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THE appearance of the QUEEN, as the central figure in the great Imperial function of Tuesday, when the Colonial and Indian Exhibition at South Kensington was formally opened by her MAJESTY surrounded by her family and Court, and the representatives of foreign powers, has caused the utmost satisfaction among all classes of the community. A more suitable occasion could not have been chosen for the second reappearance of the QUEEN among her people. The purpose of this particular Exhibition is to bring into still closer intimacy the industrial and commercial interests of the United Kingdom, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Therefore, its opening by the QUEEN in person will have a far greater significance, and will probably exercise a wider and more beneficial influence, than if it had been done by any deputy—no matter how illustrious his station. We rejoice to find that everything passed off so successfully, and we hope that, though it is the first ceremony of its kind which has been graced by her MAJESTY'S presence since the Great Exhibition of 1851, there may be many more State ceremonials of a like or cognate character in which she will play her part.

IT is well occasionally "to see ourselves as others see us," especially with respect to our American brethren and companions, whose minds are so much exercised in relation to the action taken by the Grand Chapter of Quebec. From the earliest times to the present, since the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, we have never, either as a Grand Lodge or a Grand Chapter, withdrawn any warrants, *save for disobedience of the laws*. We however give the lodges and chapters full liberty to please themselves as to remaining under our jurisdiction, in the event of a Grand Lodge being formed for their province or district. If they elect to join, we wish them every prosperity. On the other hand if they desire to continue on our roll, we raise no objections. *Why should we?* Certainly not because some Grand Lodges and Chapters (several being but of yesterday) support Quebec. It will be as well for the Grand Lodges in America to understand our position, and recognize our custom, of so venerable an age; as also to quote the name and the time when any really old Grand Lodge called upon any of their subordinate lodges to return their warrants *unless guilty of wrong*. Have England, Ireland, or Scotland ever done so, from whom all the Grand Lodges in America, directly or indirectly, emanate? *We trow not.*

As the Grand Z. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, through the esteemed Grand Scribe E., declined "to withdraw all warrants of subordinate chapters" on our roll existing in the Province of Quebec (which was the mild request of the Grand Z. of Quebec on October 29th, 1885), M.E. Comp. JOHN P. NOYES has issued an edict commanding that "all companions and members of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and its subordinate chapters *hold no Masonic intercourse* for the future with any companion in obedience to said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England." The Grand Chapter of Louisiana has most unwisely issued an edict to the same purpose, and thus identified itself with Quebec. However, our Grand Chapter, beyond courteously acknowledging the receipt of the missives, decides to take no further notice of their communications.

IN the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, now issued, for January 26th, 1886, in many respects a most able and readable volume, prominence is naturally given to the difficulties between it and the Mark Grand Lodge of England. In its summary of the matter we find that no less than 13 Grand Chapters have passed resolutions forbidding all intercourse with the "Mark Grand Lodge;" *two* have decided to recognise Quebec Mark certificates only, *six* others have endorsed the action of Quebec, *seven* have requested the Mark Grand Lodge to withdraw their warrants, and others have not yet intimated their decision thereon. It will thus be seen that the large number of 28 Grand Chapters have, so far, supported Quebec, and doubtless "there's more to follow," a result much to be deplored, and one there surely should be a speedy remedy for. *Let us remember "we are brethren."*

WE were favoured last week with a letter from Bro. JAMES STEVENS on "The Abuse of the Ballot." As it has already seen the light of day in other columns, we need not be at the trouble of reproducing it. A few comments, however, will not be out of place, and in order to make these clear we may as well state briefly the story as told so circumstantially by our worthy correspondent. There is nothing new in it. A want of harmony prevailed in a certain lodge in Kent, certain Past Masters being aggrieved by the election of the Worshipful Master and the appointment of his officers, and openly stating that they should not support his ruling and action in the lodge. The opportunity for them to fulfil their threat came speedily enough. A candidate for initiation into our Society was proposed at a stated meeting of the lodge, a man of good report, to whom neither morally nor socially the slightest objection could be raised; the proposer being the Secretary, and the seconder the W. Master. The ballot having been arranged for an emergency meeting, the malcontent Past Masters made a point of being present; and the Worshipful Master anticipating what might happen, had the candidate's credentials repeated in open lodge, and requested that if any objection was felt against his becoming a member, it might be stated, so that the candidate's name might be withdrawn. There being no response to this appeal, the ballot proceeded, and the candidate was black-balled. Well, as we have said already, this is only another, though perhaps a more flagrant illustration of the old story we have heard times out of number about the liability of the ballot to abuse of this kind, and the necessity there is that some authoritative intervention should be made, so as to minimise, if we cannot absolutely prevent, what is an undoubted scandal. But the great difficulty here, as in all previous complaints about this abuse, is to propose a remedy that shall be generally and reasonably applicable; and, unfortunately, Bro. STEVENS has nothing to offer which he thinks worthy of being recommended. He tells us inferentially, if not in precise words, that disturbances of harmony in a lodge are very much to be deplored, which is true enough; but the statement of so obvious a fact will not prevent the occurrence of such disturbances. It is equally true that, when the result of these petty personal bickerings is the rejection of a worthy candidate, it must bring a considerable amount of scandal upon the Society, as well as prove infinitely objectionable to the unfortunate, and in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, inoffensive candidate. But what then? Every institution begotten of the ingenuity of man is liable to be abused at some time or other, and to an extent more or less objectionable; but this is no reason why we should abolish or alter it; or if it were, we should be eternally engaged in the absurd plan of starting a new scheme one moment and abrogating it the next. Even in Masonry we must expect there will be a little friction every now and then. It is absurd to expect that all of us can be always governing our tempers and doing always the right thing, as angels do. Masons behave in a lodge very much as they do in business, or the sphere of society in which they move. They become spiteful towards each other on slight provocation; they do not take the teachings of Masonry to heart quite as much or as seriously as they ought to do. Now and then they indulge in the petty malice of endeavouring to trip each other up, or serving one another out, or, in short, doing what in their saner moments they will admit is deplorable. All these things are, no doubt, very terrible to think of, and prove incontestably that not all the members of the Craft are actuated towards each other by that simple but sound rule of life that bids us do to others as we would be done by. But they do not serve to show that the ballot is not a very excellent system of voting, albeit there are occasions when it is abused, or one especially adapted to a Society like ours. They do not make it clear that if steps were taken to abolish the ballot in favour of open voting, the open system would be less liable to abuse than the close one. Nor is it by any means apparent that, if the authorities were to-morrow to compile the most perfect code of laws for the regulation of the ballot, there would not be other evils spring up in place of those which have moved our most magnanimous Bro. JAMES STEVENS to such an explosion of righteous indignation. For our own part, we advise him, and all brethren who are similarly affected by these petty outbreaks of human infirmity, just to impose upon themselves that very slight amount of restraint which is implied in the homely injunction to "leave well alone." There is no doubt whatever that the ballot works well as a rule, notwithstanding the abuses perpetrated under its cover of which we hear occasionally. No one expects it to work smoothly always, but if Bro. STEVENS has a little leisure on hand just now, and will kindly devote it to a study of the ballot and its working from a statistical point of view, he will find that for every case of its abuse he is able to furnish there are hundreds of instances in which it has been used most beneficially. Therefore, we again advise Bro. STEVENS and his sympathisers to "leave well alone."

We know not whom we are indebted to for the missive, but we have had transmitted to us a circular letter, bearing the Amoy post-mark, and containing a series of 15 questions, the precise purpose of which is manifestly to bring Freemasonry into as much disrepute as possible. We cannot congratulate the framer of this document on the taste, or want of taste perhaps, which has prompted him to select for its heading the vulgar injunction "Stick this up," or on the originality of his queries, which are nearly all of them of the character to which we have long been accustomed, and which are best described as being unmitigated abuse in a suggestive form without a particle of reason to support it. We have all heard it propounded many times before, as a solemn truth beyond all disputation, that Freemasonry claims to be a religion, that it sets all constituted authority at defiance, that it is always intriguing to subvert the laws of society, &c. No great harm is likely to arise from this kind of attack, because the outside world has a sufficient general knowledge of the constitution of our Society to be able to answer them in the negative without any guidance from us. But we confess there is one of the 15 questions, with its appended answer, which we did not imagine any one, no matter how violent his antagonism to the Craft, would have had the hardihood to propound. It occupies the second place in the series, and is as follows: "Masonry professes to be a Charitable Institution. Where are its hospitals, asylums, free-schools, or other eleemosynary institutions?" Now, there may be many things in Freemasonry which the world at large may not be capable of understanding. People may not, for instance, be able to make out what are its claims to a venerable antiquity. They may not quite comprehend why, having only lawful objects in view, we do not take every body into our confidence and tell them plainly what passes within the precincts of our tyled lodges. But it is a long time since we have met any person so ignorant as to be unaware of the existence of the many Masonic Charitable Institutions which have been established for so many years in different countries, and which are known to have rendered such incalculable benefits to the cause of suffering humanity. It is but the other day that the anniversary Festival of one of our English Charities was celebrated at Freemasons' Hall, and the sum of £15,000 towards its support was raised by the voluntary subscriptions of Craftsmen and their friends. This Charity—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—has been in existence for between 40 and 50 years, and provides annuities of £40 each for 173 old and indigent Craftsmen, and of £32 each for 202 widows of Craftsmen. Within a fortnight from now will be held, in the same hall, the 98th anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which clothes, educates, and maintains 240 daughters of Freemasons, at an annual expense of over £10,000; and on the last day in June will be celebrated, at Brighton, the 88th anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which provides in like manner for about as many sons of Freemasons. For these Charities, which are all connected with the Craft in England, the Festivals held in 1885 raised by voluntary contributions some £44,000 in hard cash, and yet we have in the framer of this circular attack on Freemasonry an English-speaking person, who asks, where are the "hospitals, asylums, free-schools, or other eleemosynary institutions" belonging to Freemasonry? This is our answer so far as England is concerned, and if we were anxious to go more fully into the matter, we might enumerate many local institutions which are doing similarly good work, but on a more limited scale, to say nothing of our Board of Benevolence, which dispenses annually some £10,000 to those brethren who have fallen temporarily into adverse circumstances. As regards Ireland, there are the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin, the elder of which was established in 1798. Scotland, too, has its Fund of Benevolence; while in America there is hardly a Grand Lodge in the United States or the Dominion of Canada which, if it has not some kind of organised Charitable Institution, does not dispense annually a good round sum—according to its means—in Charity. Now, the person who framed this attack on our Order, and was anxious to impress upon the world, by the manner in which he worded his query, that, though Masonry professed to be a Charitable Institution, it dispensed no Charity, might have learned the particulars we have just furnished without the slightest difficulty. That is to say, he could have done so if his question had been submitted for an honourable purpose. But his object was, and evidently is, to do us all the harm he possibly can, and when he finds he cannot do this by the employment of legitimate means of attack, he has no scruple about adopting those which are dishonourable. However, we think it will be found that in this instance he has overreached himself. People will not pay much heed to the attacks of an anonymous scribe who is anxious to enlighten them about a Society as to which it is clear that he himself is most in need of enlightenment.

