the word "assist-
ant," as applied in the opening ceremony, is not inclusive
enough to embrace the officers named in Law 129, then the
words "below the rank of Wardens" could be inserted in
line 1, Rule 308, after the word "officers," and the three
last lines expunged; but, as the entire rule is an innovation
and contrary to Article 288, I would be glad to see it all
expunged. What harm can it do if all officers go visiting
in their official collars? The officers and members of the
lodge they visit cannot mistake them, and it is no business
of other visitors. I rather think it would tend to good; it
would show that officers of other lodges were fulfilling the
fraternal injunction to visit for the purpose of assisting to
maintain uniform practice and ritual, and, besides, it is a
mark of respect to the lodge they visit. If invited to dinner
or to an evening party at a friend's house, I would consider
I would be doing disrespect, not only to my friend and his
company, but even to myself, if I attended in ordinary walking
attire; and have Masonic officers no way of showing defer-
ence to lodges they visit for official purposes and fraternal
intercourse?—Yours very fraternally,

P.M.

SUPPERS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be very glad if you or any of your readers
will kindly inform me what is the usual refreshment (if
any) allowed by a lodge to the Committee of Reference or
Audit Committee at their annual Audit meeting?

I may inform you that in my mother lodge the said Com-
mittee consists of at least 12 members, and the sum of £10
is charged in the accounts of the lodge for their supper.
On enquiry I am informed that the charge is the usual
one, and is made in other lodges, as I shall find.

I may add that I happen to belong to another lodge
where the charge I have named is not made at all. I speak
with authority—being one of the Audit Committee; and if
my brother Auditors and myself require any refreshments
while performing our arduous (?) duties, we put our hands
in our own pockets to pay for what we require.

I have no doubt that I shall learn through your columns
that the practice I have alluded to is not so general as the
officers of my mother lodge seem to think.—Yours
fraternally,

AUDITOR.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the annual
festival at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 2nd
inst., of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. In the course
of the evening the Secretary announced subscriptions to the
amount of £2600, as well as the fact that Bro. J. D
Allcroft, Past G. Treas., had endowed the new wing of the
Hospital, containing 24 beds, with £2000 a year for the
next two years.



FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER.

The editor of this most useful little volume is Bro. R. V.
Vassar-Smith, the able Provincial Charity Secretary, who
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Not only is Gloucestershire fully represented, but the
neighbouring provinces of Berks, Bristol, Hereford, Mon-
mouth, Oxford, Somerset, Warwick, Wilts, and Worcester,
are all carefully described as respects the numbers,
names, and places of meetings of their several lodges,
chapters, &c., so that the brochure, printed at the world-
renowned press of John Bellows, Gloucester, is a veritable
multum in parvo. A capital index of the contents adds,
much to the practical value of the compilation, but the
special feature of the Directory is the care and attention
devoted to "the characteristic of a Freemason's heart,"
the Charities, both local and general. The Charity Com-
mittee for Gloucester makes an imposing list of names.
The rules of the Charity Association embrace three
objects. (A) Increase of the subscribers to the "Royal
Masonic Charities." (B) The education and advancement
in life of the children of distressed or deceased brethren of
the province, and (C) to aid in the elections; an excellent
mode of representation being provided for, all being
allowed "to have a finger in the pie" who subscribe not
less than a guinea to A fund, or half a guinea to the objects
B and C. It is not, however, a complete organization in
name, and nothing more, for the work done is most grati-
fying, and exhibits a most cheering progress year by year.
Only fancy, some of you backward provinces? Out of a
total of 14 lodges and 605 members, the number of votes
held by the subscribers amounts to 3109 in the three Insti-
tutions, inclusive of Prov. Grand Lodge Ladies and
Lewises, being an increase of 620, compared with 1884 (to
31st Dec), and of 1646 as compared with the year 1880.
After this we need not add a single word in praise of Bro.
Vassar-Smith's efforts and his noble committee of zealous
workers save to express the hope that others will be led
"to go and do likewise," and beat the record if possible.



656] ANCIENT SCOTCH MASONIC MEDAL.

The following extract from a Scotch paper describes an
ancient medal in the British Museum, which I believe is the
oldest known Masonic medal. It is not described by Marvin:—
"IMPORTANT TO THE MASONIC ARCHAEOLOGIST.—
Mr. R. W. Cochran-Patrick, of Woodside, the historian of
the coinage and medals of Scotland, has made an important
discovery, interesting to the Masonic archaeologist, as well
as the members of Mother Kilwinning and her ancient
daughter Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh. The Masonic
'find' is in the British Museum, and said to be a 'silver
medal' nearly 1½ inch in diameter, belonging to the 'Kil-
winning Lodge of Freemasons,' and of date 1677. It is
thus described by the compiler of the recently-issued
museum catalogue:—'Between two upright pillars the
shield of the Kilwinning Lodge within two thistle branches,
above Eye of Providence, clouds and sun, and the inscrip-
tion *Post Nubila Phœbus* (after clouds come sunshine).
Leg. Canongate Kilwinning instd. 1677. Rev. Oak wreath.
1.45 inch. MBAR. Ring for suspension. The Kilwinning
Lodge, the oldest in Scotland, in 1677 issued a warrant to
certain Craftsmen in the Canongate of Edinburgh to enter
and pass Masons in the name and on behalf of the Lodge
of Kilwinning; but it was not till 1679 that the Mother
Lodge began to grant charters of erection. This medal
was worn by members of the new lodge, and the recipient's
name was inscribed on the reverse.' It is noteworthy that
the legend on the medal is the Canongate Kilwinning
Lodge motto at this day."

JAMES NEWTON.



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting
of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at
Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, when there were
present Bros. H. T. Nell, W.M.; L. S. Fountaine, S.W.;
R. E. Hunt, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; Jno. N.
Heale, Sec.; T. Bolt, J.D.; G. G. Symons, P.M., D. of
C.; I. C. Cubbon, I.G.; J. H. Smethurst, Stwd.; E.
Mallett, Tyler; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; G. H.
T. Dyer, P.M.; W. A. S. Humphries, P.M.; W. H. G.
Ball, P.M.; G. Ayres, W. H. E. Liddall, A. Whitby, A. M.
Whitby, W. Smith, A. Mace, E. H. Dove, C. H. Dowsett,
W. F. Bruty, S. Wood, and W. Sammes. Visitor: Bro.
G. W. Finlay, 579.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous
meeting were then read and confirmed. Bro. Sammes was
then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The next
business was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the
ensuing year. The ballot having been taken, was declared
unanimous in favour of Bro. L. S. Fountaine, S.W., and
Bro. H. Follett, P.M. The W.M. elect, in thanking the
brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him,
hoped nothing would prevent him doing his best to carry
out the duties of his office to their satisfaction. Bro.
Follett, P.M., also thanked the brethren for the confidence
they had in him on again for the sixteenth time electing
him as Treasurer. It was then proposed by Bro. F. W.
Driver, P.M., and duly seconded, that a P.M.'s jewel be
presented to Bro. H. T. Nell for the very able and kindly
manner in which he had filled the office of W.M., and
carried out the duties of that office for the past year. This

was carried. It was then, with the deepest regret, the W.M. informed the lodge of the death of their oldest, most highly esteemed, and venerated Bro. H. Moss, P.M. The brethren who knew him the best esteemed him most, with his noble and manly form, within which was a heart every ready to sympathise or help, and the lodge wished to pay a special respect to the memory of one who was so highly esteemed and so deeply venerated. The brethren could but send a letter of condolence to the members of his family, which would but feebly convey the feelings of the lodge for the loss of so true a Mason.

The meeting having closed, lodge was adjourned till the first Thursday in May.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Saturday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. James Crowden, W.M.; Philips, S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; Bellis, S.D.; W. Osmond, J.D.; Hands, I.G.; Bowler, Tyler; Fullwood, D.C.; Stead, P.M.; Treas.; Woodrow, P.M.; Sec.; Perrin, P.M.; Robt. H. Crowden, P.M.; Ancell, Evans, Dowding, Saxby, and Lavington. Visitors: Bros. Paul, D.G.D.C.; Cock, P.M. 1597; E. Dresser Rogers, P.M. 15; Allworth, P.M. 1261; Butt, P.M. 700; Saxby, P.M. 945; Collins, P.M. 1861; Parrick, S.D. 1397; Price, S.D. 1910; Cockell, I.G. 507; Lavington, S57; Peet, S57; Hennell, S57; Beden, 90; Bridger, 1901; and Simmons, 1936.

The minutes having been confirmed, and the Audit report received and approved, Bro. P. G. Philips was installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Robt. H. Crowden, P.M., to whom a vote of thanks was tendered and entered on the minutes. Previous to the closing of the lodge, Bro. Philips presented Bro. James Crowden, I.P.M., with a handsome jewel as a mark of esteem and regard.

The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Jas. Crowden, I.P.M.; Stephen Johnson, S.W.; Alex. J. Bellis, J.W.; Watson Osmond, S.D.; A. J. Hands, J.D.; A. Powles, I.G.; W. J. Ancell and A. C. Dowding, Stwds.; Henry D. Stead, P.M.; Treas.; John C. Woodrow, P.M., Sec.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler.

Bro. Crowden returned thanks to the brethren in suitable terms for the same.

The banquet was served in Bro. Bertram's usual excellent style, at the conclusion of which

The W.M., Bro. Philips, proposed "The Health of the Queen and Craft" in the following terms: Recent events have shown that among a small section of the community there is a tendency to exclude the first part of this toast from social gatherings. Now, brethren, I venture to predict that this is an innovation which will never be acceptable to British Freemasons, and this not only because loyalty to the Throne is one of the bulwarks of our Institution, but because we fully appreciate the true Masonic virtue and Charity which has ever characterised the life and conduct of our beloved Queen, causing her to live in perfect sympathy with all classes of her subjects, making their joys and their sorrows her own. I therefore call upon you all to join with me in drinking to the health of her Gracious Majesty, and by the warmth you will throw into the toast express the wish (which I confidently believe you all feel) that she may long remain Queen of a United Kingdom, Empress of India, and a noble Patroness of our Craft.

The toast being loyally responded to, the W.M. gave "The Prince of Wales." He said it would be impossible to find any other Mason to preside over us in the capacity of M.W.G.M. who is so capable of furthering the cause of Masonry as does H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and this not only on account of the unique position that he occupies as the Heir Apparent to the Throne, causing him to stand as a connecting link between the governing bodies and this our secret Society, but also on account of the deep personal interest he ever takes in all that concerns the honour and welfare of the Craft.

