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THOSE whom it may concern are busily engaged in making the necessary preparations for the grand Masonic gathering which will take place in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., when the Duke of CONNAUGHT will be installed Prov. Grand Master of Sussex by his brother the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M. Everything is being done in order to render the meeting a success worthy of the occasion and of the distinguished members of our Society who will take the most conspicuous part in its proceedings. The result of these arrangements will be made known in due course, but there are just one or two matters which claim immediate attention, and they are these. In the first place, we must take the liberty of reminding Provincial Grand Officers of Sussex and the Masters of Sussex lodges that to-morrow (Saturday) the 12th inst., is the last day for them to send in their answers to the invitations severally addressed to them by Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. G. Sec., the success of whose endeavours to secure the punctual fulfilment of the programme, as well as the comfort and convenience of the brethren present, must largely depend on the promptness with which the said Provincial Grand Officers and Masters reply to his summons. Then as regards the railway arrangements, to which we referred last week, but without furnishing particulars. We are in a position to announce that a special train will be made up for the conveyance of his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER and the Grand Officers accompanying him, which is timed to leave the Victoria Station of the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company at 10.15 a.m. sharp. It is necessary that those who intend travelling by this train should apply as soon as possible to the GRAND SECRETARY, who will see that seats are reserved for them, so far as the accommodation will permit, and for which he will issue vouchers. There will also be the Pullman express available, which leaves Victoria at 10, and will have second-class carriages attached to it, the tickets for which will be issued, as we have before mentioned, at a single fare for the double journey.

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It is with very great pleasure we give publicity, in another part of our columns, to an important communication which our GRAND SECRETARY has just received from R. W. Bro. ALBERT E. GOODALL, Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of New York. This communication is an extract from the address delivered at the annual meeting of the latter body on Tuesday, the 1st inst., by the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, and shows explicitly enough what the opinion of that distinguished brother is with reference to the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the difference now pending between it and the Grand Lodge of this country—a difference which our readers will do well to remember has been wholly and solely created by the authorities of the Quebec Grand Lodge. It is not very long since we proposed to leave the subject of this annoying Anglo-Quebec dispute alone. We had again and again expressed our opinion on the merits of the question at issue. We had reasoned the matter out most carefully and conscientiously, and the conclusion we had arrived at was that the Quebec people had not the slightest shadow of a justification for their conduct towards the English lodges in Montreal, and the Grand Lodge to which these lodges pay due allegiance. Under these circumstances, we felt it would be undignified in us to keep on repeating ourselves at intervals more or less frequent, while the question itself remained always precisely the same state, and the prospect of its settlement was as remote as ever. But the Grand Master of the most powerful and influential Grand Lodge in the United States, seemingly at the instance of Quebec itself, has just given his attention to the subject, the result being a condemnation of the course pursued by that Body, so emphatic that, if it has any sense of decorum left in it, it will at once cancel its edict against our English lodges in Montreal, and hasten to revive its old relations of friendly intercourse with them, the Grand Lodge of