We hail with pleasure the announcement that it is in the contemplation of our Suffolk brethren to raise a suitable memorial to the late R. W. Bro. Lord WAVENEY, who during the last quarter of a century had governed their province with so much ability, tact, and kindness as to have secured to himself the respect and affection of the whole of the brotherhood in this portion of East-Anglia. Under his able government, supported as it was by such sterling Masons as the late Bro. LUCIA, Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. R. N. SANDERSON, P.G. Chap., and others, the comparatively small province of Suffolk did wonders, especially as regards the support it has given to our Masonic Institutions. The lodges worked well and harmoniously together. The genial, earnest spirit of his lordship was felt everywhere, and even brethren who might, if left to their own devices, have been inclined to do their duty indifferently, took pleasure in following his example. Thus the memorial our Suffolk brethren are about to raise will perpetuate the fame not only of one of the most popular Masonic rulers of his day, but also of one who showed, by every act of his long and honourable career, that he was a thoroughly good man. We are glad, too, that this

memorial will take the form of a presentation to one or other, or it may be all, of our Charitable Institutions. There is no better way than this for perpetuating Lord WAVENEY's administration in Suffolk. He probably would have chosen this in preference to any other kind of record of his labours, while it is certain that the establishment of a fund which will assist in alleviating the distresses of decayed brethren or their orphan children will be the most fitting monument to so kindly and so earnest a Mason.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, occupied the First Principal's chair; Comp. James Glaisher, Second; and Col. J. Sampson Peirce, Third. Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; the Rev. Thomas Robinson, as S.N.; Robert Grey, President of the Committee of General Purposes; Baron de Ferrieres, as 1st A.S.; the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, as 2nd A.S.; J. H. Matthews, Thomas Fenn, Joshua Nunn, J. Smith Eastes, F. Davison, E. J. Barron, Edgar Bowyer, Joseph C. Parkinson, E. Letchworth, James Lewis Thomas, F. M. Lott, Dr. Ralph Gooding, H. J. P. Dumas, Dr. Woodman, Ralph Costa, Major Charles Harding, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Butler Wilkins, and Capt. George Lambert were among the companions on the dais, and there were also present in the body of Grand Chapter—

Comps. Capt. H. G. Colvill, P.Z. 330; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.Z. 175; H. Dehane, J. 862, 890; A. W. G. Weeks, Z. 3; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.Z. 622; J. J. Hutchings, Z. 548; D. P. Cama, I.P.Z. 255, P.Z. 1503; William Roebuck, P.Z. 3, 1194, P.P.G.H. Middlesex; R. Edmonds, Z. 913; William Clarke, P.Z. 376; H. Baldwin, J. 720; E. Mallett, J. 1623; T. C. Carter, P.Z. 403, P.P.G.H. Herts; Ralph Clutton, P.Z. 9; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.Z. 394, P.G.H. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Charles F. Hogard, Z. 205, P.Z. 10; Arthur B. W. Martin, P.Z. 58; E. Wood, P.Z. 13; Rev. James Warner, H. 1472; Thomas J. Ralling, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.S.E. Essex; A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000, P.G.D.C. Essex; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; W. Alfred Dawson, P.Z. 382; Wilhelm Kuhe, J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645, P.G.H. East Lancashire; Randolph G. Glover, P.Z. 259, P.P.G.N. Middlesex; Henry Higgins, P.Z. 1381; H. Massey, Z. 1928, P.Z. 619; Frederick Adlard, P.Z. 216; Walter Adlard, P.Z. 890, 782; Henry Garrod, P.Z. 507; Lewis E. Newnham, P.Z. 446; G. Toller, P.Z. 270, 1560, P.G.H. Leicester; Alfred A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Wm. Bywater, P.Z. 19; S. P. Catterson, P.Z. 79, 548, P.G.D.C. Surrey; John L. Mather, P.Z. 1471; George Kennedy, Z. 13; F. A. White, P.Z. 907 and 1716; E. M. Money, H. 28; A. Penfold, Z. 1472; J. J. Daw, Z. 282; H. T. Wood, P.Z. 1159; L. Cornelissen, P.Z. 1201; Wm. Stiles, P.Z. 1507; J. Kemp Coleman, P.Z. 907; A. Nicols, P.Z. 782, 890; J. Terry, P.Z. 228; J. 11a Silva, J. 205; F. West, P.Z. 463, 1328, P.G.N. Surrey; W. Cleghorn, H. 185; S. T. H. Saunders, H. 1503; J. P. Fitzgerald, Z. 22; J. Knight, M.E.Z. 174; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 236, 1611, P.G.J. N. and E. Yorkshire; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1154; and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor.

According to the new Constitutions, it was not necessary to read the regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business.

The minutes of the February convocation were then read and confirmed.

Comp. PHILBRICK afterwards announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being the M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England, was by the Constitutions G.Z. of the Royal Arch during the ensuing year (applause), also the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon was the Pro G.Z. appointed by his Royal Highness. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was, as Deputy Grand Master, by the Constitutions G.H. of the Order for the ensuing year. He had also to announce that the Most Worshipful the First Grand Principal had appointed the Right Hon. Lord Leigh as the G.J. of the Order for the ensuing year; Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, G.S.N.. Comps. Robert Grey, President of the Committee of General Purposes; D. P. Cama, Grand Treasurer; and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

The following companions were then invested on their appointment to office:—

Comp. the Rev. J. Nelson Palmer	...	...	G.P. Soj.
" W. Mortimer Heath	...	...	G. 1st. A.S.
" Ralph Clutton	...	...	G. 2nd A.S.
" J. E. Le Feuvre	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
" Rudolph Glover	...	...	G. 1st Std. Br.
" H. Trueman Wood	...	...	G. 2nd Std. Br.
" Wm. Roebuck	...	...	G. 3rd Std. Br.
" George Toller	...	...	G. 4th Std. Br.
" Frank Richardson	...	...	G. Dir. of Cers.
" E. Dean Davis	...	...	G. Dep. D. of C.
" Wm. Clarke...	...	...	G. A.D.C.
" Wilhelm Kuhe	...	...	G. Org.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	G. Janitor.

Comp. PHILBRICK said he had now to read to Grand Chapter a communication that he had received from the Grand First Principal, signed by Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., addressed to the M.E. First Principal in the chair of this Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall,
London, W.C., 1st May, 1886.

M.E. Sir and Comp.—I am commanded by the M.E. First Principal to inform you that, in recognition of the distinguished services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry for many years past by E. Comp. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Sword Bearer, his Royal Highness is pleased to confer upon him the rank and precedence of a Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, which you are requested duly to announce to Grand Chapter at its meeting.

He (Comp. Philbrick) could scarcely say what pleasure it gave him to be the means of conveying to Grand Chapter this announcement of an honour as worthily deserved as he believed it was well bestowed. Every companion knew how thoroughly this great mark of his Royal Highness's favour was deserved by Comp. Fenn, and it was fully appreciated by the companions.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th January to the 20th April, 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£ 44 5 2	By Disbursement during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£248 16 2
" " Account	185 2 4	" Balance	220 10 0
" Subsequent Receipts	438 2 6	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	198 3 10
	£667 10 0		£667 10 0

Which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. George Arthur Montgomery Tapscott, as Z.; Andries Selzer, as H.; Thomas Melville Du Toit, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Octahedron Lodge, No. 1417, Barkley, South Africa, to be called the Octahedron Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Barkley, South Africa.

2nd. From Comps. Stephen R. White, as Z.; Richd. Thos. Middleton, as H.; Henry Hagell Lowrie, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1590, Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope, to be called the Southern Cross Chapter, and to meet at Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope (East Division).

3rd. From Comps. James Reginald Spence, as Z.; Raphael Borg, as H.; George Charles Peere Williams Freeman, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, to be called the Bulwer Chapter, and to meet at Cairo, Egypt.

4th. From Comps. James Griffin, as Z.; James Gifford, as H.; Wm. Odam, as J.; and 22 others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, Stonehouse, to be called the St. George Chapter, and to meet at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, in the county of Devon.

5th. From Comps. Henry John Atkins, as Z.; William Bowring Rogers, as H.; David Sydenham, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth, to be called the Hengist Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Bournemouth, in the county of Hampshire.

6th. From Comps. James Smith, as Z.; Alexander Smith, as H.; John Bray, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Broad Arrow Lodge, No. 1890, St. George's, Bermuda, to be called the Royal Edward Chapter, and to meet at St. George's, Bermuda, West Indies.

7th. From Comps. William Mason Stiles, as Z.; William Alfred Scurrah, as H.; James Willing, junior, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Harrow Station, to be called the Henry Levander Chapter, and to meet at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, in the county of Middlesex.

8th. From Comps. George Lambert, as Z.; Robert Payne, as H.; Herbert C. Lambert, as J.; and 12 others for a chapter to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, London, to be called the Queen's Westminster Chapter, and to meet at 8A, Red Lion-square, Holborn, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, London, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882. This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that a chapter through neglect of the law as contained in Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch regulations (Edit. 1879), has recently exalted a brother at a less period than 12 calendar months from the date of his becoming a Master Mason.

The Committee have admonished the chapter to be more observant of the law in the future, and have ordered the candidate in question to be re-obligated.

The Committee have further to report the receipt of the two following communications:—

1st. An edict of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—dated 16th January, 1886—severing fraternal intercourse between its chapters and their members, and those of this Grand Chapter, in consequence of the continued existence within the territory exclusively claimed by the former of the two English Chapters, Nos. 374 and 440, which have been working in Montreal long previously to the formation of their Grand Chapter.

2nd. An edict to the same purport from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana—dated 1st March, 1886—to continue in force so long as the two chapters in Montreal shall remain under the Grand Chapter of England.

These communications have been briefly acknowledged by the Grand Scribe E., and as the Grand Chapter of England does not exchange Representatives with Grand Chapters of the Royal Arch Degree on the continent of America, these Bodies differing from that of England in their forms and qualifications, the Committee do not recommend that further notice be taken of these communications.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.A.G. Soj.,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. President.
21st April, 1886.

Comp. ROBERT GREY, President of the Committee, moved, and Comp. J. LEWIS THOMAS seconded, the granting of charters to the eight sets of petitioners for new chapters, and the granting of a centenary warrant to the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3.

All these were carried.

Comp. GREY said that, with respect to the chapter which had exalted a brother before he had been 12 months a Master Mason, it was only a few days within the 12 months, and it appeared in this case, as he believed it was in other instances, the companions took the date of initiation instead of the date of the raising, and that they had unwittingly fallen into error. Perhaps if this was made known among the Order generally the mistake would be avoided in the future. He did not propose to make any motion in respect of the Committee's report on the communications which had been received from the Grand Chapters of Quebec and Louisiana.

Comp. PHILBRICK said the next business being the election of the Committee of General Purposes, he might state that the new Royal Arch Regulations provided that the Committee was to consist of the Grand Principals, a President, and two other members to be nominated by the Grand First Principal at the Quarterly Convocation in May, and six other members to be elected by Grand Chapter at the same Convocation.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE informed the M.E.Z. that the Prince of Wales had appointed Comp. Robert Grey President, and Comps. F. Letchworth and Robert Turtle Pigott to be the two nominated members.

The following six companions were then elected as members of the Committee:—

- Comp. C. F. Hogard.
- „ George Lambert.
- „ J. L. Mather.
- „ F. Davison.
- „ W. A. Dawson.
- „ James Lewis Thomas.

Comp. ROBERT GREY said he had to report that the new Royal Arch Regulations were now out and issued, and they could be had at any moment.

Comp. PHILBRICK remarked that he had been glad to find they had been so promptly sent out. The Provincial Grand Scribe E. of Essex had them in his hands at the Convocation of that province this week.

Comp. PHILBRICK then submitted the appeal of Comp. Joseph Dawson, P.Z. No. 832, Rangoon, the Past District Grand H., against a ruling of the Grand Superintendent in the District Grand Chapter of Burma, at Rangoon, on the 10th May, 1885, declaring an amendment carried. After explaining the circumstances out of which the appeal arose, he moved that the appeal be dismissed.

Comp. ROBERT GREY seconded the motion, which was carried, and the appeal was therefore dismissed.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held on the 29th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Through the death of Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., the post of Grand Superintendent is vacant, and the meeting was convened by Comp. J. Henderson Scott, Provincial Grand H., but he was unfortunately unable to attend through ill-health. Comp. General Randolph, therefore, presided, and there was a good attendance of members.

The usual routine business having been disposed of, the ACTING SUPERINTENDENT proposed that a vote of sympathy should be sent to the family of Sir Walter Burrell on the great loss sustained by his death.

Comp. FARNCOMBE (Mayor of Lewes) seconded, and spoke of the high position which the deceased baronet held in the affections of Masons throughout the province.

The motion was carried unanimously.