Bro. Cock sang "God save the Prince of Wales," joined by the brethren, after which was proposed "The Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master said all through his Masonic life he never remembered to have heard any adverse criticism with reference to the administration of the business of Grand Lodge. He therefore believed that the Grand Officers enjoyed the fullest confidence of the brethren generally. This toast was more interesting that night as they were honoured by the presence of Bro. Dr. Paul, Deputy Grand D. of C., whom he must thank for attending there to support him on that occasion, as in addition to his exalted Masonic rank, he had attained to such eminence in his own profession as to render his time peculiarly valuable.

Bro. Dr. Paul, in responding, confirmed the opinion of the brethren that the work of Grand Lodge had been carried out in a most satisfactory manner, which he as P.G.D.C. could testify, and he felt proud to hold a position in Grand Lodge, although a subordinate one.

Bro. James Crowden proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he need not assure the brethren that Bro. Philips in every position he had held in the lodge had performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner, and deserved the esteem and regard of all the brethren. He asked them to join with him in drinking the health of their newly-installed W.M., wishing him every success during his year of office.

Bro. Philips thanked the I.P.M. for the gracious manner in which he had been pleased to introduce the toast of his health and the brethren for their cordial response. In entering upon the duties of W.M. his mind was swayed by conflicting emotions; on the one hand, he could not help feeling a sense of gratified pride and ambition at his elevation to that honourable position, and, on the other hand, serious misgivings lest he should prove unequal to the responsibilities of his office, as he was fully aware that he owed his preferment rather to their kindness than to any special qualifications. Still, he should spare no personal pains or labour to guard the best interests of the lodge, and legitimately to extend the sphere of its usefulness, and thus in some measure to justify the selection they had made; and, further, it would be his earnest endeavour—aided by the assistance of the Past Masters and encouraged by their forbearance—to hand to his successor the warrant of that lodge pure and unadulterated, as he had received it. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. James Crowden," who, by the manner in which he had performed the various duties of the occupant of that chair, by the care he had bestowed on their material interests, and by the faithfulness with which he had guarded their honour, had raised the standard of excellence in a W.M. to such a high point, that it might serve as an incentive to those who

succeeded him to emulate, but not to excel; and in passing into the comparative retirement of an I.P.M., he carried with him the goodwill, esteem, and brotherly love of all of them, and, on behalf of that lodge, he trusted that he might long remain amongst them adorning the lodge with his wisdom, and gracing the banquet table with his genial presence.

Bro. James Crowden thanked the brethren for the compliment paid to him, and assured them of his intention of always being ready when wanted.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Installing Officer," said that was a toast which perhaps more immediately concerned him than the brethren generally, and he took that opportunity of expressing to Bro. Robert Crowden the great gratification it had been to him to receive the benefits of installation at his hands. They all knew how ready that worthy brother was to afford his valued aid and assistance, but the mighty influence which his Masonic energy and ability had exerted upon that lodge in the past could not be measured.

Bro. Robert H. Crowden congratulated the lodge that the seed sown so many years ago during his year of office was now beginning to bear fruit of such an excellent character. It gave him the greatest pleasure to instal another of his initiates into the chair. He impressed on the W.M. the importance of the closing exhortation of the installation ceremony, viz., to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness around them, and he expressed the opinion that although no doubt there were differences that distinguished them, yet these differences combined to the harmony of the whole, just as the separate notes of a musical chord combined to form a sweet and harmonious sound. He trusted the same harmonious effects would be portrayed in the lodge for many years to come.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Past Masters," including "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said: It augurs well for the stability of a lodge when brethren who have passed the chair still remain members, attending the meetings and supporting the Master with their life experience. We have present to-night our Treasurer, Bro. Stead, who is the only P.M. whose term of office I do not remember, and who, no doubt, illustrates in his person that universal law of nature—"The survival of the fittest;" Bro. R. Crowden, by whose labour this lodge was resuscitated; Bro. Woodrow, to whose exertions as Secretary the continued prosperity is in no small measure due; and Bro. Perrin, who has done good and faithful work for the lodge.

Bro. J. C. Woodrow, in his usual humorous manner, thanked the brethren and the W.M. for including him in that toast. It was always his great desire to give satisfaction to the lodge, and he was glad to know his efforts were so much appreciated.

Bro. Stead also returned thanks, assuring the brethren that some of his most happy moments away from home were spent in the West Kent Lodge. He was glad to say he had a balance in hand, and the lodge was in a successful condition.

Bro. Philips proposed "The Health of the Visitors." They had that night a very goodly array of visitors, including Bro. Dresser Rogers, whom he must specially thank for his attendance, to support him that evening, well knowing as he did that the multiple duties of his busy and useful life afforded him so little time for purposes of recreation or amusement. To one and all of these he extended a hearty welcome, and he asked the brethren to endorse this by the warmth with which they received the toast.

Bro. Dresser Rogers, in returning thanks, expressed his great pleasure in being present on his friend's Bro. Philips' installation, and it reminded him of the very pleasant visit he last paid the lodge, when another friend of his, Bro. Robert Crowden, was W.M. His health had been so indifferent of late, that he almost gave up the idea of being present; but, being surrounded by three such eminent members of the medical profession, he thought he was safe if any such services were required. Fortunately, his health had so improved under the genial influences of those around him that he felt now more confidence in himself. After dilating at some length on the education question and the spirit of the times, he spoke most highly of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, where the children of Masons received so excellent a foundation, giving them a chance to fight bravely the battle of life, which was growing fiercer and fiercer every day. He only wished his time, which was so much taken up in other public ways, would allow him to pay more attention to Masonry, for he was certain it was corporations such as these that added to the happiness and general good feeling that should exist between man and man, cementing loyalty to the throne, the country, and its laws.

Bro. Parrick also thanked the brethren, intimating that he was once a member of the lodge, and was only sorry he was not now, after the pleasant evening he had spent. He had known Bro. Lavington some 20 years, and it had given him much pleasure to be present again at the installation ceremony.

"The Officers'" toast was responded to by Bros. Johnson and Bellis.

Bros. Cockell, Price, and Cock enlivened the evening with songs, most artistically rendered, whilst Bro. Watson Osmond gave a recitation in his usual first-rate style.

The brethren separated at an early hour, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1658).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when there were present Bros. John Darwin Smith, W.M.; James Hill, W.M. elect; W. J. Richardson, J.W.; G. J. Earnley, P.M.; Treasurer; A. Storr, P.M.; Secretary; C. C. Gibby, S.D.; W. S. Harvey, J.D.; E. Shrimpton and E. A. Francis, Dirs. of Cers.; H. Cohen, I.G.; Percy, Organist; R. Walden and A. B. Norman, Stwds.; W. H. Boys, I.P.M.; John Cox, P.M.; J. Letchford, W. Barringer, F. J. Tull, E. J. Harvey, F. Bromley, J. George, M. S. Larham, E. M. Gibson, R. Carter, E. D. Side, A. Rowlands, C. J. Smith, L. Sigle, M. Syer, S. Mackway, T. Williams, H. Buckridge, J. Newell, F. Whitlock, C. J. Pigeon, B. Cohen, S. Zucker, S. F. Bygrave, E. H. Hart, and W. Willis. Visitors: Bros. Rev. H. Townshend, 333; H. Ackerman, 1815; E. Gething, 1223; J. Holland, 1809; J. Woolls, 1475; C. H. Cox, 1260; H. N. Price, W.M. 177; G. Stokes, W.M. 1558; T. Taylor, P.M. 1558; W. Pawsey, W.M. 1539; G. W. Clayton, P.M. 1872; W. Herbage, P.M. 177; L. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433; T. Bailey, 70; St. Clare Hill,

1658; F. Hill, 1793; F. A. Pullen, P.M. 742; J. Saunders, 1692; J. Howard, I.G. 1692; B. Doig, 1539; W. Poole, 1901; J. Evans, 1901; J. L. Apsey, 534; J. S. Lavington, P.M. 857; H. F. Cooper, D.C. 1567; T. Barker, Stwd. 1539; T. Dunn, P.M. 72; G. Venables, I.G. 1539; J. Austin, 1539; J. W. Pawl, 1042; and W. Douglas, 1745.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Wilson Willis, and was in his favour. Bro. Barringer was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The installation of Bro. James Hill was then proceeded with, Bro. J. D. Smith being the Installing Master, and Bro. W. H. Boys, D.C. The ceremony was well performed, and the addresses delivered. The installed Master then appointed and invested his officers—Bros. J. D. Smith, I.P.M.; Richardson, S.W.; Gibby, J.W.; Earnley, Treas.; A. Storr, Sec.; W. S. Harvey, S.D.; H. Cohen, J.D.; E. Shrimpton, I.G.; Perry, Org.; E. A. Francis and R. Walden, Dirs. of Cers.; Norman and Shore, Stwds.; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

After the addresses had been delivered, the W.M. proposed that the Audit account be taken and entered on the minutes. Bro. Whitlock was passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. presented Bro. John Darwin Smith, I.P.M., with a jewel, worth ten guineas, which the brethren had presented as a token and recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year.

The I.P.M. having suitably responded, Mr. Wilson Willis was initiated into Freemasonry. During the ceremony a selection of music was sung by the brethren, which had been arranged by the Installed Master, Bro. Jas. Hill. This appeared to be duly appreciated by the brethren and visitors. Mr. T. Stearn was proposed as a new member. Letters were read from Bros. Terry, Buss, Sudlow, Sadler, Voysey, Brady, Simmers, and others, expressing their regret at not being able to attend the meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served by Bro. Venables in the new Pillar Hall, which is an extremely pretty place. The menu did great credit to all.

The toasts were given in rapid succession by the W.M., "The Queen and the Craft" being the first. The W.M. said every Mason pays the due allegiance to the Sovereign of his native land; they learnt to be faithful to God, their country, and their laws. They were, therefore, ready to pay the great tribute to her who ruled over them.

Bro. W. H. Boys sang "God save the Queen."

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M." His worth, his good deeds, his anxiety for the Craft and every good Society and Institution were well known, therefore they were ready to pay him homage and obedience.

Bro. J. D. Smith sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The next toast proposed was "The R.W. Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, Past and Present." These were "the hey-men of the land;" without them Masonic work could not be well carried on. They were highly respected and venerated, and well deserved it for their good deeds.

Bro. Mackway sang "Teach me how to woo thee."

The I.P.M., Bro. Smith, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. James Hill." They knew his worth and his value. In him they had a friend and brother. He had devoted himself to the lodge, its advancement, and welfare. Bro. Hill was then Preceptor, and they had seen how well he had done his work. For himself, he had done his best endeavours to please them.

Bro. Boys sang "The Slave's Dream."