England, and the rest of the Masonic community. We are pleased, but by no means surprised at the judgment at which Bro. LAWRENCE, M.W.G.M. of New York, has arrived, after an evidently careful investigation of the two sides of the question as set forth by the respective disputants, and its general aspect as it affects the position and claims of the Grand Lodges in the United States. Bro. LAWRENCE, for instance, expresses unhesitatingly, his firm belief in "the American doctrine of the supreme and exclusive jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge within the territory which it controls," but he does not consider "that doctrine should extend to the length of rendering Masonic Bodies previously enjoying a lawful existence within such territory clandestine or illegal, because of their refusal to abandon their previous allegiance and place themselves under the authority of the newly-created Grand Lodge." This is precisely the contention which our Grand Lodge has upheld throughout, and it is precisely on the grounds set forth by Bro. LAWRENCE in the passage we have just quoted that we have based all our arguments as to the illegality of the conduct pursued by Quebec. Then as to the matter of this particular dispute, Bro. LAWRENCE points out that the three English lodges were in existence before the Grand Lodge of Canada, from which the Grand Lodge of Quebec derives its existence; that the Grand Lodge of England, when it recognised that of Canada, did so on the expressed understanding that any of its lodges which might elect to remain in their old allegiance, should have full liberty of doing so; and that when the Grand Lodge of Quebec became the successor of the Grand Lodge of Canada, "it acquired no greater rights within the territory to which it succeeded than had previously been possessed by the latter Grand Body." Here, again, we have the contention of our Grand Lodge as to the illegality of the present claims of Quebec to exercise jurisdiction over the Anglo-Montreal Lodge, endorsed unequivocally by Grand Master LAWRENCE, who is careful also to point out that "the English contention is fully supported by the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made to this Grand Lodge in 1871," when the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was being considered by the Grand Lodge of New York. Here then, both on particular grounds and generally, the position occupied by the Grand Lodge of Quebec towards our lodges in Montreal, and our Grand Lodge is shown to be untenable; and as we have said before, if there is any grace still left in Quebec, we trust it will be summoned to the aid of their authorities and that no time will be lost in withdrawing the absurd edict, which it issued some time since against the aforesaid Anglo-Montreal Lodges, and which, if it is maintained, will only result in making Quebec the laughing-stock of the whole Masonic community. And just by way of a parting word we must express our thanks to Grand Master LAWRENCE for his very clear exposition of this Anglo-Quebec dispute and all its circumstances. We feel convinced that if other American Grand Masters would only be at the same pains to investigate the merits of such a question as this as the Grand Master of New York has shown, the course of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry on both sides of the Atlantic would run far more smoothly.

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THE report of the General Board which was submitted at the summer half-yearly Communication, on the 1st inst., of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales was of an eminently satisfactory character, and proves incontestably not only that the Mark Degree is most popular and prosperous, but likewise that its popularity and prosperity rest on a firm and well-ordered basis. It is indeed astonishing how this branch of Masonry has made its way of late years. Its Grand Lodge was organised only as recently as 1856, and now, according to this report, it has on its roll no less than 366 warranted lodges, irrespective of 13 T.I. and lodges without number, the total registered membership to date being 21,657. But the bulk of this progress has been made during the last decennial period, as will be seen clearly enough if we compare the particulars furnished in our old friend "The Cosmo" for the years 1876 and 1886 respectively. In the former year there were five T.I. and 179 warranted lodges, while the Provincial Grand Lodges were 18 in number; in the latter year there appear 13 T.I. and lodges without number, and 362 warranted lodges of the ordinary type, while the Provincial Grand Lodges are 44, four additional lodges and one Provincial Grand Lodge—that of Hertfordshire—having been created since "The Cosmo" of 1886 was issued. If we scan more narrowly the lists for the respective years of the Provincial Grand Lodges, we shall discover that this amazing progress is due even more to the greater area over which the Degree has been distributed than to the mere multiplication of lodges. Thus of the 18 P.G. Mark Lodges entered in the Calendar for 1876, 14 are located in the home country and four abroad, namely, Bombay,

Bengal, British Burmah, and Madras. There were, of course, many of the lodges scattered about in the various colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, and others in English and Welsh counties, outside the limits of those contained in the 14 Provincial Grand Lodges, but they were distributed too sparsely to justify their establishment into Provincial Grand Lodge organisations. But, as "The Cosmo" for the current year shows, there are now 28—or, including Herts, 29—Prov. Grand Lodges in England and Wales, and 16 Prov. Grand Lodges in foreign parts, among them being three in New Zealand; one in North Africa, and one each in Natal and South Africa; one in Victoria (Australia), and one in Tasmania; one each in Gibraltar and for the Mediterranean; one in Quebec, and one in Jamaica, in addition to the four in British India, which figure in the 1876 Calendar. Again, financially, the position of the Mark Grand Lodge is sound, the invested funds for the General Fund and the several branches of the Benevolent Fund, making up a total of £7400, while the last half-year's receipts for the General Fund alone, irrespective of dividends, exceeded £941. As to the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the donations and subscriptions at last year's celebration considerably more than doubled that of any previous year, and there is every prospect of the Festival which will be held at the Holborn Restaurant next month being a still more conspicuous success. These are the leading facts in the more recent history of the Mark Degree, without exaggeration or undue colouring, and they serve to exhibit more emphatically than we have been able to do on any previous occasion not only how astonishing and well-deserved has been its success during the period we have chosen for illustration, but likewise how admirable is the organisation of its Grand Lodge, of which the Prince of WALES has graciously consented to become, on the 1st July prox., the presiding chief.