There was no change in the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, and Comp. Crosskey (Lewes) was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

In consequence of the mournful circumstances under which the Provincial Grand Chapter was convened there was no banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF CORNWALL.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held at the Masonic Hall, Fowey, on the 19th ult., and the following were present, viz.:

Bros. R.W. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart, P.G.M.; T. Chirgwin, D.P.G.M.; Rev. T.W. Lemon, Grand Chaplain of England; Alfred Luke, P.G.J.W.; W. J. Johns, 78, P.G. Secretary; G. H. B. Reed, S.G.M.O.; G. T. Oliver, 94, P.G.S.B.; William Mason, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Higman, P.P. Grand Steward; S. Mitchell, P.G.S.O.; J. A. Collins, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Grey, P.P.G.J.W.; Richard Carter, P.P.G.S. of Works; F. B. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Kent, P.G.S.; W. Rooks, P.G.P.; J. Langdon, Tyler; H. P. Vivian, M.O.; W. B. Morris, J.W.; F. W. Thomas, J.D.; Norman Gray, S.W.; Joseph Tregea, S.D.; J. W. Richards, W.M.; J. H. Willey, Secretary; J. W. L. Deedley, J.D.; W. H. Pope, S.W.; John Stribley, S.O.; W. H. Roberts, P.M.; Thomas Hicks, P.M.; J. W. Higman, W.M.; T. H. Lukes, P.M.; J. A. Collins, W.M.; J. DeCressy Treffry, S.W.; F. B. Williams, P.J.W.; N. C. S. Couch, S.O.; A. Cossentine, J.O.; J. Williams, Secretary; J. M. Williams, S.D.; W. Andrews, J.D.; C. Slade, Organist; P. Giles, D.C.; J. Mitchell, Stvd.; W. B. Graham, Tyler; J. T. Baker, I.G.; Alfred P. Davis, J.W.; J. R. Beatt, S.D.; and Arthur Percy Davis, M.O.

The Provincial Grand Master, Sir C. G. Sawle, Bart., invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

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| Bro. Thos. Chirgwin | ... | ... | D.P.G.M. |
| „ Thomas Hicks (Fort Lodge) | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| „ G. H. B. Reed (Love and Honour, Falmouth) | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| „ C. Kent (Boscawen) | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| „ J. A. Collins (Fowey) | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.O. |
| „ Couch (St. Ann's) | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.O. |
| „ Rev. G. L. Church (Boscawen) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| „ N. J. West (Cornubian) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| „ W. J. Johns (Fortitude) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| „ W. H. Higman (St. Austell) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| „ W. B. Morris (Fortitude) | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| „ T. Lukes (St. Austell) | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| „ F. W. Thomas (Cornubian) | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| „ G. Olver (Love and Honour) | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| „ W. Grey (Love and Honour) | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| „ J. DeCressy Treffry (Fowey) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd.Br. |
| „ S. Truscott (St. Austell) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| „ W. Rooks (Fortitude) | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| „ J. M. Richards (St. Michael's) | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| „ W. H. Pope (Fortitude) | ... | ... | |
| „ John Williams (Fowey) | ... | ... | |
| „ Arthur Percy Davis (Fowey) | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| „ John Langdon (Fortitude) | ... | ... | |

After the business of the lodge was over the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. M. Williams's Ship Hotel, to the banquet, which was admirably served.

The band of the No. 3 D.C.A.V. played during the banquet.

MORE ABOUT THE COUNTRY STEWARDS.

By BRO. H. SADLER.

In my last communication on this subject, on the 16th January, I expressed an opinion that the Country Feast was inaugurated in 1749. I was evidently wrong in that conclusion, for the Master of the Country Stewards Lodge, in 1796 states in a printed circular that the custom dates as far back as 1732. This document was no doubt intended to whip up the supporters of the Country Stewards on the green apron question, as

described by me in the *Freemason* of February 28th, March 7th and 14th, of last year. It is rather lengthy, but if space can be found for it I have no doubt it will interest many readers of the *Freemason*. It is as follows:—

Right Worshipful Master, and Brethren

The Country Stewards, who were constituted a Lodge of Masons from the same motives that had before induced the Grand Lodge to grant a Constitution to the *Grand Stewards*, (namely*) "In consideration of their past services and future usefulness" feel it an indispensable duty, which they owe to themselves, as well as to Masons in general, to call your attention to the circumstances which occurred at the late Quarterly Communications, respecting the Memorial which they had the honour to present to Grand Lodge, in doing which they disclaim all intention of personality; for though they have been attacked individually, and also collectively as a Lodge, they will not stoop to invective and abuse, in a cause which, they conceive, will be best supported by cool dispassionate reasoning and solid incontrovertible facts.

Some apology may be deemed necessary for thus publicly obtruding themselves on your notice; which, they trust will be found in the magnitude and importance of the subject upon which they remonstrate, and to which they are desirous of claiming your attention; more especially, as from the treatment so numerous a body of Masons received at the last Grand Lodge in Quarterly Communication, it is now become the cause, not of the *County Stewards alone*, but of the *Fraternity at large*.

It has often been suggested to the members of the Country Stewards' Lodge, by many respectable and worthy Masons, that a Green Collar was not a sufficient mark of distinction for the services they had rendered to Masonry, neither was the *uniformity* of Masonic Clothing sufficiently observed; and that an application to the Grand Lodge, for permission to wear a Green Apron, appeared in itself so reasonable, that there could be little difference of opinion as to its success.

Induced by these hints, it was first taken into serious consideration; but before the Country Stewards presumed to come to any determination, they thought it would be acting with a becoming deference, were they to submit the propriety of such an application to the opinion of some of the leading characters in Masonry. This having been done, those who were made acquainted with it expressed themselves in terms which conveyed their consent and approbation of the measure. A similar application having been made at the last Country Feast, it was recommended that a Memorial should be presented to the Grand Lodge, and many of the Grand Officers present promised to give it their personal support.

A Memorial in consequence was presented to the Grand Lodge in Quarterly Communication last November; but that it might not be alleged that the Country Stewards attempted to obtain their purpose by surprise, they gave notice at the Committee of Charity preceding, in order that the Masters of Lodges, who were present, might have an opportunity of considering the propriety of the request; it being the wish of the Country Stewards in this, as in every other instance, that their conduct should be open, fair, and ingenuous. The reception it met was indeed flattering to the memorialists; for in one of the fullest Quarterly Communications ever known, it received the *unbiased and almost unanimous* support of those, who not only constitute the basis of Free Masonry, but who best know how to appreciate its genuine and true principles; namely *The Masters and Wardens of the Subscribing Lodges*.

Previous to the Quarterly Communication in February, at which the minute of the former Lodge, concerning the Memorial, stood for confirmation, the Country Stewards, desirous of ascertaining the opinion of those exalted characters, the Acting and Deputy Grand Masters, applied by letter, to know whether the measure met with their concurrence; to which they were favoured with answers expressive of their entire approbation; and although, to lessen the weight of the Acting Grand Master's approval, it was improperly asserted "That he was a Young Mason and required instruction," the Country Stewards feel, they hope, no unbecoming pride in the sanction given by that Nobleman to a measure which was clearly, fairly, and candidly stated to him.

After such flattering support what must have been the surprise of the Brethren who attended that Quarterly Communication; and who, from a conviction of the propriety and justice of the claim, had adopted the measure, to find that those who opposed the confirmation of the minute were obliged to have recourse to weak and unfounded assertions, and to uncandid and ungenerous observations; and they are persuaded that the result would have been different, had there not been in their opinion a mistake in declaring the numbers; in stating this, the Country Stewards have not the most distant idea of impeaching the impartiality of the Senior Grand Warden. To those brethren who were not present at the last Grand Lodge, it may not be improper to give some idea of the reasons which were brought forward against the Memorialists. It was urged "That the Country Feast was not a Masonic, but a *Convivial and Bacchanalian Meeting*; and that it was not known in Masonry." Can there be a greater insult offered to those Grand Officers who presided, and others who were present at the different Country Feasts, in their *Insignia of Office*? If the Country Feast is not Masonic, why is the Grand Lodge opened, in due form, and all the Brethren present clothed? Why does the Grand Secretary annually summon the Board of Country Stewards to meet in the same manner as he summons the Board of Grand Stewards; and without which *neither* are authorized to act? Why does he attend those feasts in his Official Capacity as Grand Secretary, and regulate the Masonic Procession? Why is the Country Feast set down in the Calendar as a Public Festival in Masonry? And why, if there is nothing Masonic in it, did Grand Lodge originally grant the Medal and Collar they now wear? So satisfied, however, was our Acting Grand Master, Earl Moira, of its being a General Meeting of the Fraternity, that he would certainly have presided at the last Country Feast, had not his Military Duty prevented. To remove all possibility of doubt, it is only necessary to observe that the Country Feast is recorded as far back as the 24th of June, 1732; and was held at the Spikes, at Hampstead, when Lord Viscount Montague, who at that time was Grand Master, presided.

Another Objection was, that the expence of serving the Office was so trifling, that it did not intitle them to distinction; and comparisons were drawn between the Expence attending the office of Grand Steward and that of Country Steward. This, if it can have any weight, might have been urged many years ago; but in proportion as the Annual Country Feasts have increased in the attendance of Brethren, so has the Annual Expence attending the office increased also.

But even if it were not so, the principle can never be admitted, that *Expence ought to be the road to Masonic Honours*. But admitting for a moment this, in its utmost latitude, which was so forcibly urged by the opponents to the Memorial; what conclusion can be deduced from it? Nothing more than this; that the Grand Lodge in the year 1735 thought proper to honour the Grand Stewards with a distinction of a Jewel, Red Apron, and Collar; when their individual expence of serving the Office was not equal to that of the Country Stewards at this period. As the Country Stewards' expence has increased very considerably, they have a first claim to distinction, for the performance of a duty which is attended with the same trouble, and nearly the same expence, as that of the Grand Stewards; What difference is there then between them? Are not the functions of both Boards precisely the same? The answer is obvious. The one superintends a Convivial Anniversary Meeting of Masons in town in the month of May; where by the 4th Article of the Constitution, under the head of Grand Feast "No Petition or Appeals are permitted, such business being unsuitable with the intention of a day of Festivity." The other superintends a similar Meeting in the month of July, in the country. The only possible objection that could be urged against the measure, is that which the Acting Grand Master anticipated in his answer to their letter, the Shade of the Green, but that objection would have been, conformably to his suggestions, completely done away by adopting a Shade, as dissimilar as possible from the Blue worn by the Grand Officers.

The Country Stewards therefore submit these reflections to the attentive consideration of Masters and Wardens of Lodges, and Masons in general; trusting that the motives which have actuated them are reasonable and Masonic. They are thoroughly convinced of the justice of their cause, and flatter themselves that they shall stand acquitted of arrogance and presumption, in urging their claim; fully relying on the Candour of Masons for support in their future endeavours; and being determined to satisfy the brethren that they are asserting the distinction they solicit; or be themselves convinced, that the office of Country Steward is not Masonic; in which case they will no longer entail trouble and expence on their Successors, in a cause which neither merits, nor receives the thanks of Masons.

J. DOWLING, R.W.M.
H. PARRY, Secretary.

March the 14th, 1796.

* Vide Book of Constitutions, Article V., under the head of Stewards.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, DUBLIN, No. 357.

This lodge, which is one of the most influential on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and in its constitution is almost the exact parallel of our Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, entertained his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, at dinner at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-st., Dublin, on Friday, the 30th ult. Bro. Hugh Stewart Moore, M.A., W.M., presided. The officers and members were present in great force, and there was a strong contingent of visitors, among them being several English Craftsmen. In fact, the company—and which, all told, numbered quite 1000—included most of the Grand Officers and other leading members of the Fraternity in Ireland, and the proceedings, as will readily be imagined, were of the most enthusiastic character.

On the removal of the cloth, and when the customary loyal toasts had been duly honoured, that of "His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland," was proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M., who, after gracefully alluding to the kindly services of the Duke's late father and predecessor in office, expressed the well-founded hope that his Grace would always be found steadfastly pursuing the same honourable course, and with results equally beneficial to the Craft in Ireland, in the other portions of the United Kingdom, and throughout the world generally.

The toast was received with acclamations, and was acknowledged by the GRAND MASTER in terms which merited and received the hearty applause of all present.

In the course of the business which preceded the banquet, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, on behalf of the lodge, presented a handsome gold Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. J. Creed Meredith, LL.D., who for many years had held the office of Secretary to the lodge. In handing the jewel to Bro. Meredith, Bro. Moore descanted on the long and distinguished services he had rendered to the lodge during his tenure of the Secretaryship, and expressed the hope that Bro. Meredith might continue to enjoy for many years the respect and affection of his brethren.

The presentation was acknowledged in the same generous spirit in which it had been made, all present being delighted at the honour paid so worthy a brother, and the graceful and sympathetic terms in which he had recognised it.

It should be added that the jewel was an admirable specimen of the goldsmith's art, and reflected great credit on the manufacturer, Bro. George Kenning.

HISTORY OF THE "LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP," ADELAIDE, S.A.