The Worshipful Master, responding, said there were proud moments in every one's life. In Masonic life, the first was when initiated, the second when a junior officer, the third when a Senior Warden; but the last and the greatest was to be installed W.M. He had reached that point, and felt proud of it. He had a compliment paid to him, for a brother had called him a cynosure. He had thought of it, and found that it meant "One who attracts great attention." He hoped he attracted them, to himself, to the lodge, and to Masonry. His motto was "Amor vivat Omnia,"—Love conquers all. The next was that he hoped everyone was filled with charity—that they would have charity with him, for it covered a multitude of faults. He had hopes of making some pleasant moments for them. He had introduced music into their ceremonies, and he now thought that he should endeavour to have a "Ladies' Night." It may take the shape of a sociable evening or a ball, but he would be glad if anyone had any suggestions; he would receive them, and take them into consideration. He was pleased to work for them, and they could bring him plenty by introducing good, worthy, and proper men. He thanked them for drinking his health.

Bro. Cohen recited "Kissing Cup."

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Initiate." Good men, sons of brother Masons and others of good repute, were the ones whom they wished to have among them.

The Initiate responded, stating that he had promised his father years ago that he would follow in his steps. He was thankful for coming to the Skelmersdale Lodge, and he hoped that, although near and yet far from the W.M., the time would come when he should be near to the same position.

Bro. George sang "You'll remember me."

The toast of "The Installing Master" was next. That a W.M. installs his successor is according to the rule of the lodge. The I.P.M. had done so with credit to himself. He had performed his duty during the year, and they had marked the feeling by presenting him with a jewel to wear for his life.

The Installing Master responded in terms of thanks and congratulation. He was pleased to do them any service, and he had done his work to the best of his ability. If he had pleased them he was satisfied. He should wear the mark of their goodwill, and transmit it to his children, for they had his son, "a Lewis," in the lodge.

The W.M. then said the toast of "The Visitors" was very important, for there were 31 visitors from all parts present. They were pleased to see them, and heartily welcomed them to the lodge working and to their table. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Herbage, P.M. Brooke and Domestic Lodges; Clayton, P.M. St. Margaret's Lodge; Price, W.M. Domestic Lodge; Dunn, P.M. Jubilee Lodge; and Wiseman, P.M. Hope Lodge.

Bro. G. Venables sang "The vicar's song."

Bro. Herbage gave a stirring speech, and praised the working, the temple, the banquet room, and the "welcome" they gave to all. He also said that the W.M. was Preceptor of the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, as he him

self was also P.M. of Domestic Lodge. The mother lodge was proud of the child lodge, and he hoped that all would try to attend.

Bro. Clayton spoke of the pleasure he always had in coming to that lodge. He was doubly so from observing the manner everything was carried on.

Bro. H. Price, W.M. Domestic Lodge, expressed his feelings of approbation, praise, and pleasure in being present at the installation of Bro. Hill, the worthy Preceptor of the Domestic Lodge, and said every one would esteem him, feeling that he had spent an evening in truly Masonic work.

Bro. Dunn, P.M. Jubilee Lodge, coincided with the expressions of those who had preceded him. He had known the W.M. for years as an active Mason in charitable actions and purposes, and he was pleased to see some recognition of his services.

Bro. Wiseman, P.M. Hope Lodge, also expressed himself in the same way.

"The Past Masters" toast was drunk, and responded to by Bro. W. H. Boys, who said that the Past Masters were willing and ready to help and assist every one who solicited them for it.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next, and Bro. G. J. Earney, the Treasurer for six years, responded in his usual, happy, and kind terms and manner.

The toast of "The Officers" was next drunk, and Bro. W. J. Richardson, S.W., and Bro. H. Cohen responded. Thus closed an extremely pleasant evening.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).

—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn-viaduct, on the 29th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Joseph Young, W.M.; T. Simpson, S.W.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey, Treasurer, and acting Secretary; Lister, S.D.; Louis N. Lardner, I.G.; Dr. Lott, G. Organist, Organist; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., D.C.; Schuelz, Sherer, Falcke, and others. The visitors were Bros. Alfred Tisley, P.G.S., P.M., &c.; Phillips, P.M. 1886; and Gallaher, P.M. 1228.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Dorling, who had been previously balloted for, was duly and ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. T. Simpson was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. J. Lardner, Treasurer; and Bro. Parkinson, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M., and the Audit Committee appointed, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed. Bro. Dr. Lott, Mus. Doc., with his usual ability, presided at the pianoforte, and Bros. Young, Tisley, Herbert, and Lardner, contributed some excellent vocal music.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Richard Poore, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Baldwin, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. J. Axford, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., Sec.; A. E. Albert, J.D.; A. Jones, D.C.; J. Read, P.M., Org.; W. R. Palmer, Stwd.; W. C. Farrington, P.M.; T. Poore, P.M.; J. Mills, J. White, J. Bott, F. Loney, J. J. Newland, F. H. Dipham, and W. Inglis. Visitors: Bros. E. A. Francis, J.W. 183; G. R. Langley, S.W. 183; H. J. Benson, 160; E. Watkins, Prince Leopold; J. Hicks, A. Bellis, P.M. Selwyn; Charles Lee, D.C.; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, Bros. John Butt and Isaac White were raised to the Degree of Master Masons, after which Bro. W. Inglis was passed to the Second Degree. The minutes of the preceding installation and emergency meetings were next read and confirmed, and Messrs. J. J. Newland and W. Loney initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremonies were all rendered by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Propositions for two joining members having been received, Bro. R. Poore, W.M., intimated to the brethren that he had a pleasing duty to perform. Since the lodge had met at Brixton Hall application for relief had been made by distressed Freemasons at nearly every meeting. He thought it expedient that a fund should be started to assist brethren in distress, and he had therefore much pleasure in presenting to the lodge for its acceptance a charity box.

Bro. Baldwin, I.P.M., heartily thanked the W.M. for the handsome gift, which was much admired, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Baldwin, I.P.M., rose, and said the brethren would be aware when he took possession of the gavel, that it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of their W.M." They had all witnessed the admirable manner in which their W.M. had performed the ceremonies that evening, and he considered the lodge was fortunate in being presided over by such a Master. Bro. Poore had worked hard, and given a considerable amount of time in order to perfect himself with the ritual, and there was no doubt he had received valuable assistance from his father, Bro. T. Poore, whose name was familiar all over the metropolis.

Bro. R. Poore, W.M., heartily thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial reception accorded it. He felt very proud at having reached the chair of the lodge, and would endeavour to promote its best interests and carry out his important duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had now an important toast to propose, it was that of "The Initiates." It was necessary that new blood should be instilled into a lodge, but it was also necessary that the members should be careful in introducing initiates. He trusted that the two brethren who had been initiated that evening would become good Masons and would in time be ornaments to the Craft in general, and that lodge in particular.

The Initiates having responded, and expressed their pleasure at the reception they had met with, "The Past Masters" was then given by the W.M., who referred to the excellent services rendered by that body.

Bro. Lovegrove, P.M., replied, and, after thanking the W.M. and brethren, assured them that the Past Masters were ready and willing to render all the assistance in their power for the benefit of the lodge. There was a circumstance that evening that he should like to point out to the

brethren. There were three Past Masters of the lodge present on that occasion, and they were each at the present time in the chairs of their respective mother lodges. This was so unique, that he doubted if it ever had a parallel in Freemasonry.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt at their presence that evening. Some of the visiting brethren present he had known for a considerable time, and he trusted that they had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

The visitors having responded, and testified to the heartiness of their reception, and the excellent working of the lodge, the toast of "The Officers" was next given.

Bro. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec., in response, said he regretted their esteemed Bro. Kirkland, Treas., had been obliged to leave; but he had left in order to assist in a very philanthropic movement which had been made that day to help the fund for the assistance of the unemployed. The officers, one and all, were anxious to perform their respective duties to the satisfaction of the brethren and the credit of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Unions (No. 38).

A meeting of this lodge was held Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Council Chambers, when there were present Bros. W. H. Barrett, W.M.; H. E. Breach, S.W.; J. H. Hawes, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G.S. of W.; Treasurer; C. F. Charge, Secretary; G. C. Inkpen, S.D.; W. Doman, J.D.; G. Smith, P.P.G.D., D.C.; J. C. Budden, I.G.; J. Fielden and E. F. Gower, Stwds.; W. A. Beaton, Tyler; Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, I.P.M.; G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Sir Robert Raper, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; F. W. Gruggen, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. M. Percival, P.M.; James Lillywhite, A. Swann, George Turner, Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, J. A. Wyatt, H. Heather, A. Purchase, A. G. J. Buquet, G. E. Marsden, H. H. Moore, F. J. Adames, and C. Howard. Visitors: Bros. G. S. Stobbs, P.M. 175, P.P.G.S. Hants and Isle of Wight; and Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, 357 and Benham, 1273.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., assisted by his officers as above, a ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur George Stanley-Moore, who being unanimously approved, received the benefit of initiation, as did also Mr. John Green, balloted for and approved at the last lodge meeting. Bros. the Rev. J. C. Ballett Fletcher and Charlie Howard were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., by Bro. Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G.S.B., the traditional history being given by Bro. Lord A. Gordon Lennox, I.P.M., who also explained the working tools in a very perfect manner. Subsequently Bro. Fletcher was invested with the collar of Chaplain, which was surrendered by Bro. Davey. A gold Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. Lord A. Gordon Lennox, in recognition of his conduct in the chair during the past year. Advantage was also taken of the presence of Bro. Sir Robert Raper to tender him the hearty congratulations of the brethren upon the honour of knighthood recently conferred upon him by her Majesty, in recognition of his eminent civic services in connection with the Municipality of Chichester. Bros. George Smith and Molesworth, the senior Past Masters present, acted as spokesman for the brethren in discharging this pleasant duty. Bro. Lord Walter Gordon Lennox was proposed as a joining member. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. Palmer. The usual preliminaries having been performed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. James J. Collins, Walter Edward Hudson, and Henry Stewart, and proving successful, those gentlemen were initiated. Bro. H. Pryce was then passed; and Bros. R. E. B. Saunders and W. G. Newton were raised; the three ceremonies being admirably carried out by the W.M. and his officers, assisted by the "Pattison Choir." Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Kent, D.C.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, Sec.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmonds, P.M.; W. Rees, P.M.; T. R. Richardson, S.V.; C. H. Lawson, J.W.; W. D. Keeble, S.D.; F. Johnson, J.D.; W. G. Lloyd, I.G.; F. Tyler, Org.; W. Sanders, Stwd.; W. Lardner, Tyler; C. Scutlebury, J. Farrier, A. Moore, R. Saunders, R. Donahue, W. C. Taylor, Dr. E. Bryceson, A. D. Capon, H. Delatouche, O. C. Clapham, J. Hooton, W. Ledger, G. Setton, P. Estler, G. Harger, J. Franking, W. Lock, W. Harris, W. A. Jackson, A. Wallis, and C. Jolly, W.M. 1742; all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. W. Akers, W.M. 13; Dr. H. Bernays, W.M. 706; Lacey, P.G.D.; G. Kenne-day, P.M. 1536; G. Masters, P.M. 13; C. Watkins, I.G. 615; W. Webber, 700; H. Palmer, 700; H. Rickman, 13; J. Lawson, 1789; J. Gould, 1685; J. Wood, 381; J. Mangle, 1260; W. Rowen, 1789; and A. Dixon, 13.