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It is by no means an easy task to find an appropriate name for a new lodge or chapter. Given a favourable opportunity, and the material for establishing one is generally forthcoming. But when the founders meet together to settle the usual preliminaries, the question "What's in a name?", though treated lightly enough under ordinary circumstances, assumes an importance, which it often taxes the utmost ingenuity of the brethren to satisfy. There is generally an ample range to select from. There is a post town or a parish church close by or only a few miles distant. There is the squire or other local magnate, whose great-great-grandfather was a member of the Craft some 80 or a 100 years ago. Or it may be, there is an old ruin in the neighbourhood, or a river, or a hill, the name of which will serve admirably as the title of the embryo lodge. And so no doubt it will, if only a mere word is needed without any justification, or with only the most trivial justification, for using it. But a glance at any list of lodges will show that this haphazard method of selecting titles is oftentimes the reverse of satisfactory. Last week, however, we published reports of the consecration of a new lodge in Kent and a new chapter in Suffolk, the titles of which appear to have been most happily chosen, and we think a word or two of praise on this account is due to the founders. The Walsingham Lodge, which has its local habitation at Wilmington, near Dartford, in the county of Kent, is named appropriately after the Hon. R. BOYLE WALSINGHAM, who in the year 1769 was appointed as the first Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and it is pleasant to find that the memory of a worthy brother, who no doubt did good service to the Craft in his day, has been thus happily revived, and, to judge from the auspicious start which the lodge bearing his name has made, stands a fair chance of being perpetuated. Nor have the founders of the new Royal Arch Chapter which meets at Sudbury, in Suffolk, been less fortunate in their selection of a title. Their Provincial Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, is undoubtedly one of the ablest and most popular Masons of our day. His name, like the services he has rendered, is known and respected everywhere throughout the English Craft, and our Sudbury companions have shown both good taste and good feeling in naming their chapter after so distinguished a member of our Society. We wish it were always in our power to welcome additions to our lodge and chapter rolls as appropriately named as the Walsingham Lodge and the Martyn Chapter; but while we are never in doubt as to the good feeling which actuates the founders of a new Masonic Body in their selection of a title, it rarely happens we are so favourably impressed with their good taste.

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TRUE to the purposes for which it was established, namely, to provide a Masonic home for members of our Society who have had dealings officially or commercially with our Colonies, and to extend the hospitality of the old country to Colonial brethren when visiting these shores, the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, has issued cards of invitation to a banquet at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., when our Masonic visitors from Australia, India, and other of the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown will be received as guests. Lodge will open at 6.30 p.m., and the banquet is fixed for 7.15 p.m. We have no doubt the meeting will be a success, and will materially help in strengthening the bond already existing between the visitors and their hosts.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday afternoon, the 5th inst., at Twickenham, when there was a very large gathering, the brethren numbering over 150. The Town Hall was lent for the occasion by Lady Freake, the large room having been tastefully decorated for the occasion, under the supervision of Bro. R. W.