The History of the "Lodge of Friendship," Adelaide, South Australia, has been written by Bro. Philip Sansom, P.M., and was read at the Jubilee Celebration on October 22nd, 1884. It has now been published in a neat volume by Sherring & Co., Adelaide, and is a creditable production, typographically and historically. Bro. Sansom is just the sort of writer for that purpose, one in love with his work, and anxious to do his best to make known the eventful past of his lodge. Though here and there, I think, the scissors might have been usefully employed prior to the MS. being placed in the hands of the printers (some of the particulars being not quite so suitable for publication as for delivery in open lodge), still on the whole Bro. Sansom may well be congratulated on compiling so readable a History out of what we should not consider in England very suggestive materials. The author presents a copy of the Warrant bearing date October 22nd, 1834, which is what many lodge historians neglect to do, and he also gives the curious endorsement of the same date (both signed by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Durham, D.G.M.), permitting the lodge to be opened at No. 7, John-street, Adelphi, London (England), for the initiation of gentlemen who intended to proceed to South Australia, the petitioners for the new lodge being also in London at the time. The lodge was consecrated therefore in England, the officer for that purpose being the late Bro. W. H. White, then Grand Secretary; and at this meeting Mr. (now Sir) John Morpeth, afterwards President of the Legislative Council, and Mr. (afterwards Sir) R. D. Hanson, subsequently Attorney-General and Chief Justice (and later on Chancellor of the University of Adelaide), were initiated. The lodge was No. 613 on its formation, and was altered to 423 in 1863. "True Friendship" is the senior lodge in South Australia, and the premier lodge on the roll of the new Grand Lodge, its old warrant, as indeed all the others, bearing the endorsement, "Cancelled on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia by the United Grand Lodge of England, 3rd June, 1885, but returned to the lodge as a memento of its former connection with the Grand Lodge of England. *Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.*" Dated "Freemasons' Hall, London, 1st August, 1885." No one could read Bro. Sansom's pleasing account of the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia without being impressed with the Masonic hearted and united action of the brotherhood in that far-off region in deciding for independence. The separation has been managed without leaving an unpleasant feeling on either side.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE EARLY ORGANISATION OF THE "ANCIENT" MASONS.

III.

By G. B. ABBOTT.

Though they occupy a place at the end of the Register, it will be as well perhaps that I should give my attention next to the three hitherto unknown lists of "Ancient" Lodges. All three are clear enough as to dates of constitution and numbers, but it is not always possible to follow up the successive meeting places which are entered against some of the lodges, there being nothing to allow of a determinate meaning being assigned to the word "now," when, as frequently happens, it is inserted in the column provided.

No. 1 of these lists appears to be a little complicated, but it must be borne in mind that it was begun by Morgan and completed by Dermott, the interpolations in the first half and the whole of the second half being apparently in Dermott's handwriting.

The interest connected with list No. 2 lies in the fact of its furnishing evidence that on one occasion—it is the only one I have met with—the "Ancients" closed up their lodges as the "Moderns" had done in 1740, and as they did on several occasions subsequently. Bro. Lane, however, has already noted this feature, and I need say nothing further about it here than that the Transaction Book of the "Ancients" contains no record of the meeting at which the order and seniority of the then existing lodges was settled, though the minutes of the 6th December, 1752, contain the resolution, in accordance with which the settlement was compiled.

Very little need be said of the third list. It is to be regretted that it contains so many blanks, and that after "No. 52" it should be almost worthless. However, this is perhaps to be accounted for by the fact that in 1756 an improved system of registering lodges, and the members belonging to them, appears to have been begun. Still, the list has a certain value if only it does no more than make it apparent that some of the lodges constituted prior to the date when it was commenced had already fallen into abeyance or dropped out of existence. With these few introductory remarks let me describe more fully the material contents of the lists in the order of their appearance in Morgan's Register, as begun by that brother and continued by Dermott.

The first part of list No. 1 contains, though not in their numerical order of sequence, Lodges Nos. 2-11, and covers, as regards time, the period from the 17th July, 1751, to the 12th June, 1752, the last entry, that of Lodge No. 11, being apparently in Dermott's handwriting, he having succeeded Morgan as Grand Secretary some months before its date of Constitution. First come Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, all dated 17th July, 1751. These are followed by No. 7, warranted 29th July; No. 10, warranted 1st February, 1752; No. 9, warranted 30th January; and No. 8, warranted 29th January, 1752; and last of all is No. 11, warranted 12th June, 1752. The meeting places of these 10 lodges are described as being: No. 2, the "Turk's Head, Greek-street, Soho," there being written over this description "Now the Rising Sun, Suffolk-st., Haymarket;" No. 3, "Cripple, Little Britain;" No. 4, "Cannon, Water Lane, Fleet-street;" No. 5, "Plaisters Arms, Gray's Inn Lane;" No. 6, "Globe, Bridge-street, Covent Gardn." These were the lodges which met at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, in General Assembly, on the aforesaid 17th July, 1751. No. 7, the first lodge warranted after that meeting, met at the "Fountain, Monmouth-st., 7 Dials," but was excluded from the roll for "disobedience of the 21st Rule of the Grand" on the 27th December, 1752. No. 10, meeting at the "Duke's Head, Winfield-st., Spittle Fields," was excluded for similar disobedience on the same date. No. 9 met at the "Ship and Anchor, Anchor-st., Spittle Fields;" No. 8 at the "Temple and Sun, Sheer Lane, Temple Bar;" and No. 11 at the "Thistle and Crown, Church Court, Strand."

The second part of the list, which, however, for general purposes, must be taken as forming part and parcel of the first, contains three of the above lodges, one being repeated twice, and five new ones, the words "Removed to the" separating the two sections of the list. The order is as follows: No. 2, "Rising Sun, in Suffolk-street, Haymarket;" No. 4, "Temple and Sun, Sheer Lane, Temple Bar;" No. 12, warranted 15th September, 1752, and meeting at the "Vernon, B: Gate-street Without;" No. 5, "Horse Shoe, on Ludgate Hill;" No. 2, "Thistle and Crown, Church-court, Strand;" No. 14, warranted 4th November, 1752, and meeting at the "Carlisle Arms, Qn.-street, Soho;" No. 13, warranted 13th November, 1752, and meeting at the "Mitre, Broadwall, Southwark;" No. 15, warranted 7th December, and meeting at the "Marshalsea Tap House;" and No. 16, warranted the 11th December, 1752, and meeting at the "Plaisterers Arms, Little Gs. Inn-lane." This part is in Dermott's handwriting, and must be looked upon as a series of memoranda irregularly jotted down, rather than as a regularly compiled "List of Lodges." This irregularity, however, does not detract from its value; indeed, for reasons which I shall explain hereafter, it enhances it rather than otherwise. However, we have here a list in two sections of 15 lodges, 10 of them having been warranted after the date of the General Assembly at the Turk's Head.

List No. 2 contains 36 lodges arranged regularly as regards numerical order of sequence, and, with one exception, as regards dates of Constitution. The list is headed 27th December, 1752, that being the day on which "Grand Lodge" ordered the exclusion of Nos. 7 and 10, as stated above, and commenced the compilation of the new roll. The period covered by this list extends from 17th July, 1751, to the 19th August, 1754, the order of the lodges being as follows: Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, of 17th July, 1751, No. 3 being described as meeting at the "Crown," in St. Paul's Churchyard, and the others as before; new Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, being old Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11; No. 12, old No. 11; Nos. 11 and 12, old Nos. 13 and 14, the order of which, had their dates of Constitution been observed, should have been reversed; and Nos. 13 and 14—old Nos. 15 and 16. Thenceforward the list moves on regularly, new Nos. 15 and 16 having been warranted on the 9th and 10th January, respectively, 1753, and the following 13 lodges in the course of the same year, namely, No. 17, Scot's Arms, Haymarket, on 13th March; No. 18, Vernon, Bpgate-street, 4th May; No. 19, Fountain, in Monmouth-street, 7 Dials, 15th May; Nos. 20, 21, 22, meeting respectively at the Hampshire Hog, Goswell-street, the One Tun in the Strand, and the King's Head, Little Suffolk-street, and warranted on 9th, 10th, and 12th July; No. 23, White Lion, Hemming's Row, 10th October; Nos. 24 and 25, both warranted respectively 17th October, and both meeting in Bristol, the former at the Edinburgh Castle, Marsh-street, and the latter at the Unicorn, West-st., Lafford's Gate; Nos. 26 and 27, warranted respectively on 8th and 9th November, and meeting—No. 26 at the Rosemary Branch, Rosemary Lane, and No. 27 at the Prince of Wales Head, Capel-street, Rosemary Lane; and Nos. 28 and 29, both warranted 15th November, and meeting No. 28 at the Royal Oak, Charing Cross, and No. 29 at the George, Piccadilly. The remaining eight lodges are of 1754 creation, Nos. 30 and 31 dating from 7th and 9th January, respectively, and meeting, the former at the Goat Pav'd Alley, St. Jas.'s Market, and the latter at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Butcher Row, Tower Hill; No. 32, at the Black Horse, Boswell Court, Strand, warranted 18th February; No. 33, Star and Garter, Strand, 13th March; Nos. 34 and 35, dated 18th and 19th April, respectively, No. 34 meeting at the Star and Garter, Pantons-street, Haymarket, and No. 35 in the King's Bench Prison; and Nos. 36 and 37, warranted 14th and 19th August, and severally meeting at the Blue Ball, Horse Alley, Moorfields, and the Red Cow, Holywell-street, Strand. Thus in the 20 months from end of December, 1752, to end of August, 1754, 23 new lodges were added to the roll, 21 of them being held in London, and the remaining two in Bristol.

List No. 3 dates, as regards the beginning of its compilation, from the 24th June, 1755. All the lodges in List No. 2 are entered in this No. 3, but the columns provided for the days and places of meeting are left vacant in the case of the following—as if, the warrants still remaining on the roll, the lodges themselves had for a time fallen into abeyance, as we know was constantly happening with many of the "Ancient" lodges—Nos. 9, 12, 16, 18, 19, 26, 28, 29, 33, and 34. The list is then continued in regular numerical sequence, provision being made for lodges ranging to No. 64, but the columns for dates of Constitution and days and places of meeting are not always filled in, or filled in only in part. No. 38 is described as constituted on the 6th October,

1754, and meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, but the place is not given. No. 39, constituted 18th June, 1755, meets at St. Ann's Church and Mitre in Manchester; and No. 40, on the 20th August following, at the Cock, Bridge-street, Warrington, on the 3rd Monday in every month. Against No. 41 is written only the words "Honywood's Regt." Nos. 42 and 43, warranted 19th November, and 3rd December, 1755, respectively, are bracketed together as belonging to Coventry. No. 44, of 17th December, and No. 45, of 27th December, 1755, are also bracketed together, and have "Nottingham" and "Bristol" written one under the other, beyond the bracket. Nos. 46 to 50, both inclusive, are London lodges, No. 46, of the 11th February, and No. 47 of the 24th February, 1756, meeting, the former at the Cross Keys, Bear-street, Leicester-fields, and the latter at the Crown, Crown-court, Fleet-street; No. 48, 10th March, at the Horse Shoe and Last, St. James's-street; No. 49, of 30th March, at the King's Head, Drury-lane; and No. 50, of 13th May, at the Plough in St. Martin's-lane. No. 57, constituted 19th May, 1756, is described as of Liverpool, and No. 52, of same date, as in "General Stewart's Regiment." Nos. 53 to 61, both inclusive, are all vacant, except that in the case of No. 60, "Worcester" is entered against it. No. 62, warranted 13th April, 1757, is given as meeting at the "Punch Bowl, Peck-lane, Nottingham," and Nos. 63 and 64 are vacant as regards particulars.

I trust the reader will be able to follow me in my description. I have no doubt the lists will be reproduced in their original form in Bro. Lane's forthcoming work, but as I have no desire to anticipate him in this matter, I have contented myself with furnishing only what is essential.

In my next paper I shall describe the Register of Members, so far as it may be necessary in order to illustrate my deductions from these newly-discovered materials and the earlier minutes of proceedings as entered in Dermott's Transaction Book.

"HARODIM" FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Hudson, the energetic Prov. G. Sec. of Durham, has lately come across the early Records of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, Sunderland. They had wandered to Whitby, but Bro. Hudson recognised them, and has forwarded to me several curious particulars, which he has transcribed from the valuable book. The original By-Laws are in the volume, headed "Constitution, 7th October, A.D. 1755, A.L. 5755, No. 207," the date being that of the warrant. The following is the preamble to the seventeen rules: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed and set, being Brethren and Members of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in Sunderland, do hereby consent and agree to conform to the sundry articles hereinafter mentioned and contained." The number of the lodge was changed to 169 in 1770, and 136 in 1781, becoming 121 in 1792, but at the "Union," was altered to 146, again altered to 111 in 1832, and has been 94 from 1863. The volume contains a list of members from 1755 to 1811, so it is a valuable record in many respects.