The lodge having been closed, and refreshment partaken of, the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, Provincial, and Complimentary toasts were duly honoured; the W.M. meeting with an ovation when he rose to respond to the toast of his health. The singing, accompanied by Bro. Tyler, was excellent, and in fact harmony and brotherly love reigned supreme.

SHANKLIN.—Chine Lodge (No. 1884), I.W.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; Frank Rayner, J.W.; George Avery, Chaplain; Francis Cooper, Treasurer; Lewis Colenutt, Secretary; Charles Moorman, S.D.; A. F. Swayne, J.D.; J. W. Cantelow, I.G.; W. Thompson, Stwd.; F. Newman, P.M.; J. Bailey, P.M.; A. H. Brown, G. Paybody, R. Greenham, and S. J. Whitehill. Visitors: Bros. J. Conner, P.M. 1869; N. Lindfield, P.M. 551; and G. Davis, S.D. 175.

The minutes having been read, which proved to be as long as those of the installation meeting—the last meeting having proved very interesting to the brethren, the ballot was then taken for two candidates, and proved unanimous in their favour. The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham,

asked Bro. Newman, P.M., to confer the Third Degree on their Chaplain, Bro. G. Avery, Bro. Newman having initiated and passed him. This was done in Bro. Newman's impressive manner. Mr. Herbert Ambrose Mathews was then introduced and initiated by Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M. Various other business having been disposed of, the W.M. rose and said it had come to his knowledge, not from direct communication with their Chaplain, Bro. Avery, but from the public press, of his intended departure from Shanklin. It was not only a great disappointment to him, coming early in his year of office, but a source of regret that they should lose one who had added much to the solemnity of the ceremonies. Bro. Avery had endeared himself to many in the town, and although he had known them in Masonry but a few months, he felt quite sure all the brethren would deeply regret his leaving Shanklin. He felt quite proud of the honour of having the first Chaplain in Chine Lodge, and should always look back upon his installation with pleasure, and associate with it the honour of appointing the first Chaplain. He had the privilege of seconding Bro. Avery as a candidate, and he could assure him that the measure of his regret was not indicated by his few words. He therefore proposed this resolution: "That the members of Chine Lodge have heard, with sincere regret, of the intended departure from amongst them of their Chaplain, Bro. Rev. George Avery, and whilst desiring to record the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren in Shanklin, and their deep sense of the loss the lodge will sustain by his leaving, would wish him heartily good health, and success in his new sphere of labour."

Bro. F. Newman, P.M., begged to second the resolution. It had been a great pleasure to him to initiate, pass, and raise Bro. Avery; he had often met in Masonry members of the Episcopal Church, but never before any of the Nonconformists, and it had been a source of regret with him that they had not allied themselves with Masonry more they had, as he was quite sure they would lose nothing by doing so. He sincerely welcomed Bro. Avery as a member, and was glad of the privilege to confer all three Degrees on him, and he hoped he would carry with him good impressions of Masonry. He was certain he would take with him the best wishes of the brethren, for all regretted his sudden departure.

Bro. John Bailey, I.P.M., said he had the honour of proposing Bro. Avery, and therefore introducing the first Chaplain into the Chine Lodge. It had been a great pleasure to him to see Bro. Avery amongst them. It had added to the ceremonies recently gone through, and he much regretted losing him so soon. He hoped if Bro. Avery visited Shanklin during the year he would not forget to come to the lodge, when all the brethren would be pleased to see him.

Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., said he heard with much regret that Bro. Avery intended to leave them; it had come upon them so suddenly, and he was sorry to hear this was the last time Bro. Avery would have the opportunity of being in the lodge for some time to come.

Bro. A. F. Swayne also expressed his deep regret, and spoke of Bro. Avery's usefulness to Shanklin in general.

Bro. F. Rayner, J.W., said, in supporting the proposition of the W.M., he wished to express his deep sense of regret that Bro. G. Avery was so soon about to leave them. It was only a very few months since their I.P.M., Bro. J. Bailey, stated he had a candidate to propose as Chaplain to the lodge. It caused a considerable amount of speculation and curiosity amongst them as to whom it might be. Bro. Bailey appeared to rather delight in keeping the brethren in suspense for several weeks before announcing the name. When, however, he did, they were all very much pleased at the prospect of having the office of Chaplain filled for the first time in the lodge, and by one whose standing and position in the town would be a great acquisition to the lodge. He had proved that in a marked degree, and it was unfortunate for them as a lodge that they had so soon to part with him. He could assure him that they would be delighted to see him whenever he could make it convenient to visit them, and he would at all times receive a hearty and fraternal welcome. In severing his connection with the town he would leave behind him monuments of his unceasing zeal and untiring energy in the cause of his high and sacred calling. However much they regretted losing Bro. Avery, they must rejoice that circumstances had transpired which enabled him to remove to a wider field of labour, wherein he would have greater opportunities afforded him of more fully developing and exercising those great talents with which he was endowed. He would carry with him their best wishes that he might enjoy health and strength for many years to come, and that the future of his life might be peace and happiness.

Bro. Avery, replying, said a harder heart than his own could not but be touched by the flattering and kindly words spoken by the brethren, with such evident warmth and sincerity. He greatly regretted that he was leaving Shanklin with regard to his association with the Chine Lodge, but he should go to his new work with far more confidence and hopefulness, owing to the good wishes and feelings expressed by the brethren. The memory of their brotherly words and good wishes would be an inspiration to him in days to come. He could honestly say that his association with the lodge had been an unmixed pleasure to him, and he had received nothing but kind consideration from all the brethren. He regretted that there were not more of his brother ministers connected with Freemasonry, as he was quite sure that it not only would give them increasing enjoyment, but add very considerably to their moral and social influence. What he knew of Freemasonry would certainly induce him to persuade those of his own profession to join the Craft. He could not conclude without expressing his sense of indebtedness to Bro. Newman for the beautiful and impressive manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of his initiation to Freemasonry, and to Bro. Greenham, the W.M., and Bro. Bailey, P.M., for their great kindness and consideration on each occasion of his visits to the lodge. He trusted the lodge would go on and prosper, and he hoped that it would be his pleasure to visit them during the year and from time to time.

The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, then rose and said: In presenting Chine Lodge this loving cup, I must ask your indulgence while I make a few remarks upon the custom which I hope to see established in this lodge—that of drinking good fellowship to every new member. It is an epoch in every Mason's life which all remember; some are introduced, like I was, into its mysteries with very little additional ceremony beyond the rite itself, and the inconveniences and the contrivances adopted in the small room used at that time, will remain perhaps as fresh in

my memory as many parts of the ritual itself. I cannot but think it will be found to be to the advantage of this lodge to have a custom or tradition that future members will look back upon with pride, when time has invested it with interest, and proud associations are linked with its memory. For myself, I have a profound veneration for that which is old and ancient, whether it be in the more material relics of age, or in the abstract antiquity of a custom, and a lodge which can produce an unbroken record of such an Institution as this develops a prestige that cannot fail to have a good effect on its members and make them feel proud of their lodge. You have laboured and I have laboured for what each considered the best interests of this lodge, and we are endeavouring to raise it to a position that every member shall feel it an honour to belong to it. What I do may be but little, what you do may be but little; but if all do but a little I feel assured the career of China Lodge will be a prosperous one. Possibly some of you may think this little that I am attempting to do is marking out for this lodge a novel and unique position. I grant that it is as far as the Isle of Wight is concerned, but this is a custom that is to be found in some of the London lodges. I trust, brethren, that this cup will be passed round at the initiation banquet over many whom we shall be proud to welcome as members. It will certainly be presently passed round at the banquet for the first time to drink to the health of one whom I have felt proud to initiate into this lodge, and of whom I shall speak later on. I hope when this custom is established it will never be allowed to drop, but that the brethren will have sufficient veneration for it to continue it, and whatever may be the principles of the members in the distant future, I trust they will fill it with ginger ale, if they have conscientious scruples of putting anything stronger into it. I will conclude these few remarks with a memorable yet beautiful quotation from a speech Professor Tyndall once made, and say, I hope the custom will be carried out in China Lodge "when you and I, like streaks of morning cloud, have melted into the infinite azure of the past."

This sentiment evoked loud applause from the brethren. The loving cup was manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning; it had three handles, and was ornamented with Masonic emblems engraved on it, and was much admired by the brethren. Engraven on it were these words: "The China Lodge Loving Cup, presented to the China Lodge by Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M., March 25th, 1886."

Bro. Francis Newman, P.M., rose to propose a vote of thanks to the W.M. with very much pleasure. It was indeed a very handsome present, and one which every member of the lodge would appreciate. It showed the thoughtfulness of the W.M., and the interest he took in the lodge to initiate the custom, which he quite approved of, and which he believed would have a good effect in the lodge. It was, as the W.M. observed, a novelty for the Isle of Wight, as no other lodge in it had such a custom; yet as time went on he felt sure the custom would be retained, and demonstrate the thoughtful care the W.M. had in introducing it into the lodge.

Bro. Francis Cooper, P.M., Treas., and P.G.S., seconded the vote of thanks. He was quite sure every one witnessed the zeal their W.M. was showing for the China Lodge with admiration; his interest in the lodge and his endeavours to promote its prosperity, he could almost say seemed to have no bounds. Last lodge he made a presentation which not only pleased, but startled the members, when it was found to be the old Bye Laws with the P.G. Master's signature confirming them, which had been lost many years; and now, that night, he presented them with a loving cup, the value of which he knew must be considerable. Words failed him to express his pleasure at the zeal he was showing for Masonry generally, and especially the interest he was taking in this lodge.

The Worshipful Master having thanked the brethren for their hearty vote of thanks, said it gave him much pleasure to find his proposed custom was appreciated by all the brethren.