Forge, P.P.G.D.C. A beautiful display of flowers was kindly provided by Bro. Poupard.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. W. A. Rogers, P.G.S.W.; W. Taylor, P.G.J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.G.C.; Rev. S. R. A. Buller, P.G.C.; F. B. Archer, P.G. Treas.; John Proffitt, P.G. Reg.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec.; C. Graham, P.G.D.; W. Coombe, P.G.D.; W. T. Buck, P.G. Supt. of Works; Saml. Larcomb, P.G.D.C.; C. J. Axford, P.G.D.D.C.; J. C. Jessett, P.G. Swd. Br.; C. W. Pridmore, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Osborn, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Lee, P.G. Asst. Sec.; J. Featherston, P.G. Purst.; J. G. Fisher, R. H. Williams, K. R. Montgomery, and J. Ferguson, P.G. Stewards; H. G. Buss, P. Asst. G. Sec., Past Prov. G. Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. T. M. D'Orsey, P.P.G. Chap.; G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G.O.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C.; A. G. Fidler, P.P.G.D.; H. M. Gordon, P.P.G.D.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Tickle, P.P.G.R.; D. P. Cama, Grand Treasurer, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Green, P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Laxton, P.P.G. Reg.; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S.W.; T. W. Cooper, P.P.G.D.; C. L. Smiles, P.P.G. Reg.; J. J. Marsh, P.P. G. Std. Br.; J. W. George, P.P.G.O.; G. Fahrenbach, P.P.G.D.; and C. A. Walter, P.P.G.D.

The following brethren were also in attendance:

Bros. C. Veal, P.P.G.D. Surrey; C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.W. Herts; W. H. Dean, P.P.G.D. Dorset; G. W. Dixon, P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; H. Slyman, P.M. 1637; J. T. Briggs, W.M. 1503; A. Toulmin, I.G. 1503; W. Wright, D.C. 1897; R. Masters, 1656; H. W. Nicholson, P.M. 382; T. Woodbridge, P.M. 1194; G. Tegg, P.M. 1237; O. J. Von Holtorp, S.D. 1897; E. A. Von Holtorp, 1897; W. Cock, P.M. 1597; H. W. Smyth, S.D. 1238; A. Edwards, J.W. 1597; A. W. Gower, P.M. 1238; J. P. Hepburn, P.M. 1702; G. P. Gillard, P.M. 1597; J. Sadler Wood, W.M. 2024; W. J. Spratling, P.M. 1293; H. Jordan, S.D. 1310; H. H. Roome, I.G. 1777; J. W. Clarke, 1512; J. A. Allison, P.M. 788; E. E. Cooper, P.M. 1494; F. Lane, P.M. 788; R. T. Fennell, P.M. 1567; W. D. Fracis, J.D. 2105; W. Staley, S.D. 1597; W. Sykes, J.D. 1597; W. Ramsey, W.M. 1777; J. Finch, S.D. 1793; Fletcher Knight, W.M. 1326; John Pillew, P.M. 1793; E. W. Warner, W.M. 1793; E. Rogers, S.W. 1238; G. H. Carter, W.M. 1702; F. Chandler, W.M. 1656; John Read, J.W. 2105; A. J. Gant, P.M. 2004; T. R. Vassilla, S.W. 1326; J. Gillingham, P.M. 1238; W. S. Dunkley, I.P.M. 1777; E. V. Jolliffe, P.M. 1460; W. Birrell, P.M. 1310; J. Woodmason, W.M. 1637; R. C. Hall, W.M. 382; W. C. Williams, S.W. 865; T. L. Roberts, 354; J. K. Cama, 342; W. Poupard, S.D. 9; A. E. Staley, P.M. 185; John Hill, 1704; W. Iron, P.M. 1579; W. Beard, P.M. 946; A. Loft, W.M. 946; J. K. Gwyn, W.M. 1426; Thos. Roberts, 611; A. P. Cranch, P.M. 1669; J. A. Wilson, 1326; W. Spearing, W.M. 1512; R. Eales, J.W. 1512; A. Tucker, S.W. 1733; W. Blackburn, W.M. 1733; W. Footy, S.D. 1733; P. Monson, S.D. 1194; W. J. Porter, Org. 1793; G. L. Wingate, P.M. 1423; W. T. Peat, Sec. 1656; J. C. Radford, P.M. 1420; H. Sapsworth, 1656; G. Gregory, P.M. 2087; John Jones, 1897; H. Forss, 1326; J. Lawrence, J.W. 1326; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; A. C. Hunter, P.M. 1494; P. A. Scratchley, W.M. 706; S. A. Cooper, P.M. 1637; J. Etherington, W.M. 1310; T. Gurney, P.M. 1309; T. Brown, W.M. 1697; W. H. Rols, P.M. 946; N. D. Goodchild, 1637; L. M. Kaka, 2105; W. Lovelock, 1423; J. Beresford Ryley, M.D., P.M. 1423; E. A. Baber, P.M. 1238; D. Argyle, P.M. 946; E. Dalzell, S.W. 1549; Thos. Noton, P.M. 1309; S. W. Hanson, 1706; J. Crook, 1637; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; W. F. Marston Clark, 255; J. H. Wood, S.W. 1642; J. Baker, 2024; G. Hayne, 1612; H. Cutler, 231; J. G. Redman, 158; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; H. Dickey, S.W. 1744; F. R. Robinson, 2022; E. Storr, P.M. 167; G. Bugler, S.W. 975; J. E. Gentle, 1656; James Stevens, P.M. 720, &c.; J. A. Hammond, P.M. 1563; C. E. Tinney, P.M. 1319; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened,