Some of the entries are most remarkable, especially in reference to the "Harodim" Degree, the first of which is dated December 1, 1756, and the last, so late as September 28, 1809. The first brother who is mentioned as taking the Degree, was initiated on February 7th, 1756, "passed" May 4, 1756, and "raised" on November 21, 1756, the "Harodim" being conferred on him December 1, 1756. Quite a number joined the "Harodim" between 1756 and 1809, the list of members, so Bro. Hudson informs me, comprising 326 names on the Lodge Roll.

The "Royal Arch" was also worked, for a Bro. Arlot is recorded as taking the E.A. October 2, 1782, the F.C. October 16, 1782, and the M.M. on the same day. Then the "Harodim" was given him on September 19, 1787, and the "Royal Arch" on October 17, 1787; there being other entries that are similar in character.

Singular to state on July 6th, 1797, some of the members of the "Phoenix" Lodge applied for the use of the Hall for working the Royal Arch Degree, "for which a warrant of Constitution has been lawfully obtained." Consent was given by the lodge; but it was expressly stated that "the said Royal Arch Chapter is not to be considered as connected with this or the Sea Captain's Lodge in any manner whatever." Doubtless this minute refers to the "Strict Benevolence" Chapter, No. 103, Sunderland, under the Grand Chapter of the "Moderns," granted in 1797. It was the fourth so chartered in Durham; but evidently the Phoenix in 1797 were not aware that their lodge had sanctioned the Royal Arch and other Degrees years before the foregoing application was made.

In later minutes of the lodge (then known as St. George's," but afterwards as the "Phoenix"), the Book commencing in 1778 and running on to 1806, the "Harodim" is also noted.

Dec. 7, 1787—General Lodge—"Bros. Douglas, Hall, Smith, and Armstrong proposed to enter the Herodim Degree the first Herodim night."

Sep. 19, 1787—"Harodim Lodge night—Bro. T. Arlott raised into the Harodim" [noted in other volume].

Oct. 16, 1793—"Masters' Lodge for Chapter in Herodim—Bros. G. R. Worke and Davis raised into the Order of the Herodim."

Jan. 3, 1795—"Harodim Lodge," when four were "raised." Under the "Harodim" in register book on 19th Dec., 1787, occurs R. Markham "passed the bridge," and in the following year and 1790 there is mention of brothers who "took the Herodim and the Royal Arch."

The misfortune is, we cannot tell of what the "Harodim," or "Herodim" consisted, and literally know no more about its peculiar ceremony now than when it was first noticed.

The "Order of Harodim," started by Preston and others, doubtless owed its name to the Durham Masonic Degree, though the former was not at all of a secret character; in fact, was not a degree, but a union of Freemasons for Ritualistic purposes in connection with Craft Masonry. One of the allusions in the early records suggests the possibility of the original Masonic Harodim, partaking somewhat of the character of the "Royal Order of Scotland H.R.D.M.," &c., but I cannot speak positively on the subject, the one stray reference being but a slender thread to hang any such theory upon.

I believe Bro. Hudson has discovered the earliest allusion to this Degree of "Harodim." Bro. Wm. Logan has also traced the oldest reference known to the Mark Degree of December 21, 1773 ("Mark Mason"), and there is the "dignity of a Highrodiam," July 1, 1746, which Bro. Logan thinks might sound like "Herodim," owing to peculiar pronunciation of Swallow. All references, be it noted, hailing from the province of Durham.

I should like much to hear of any other references to these and other additional Degrees from 1740 to 1760. W. J. HUGHAN.

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SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1886.

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[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.]

ORIGIN OF No. 1159, LONDON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I notice under the "Masonic and General Tidings" a paragraph respecting the founders of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, London, of which two of my good friends are Past Masters, and now are Grand Treasurer and Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, respectively. Honours well deserved, beyond question.

I write, however, especially to claim the honour of founding the lodge for my lamented friend, Capt. Harby Barber, who was the first Junior Warden (I believe) and the Second W.M., following Sir James Ferguson, Bart. (who was the first W.M., and served also as Master in the year following.) Bro. Barber had many conversations with me prior to the actual formation of the lodge, especially whilst he resided at Falmouth. The objects of the founders have been realized, much to the satisfaction of all concerned, and in the election of Bro. Cama (an esteemed Parsee), as Grand Treasurer (a P.M. of 1159). We all rejoice who are in any way connected with the lodge.—Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,
Hon. Member 1159 (From 1867.)

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In applying the epithet "unconstitutional" to "Lex Scripta's" assertion that "a Past Master is necessarily an officer of the lodge," I used it in its strict technical sense. I suppose "Lex Scripta" will agree that his assertion (which assumes the form of a Law), is either constitutional, or not constitutional, since it *must* be one or the other. I think my argument showed conclusively that it could not be the former; and if not the former, then it must be the latter, and the epithet therefore correct.

"Lex Scripta's" letter seems somewhat incoherent, and I leave him in the masterly hands of "P.M." in order to ask some of your learned brethren at what date Past Masters were admitted as members of Grand Lodge.

In the "General Regulations, compiled first by Mr. George Payne, Anno 1720, when he was Grand Master," Regulation XII. states: "The Grand Lodge consists of, and is formed by the Masters and Wardens of all the regular particular lodges upon record, with the GRAND MASTER at their Head, and his Deputy on his left hand, and the Grand Wardens in their proper places."

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E. T. BUDDEN.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In the very interesting "word-portrait" of our esteemed Grand Secretary, published in the World, under the above title, and which appeared in your last issue, referring to the Masonic mementoes which are contained in the ante-chamber to the Grand Secretary's private office, the writer says: "Here is a symbolical picture, the interpretation of which would probably puzzle the artist himself; there a Masonic map of the United Kingdom."

Both the productions to which I believe reference is made, are the results of many hours of thoughtful interest in Freemasonry on my part, and the first named especially should, I presume to say, interest also all such members of our Order as can reflect on the beautiful teaching and "hidden mysteries" of our ritualistic work, entitled "Masonry and Civilization." It is a humble attempt to illustrate allegorically that interesting portion of our esoteric working which is to be found in the fourth section of the Second Lecture, and known, more particularly in lodges of instruction, as "The Rise of the Orders of Architecture." If any brother inspecting the picture will accompany his inspection by a perusal of that section the "puzzle" will be at once explained.

The original painting was the subject of a lengthened "critique," published on the occasion of the first view at the studio of the artist (since deceased) who, although not himself a Freemason, elaborated in many particulars my original design as the work proceeded. The painting, the size of which is 24 inches by 16 inches, has been reproduced in autotype, and I am not quite sure, but I believe you have yourself a copy of the work at either one of the other of Bro. Kenning's establishments in Great Queen-street, or Little Britain.

If the "critique" referred to, which was written in perfect ignorance of my connection with the work as its designer, is a fair one, as my friends consider it, I have reason to be gratified with the opinion given, and, without expecting for one moment any further reward, desire only that others should share in whatever pleasure a visible illustration of one of our most beautiful expositions in Freemasonry can afford.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS,
 Clapham, May 3rd. P.M., P.Z.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The writer of the very interesting sketch, "Celebrities at Home," reprinted from the *World*, in your last issue in his reference to Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, says "in 1776 Mr. Richard Cox's Hall was solemnly dedicated." If he means that Cox was the architect of the hall he is undoubtedly mistaken, as the following extract from the minutes of the proceedings at the laying of the foundation-stone will show: "In this form the brethren proceeded three times round the ground on which the hall is to be built, and then the Grand Officers, preceded by Thomas Sandby, Esq., the architect, entered the trench, and proceeded to the north-east corner." Thomas Sandby was appointed Grand Architect in 1775, and, as such, appears in the list of Grand Officers down to 1798. Mr. Richard Cox was the plasterer, and may possibly have had something to do with the design for his portion of the work, but I have good reason for thinking that he did not. Probably the writer of the article obtained his information from Preston's illustrations of Masonry, if so, and he will again consult the passage, he will see that the author is referring to the roof, or the ceiling only, when he mentions Cox as the architect, and no doubt applied the word in its original sense, namely, as maker or builder.—Yours fraternally,
 H. SADLER.



Craft Masonry.

UPPER NORWOOD LODGE (No. 1586).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Wednesday, the 14th ult., under the presidency of Bro. G. J. E. Marsh, W.M., supported by a good many members and visitors, as follows: Bros. Dowell, P.P.G.D. Sussex, 1466; J. Brunker, P.M. 1360; H. Mitten, P.M. 765; D. W. Tough, P.M. 995; H. S. Hunter, I.P.M. 1321; T. Butt, P.M. 700; J. J. Lidle, P.M. 55; G. Treres, W.M. 720; W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; E. Chamberlain, I.D. 87; E. Bacon, 20; I. Seymour, 179; E. Ansted, J.D. 60; J. C. Larner, S.W.; J. Bowyer, J.W.; F. Bullock, S.D.; G. W. Finch, J.D.; P. F. Mathias, I.G.; J. D. Arnold, D.C.; J. Hammond, P.M.; J. Ledger, P.M.; J. A. Stock, P.M.; E. Kidman, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Miller, P.M., Sec.; D. Jones, J. Brennan, J. A. Smith, A. W. Southwell, John Pike, R. Lillico, F. Dusterwald, T. A. May, H. M. Smith, A. C. Wood, and A. E. Basley.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting being read and confirmed, Bro. J. A. Stock proceeded to install Bro. J. C. Larner to the W.M.'s chair for the ensuing year, which he did with much satisfaction to the brethren present and great credit to himself, after which the newly-elected W.M., Bro. J. C. Larner, invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Bowyer, S.W.; G. H. Finch, J.W.; F. H. Bullock, S.D.; P. F. Mathias, J.D.; J. D. Arnold, I.G.; A. Southwell, Stwd.; A. C. Wood, D.C.; J. A. Stock, Org.; and re-invested Bros. P.M. Miller and P.M. Kidman, as Secretary and Treasurer.

The lodge was then closed, and the banquet took place, supplied by Bro. D. Jones in his accustomed excellent manner, after which the W.M. gave the usual toasts. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. E. Basley, assisted by Bro. J. E. Marsh and Mrs. Marsh, Miss Wightwick and Bro. J. A. Stock.

One of the pleasing duties of the evening was the presentation of a P.M. jewel to Bro. Marsh, which the W.M. did in a few but very appropriate remarks.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—This prosperous lodge, which has now commenced the sixth year of its existence, held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 15th ult., at the East Dulwich Hotel. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. A. Powles, who was prevented by important engagements from being present at the commencement of the meeting, the chair was occupied by Bro. A. J. Bellis, P.M., and the minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. W. O. Roberts and E. C. Boyse as candidates for initiation, and proved unanimous in their favour. The balance-sheet was then read, and showed the funds of the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. Bro. Pow was then raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. Colwill to the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. R. Burnett, P.M., then occupied the chair and proceeded to install Bro. Robert Edward Anderson, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The new W.M. was then saluted by the brethren, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. R. W. Powles, I.P.M.; L. E. Eagle, S.W.; J. M. Wimple, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; A. J. Bellis, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; E. Gauntlett, S.D.; W. Rowan, J.D.; W. Davies, I.G.; W. Wills, A.D.C.; J. Lightfoot, 1st W.S.; H. W. Stevenson, Assist. Sec.; A. Briant, 2nd W.S.; H. R. Hobbs, C.S.; H. B. Morgan, Org.; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Burnett, in an impressive manner. The W.M., Bro. Anderson, then proceeded to initiate Mr. W. O. Roberts into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner, showing that the W.M. would be quite equal to all the work that might come before him during his tenure of office. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion by Bro. Richards, the proprietor.

After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and were heartily received and honoured by the brethren present.