Bro. A. H. Brown then rose and presented the lodge with two handsome paintings and two ornamental jars. The paintings were done by his daughter, and illuminated with appropriate quotations from the charge given to the Initiate.

The W.M. said: It is with considerable pleasure that I propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Brown for his kind gifts. I am quite sure when the brethren examine them they will not only appreciate and value them, but think that talent and genius have been shown by Bro. Brown's daughter. They will ornament our lodge room and serve at the same time to inculcate the useful lessons of Benevolence and Charity. At the last lodge I made a speech and told the brethren the more they could adorn the lodge with objects of Masonic art, the more they would weave round it a feeling of pride and honour. A few days after, Bro. Brown intimated his intention of presenting these paintings. Brethren, that is the first speech of mine which has produced such ready and good fruits, and will encourage me on some future occasion to make another. I know that considerable time and labour have been expended over them, and I trust Bro. Brown will convey to his daughter our sincere appreciation of her talents used for the benefit of China Lodge.

Bro. A. F. Swayne, J.D., seconded the vote of thanks, and spoke in high terms of the talents displayed, and hoped the present of the jars would not inaugurate family jars with the lodge.

Bro. Brown responded, and the lodge adjourned to partake of a banquet, when the usual loyal toasts were given.

Previous to the loving cup being passed round, the W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Herbert Ambrose Matthews." He said, today, I felt a great pleasure in having initiated one whom I might call the friend of my youth, one whom I have known for so many years, and whose associations with me have not always been of so solemn a character as to-day, and yet we have preserved an unbroken continuity of friendship, such friendship as a few of us have formed in Sea View, are clannish in their character, and exclusive in their practice, and, brethren, if I can leave this lodge with a few of my personal friends from my old home, it will indeed make our monthly meetings pleasurable to me, while you I am quite sure will find them excellent members. The health of the Initiate was then drunk with great enthusiasm.

EPPING.—Epping Lodge (No. 2077).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Cock Hotel. There were present Bros. J. Salmon, W.M.; J. Woodrow, S.W.;

Fraser, S.D.; J. London, J.D.; J. Lewis, I.P.M.; J. D. Acworth, P.M.; Treas.: G. Dance, P.M., Sec.; Lawrence, I.G.; and a number of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and Messrs. Roworth, Mellor, Taylor, and Odell were duly initiated. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed in due form.

The usual banquet followed.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. J. Bate, W.M.; E. Tull, S.W.; H. Buckridge, J.W.; J. D. Smith, S.D.; R. Rowlands, J.D.; E. M. Gibson, I.G.; R. Walden, Sec.; James Hill, Preceptor; and W. Willis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Willis being the candidate. The charge was given by the W.M. The lodge was called off and on. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Rowlands. Bro. W. Willis was proposed and seconded as a member. Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. E. F. Ferris, W.M.; J. Bailey, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. E. Jameson, W.M. 1584, S.D.; A. Hardy, I.D.; G. D. Bailey, I.G.; J. Potter, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, P.M. 1974; J. Stephens, W.M. 1425; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; C. S. Mote, J. Smith, A. G. Boswell, W. J. Mason, W. H. Chappell, J. H. Wood, W. Middleweek, S. Stretch, junr., J. S. Henry, W. H. Vadhams, J. C. Conway, and Capt. H. S. Andrews. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. North Wales and Salop, P.M. 1988; John Evans, 34; and W. Chapple, 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, and afterwards working the 7th Section, assisted by Bro. Hardy. Bro. Jos. Bailey was elected W.M. for next meeting, Bros. Lovegrove and Chapple were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously carried, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Ferris for the very able manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this or any other lodge. A vote of condolence was also passed with Bro. Stroud on the death of his sister. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. J. B. Greive, W.M.; R. J. Harnell, S.W.; F. T. C. Keeble, J.W.; C. T. Fox, S.D.; H. J. Pellatt, I.D.; J. Rayner, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, R. Shaw, B. Solomons, F. Dusterwald, F. J. Potter, C. Lambert, John Mitchell, A. Wells, S. Holroyd, H. S. Hunter, E. Bateman, F. W. McQueen, W. F. B. McQueen, J. T. Worthy, W. Fowles, W. Hancock, R. W. Williams, J. S. Henry, J. Woodward, R. Kirk, E. J. D. Bromley, J. H. Smith, G. F. Swan, E. C. Mulvey, C. Corby, Frank Gulliford, C. Holland, C. Dairey, C. Richards, C. W. Frommholzy, J. Skinner, G. H. Reynolds, J. Docker, J. Rowe, W. Roots, H. J. Wicks, and J. D. Graham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. D. Bromley having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th and 5th Sections of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bro. J. S. Henry, I.G. 95, proposed by Bro. E. C. Mulvey, and seconded by Bro. E. J. D. Bromley; Bro. J. T. Worthy, 669, proposed by Bro. J. Rayner, and seconded by Bro. R. Kirk; Bro. R. W. Williams, 98, proposed by Bro. C. T. Fox, and seconded by Bro. C. Lambert; Bro. W. H. Smith, 1563, proposed by Bro. F. Dusterwald, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith; Bros. J. Mitchell, 1743, and A. Wells, 1743, proposed by Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, and seconded by Bro. C. T. Fox; Bro. W. Frommholzy, W.M. 141, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, and seconded by Bro. J. Rayner; Bros. C. Dairey, P.M. 141, and G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321, proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, and seconded by Bro. C. Holland; and Bro. S. Holroyd, S.W. 9, proposed by Bro. F. Dusterwald, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. R. J. Harnell, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. J. B. Greive, W.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Hume, W.M.; Arnold, S.W.; Gibson, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Musson, S.D.; Luckhurst, J.D.; Christian, I.G.; Stevenson, Green, junr., Snook, Gilbert, Glover, Wombell, Chinn, Roberts, Coleman, Hayes, Mason, Taylor, Chilcott, Waterhouse, Clarkson, and Pugh.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Glover being the candidate. Bros. Wombell and Waterhouse answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson. Bro. Roberts answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chilcott being the candidate. Bro. Gibson vacated the chair, which was taken by the W.M., who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that Bro. Gibson work the ceremony of installation on Friday, the 9th inst. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Waterhouse was unanimously elected a joining member. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed. A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held.

CANTERBURY.—Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, 38, St. Peter's-street. Present: Bros. Cockersell, W.M.; Tomblings, S.W.; Pepper, J.W.; Abbs, Sec.; Develin, S.D.; McClintock, J.D.; Simms, I.G.; Passmore, Stwd.; Blake, Tyler; and Hammond, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The questions leading from the First to the Second Degree were put to Bro. Passmore, and answered correctly, and he then retired. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hammond, I.P.M., acting as candidate, Bro. Cockersell very ably giving the charge. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. The working tools were explained by Bros. Pepper, McClintock, Simms, Tomblings, and Abbs. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry, or of this lodge of instruction in particular, the same was duly closed.

Royal Arch.

JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 188).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Monday last at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. N. Littaur, M.E.Z.; J. Da Silva, H.; J. Dewsnap, J.; J. Lazarus, P.Z., Treas.; M. J. Emanuel, P.Z., S.E.; H. Isaac, P.Z.; L. Lazarus, P.Z.; S. Lazarus, P.Z.; H. Phillips, P.S.; and about 30 other companions.

Bros. Fraser and Davis were balloted for and duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A.M. by the M.E.Z., assisted by the First and Second Principals and officers, after which a very handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel and a testimonial, engrossed on vellum, in full frame, was presented by Comp. N. Littaur, M.E.Z., on behalf of the members, to Comp. M. J. Emanuel, P.Z., S.E., in appreciation of their esteem and regard for services rendered to the chapter. At the banquet the usual Royal Arch toasts were given.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This prosperous chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Comps. C. H. Köhler, M.E.Z.; Appleton, H.; Ayling, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., S.N.; Gardner, P.S.; Cruise, 1st A.S.; Dowling, 2nd A.S.; G. Everett, P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; James Terry, P.P.G.J. Herts, &c., Hon. Member. Among the visitors were Comps. W. H. Lee, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., P.Z. 975; J. T. Briggs, P.Z. 177; Riechelmann, P.Z. 349; Woodruff, 50; Esling, 77; Bailey, 177; Guanzorli, 862; and the Rev. R. Hill, 1000. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. the Rev. R. Hill, of 1000, and it proved to be unanimous. Ex. Comp. J. Terry then ably installed the Three Principals, viz., Ex. Comps. Appleton, M.E.Z.; Ayling, H.; and H. J. Lardner, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. H. Higgins, S.E.; Gardner, S.N.; Cruise, P.S.; Dowling, 1st A.S.; Westley, 2nd A.S.; G. Everett, Treas.; and Reinardt, Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Ex. Comp. Terry for his services as Installing Officer. Ex. Comp. W. Mann, P.Z., was elected an honorary member. A Past Principal's jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, Little Britain, London), was presented to Ex. Comp. C. H. Köhler for his services as M.E.Z. during the past year.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was ably presided over by the M.E.Z. The proceedings, which were throughout of a most genial and satisfactory nature, did not terminate until a late hour.

DURHAM.—Chapter of Concord (No. 124).—A convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., for the purpose of installing three members. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. Wm. Coxon, P.Z. The following officers were installed: Comps. J. Turnbull, Z.; John Sewell, H.; Wm. Logan, J.; G. W. Richardson, S.E.; Rev. J. Lawson, S.N.; Rev. Dr. Tristram, P.S.; W. Donkin, Treasurer; and J. Nutton, Organist. On the proposition of the M.E.Z., it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Janitor, Comp. J. Carter. After expressions of hearty good wishes to the visiting companions, the companions adjourned to the banquetting room, where a repast was served.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Present: Comps. Dean, Z.; G. W. Knight, H.; Underwood, J.; H. Slynman, S.E.; Carter, S.N.; Bolton, P.S.; Edmonds, Preceptor; J. C. Smith, Cooper, Jacobs, Dodson, and Christian.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Christian candidate. The companions expressed themselves highly gratified for the excellent rendering of the ritual by the M.E.Z., Comp. Dean, and his officers. Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited to attend this chapter of improvement, under the kind Preceptorship of our excellent Comp. T. C. Edmonds, who spares no pains to perfect each officer in their several duties. The chapter room is spacious, the furniture perfect, and the genial host, Comp. Bolton, always ready to welcome companions.