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER rose and said the brethren would all be sorry to hear that their esteemed Prov. Grand Master was too unwell to be present on that occasion. He also read an extract from a letter he had received from Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, asking him to express to the brethren his extreme regret at his unavoidable absence, this being the first occasion he had not been present since his installation as Prov. Grand Master.

The roll of lodges having been called, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then moved, on behalf of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, and it was resolved unanimously, that the sum of 15 guineas be granted from the Provincial Benevolent Fund to each of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions.

The reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were then read and adopted, showing balances of £490 3s. 3d. and £7 19s. 8d. to the credit of the Benevolent Fund and General Fund, respectively.

It was next proposed by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. ARCHER, Prov. G. Treas., and unanimously agreed, that the two Provincial Funds—viz., the Fund of Benevolence and the General Purpose Fund—be merged into one Fund, in accordance with Rule 104 of the Book of Constitutions. In making this proposition, the D.P.G.M. said that the province had for some time past been acting contrary to the Book of Constitutions, and he had proposed this amalgamation in order to set them right. The total fees received were quite inadequate to cover the general expenses; but this would be remedied by amalgamating the two Funds, and they could still be able to vote any sums required for charitable purposes.

It having been agreed that the sum of £20 a year be allowed the Prov. Grand Secretary for clerk's services, instead of £10 as in the past, the D.G.M. proposed, and Bro. H. G. Buss, P.P.G. Treas., seconded, that a Sub-Committee of five be appointed to revise the bye-laws of the province. This was unanimously carried, and Bros. Hill, Tickle, Lee, and the two Prov. Grand Wardens were elected to constitute the Committee.

The next business proceeded with was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the DEPUTY G.M. in bringing this before the notice of the brethren read an extract from a letter from the Prov. Grand Master eulogising the valuable services of Bro. Archer, who had acted in that capacity during the past year, and recommending the advisability of re-appointing him. The Deputy G.M. then said he would endorse the Prov. Grand Master's opinion with his own. In Bro. Archer they had a Prov. Grand Treasurer who was exceptionally qualified for the post, being an old Mason and a banker by profession. It required a year for a brother to become acquainted with the duties, and by appointing a fresh one every year a great amount of unnecessary trouble was given to the Prov. Grand Secretary in instructing him. He had therefore much pleasure in proposing that Bro. Archer be re-elected.