Bro. Powles, I.P.M., said it was with a feeling of very great pleasure that he proposed the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M."—the more so as Bro. Anderson, who now filled the chair of K.S., was the first initiate in the lodge, and he (Bro. Powles) was sure, from the zealous manner Bro. Anderson had gone through the different offices he had filled in the lodge, that he would prove equally as zealous in his conduct in the chair of W.M., and he asked the brethren to drink his health in a bumper, and wish him also a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Anderson, in returning thanks for the very kind terms in which his health had been proposed, and for the kind manner in which Bro. Powles, I.P.M., had proposed it, said that he felt highly honoured by being placed by the brethren in the chair of the lodge. He had worked hard ever since he had been initiated in the lodge by the first W.M., Bro. Hook, and he hoped that now he had attained the position he should do credit to the lodge, and he felt sure that he should have the support of all the officers during his year of office.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Initiate," Bro. Roberts. This was one of the most important a lodge could have put before it, because no lodge could without initiates go on growing in strength and numbers as the Selwyn did. He was very pleased himself, and he was sure he echoed the sentiments of the brethren in welcoming Bro. Roberts as an initiate into their lodge.

The Initiate having returned thanks in a neat speech, The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said that the Selwyn Lodge was always pleased to see visitors, not only that they might criticise the work in the lodge, but that they might receive a cordial welcome at the banquet table, and he now asked the brethren to drink the health of the visitors, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. D. Keyse, W.M. 1314; H. W. Kedgley, W.M. 1614; and J. Loader, W.M. 1622; and the toast was received with acclamation.

Those brethren, in responding on behalf of the visitors, expressed their gratification at being present to witness the admirable working in the lodge, and also the hearty reception extended to them at the banquet table by the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge.

The next toast proposed from the chair was that of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and the W.M. in proposing it said that it afforded him great pleasure in now pinning on to the breast of the I.P.M. the jewel which had been voted to him by the brethren, together with a P.M. collar and jewel, for his admirable conduct in the chair during his year of office, and he (the W.M.) hoped he might be long spared to wear it among them. With respect to the other P.M.'s he felt sure they would afford him all the assistance in their power.

The Immediate Past Master, in responding for the P.M.'s, said that he felt very deeply the kind manner in which his name had been mentioned in connection with the toast, and assured the brethren that he had had a very pleasant year of office, notwithstanding the heavy work which had fallen to his lot, and he was glad that the lodge was in such a flourishing state. He thanked them very much for the handsome jewel which they had presented to him, and he hoped to be amongst them long to wear it.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of Bro. Eagle, Treas., and Bro. Bellis, P.M., Sec.," and said he was sure that the assistance they had always given to the previous Masters of the lodge would be extended to him.

Bro. Eagle, in responding, assured the W.M. that he would be exceedingly careful of the funds of the lodge, which he was glad to say were in a flourishing condition, and mentioned that, owing to the success of the Masonic ball held in connection with the lodge, they were enabled to place 20 guineas on the list of Bro. Powles, I.P.M., as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Bellis having briefly responded, the toast of "The Officers" was given, and replied to by Bros. L. E. Eagle and Wimple; and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The toasts during the evening were interspersed with glees and songs, the whole of the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., D. of C.

The jewels, &c., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Among the visitors present were Bros. D. Keyse, W.M. 1314; H. W. Kedgley, W.M. 1614; J. Loader, W.M. 1622; W. Kirkland, Treas. 1949; G. J. Garland, J.D. 1728; J. T. Penney, S.D. 1679; A. Bignold, W.S. 1624; H. Heyward, 169; S. Lane, 1614; R. Bridger, 72; J. Wooster, 15; J. White, 1949; T. Wallis, 901; S. Bygrave, 1658; G. Etheridge, 303; R. H. Griffith, 2000; and others.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).

The members of this lodge were joined by a number of visitors at their annual gathering at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday evening, when the W.M., Bro. Wm. Alfred Scurrah, presided, supported by Bros. C. J. Axford, S.W.; P. Cheek, J.W.; C. P. McKay, P.M. 720, Sec.; R. M. Surridge, S.D.; W. H. Burgess, J.D.; H. Webb, I.G.; S. Reece and A. H. Scurrah, Stewds.; J. Read, P.M. 720, Org.; W. M. Stiles, P.M. (Honorary); Jas. V. Tyler; A. W. Wace, H. W. Parker, E. J. Sadgrove, W. D. Dickenson, J. Dolling, E. R. Clunn, J. Measor, H. T. Gurner, J. Stubbings, F. C. Joseph, A. W. Gerrard, and W. H. Maguire. The visitors included Bros. Edwin Storr, P.M. 179; H. Jenner, W.M.; A. G. Fidler, W.M. 754; J. V. Baggi, J. Trongi, and J. J. Churchill, 776; C. J. Knightley, 1744; C. Smith, 1328; T. R. Chamley, 141; H. Dickey, 1744; H. F. Sheppard, 701; H. Sillis, 957; and others.

Lodge having been duly opened, Bros. T. H. Gurner and J. Trongi, of 776 (the latter by favour of Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., Treas.), were raised to the Sublime Degree, the work being admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The ballot was opened for Messrs. W. R. Nelson, Barry, Ryder, and T. A. Nixon. All were accepted, and Messrs. Nelson, Nixon, and Ryder were initiated. Subsequently Bro. C. Stevens was raised, and the election of Master was then proceeded with, the choice of the brethren falling unanimously on Bro. C. J. Axford, S.W. Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and regret was expressed at his unavoidable absence on the occasion. Bro. James Very was reappointed Tyler for the ensuing

year; and Bros. Joseph, Parker, and Clunn were appointed as an Audit Committee. Owing to the length of the programme, two raisings were deferred to an emergency meeting.

At the close of the lodge the brethren dined together, admirable arrangements being made for their comfort and enjoyment by the worthy host, Bro. Hamlin.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," were given from the chair and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Fidler responded for the Provincial Grand Lodge, and paid a high tribute to the manner in which the affairs of the province were carried on by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., as Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Raymond Thrupp, as his Deputy, assisted by the other Prov. Grand Officers.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given in eulogistic terms by Bro. C. P. McKay, P.M. 720, Secretary, who said Bro. Scurrah had admirably discharged his duties. He had displayed great energy with regard to the Masonic Charities, and taken up on his lists a far larger amount than any other Steward in the province. He was a thorough Mason, and they all devoutly wished that he would continue to display an unabated interest in the welfare of the Henry Levander Lodge after he had passed the chair. Bro. Scurrah was affable, genial, and hard-working, and they all wished him health and strength long to continue in his efforts on behalf of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with hearty enthusiasm, said he had the interests of the Henry Levander Lodge closely at heart, and that interest would be retained as long as life should last. He could not allow this opportunity to slip by without thanking his officers and the brethren generally for the support they had accorded to him during his year of office. This being the last regular meeting over which he would preside, he took the opportunity of saying this: he honoured and admired the principles of the Craft, and held that they were not perfect as Masons until they had gone into the Royal Arch. He, therefore, felt it a duty to do something to form a Royal Arch chapter in connection with this lodge, so that every member, if they wished, could be introduced into a chapter belonging to their own lodge. With the assistance of his friend, Bro. Stiles, he had been enabled to accomplish that object, and the matter was to be brought before the Supreme Grand Council on the following Wednesday. He believed, from a communication he had received from that body, the petition would be granted, and that they would have a charter of constitution for a Royal Arch chapter. Perhaps to some this might seem but a trifling matter, but he thought if they were as thoroughly conversant with Freemasonry as he and some other of the brethren around that board, they would feel it was a very great privilege to have a Royal Arch chapter attached to their mother lodge. He hoped all the members who were eligible would join it. With reference to their excellent Senior Warden, who had been called away earlier in the evening, he must say the brother who had been elected to succeed him (the speaker) in the chair was eminently deserving of that honour. Bro. Axford was a thorough gentleman and worthy Mason, and it would be within the remembrance of many that at that time last year he, in the most generous and Masonic manner, gave up his right as Senior Warden to be elected W.M. in order that he (the speaker), as the Junior Warden, might be elevated to that proud distinction. It was a great privilege, and he regarded it as mark of respect on Bro. Axford's part, and he would always remain in his memory as a good friend and brother, who had acted in a most noble way towards himself. In return, he should do everything he possibly could to uphold Bro. Axford during his year of office, and as long as they lived and belonged to that lodge it would be his pride and privilege to afford him every assistance, to show his gratitude to, and friendship for, one who had so nobly manifested his disinterested friendship towards himself. He would simply add that, as he had done in the past, so he would endeavour in the future to do all he could to further the interests of the Henry Levander Lodge, no matter what position he occupied in it.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Health of the Initiates," spoke of the growth of the lodge during the two years of its existence, and said, while increasing the number of members, they had not detracted from the quality of the lodge. That year he had had the pleasure of initiating 18 new members, all of whom had proved an acquisition to the lodge.

Bro. Nelson thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped he might verify the anticipations of the W.M. by becoming a worthy member of the Fraternity.

Bro. Ryder also responded, and, in the course of his remarks, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to have been admitted a member of that lodge. He should do all he could to acquire a knowledge of the Masonic art, and hoped in time to become a useful member of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," to whom he stretched forth the right hand of friendship, and greeted them with a sincere and hearty welcome.

Bro. E. Storr, in responding, congratulated the lodge upon its admirable working and genuine hospitality, and wished the W.M. and those associated with him in the formation of a Royal Arch chapter "God speed." He mentioned the case of a poor widow for whom his lodge was trying to secure the advantages of the "Old People's Home" at Croydon. Her late husband had been 43 years a subscriber to Grand Lodge; but the unfortunate widow was now in the workhouse. Even if they could not get her into the Croydon Institution, the brethren were determined to pension her, and thus enable her to pass the remainder of her days in comparative comfort.

Bros. Dickey, Knightley, Jenner, and Sheppard also suitably acknowledged the welcome so kindly extended to the visitors.

"The Healths of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge" were proposed and briefly responded to, and the brethren separated in time to catch the 9.38 p.m. train for the City.

The speeches of the evening were interspersed by songs by Bros. Reece, Josephs, and others, and a very pleasant gathering was enjoyed.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the George

Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 14th ult., Bro. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, S.W., P.P.G.C., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Richard Clowes, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. At the late elections for the Masonic Schools there were three candidates from the Province of Essex, viz., Flora Richardson, one of four orphan children of the late Bro. A. Richardson, of Maldon; Violet Annie Bell, daughter (one of nine children) of the late Bro. the Rev. Arthur L'Argent Bell, of Saffron Waldon; and Harry Norman Angier, son (one of five children) of the late Bro. Thomas Harry Angier, of Brightlingsea. The two girls were successful. The brethren who represented the Essex Provincial Charity Committee at the elections were W. Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.D.; E. Shedd, P.M. 276; Richard Clowes, P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.G.S.W.; and Fred. Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.G.S.W. It was announced that Ex. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., had fixed to hold his Prov. Grand Chapter at Colchester on the 3rd inst.

DEAL.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—On Friday, the 23rd ult., Capt. F. E. Hast was installed as W.M. of this lodge, previous to which ceremony Dr. Hulke was initiated. The ceremony was efficiently rendered by Bro. J. W. Court, retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. T. J. Usher, P.P.G.R., and G. Band, P.G.A.P. A very interesting feature was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel by the W.M. to the retiring W.M. After the proceedings the W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. J. W. Court, I.P.M.; J. S. Huntly, S.W.; G. Beale, J.W.; J. M. Ward, Chap.; G. Band, Treas.; T. J. Usher, Sec.; W. Bowles, S.D.; A. Banger, J.D.; C. Hart, D.C.; F. G. Court, Org.; E. S. G. Warren, Deputy Org.; E. Hodgkinson, I.G.; A. MacIntosh and N. G. Frost, Stwds.

Fifty brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, the W.M. presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

LEEDS.—Goderich Lodge (No. 1211).—There was a large and brilliant gathering of West Yorkshire brethren at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Monday evening last. The W.M., Bro. A. W. Youngs, was surrounded by his officers and a goodly number of the members, whilst R.W. Bro. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Bro. Smith, D.P.G.M., and many Provincial Officers were on the dais, including Bros. Winn, Beck, Fourness, and Crowe. Each of the remaining seven lodges in the town was represented either by the W.M., or the principal officers. Bro. Youngs raised Bro. Balfour, M.P., to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., in a manner which won the admiration of all who heard him. Bro. Jacques, P.M., rendered him useful assistance. Afterwards the R.W. P.G.M., initiated into the mysteries of Masonry Messrs. T. Greenwood Leate and Herbert Spinks in his usual impressive manner. These duties were performed to the satisfaction and delight of the crowded lodge room. "Hearty good wishes" were exchanged, and the lodge was closed.