Mark Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, for the dispatch of business on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. T. Skinner, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M., Secretary, acting S.W.; Rickwood, J.W.; J. N. Frye, S.D.; Smout, J.D.; Huish, D.C.; Mason, Stwd.; Schofield, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Taylor, S.W., Goodall, P.M., Tisley, P.M., Cama (hon. member), F. C. Frye, Parkhouse, and C. Stevens.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. Dudley Rolls, Vice-President, occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. E. Baxter, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; James Moon, W. A. Scurrah, C. H. Webb, George Mickleby, M.B., W. Maple, Geo. Motion, Joyce Murray, H. W. Hunt, Raynham W. Stewart, P.C.D.; Rev. R. Morris, M.A., I.L.D.; C. F. Hogard, F. Adlard, Alfred Williams, R. Berridge, and Chas. Belton.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, two grants—one of £20 and the other of £5—were made to ex-pupils towards outfit.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson announces his removal from 27, Walbrook to 10, Basinghall-street, in consequence of requiring increased office accommodation.

The Craft Abroad.

At a meeting of the Lodge Star of Southern China, No. 2013, held at Canton on Saturday, January 9th, Wor. Bro. J. Christie, P.M., the Master elect for the ensuing year, was duly proclaimed. Wor. Bro. Christie then appointed the following officers and invested those who were present:—S.W., Bro. R. B. Allen; J.W., Bro. W. Stebbins; Treasurer, Bro. H. Schroeter; Sec., Bro. G. H. Brunt; S.D., Bro. W. Luheiss; J.D., Bro. W. Pike; D.C., Bro. D. Reid; Steward, Bro. W. Luheiss; I.G., Bro. Karanjia.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE. (S.C.)

At the meeting of the members of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, held recently at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, the office-bearers for the ensuing year were installed by the Past R.W.M. of Northern China, Bro. C. Thorne, in the presence of between 60 and 70 brethren, including about 20 P.M.'s. Bro. T. S. Southey, the retiring S.W., was installed into the position of R.W.M., and the following were invested as the office-bearers: Bros. C. J. Holland, I.P.M.; T. Pemberton, D.M.; J. Bannerman, S.M.; E. D. Meldrum, S.W.; L. F. Gowing, J.W.; A. Olsen, Treas.; W. Vounson, Sec.; J. Gould, S.D.; A. Laidrich, J.D.; J. W. Mielenhausen, I.G.; J. Kinghorn, D.C.; F. A. A. Kofod and H. Freudenthal, Stwds.; and C. Merritt, Tyler. Right Worshipful Bro. C. Thorne having resigned the high office of District Grand Master of Northern China, which he was held since the formation of the District Grand Lodge eight or nine years ago, the occasion was availed of by Scottish Masons to present him with an address and a Cosmopolitan Lodge jewel. The presentation was made by W. Bro. C. M. Donaldson, the senior Past Master of the lodge. The gathering was interesting from another fact, it was the celebration of the coming of age of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, which has now entered on the twenty-second year of its existence. W. Bro. Donaldson was the founder of the lodge, and the opportunity was taken to present him with an address and a tangible gift in recognition of his untiring services in the advancement of its interests and prosperity. This presentation was made by W. Bro. Pemberton, and it was characteristically acknowledged by W. Bro. Donaldson.

The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held recently, R.W. Bro. C. P. Chater, Dist. G.M., presiding. Amongst the visitors present was R.W. Bro. Col. Withers, Past G.M. of the G.L. of Virginia, who was received with honours. The following officers were appointed, and such of them as were present were invested by the Dist. G.M.:

Bro. W. S. Adams, M.D.	...	Dep. D.G.M.
" W. H. Ray	...	Dist. G.S.W.
" R. H. Pye, Amoy	...	Dist. G.J.W.
" W. Young, M.D.	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" P. Jordan	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" P. B. C. Ayres, M.D.	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" E. C. Ray	...	Dist. G. Pres. Bd.
" A. O'D. Gourdin	...	Gen. Purs.
" J. Christie	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" G. C. Cox	...	Dist. G.S.D.
" Danby	...	Dist. G.J.D.
" Alf. Woolley	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" J. W. Tilley	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" J. Robertson	...	Dist. G.A.D.C.
" G. S. Goodwyn	...	Dist. Swd. Br.
" W. C. Lewis	...	D.G. Org.
" W. F. D. Cochrane	...	D.G. Purst.
" M. Falconer, E. Mackean, G. Rae, H. R. Best, C. H. Erskine, and J. Phillips	...	D.G. Stewards.
" J. R. Grimble	...	Tyler.

Bros. C. L. Gorham and E. Georgewere elected members of the Board of General Purposes.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE BORER.

Bro. G. Borer died suddenly at his office, 110, London Wall, on the 26th ult. He was for some years architect and surveyor to the Industrial Dwellings Company, and was in his 48th year. Some members of the local Mark Lodge and the Local Board of Health attended the funeral at Edmonton Cemetery, on Thursday, the 1st inst., when Bros. T. Blashill, H. Lovegrove, and C. Stanger represented the architectural profession.

BRO. THOMAS PENN.

We announce with regret the death of Bro. Thomas Penn, late of St. George's Lodge, No. 140, after three days' illness, at his residence, Grove House, High-street, Lewisham, on Monday, the 29th ult. Bro. Penn, who was first cousin to the late Mr. John Penn, of The Cedars, Lee, was in his 69th year. For many years he had been manager of Messrs. Penn's Engineering establishment at Deptford, and was truly respected by the employés of the works. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, wife of the manager, Mr. James Carpenter, of Messrs. Penn's, Deptford Pier Works. His funeral took place on Saturday afternoon last, the cortege leaving Grove House at two o'clock, and he was interred in the vault of the Penn family in St. Margaret's Churchyard, Lee. The family are greatly respected. It is but a very few days ago that the head of the firm, John Penn, Esq., and his revered mother, Mrs. John Penn, each gave £1000 to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of the unemployed. Although our late Bro. Thomas Penn, through the vast amount of claims on his time at the works, was unable to devote much time to Masonry, and has not taken any active part in it for about 40 years, yet his every-day acts of kindness and benevolence proved how well he carried out all and every the sublime teachings of our Order. All his family are noted for their benevolence and Charity. It is but a few years back Mrs. John Penn founded some alms houses for the support of the aged workmen who were past earning their living. That noble deed was done to perpetuate the memory of her late husband, Mr. John Penn. On all and every occasion the name of Penn is associated with every good work in or about their localities. Our departed brother was no exception to any of his worthy kinsmen. The poor have indeed lost a true friend. To all whom he

found worthy he was ever kind, thoughtful, and charitable. His was a quiet, good life, never letting his left hand know what the right hand did, but ever doing good. He retired a few years back from business, and had fully earned and enjoyed his retirement. We deeply sympathise with his widow and every member of his family over the great loss which they have sustained in his removal "into the silent land."



Though "Oliver Grumble" at the Novelty, burlesques nothing unless it be certain characters in English history, it is very amusing to those who like the lighter form of theatrical entertainment. It is prettily and elaborately mounted, full of puns, some clever and some indifferent catching though not original music, and supported by some of the best talent in that line. Mr. and Mrs. Edouin this time are not the Babes but the Twins, Harry and Carrie, as such they perform all sorts of pranks and romp about the stage, sings charming songs, and wear lovely costumes. Judging from the applause, one may say that this time the Novelty is in luck. Bro. Arthur Williams (1319), is extremely droll as Oliver Grumble, and helps very much to the fun of the burlesque. The rest of the cast look nice, but have not very much to do. We think Mr. Edouin, Miss Alice Atherton, and Bro. Arthur Williams will be able to keep the house full for some time to come.

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It is with much pleasure we join in the unanimous verdict in praise of Mr. Pinero's new three act farce at the Court, which is called "The Schoolmistress." It has met with a reception which must delight the Messrs. Clayton and Cecil, equally with the distinguished author. Mr. Pinero has got over the difficulty of following up his success of last year, "The Magistrate," by not imitating it in any way. The latter was remarkable for its odd story, "The Schoolmistress" has no plot of any importance; but is interesting on account of its dialogue. This makes it very difficult to produce on paper the effect it has on one in seeing it. The moment the curtain rises the audience feel they are going to have a two hours' scream of merriment. Each person in the play has very amusing things to say from the admiral down to the buttons, from the schoolmistress to the scholar. The author in this piece depends less upon ingeniously constructed situations and more upon witty phrases. His new play is less improbable than "The Magistrate," therefore, one must not expect such a substantial meal, nor be disappointed. Miss Dyott, mistress of Volumnia College, a young lady's academy, has taken to herself a husband in the person of the Honourable Vere Quickett, a younger brother to Lord Limehouse, who is, like many younger sons of peers, in very straitened circumstances, and of no occupation. Miss Dyott very soon finds out that she has to increase her means in order to maintain the expensive luxury she has gone in for. As at the end of the Christmas term she accepts an offer as leading singer in a comic opera, leaving her husband, her artful pupil, Miss Hesselrigge, and three girls, who do not go home for the holidays. Now, these young ladies, like many such in boarding schools, are of a precocious nature. One of them has secretly married, and having taken her companions into her confidence, they make up their minds, when Miss Dyott goes away, to have a "high old time" together, and celebrate the wedding. Mr. Quickett is delighted with the short liberty he is to have, and telegraphs to an old bachelor chum to bring a couple of good fellows round to his lodgings to supper, for he has not dared to let it be known that he is married. Unluckily, Miss Hesselrigge finds the message, in a blotting pad, and after reading it in Mr. Quickett's presence sends it on to its destination. He is in her power now and she makes use of her opportunity. She proposes that Mr. Quickett and the girls shall join in giving their parties. Mr. Quickett, knowing he is in her power, has to consent. The young lady in whose honour the party is to be given, is Miss Dinah Rankling, daughter of Admiral Rankling, a distant relative of the schoolmistress's husband. The gallant admiral has put his daughter in Miss Dyott's charge in order to get some silly nonsense out of her head about a young gentleman, not knowing she has married him clandestinely. The invitations are sent out by the artful pupil and Mr. Quickett, each relying upon the other to hide the transaction from the schoolmistress. Quickett pays for the feast out of funds left him to pay the servants wages and other household expenses. Quickett's guests are naval friends, one a handsome lieutenant, Mr. Mullary, another a midshipman of about 13 years of age, and the other Rear-Admiral Rankling himself, who, not having seen his daughter for some years does not recognise Dinah as his progeny, and in felicitous terms proposes the health of the couple in an extraordinary speech, in which he mingles matrimony with nautical terms. Quickett introduces the young ladies as his nieces, but the admiral remarks that "your sisters children were all boys," to which Quickett replies, "Ah! yes, they were all boys." The supper proceeds merrily, with numerous comical incidents connected with a lark pudding, the rear-admiral's speech, a dance, and a serious of jealous outbursts on the part of the juvenile bridegroom. The party is suddenly interrupted by an alarm of fire, and the whole of the guests have to make their way out of a window and down a fire escape. At this juncture Miss Dyott arrives up the fire escape in her stage costume. We do not quite understand why she should return in this way, and conclude that she has been told of the fire and so rushes home from the theatre without changing her dress. The whole party, boys and girls, married and unmarried, are hurried off to a house hard by, which is the admiral's. It is somewhat difficult to describe the incidents which follow, but the reader will judge they are many and complicated. The representation is excellent in every particular. The page boy of Mr. W. Phillips, the midshipmite of Mr. Edwin Victor, and the Jane Chapman of Miss Rorke, are as natural and genuine as any of the more important characters. Mrs. John Wood is not furnished as Mrs. Dyott with such an elaborate part as the lord in "The Magistrate," but when on the stage, this popular lady makes the whole house roar. Mr. John Clayton, as the crochety old Admiral, plays better than he ever has done, his make-up