Bro. A. Wood, the Steward, had meanwhile prepared a sumptuous banquet, and one of the most pleasant evenings yet spent in this lodge was enjoyed. There was no lack either of speech and song, and right heartily were the good things appreciated.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The first meeting of this very popular lodge held under the new W.M., Bro. H. Spittle, took place on Wednesday, the 14th ult., when there were a large gathering of distinguished brethren present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed and the ballot taken for Mr. H. D. Spittle and Mr. J. D. Bryden. Mr. Spittle, being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge being given by the S.W., Bro. J. W. Mathews. Bro. Dickenson was then passed in a most impressive manner to the F.C. Degree, the working tools and charge being given by the S.W., Bro. Mathews. "Hearty good wishes" were extended from numerous visiting brethren. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board.

In proposing the toast of the evening—"The Initiates"—the W.M. dealt on the great pleasure he had experienced that evening, and that the first person that he had initiated into Freemasonry should be his own brother, and exhorted him to steadfastly preserve the landmarks of our noble Order.

Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the meeting, which was of a most enjoyable character.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. M. Boyd, W.M. He was supported by Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, W. W. Sandbrook, W. Savage, O. W. Sanderson, J. B. Mackenzie, Josef Cantor, H. Round, Joseph Fineberg, Albert E. Workman, J. H. Light, and William H. Ball. The members present were Bros. H. Fineberg, G. H. Croyden Powell, Jas. J. Monk, J. Close Williams, Charles Couchman, J. Jacobs, Frank Emery, William Calder, John H. Stringer, W. O. Stone, W. Hogarth, L. G. Schoolcraft, Henry C. Arnold, Joseph Bramham, L. Peake, W. Addis, W. C. Fane, N. F. Burt, John Reay, Samuel Kirkham, Tudor Rogers, Jas. Boardman, E. Edward, and Eaton Batty. The visitors included Bros. Thomas Carr, J. M. Russell, Jas. Sydney, Thos. Hy. Ryde, F. T. Foulkes, W.M., W. R. Rawlins, William Strong, Thomas A. Jackson, jun., Chas. Fabert, Thomas Cavanah, George F. Marler, Isaac De Frece, C. W. Glover, George Scott, Thos. A. Jackson, sen., James Laurensen, Chas. Birch, R. W. Crowe, George Hulse, Richard Williams, Chas. Heywood, William Davies, John Curtis, J. P. Bryan, and R. Courtneidge. Messrs. Lancaster ("Private Secretary" company), M'Donnell, and Kiernan were initiated, and Bros. Couchman, H. C. Arnold, Schoolcraft, and Williams were raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremonies being admirably performed.

A choice programme of music after dinner was given by Bros. Stone, Batty, Heywood, Kirkham, Cantor, Bryan, Burt, Edwards, and Savage.

TONBRIDGE.—Medway Lodge (No. 1678).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., at

the Old Town Hall, when there were present Bros. G. D. Warner, W.M.; C. H. Hoghen, S.W.; W. B. Hughes, J.W.; S. W. Shaw, P.M., Treas.; A. Gibbs, Sec.; A. Jackson, S.D.; W. G. Stidolph, J.D.; D. Cornfoot, I.G.; W. T. Boulter, Tyler; J. Abrey, P.M.; H. Rush, T. Pawley, and C. F. Wing.

Mr. G. Tyler and Mr. B. Wadmore having been initiated, Bro. C. H. Hoghen was elected W.M., Bro. S. W. Shaw, re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. T. Boulter, re-elected Tyler. The installation meeting will take place on the 25th inst.

CLEATOR MOOR.—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. Henry Ward, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. Chas. Gowan, W.M., who discharged the duties of Installing Master in a most impressive manner, ably assisted by Bro. J. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The following were invested as officers: Bros. J. Bewley, S.W.; H. Rothey, J.W.; E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Chas. Gowan, I.P.M., Sec.; J. D. Welch, S.D.; J. M. Harry, J.D.; J. Dickson, I.G.; E. Irwin, D. of C.; J. Caffrey, Tyler; and G. Watson, J. Leathes, and Thos. Temple, Stwds.

The following members and visitors were present: Bros. J. F. Kirkconel, P.M., P.C.J.W.; A. Benson, W. H. Redfern, I. Frears, J. Boundy, R. Hindmarch, W. C. Johns, W.M. 119; W. J. Starkey, S. Thos. Studholme, S.W.; W. J. Tyson, S.D.; W. J. Moordaff, 371; W. S. Ponton, 327; T. Atkinson, P.M. 972, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Brakenridge, S.W.; R. Sheperd, J. J. Wilson, W.M. 1267; R. Tyson, P.M.; I. Parker, H. Hartley, H. P. Armstrong, J. Kitchin, L. Ward, W.M. 1400; J. Morton, J. Ruberry, Sec.; Bryce Craig, W.M. 1660; H. McKittick, J.D.; W. H. Chapman, and others.

On the motion given by Bro. C. Gowan, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Preparatory School Fund. After other general business, the lodge, with good wishes from the many visitors, was closed in form. Bro. Ward then invited all present to the Queen's Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them, and well worthy of the host and hostess of that hotel. The room was tastefully decorated through the kindness of Bro. J. J. Robinson, P.M.; the plants on the table were both beautiful and rare.

The toast list was a long one, with a smack of poetical fire from the Bards of the "Avon," the "Doon," and the "Ayr," and, with songs and a few capital recitations, a very agreeable evening was spent.

YORK.—Agricola Lodge (No. 1091).—The installation of Bro. E. Harding as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place at the lodge room, Market-street, on the 26th ult. Bro. B. Polkinghorne, I.P.M., officiated as Installing Master, and visitors were present from the York, Eboracum, and other lodges. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. B. Polkinghorne, I.P.M.; J. Martin, S.W.; A. M. White, J.W.; F. Woolnough, Sec.; W. P. Bellerby, Treas.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; J. E. Wilkinson, J.D.; J. Wilson, I.G.; W. B. Dyson, D. of C.; T. Harding, Stwd.; and J. Osborne, Tyler.

The visitors were hospitably entertained by the brethren of the lodge, and a lengthy toast list was submitted, including "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M." and "Success to the Agricola Lodge," and musical contributions were given by several of the brethren present.

RICHMOND.—Richmond Lodge (No. 2032).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Station Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. Charles J. Digby, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. R. Phillips, S.W.; J. P. Houghton, J.W.; B. E. Blasby, I.P.M.; W. Forster Reynolds, P.M., Treas.; George C. Rowland, Sec.; E. Dare, S.D.; H. Sapsworth, J.D.; H. J. Ireland, D.C.; J. Marjison, I.G.; A. Crew, Org.; T. Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes; and Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President of the Board of Benevolence. Among the visitors were the following: Bros. Stevens, P.M. 1216; W. H. Lee, W.M. 1897, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx.; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793; W. R. Williams, I.P.M. 975; H. S. Hunter, I.P.M. 1321; S. Lucas, P.M. 192; H. C. Lansdown, 1541; A. Tucker, S.W. 1733; S. Hunt, 1196; F. J. Ruddle, 1768; C. Clarke, 975; W. Johnson, 199; Capt. Stewart Stephens, 754; E. Hindle, 1768; W. Drewett, J.W. 389; W. R. Parker, I.G. 742; S. Blasby, 780; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Macrae was raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Bro. W. R. Phillips, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively installed into the chair by Bro. Digby, I.P.M. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. P. Houghton, S.W.; E. Dare, J.W.; W. Forster Reynolds, Treas.; George C. Rowland, Sec.; H. Sapsworth, S.D.; J. Marjison, J.D.; A. Crew, I.G.; Messum, D.C.; Rainbow, Org.; Aldin and Covill, Stwds.; and Fryer, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in a most impressive manner by Bro. Charles J. Digby, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony of installation in an able and efficient style. Ballot having been taken for Messrs. W. E. Marsh, A. C. Taylor, and A. Walker, they were regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The sum of five guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Houghton at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. A similar sum was also voted as a nucleus of a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge. There being no further business to be transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

"The Queen and the Craft" was, as usual, the first toast proposed by the W. Master, who remarked that his task was both difficult and easy. Difficult from the impossibility of saying anything fresh upon the introduction of the toast, and easy because of the enthusiastic reception it invariably received.

The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which having been received with the customary cordiality, the W. Master proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom,

R.W. Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W.M. observed that the brethren were deeply indebted to the Grand Officers, who had done so much to further the interests of the Craft. They had been honoured that evening with the presence of Bro. Fenn, P.G.W., who was, as most of them would remember, the Consecrating Officer. He regretted that Bro. Fenn had been obliged to leave, but they were also honoured with the company of Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., whom they were very pleased to see, and whose name he should couple with the toast.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President of the Board of Benevolence, in response, said that Bro. Fenn had desired him to thank the brethren, and to express his regret that he had been compelled to leave. For himself, he returned his sincere thanks, and he trusted that the Richmond Lodge would continue to prosper.

Bro. Digby, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and, in so doing, said that he considered it a privilege to be allowed to propose this toast. His remarks would be brief, for this was a toast that needed few words to commend it to the brethren. The position of Worshipful Master was one of very great honour, and at the same time was one of great and grave responsibility, and it, therefore, needed a brother of no inconsiderable skill and ability to carry out the duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. In their present W. Master they had one who was eminently capable of satisfactorily performing the onerous duties of the chair. He was sure that when the W.M.'s year of office expired he would have done honour to that lodge, and would have filled the chair in a praiseworthy manner, and would have given satisfaction to all.

Bro. W. R. Phillips, W.M., responded, and said that he could not find words to express his thanks to the brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and he only wished that he could hope to deserve the very kind expressions used. He would do all he could to further the cause of Freemasonry, and he hoped that at the end of his year he would see the same feeling of unanimity that now existed in the lodge. He had now to propose "The Health of the Initiates," and he was assured that the three brethren initiated that evening would reflect honour on the lodge. As they dipped further into Freemasonry they would find many things that needed explanation, but he strongly advised them to frequent lodges of instruction, where they would receive all the information and assistance desired.

Bros. Marsh, Taylor, and Walker having replied in appropriate terms,

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," whom he heartily welcomed, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing such a large array of visiting brethren.

Bro. J. Stevens, P.M. 1216, on behalf of the visitors, returned his sincere thanks for the reception accorded them. He wished also to express his admiration of the manner in which the work had been carried out. The programme had been a very long one, but had been gone through in admirable style, the ceremony of raising having been performed in a manner that could hardly be excelled in any lodge. It afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to see the praiseworthy manner in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out that evening, which was not only a credit to a young lodge like theirs, but would have done credit to a lodge of many years standing. He hoped that under the guidance of the excellent Past Masters the lodge possessed it would continue to progress, for they were carrying out Freemasonry in a manner that reflected the highest credit on the Richmond Lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master and Past Masters," the W.M. said that any expression he might use would be perfectly inadequate to do ample justice to this toast, and to express the admiration he felt for Bros. Digby and Blasby. The latter brother was the father of the lodge, and had done all he possibly could to further its interests. He had now a very pleasing duty to perform—it was to present Bro. Digby with the jewel presented by the lodge, and he sincerely trusted that their esteemed I.P.M. would live many years to wear it, and that he would continue to evince the same interest in the welfare of the Richmond Lodge in the future as he had done in the past.

Bro. Charles J. Digby, I.P.M., responded, and said he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health. It had been very gratifying to him to find that his humble efforts had been appreciated. He heartily thanked them for the jewel presented to him, which, he felt sure, carried with it the good wishes of the brethren. He had endeavoured to the best of his ability to satisfactorily perform the duties he undertook 12 months ago, and, if he had succeeded, he had his reward in the appreciation of the members.

Bro. Blasby, P.M., also responded, and, after returning thanks, said that he was highly gratified to see the very satisfactory way in which the W.M. had carried out the duties, and he hoped the brethren would give him their cordial support.

"The Officers" was next proposed by the W.M., who commented upon the very efficient manner in which the officers performed their respective duties, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Houghton, S.W., who intended standing as Steward, on behalf of that lodge, at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School.

Bro. Houghton, S.W., having replied in appropriate terms, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

EPPING.—Epping Lodge (No. 2077).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Saturday the 1st inst., at the Cock Hotel. There were present Bros. J. Salmon, W.M.; Acworth, I.P.M., Treas.; J. Woodrow, S.W.; J. London, J.W.; Fraser, S.D.; Barns, acting J.D.; Hughes, I.G.; W. Dance, Sec.; Parkinson, Tyler; and a number of members and visitors.

The minutes of the lodge of emergency and ordinary lodge meetings were read and confirmed, and Bro. Sutton Abbott was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the work being most impressively performed by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his Wardens, and others. Bros. Roworth, Odell, Taylor, and Miller were passed to the Degree of F.C. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed. The province has

Bro. A. L. Miller was proceeded with, and beautifully performed. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Craik, I.P.M.; T. M. Morrison, S.W.; G. S. Riddle, J.W.; H. T. Heron, M.O.; W. Green, S.O.; Weddell, J.O.; Moor, Treasurer; W. Weatherhead, Secretary; Winlaw, Registrar of Marks; Graham, S.D.; H. H. Weddell, J.D.; G. F. Steven, P.M., Org.; Ashworth, I.G.; Turnbull, Tyler; and H. A. Peters, Steward. On the motion of Bro. Carr, seconded by Bro. Heron, it was agreed to give a donation of five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Craik, a vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Moor for the beautiful and impressive manner in which he had given the installation ceremony. Bro. Moor returned thanks.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Carr's, the King's Arms Hotel, where refreshments were partaken of, but no toasts were proposed.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 30th ult. Bro. Wm. Bewlay, W.M., P.G.I.G., presided, supported by Bros. G. Rynl, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.G.J.O., J.W.; Thomas Brakenridge, M.O.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., as S.O.; W. J. Tyson, J.O., Org.; Rev. James Anderson, P.G. Chap., Chap.; W. D. P. Field, Sec., Reg.; Dr. Muir, S.D.; H. Burns, J.D.; J. Casson, I.G.; Thomas Richardsod, P.G.T., Tyler; L. Taylor, A. W. Parker, J. C. Hunter, P.M. 36, P.P.G. Stwd. Lancashire; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for three candidates, who were accepted and advanced to the honourable Degree, namely, Bros. Bewlay, Metcalf, and Clarke. Bro. Thomas Atkinson, P.M., gave notice of motion for 10 guineas for his Steward's list, when with good wishes from Bro. Hunter, who gave the W.M. and his officers great praise for the excellent way the Degree was wrought, with a full musical accompaniment.

The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren subsequently spent an hour in the banquet hall, and had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Hunter's Masonic trip to Spain.

Red Cross of Constantine.

DEVONPORT.—St. Aubyn Council.—A meeting of this council was held at the Ebrington Masonic Rooms, Granby-street. S.K. Josiah Austin was elected and installed the I.S., and the following officers were invested S.K.'s: A. B. Hutchings, Past I.S.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prelate; E. J. Knight, C.A.; H. R. Langmead, M.A.; W. Foxwell, M. Finances; J. R. Dugdale, M. Despatches; James Oston, S.; J. T. Crosley, P.P.; W. H. Cawse, M.; T. Shears, C.G.; H. S. Best, 1st H.; J. Leonard, 2nd H.; C. Coombes, S.B.; J. T. Veale, O.; John Gedye, St. B.; H. Gill, Purst.; E. Aitken-Davies, Almoner; and S. Harvey, Sentinel. Two candidates were approved and installed. Past I.S. E. Aitken-Davies was the Installing Officer, assisted by Past I.S. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, A. B. Hutchings, S. Hutchings, W. Foxwell, J. R. Dugdale, and E. Watson.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.—A meeting of this old and influential council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. Roy, W.M.; Venn, S.W.; Cubitt, acting J.W.; T. C. Walls, Conductor; G. Graveley, Lemon, Baron de Ferrieres, Loveland-Loveland, C. H. Driver, C. F. Matier, P.G.D.M., Sec.; Powell, Treas.; Moon, Major G. Lambert, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, one candidate received the Degrees of St. Laurence and Knight of Constantinople, both ceremonies being ably performed by Bro. Roy. Bro. C. F. Matier having taken the chair impressively installed Bro. Venn as W.M. for the year ensuing. The officers having been appointed, a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Roy. The sum of five guineas having been voted to the Steward's list for the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the council was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was partaken of under the presidency of Bro. Venn, W.M. A few toasts were given.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DUMBARTONSHIRE.

A deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire paid official visits to the lodges at Kirkintilloch on Saturday last. The deputation was headed by Bros. James Dalrymple Duncan, D.P.G.M., and Sir James Buchanan, S.P.G.M., and amongst others present were Bros. A. S. MacBryde, P.G.J.W.; Robert MacFarlan, P.G. Secretary; John Hutchison, P.G.T.; David Thomson, R.W.M. 18; Alexander Ballardie, S.W. 18; Wm. Prentice, J.W. 18; Provost Stewart, P.M. 384; George Miller, P.M. 384; Bisland, R.W.M. 716; and others.

The deputation first visited St. John Kilwinning, No. 28, and were received by Bros. D. F. Muir, R.W.M.; George Carlow, I.P.M.; and a goodly number of the brethren of the lodge. An examination of the books, and an inquiry into the state of Masonry was made, with a satisfactory result. The deputation then visited Lodge Athole, No. 384, and were received by Bro. Wm. Marshall, R.W.M. There was also a large attendance of the brethren of this lodge. The customary inspection was made, and everything was found in good order. Both lodges hospitably entertained the Provincial Grand Lodge after the visitation.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., presided at the annual meeting, on Thursday, the 29th ult., of the Plymouth Female Orphan Asylum.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the 88th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., was voted into the chair, there being a very fair muster of the members.

The following were appointed officers of the Board, namely, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Hon. Sackville West, P.G.W., President; Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; and J. L. Mather, Hon. Presidents; Bros. A. F. Godson, D.P. G.M. Worcestershire, and A. M. Broadley, acting Presidents; Bro. C. F. Hogard, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, Hon. Secretary.

It was determined that the Festival should be celebrated at Brighton, and the Stewards' fee having been fixed at two guineas, and a Committee appointed to make the necessary musical arrangements for the occasion, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 7th June prox.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Roebuck, Vice-Patron. G. Swd. Br. Among those present were Bros. Stephen Richardson, Joseph Harling, Raynham W. Stewart, R. Berridge, Rev. Richard Morris, H. Harker, John L. Mather, S. H. Parkhouse, G. P. Gillard, G. P. Britten, J. S. Cumberland, C. H. Stone, A. Williams, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; George Cooper, Joyce Murray, C. H. Webb, J. Glass, George Corble, George Motion, W. H. Saunders, Edward Baxter, A. F. Godson, and F. Binckes (Sec.)

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was read, after which four petitions were taken into consideration, with the result that three were accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for October, while one was deferred.

Four ex-pupils were awarded grants of £5 each towards outfits, and the usual nominations were made for the House and Finance and Audit Committees, as follows:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; A. F. Godson, Henry W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, James Moon, J. Joyce Murray, William Paas, F. W. Ramsey, M.D.; Dudley Rolls, Charles Saunders, M.D.; and Henry Venn.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.—Bros. C. E. Soppet, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; T. Griffiths, G. P. Gillard, G. Cooper, H. S. Goodall, and S. Richardson, nominated by Bro. G. P. Britten; and Bro. W. H. Saunders, nominated by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse.

The proceedings closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards of this Festival was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Alfred Williams was in the chair, and a large number of Stewards were present. The proceedings were formally opened, and the following brethren were chosen as officers of the Board:—Bros. Rev. A. H. Cummings, President; C. H. Driver, Treasurer; and C. F. Matier, Secretary. A Sub-Committee was appointed, consisting of the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and Bros. Alfred Williams, Dr. Mickley, Geo. Cooper, J. L. Mather, and Scurrah.

The Stewards' fee was fixed at £2 2s., and the Festival was decided to be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, July 28th. Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott was entrusted with the arrangement of the music.

THE LONDON GENERAL PORTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The 10th Anniversary Festival of this excellent Institution took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 30th ult. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans occupied the chair, and among the numerous company of guests which supported him were Bros. Alderman Cowan, Sheriff Clarke, F. T. Isitt, Under-Sheriff Rose-Innes, Renals, Pannell, Major Joseph, and W. T. Rickwood.

After the loyal toasts had been proposed and honoured, and Bro. Major Joseph had returned thanks for "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces,"

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the toast of the evening, pleaded most effectively the interests of the Association, pointing out how worthy it was to be supported, and how admirably its funds were managed. He stated that while the expenditure amounted to £3,300, the whole income from sources that were permanent, or could be relied upon, was under £1600, so that between £1700 and £1800 must be obtained so as to enable the Executive to carry out the purposes of the Charity. The speech was received with loud applause and the subscriptions announced in response reached £2254, of which no less than £1338 had been raised by the Chairman and Stewards from his house. The other toasts included that of "The Chairman," proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. F. T. Isitt; "The Corporation," for which Bros. Alderman Cowan and Sheriff Clarke responded; "The Livery Companies," proposed by Bro. Under-Sheriff Innes; "The Stewards," for which Bro. R. A. Morgan with others returned thanks, and "The Secretary," which was acknowledged in person by Bro. Rickwood.

The evening passed off most successfully.

The Queen held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, at which the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Imperial Crown Princess of Germany, the Duke of Connaught, and other members of the Royal Family were present. Among the suite in attendance upon her Majesty were Bros. the Earl of Cork, Master of the Horse, Viscount Kilcoursie, M.P., Vice-Chamberlain, Lord Kensington, and Lord Alfred Paget.



VOLUNTEER YEAR BOOK, ALMANACK, AND DIARY FOR 1886. First Year of Publication. London: LIFFE & SON, 98, Fleet-street, E.C.

The editor is to be congratulated on the completeness and apparent accuracy of the information he has brought together in the 264 pp. of this new and useful annual. As far as we have been able to trace, there is hardly an institution connected with the Volunteers, or a subject connected with military organisation and equipment, which does not receive some amount of notice. It contains also some capital diagrams for recording "class firing" and other purposes, while the calendar is at the same time a valuable record of battles. It is surprising that such an annual has not appeared before, but now that it has been issued, we trust the Volunteers will support it loyally.

THE GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

We have no intention of reviewing the revised code of Regulations for the Government of Royal Arch Masons in England; it has been already most carefully considered in these columns. We may mention, however, that it has been published, and is in course of issue at the present time.

THE EMIGRANT. 21, Fumival Street, Holborn, E.C.

This new journal, edited by Bro. Canon Cooper of the Church Emigration Society, to judge from its first two numbers, seems likely to meet the requirements of those whose interests it is intended to support and promote. Its articles are well written, and the information it contains is both valuable and abundant. A special feature of the society of which this serial is the organ, is the introduction of a Masonic department, not indeed for promoting the study of Masonry, but for the purpose of obtaining from Masonic sources in the different Colonies information and statistics likely to be of value to intending emigrants. Moreover, it devotes a little corner occasionally to Masonic Memoranda; so that, apart from the inherent merits our young contemporary has already developed, we trust "The Emigrant" may have before it a long career of success.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

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Every Evening, at 8, SOPHIA.
- GLOBE THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8.0, THE SINS OF THE FATHERS; at 9, THE PICKPOCKET.
- 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.
- GAIETY THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7.30, BORROWED PLUMES; at 8, JACK SHEPPARD. Matinee every Saturday at 2.15.
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7.30, AT THE PUMP; at 8, GOING IT; at 9.45, FAUST AND LOOSE.
- COURT THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8.45, THE SCHOOLMISTRESS; at 8, BREAKING THE ICE. Matinee Saturday next at 2.30.
- COMEDY THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8, THE LILY OF LEVILLE.
- EMPIRE THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8, ROUND THE WORLD.
- ROYALTY THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8, LED ASTRAY.
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Every Evening, at 7.30, HARD HEARTS.
- SURREY THEATRE.**
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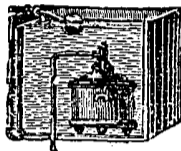
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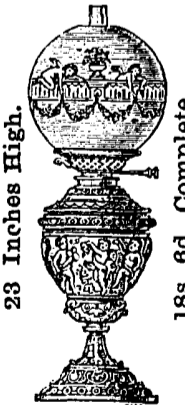
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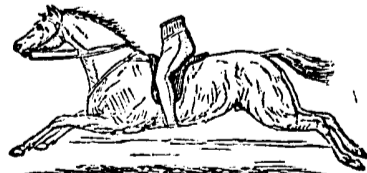
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