is in itself a study. Miss Norreys shares with Mr. Clayton the credit of making two of the best characters, she is "struggling to be a governess," and plays her part in a way no one else could. Miss Norreys has many opportunities for distinction, all of which she embraces. Mr. Arthur Cecil also has not perhaps such a good part as in Mr. Pinero's last play, but he plays the impecunious aristocrat in his happiest manner. Mr. F. Kerr, Mr. Eversfield, Mr. Lugg, and Mr. Chevalier are excellent in their different parts, and we must not forget to mention the admiral's wife of Miss Emily Cross, nor the young ladies of the school, played by Miss Cudmore and Miss La Coste, the latter of whom is the wife of the acting manager of the Novelty Theatre, who not only looks pretty, but acts very intelligently. A play of the type of "The Schoolmistress" must be taken at its fever height, unless acted with spirit its chance of success would be nil. Messrs. Cecil and Clayton are the fortunate possessors of a play which is destined to have a long run. The M.W. Grand Master, who witnessed it the evening of our visit seemed to be highly amused. From his long experience of theatres the Prince of Wales must be a critic himself. Since then the Duchess of Edinburgh has paid a visit to the Court Theatre, and we recommend our readers to follow suit without delay.

THE DUVAL RESTAURANT.

To those who are most conversant with the habits and customs of the London resident in the matter of dining and refreshing himself generally, it would hardly seem possible for the most enterprising caterer to present anything sufficiently new or attractive to induce a departure from either the old or modern haunts with which the rising generation have been familiarised through the firm of Spiers and Pond and others. But although dinners and other meals *à la carte* are served almost everywhere, the idea has not been carried out as thoroughly as might be, or as it is in the celebrated Duval establishments, dotted about Paris, where the principle of payment for value received is carried out most religiously. The central idea is that the customer should have just as much or as little as he pleases, and only pay for what he has consumed, this principle is carried out even to the smallest detail, such as a *serviette*, which is supplied at 1d., or not as desired. We are aware that a modified form of this idea has been carried out for some years past, but it has not been the idea pure and simple, and Messrs. Spiers and Pond may be congratulated on taking the first step in this direction. A better opportunity for testing the principle could not have offered itself than was presented by the failure of the promoters of the Palsgrave Restaurant, which was established opposite the Royal Court of Justice, on the old system. Messrs. Spiers and Pond have boldly entered into competition with the most popular existing establishments, and with characteristic pluck offer the very extreme of comfortable, not to say luxurious, surroundings, with the cheapest of cheap meals. To our minds the only danger in this is that the ordinary visitor might be deterred from entering the palatial building, under the apprehension that the charges would be on a similar scale of magnificence, but the saving knowledge of the sagacious Briton whose intelligence is readily quickened on any matter where the stomach and the breeches pocket are concerned, will, we feel sure, soon set the matter right. We may mention that the service is wholly by females, and that the arrangements of the kitchen are so perfect, that the maximum of excellence in cooking and in quickness of service is attained; and we venture to predict that not only will the new venture be a complete success, but that it will be the precursor of a host of similar dining places in London. We offer Messrs. Spiers and Pond our congratulations on this additional evidence they have given of their zeal and enterprise as public caterers.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.
Closed. Re-open April 24 with HUMAN NATURE.
ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce. Matinee every Saturday at 2.
STRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, MY SWEETHEART. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.
VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Monday, April 12, at 2.30, SOPHIA.
GLOBE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.0, THE SINS OF THE FATHERS; at 9.0, THE PRIVATE SECRETARY. Matinee every Saturday at 3.
SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.35, THE MIKADO; or, THE TOWN OF TITIPU; at 7.45, THE CARP. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.
OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.45, ON 'CHANGE; at 8.0, Comedietta. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.
GAITY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, BORROWED PLUMES; at 8, JACK SHEPPARD. Matinee every Saturday at 2.15.
TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Closed. Re-open April 24 with GOING IT and FAUST AND LOOSE.
COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE SCHOOLMISTRESS; at 8, BREAKING THE ICE. Matinee Saturday next at 2.30.
NOVELTY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, OLIVER GRUMBLE; at 7.30, WET PAINT.
EMPIRE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, ROUND THE WORLD.
GRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, DARK DAYS.
SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, THE SILVER KING.
STANDARD THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, OUR SILVER WEDDING.
ALBERT PALACE.
Open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Amusements all day.
JAPANESE VILLAGE.
Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission one shilling; Children, sixpence; Wednesdays half-a-crown; and six one shilling. Performances free daily at 12, 3, 5, and 8, in the New Japanese Shebaya.



The Masonic Temple, Drury-lane, was again the scene of a notable meeting on Tuesday, when upwards of sixty brethren, including several Past and Present Grand Officers, and many other well-known interpreters of our mysteries were present, the guiding spirit of the proceedings being Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., who occupied the chair, and very impressively carried out the ceremony of initiating four candidates into the mysteries of the First Degree, and raising three others to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Parkinson was assisted in his labours by Bros. T. Fenn, C. F. Matier, R. Berridge, and other brethren, and the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily.

The Saturday Collection, made by means of the Hospital Saturday Organisation, for the relief of distress among the Unemployed, realised about £1100 to £1200.

Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., took an active part as Steward in the Belvoir Hunt Steeple Chases, and very much contributed to their success.

R.W. Bro. Charles Dalrymple, P.G.M. of Argshire and the Isles, is a candidate for one of the vacant seats in Parliament for the borough of Ipswich.

Bro. Augustus Harris, who is president-elect of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, will take the chair at the annual festival to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 2nd June next.

Bro. Henry Irving will preside at the 30th annual dinner, to be held at Willis's Rooms, on Monday, the 19th inst., of the Benevolent Branch of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund.

Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton presided at the first sitting on Tuesday, of the House of Commons Committee on the Lambeth, Southwark and Vauxhall, and the East London Water Bills.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will give a grand military banquet at the Mansion House on Saturday next, the 17th inst. Bro. General Lord Wolseley has accepted an invitation to be present.

Among those present at the Lady Mayoress's reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday were Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Clarke, Bro. Horace Jones, G.S. of Wks., and Mrs. Horace Jones, and others.

Bro. Lord Henniker presided at conference at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Monday, called by the Railway and Canal Trades' Association for the purpose of considering the Railway and Canal Traffic Bill, introduced by Mr. Mundella.

In our late report of the consecration of the Henley Chapter, at North Woolwich, the name of M.E. Comp. E. West, P.Z. 13, was inadvertently omitted from the list of the founders. He is not only a founder, but the first P.Z. of the Chapter.

Bro. Buzzard, Q.C., was one of the principal guests at the dinner given at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday last by the members of the Midland Circuit to Mr. J. W. Mellor, Q.C., M.P., on his appointment as Judge Advocate-General.

Bro. the Lord Mayor (in the chair), and Aldermen Stone, Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir R. Hanson, Waterlow, Whitehead, Savory, and Gray, with Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke, attended the special Court of Aldermen, held at the Guildhall on Tuesday.

The remains of our late Bro. the Rev. A. C. Graystone, M.A., of Lancaster-gate and Tankerton Towers, Whitstable, were interred in the family vault at Whitstable on Saturday last, there being present to show their respect for the deceased a large gathering of friends, tenants and brethren.

St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 468, Irish Constitution, held a Lodge of Sorrow on the 27th January last at the Masonic Hall, Dunedin, New Zealand, for the purpose of showing their respect for the late Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland. The ceremonial, as arranged, would appear to have been appropriate to so mournful an occasion.

We have much pleasure in congratulating Bro. W. S. Dunkley, W.M. No. 1777, on the latest success achieved by his talented son Ferdinand L. Dunkley, to whom a short time since was awarded the Scholarship for Composition at the Royal College of Music. It is clear that Bro. Dunkley's son, who is still in his "teens," gives promise of much excellence as a musician.

A festival was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., in connection with Lodge Duncarn, No. 400 on the roll of Scotland. Tea having been served at 7 p.m., several interesting addresses were delivered by Bros. the Rev. J. Wilson Perth, Rev. J. S. Finlayson, the Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, and others, these being followed by a capital programme of vocal and instrumental music, which afforded great pleasure to all who had the privilege of being present.

An admirable idea has recently been propounded in connection with our Lifeboat Service, which we trust it will be found possible to carry out. It is proposed to build a number of boats of greater tonnage than those now in use, which shall always be afloat and have cooking and sleeping conveniences on board whenever practicable, steam-power will also be used, and further, the boats will be equipped with fishing gear or carry pilots, so that they will be able to earn their own maintenance, and at the same time provide constant employment for the men on board. Mr. John White, of Cowes, has offered to build such boats of 40 tons at £500 each, and a public fund has already been opened with a view to raising a sum of £10,000, so that a start may be made with twenty boats at different parts of our coasts. We wish the scheme success. While any of our readers who may wish to lend it a helping hand should place themselves in communication with Mr. F. Johnston, Honorary Managing Secretary, National Refuge Harbours Society, 17, Parliament-street.

Bro. Lord Suffield, Master of the Buckhounds, has decided that the Queen's shall for the future hunt three times a week.

Bro. Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., assumed the command of the troops in the Eastern district on the 1st inst.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has undertaken to give a lecture at Pulborough, on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., on "The Watch—its Construction, and Mode of Manufacture."

Bro. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., was one of the guests at the sixth dinner and concert of the Æolian Club, held at the Falstaff, Eastcheap, on Monday evening.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre (Chairman), and Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., took part in the meeting on Tuesday, of the Royal Commission on Loss of Life at Sea.

Bro. Sir F. Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at a large meeting of the proprietors of the South Eastern Railway Company, which was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 1st inst.

Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., was one of the chief mourners at the funeral of the late Lord Penrhyn, which took place in Llandegai Church, near Bangor, on Tuesday.

Bros. Lord Herschell, Lord Chancellor, Earl Granville, and the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, were present at a Cabinet Council, held at the Premier's official residence in Downing-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst.

Bro. G. W. Moore, of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, St. James's Hall, was to take his annual benefit on Thursday afternoon and evening, a special programme of a very attractive character being provided for the occasion.

Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth will preside at the meetings to be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next, the 14th, 15th, and 16th inst. respectively, in the Hall of the Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, of the Institution of Naval Architects.

At the last regular monthly meeting of the De Moulham Lodge, No. 1146, Swanage, it was announced that the necessary sum had been subscribed by the members in order to constitute the lodge a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

We have been requested to announce that the installation of Principals' ceremonies will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, No. 975, White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

A ball was held in the Grand Jury Room of the old County Antrim Courthouse, Carrickfergus, on the 24th ult., in connection with the Carrickfergus Lodge, No. 43. There was a numerous attendance and an excellent supper, and dancing was kept up till a late hour.

Bro. H. Squire presided as Chairman at the dinner given at the Hotel Métropole on Monday by the Guildhall Library Committee, Bros. the Lord Mayor, G. Shaw, late Chairman of the Committee, and Major Joseph being amongst the guests.

At the annual convocation in Milwaukee on the 16th February last of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Wisconsin, Comps. S. H. Alban was elected G.H.P.; N. C. Daniels, D.G.H.P.; M. Temple, G.K.; Duncan McGregor, G.S.; D. H. Wright, G. Treas.; and John W. Laflin, G. Sec.

At the annual meetings held during the closing week of January last of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Bro. T. O. Morris was elected G. Master, and Comp. Bradford Nicholls, G.H.P., Bro. Rizzell being G. Secretary of both bodies, as well as G. Recorder of the G. Council Cryptic Rite.

At the annual meeting of the Crook Lodge, No. 2019, Crook, on the 24th ult., Bro. Thomas Hardy was installed W.M. by his predecessor in office, Bro. W. Love, in the presence of a numerous gathering of brethren, amongst whom was Bro. S. Holdsworth, P.M., Mayor of Durham. In the course of the evening Bro. Love, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the untiring zeal with which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. during the past year.

The funeral of Bro. William Smith, of the firm of Chappell and Co., took place at the Kensal Green Cemetery on Thursday, the 1st inst., the earlier portion of the service having been held in Portman Chapel, of which our deceased brother had been organist for 34 years. The widow and children were the principal mourners, and there were likewise present Bros. Santley, W. Ganz, P.G. Organist, a large number of personal friends, and a deputation from the Orpheus Lodge, No. 17.

The 80th annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York took place at Albany on the 2nd and 3rd February last, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. James E. Morrison, G.H.P. In the course of the business the sum of 2500 dollars was voted towards the reduction of the debt on the Masonic Hall, New York. The following were elected to be the principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year: Comps. R. H. Hartington, G.H.P.; W. Sherer, D.G.H.P.; Richard H. Parker, G.K.; J. Leavitt Lambert, G.S.; H. H. Russ, G. Treas.; and Christ. G. Fox, G. Sec.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541. —[ADVT.]

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health or Wealth.—No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system which fogs, foul vapours, and variable temperatures engender during winter; this medicine also acts most wholesomely upon the skin by discharging the liver of its accumulated bile, and by exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pills, which act very kindly yet more efficiently on the tenderest bowels. —[ADVT.]

Bro. George Thomas Kenyon, M.P., was raised in the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, Wrexham, on Tuesday.

Bro. Broadley was amongst the guests at Westwood, Sydenham, on Saturday, at the reception by Mr. Littleton of the Abbé Liszt.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, Secretary for Scotland, was sworn in a member of the Privy Council at a meeting, held by the Queen at Windsor Castle, on Saturday last.

We have much pleasure in stating that Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180, the well-known and esteemed Preceptor, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his late severe illness.

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Chairman of the Great Western Railway, presided at a large meeting, at Paddington Station on Monday, of the Shareholders of the Company.

Bro. Col. Howard Vincent, C.B., M.P., has consented to occupy the chair at the 23rd annual dinner of the United Waiters' Benevolent Association, which will take place to-day (Friday), at the Holborn Restaurant.

The ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Pringle, W.M. 781, in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, at Bro. W. H. Myers's Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, on Monday, the 5th inst.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Sir F. Milner, Bart., were among the mourners present at the funeral at Bayham, Sussex, on Saturday last, of the Marchioness of Camden, who died at Cannes on the 27th ult.

The *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* of the 27th ult., contained a very interesting note, signed "P.P.J.G.W. York," on the subject of the "Antiquity of Masonry," in which the writer sets forth what he conceives to be the claim of the Craft to a venerable antiquity.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough officiated at Divine Service in the Queen's private chapel, Windsor Castle, on Sunday last, her Majesty and the Royal Family, with the members of the household, being present. His lordship afterwards preached the sermon.

At the banquet of the Brixton Lodge, on Saturday last, Bro. H. Lovegrove called attention to the fact that the three Past Masters of the lodge, then present, were serving as W.M. of their respective mother lodges, and had been installed in the same order as in the Brixton Lodge.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the great meeting held at the Guildhall, on Friday, the 2nd inst., against the proposal to establish a separate Parliament in Dublin, among the principal citizens present being Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir H. E. Knight, and Gray, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and R. B. Martin.

Mr. Deneulain, the well-known photographic artist, of 147, Strand, has sent me an excellent portrait of Bro. Edward Swanborough, who has been taken with his Freemason's honours thick upon him. Edward is of the Lodge of Asaph, where he has graduated; and now, although in the morning of life, he rejoices in the grade of P.M.—*Entr'acte*.

A meeting of the Royal Botanic Society of London was held on Saturday, Sir Walter Stirling in the chair. Upon the table were specimens of the *Quercus coccifera* "Kermes oak," grown in the gardens. The Secretary said that from this oak, when punctured by an insect (coccus), was produced a scarlet dye which had been celebrated from the most remote times, and was said to be used by Moses to dye the hangings of the Tabernacle.

Bro. Sheriff Clarke presided on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the formal completion of Messrs. Welford and Son's, Scientific and Hygienic Dairy, Elgin-road, Maida Vale, the event being signalled by the laying of a commemorative stone, in which Bro. Clark, who was supported by a numerous and influential gathering, played the leading part. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the company sat down to luncheon, when opportunity was taken to congratulate the Messrs. Welford on the success of their enterprise, and the hoped was expressed that it would prove so successful as it deserves.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Moor-gate, 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. The First Lecture being given on Monday, the 12th inst., as follows: The First Section by Bro. J. H. Sharp, J.D. 1437; Second, Bro. H. E. U. Spon, 1987; Third, Bro. J. Duncan, 1987; Fourth, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; Fifth, Bro. G. W. Knight, S.W. 1507; Sixth, Bro. H. Jenkins, 860; and Seventh, Bro. J. C. Smith, W.M. 1744. The Second and Third Lectures will be given on Monday, the 19th. Second Lecture—The First Section, Bro. J. Thom, 957; Second, Bro. T. C. Edmonds, J.W. 1507; Third, Bro. W. Procter, S.W. 1288; Fourth, Bro. J. Hemming, S.D. 1287; and Fifth, G. Emblin, S.D. 147. Third Lecture—The First Section, Bro. R. W. Fraser, D.C. 1507; Second, Bro. Edwin Storr, I.P.M. 167; and Third, Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732. The chair on both occasions will be taken at 7 p.m.

The three Scarborough Lodges—the Old Globe, Denison, and Leopold—gave an amateur dramatic entertainment in aid of the Masonic Charities at the Londesborough Theatre, Scarborough, on Thursday, the 1st inst. The programme included the comedietta "Advice Gratis" and the amusing farce of "Two Heads are better than One," the characters being sustained by Bros. V. Fowler, P.M.; Digby H. Thompson, W. C. Grayson, R. F. Banks, and T. R. W. Parnell. Miss Weber, of London, and Mr. J. C. Wigney assisted professionally, and the audience were much gratified with the performance. Bro. W. Ascoug, W.M. Denison Lodge, also gave a very effective recitation. Indeed, the entertainment throughout was excellent, and we understand there will be a good balance in favour of the Charities. The brethren, among whom were Bro. Major J. W. Woodall, Grand Treasurer, appeared in full Masonic clothing and regalia, the necessary dispensation for the purpose having been granted. Bro. T. Bagman had charge of the musical arrangements, the orchestra being composed mostly of brethren.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, April 17, 1886.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

Quarterly General Court and Election Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., W., at 8.

MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Quarterly General Court and Election Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington.

" 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
" 2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tav., Highgate.
Mark 44, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., North Woolwich.
" 173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 239, Royal Naval, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hot., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st., E.C.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st., E.C.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st., E.C.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford, S.E.
" 534, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st., E.C.
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, S.E.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
" 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury-lane.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.

Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool-street.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
Chap. 77, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Bon Accord, 8a, Red Lion-sq.
" 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.
Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-cl.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.
Chap. 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 7.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1194, Villiers, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey, Surrey.
" 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
A.M.D. Metropolitan, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

WHY AM I SO MISERABLE,

So weak and languid? Why such heartburns and pains in the stomach, such acidity, and such an unpleasant taste in the mouth? Why at times such a gnawing appetite, and then again such disrelish for food? Why is the mind so frequently irritable, desponding, melancholy, and dejected? Why does one often feel under the apprehension of some imaginary danger, and start at any unexpected noise, becoming agitated as though some great calamity was impending? What is the meaning of these dull, sick headaches; these violent palpitations of the heart, this feverish restlessness, these night sweats; this disturbed and dreamy sleep, which brings no refreshing rest, but only moanings and mutterings, and the horrors of the nightmare?

The answer is: These are but the symptoms of Indigestion or Dyspepsia—the beginning and the forerunner of almost every other human disease. Indigestion is a weakness or want of power of the digestive fluids of the stomach to convert the food into healthy matter for the proper nourishment of the body. It is caused most frequently by the irregularity of diet, or improper food, want of healthy exercise and pure outdoor air. It may be induced by mental distress—the shock of some great calamity. It may be, and often is, aggravated and intensified, if not originally brought on, by exhaustion from intense mental application or physical overwork, domestic troubles, anxiety in business, or financial embarrassments. If the stomach could always be kept in order, death would no longer be a subject of fearful anxiety to the young and middle-aged, but would be contemplated by all as the visit of an expected friend at the close of a peaceful and happy old age. However, the first hostile invader upon the domain of health and happiness is Indigestion.

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