Bro. PEARCE, P.P.G. Reg., seconded this proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then appointed and invested the following officers:—

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| Bro. K. R. Montgomery | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W    |
| " J. Ferguson         | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W.   |
| " Rev. S. Buller      | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " Rev. Joseph Baker   | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |

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| Bro. F. B. Archer (re-elected) ...     | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| " T. A. Woodbridge ...                 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| " J. F. H. Woodward (re-appointed) ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| " Dr. J. B. Ryley ...                  | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| " G. P. Gillard... ..                  | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| " R. H. Williams ...                   | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| " J. H. Fisher ...                     | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| " W. A. Scurrah ...                    | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| " H. T. Slyman ...                     | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C.  |
| " A. W. Gower ...                      | ... | ... | Prov. D.D. of C.  |
| " R. W. Fennell ...                    | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C.    |
| " A. C. Maybury ...                    | ... | ... | Prov. G.Swd. Br.  |
| " W. Vassila ...                       | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " G. Tegg ...                          | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " John Read ...                        | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " W. H. Lee (re-appointed) ...         | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.S.      |
| " John Gilbert ...                     | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler.   |
| " J. T. Briggs, 1503 ...               | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " E. Y. Jolliffe, 1460 ...             | ... | ... |                   |
| " Dr. Thos. Gurney, 1307 ...           | ... | ... |                   |
| " P. A. Scratchley, 708 ...            | ... | ... |                   |
| " E. E. Cooper, 1404 ...               | ... | ... |                   |
| " W. Trou, 1579 ...                    | ... | ... |                   |

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in investing Bro. J. F. H. Woodward as Prov. Grand Secretary, said that he was desired by the Prov. Grand Master to express his sincere thanks to that brother for again undertaking those onerous duties.

A petition was then read from the widow of a brother who had rendered good service, and was well-known in the province, asking for assistance, and on the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. G. FAHRENBAUGH, P.P.G.D., the sum of 30 guineas was voted.

A hearty vote of thanks was next passed to Lady Freake for her kindness in placing the Town Hall at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Lodge for the occasion.

On the motion of the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. PEARCE, P.P.G. Reg., a cordial vote of thanks was also given to the Citadel and Suburban Lodges, who had since the last meeting presented a standard and banner respectively to the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. F. H. WOODWARD, Prov. G. Sec., then intimated to the brethren that another standard was required to complete the set.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH thereupon stated that the Henry Levander Lodge, of which he was the W.M., would be pleased to supply the deficiency.

A vote of thanks having been passed to the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge for the use of their furniture, and there being no further Masonic business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Parish Church, where a short service was held, and an eloquent discourse given by the Rev. Spencer Bullen, Prov. G. Chap., on the principles of the Order.

On returning to the Town Hall, ample justice was done to a substantial repast, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being both received with the accustomed cordiality.

In proposing "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Earl of Lathom," Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Deputy Prov. G.M., said that in the Earl of Carnarvon the Craft possessed an excellent Pro Grand Master who was deservedly popular. That distinguished brother took a great interest in Freemasonry, and during the period that he was serving as Viceroy in Ireland he was in continual correspondence with the Grand Secretary in order to keep touch in the affairs of the Craft. Lord Lathom was also very popular, his genial presence being at all times cordially welcomed in Grand Lodge. There were two Grand Officers present—Bros. Buss and Cama. Bro. Buss had served a lifetime in Freemasonry, and had for many years rendered good suit and service to the Province of Middlesex as Prov. G. Treas. He had recently retired from active participation in the duties of Freemasonry, but all present desired that he might be spared for many years to enjoy his well-earned retirement. Bro. Cama, who had recently been elected G. Treasurer, was a Past Prov. Grand Officer of the province, and they congratulated him on his accession to that position. He (the Dep. P.G.M.) asked the brethren to give that toast a cordial reception, and he would couple with it the name of Bro. Cama.

Bro. D. P. CAMA, G. Treas., thanked the Dep. Prov. G.M. for the kind manner in which he had alluded to the Grand Officers, and the brethren for their reception of the toast. This was the first time he had had the opportunity of responding on behalf of the Grand Officers, and of expressing his gratification to the Craft for the honour conferred upon him by his recent election to the high and important office of Grand Treasurer. He was proud to hold such a distinguished position, but he felt that he was indebted to the Craft for the appointment, which he had attained solely by the suffrages of the brethren. He held the position as a gift from the Order, and as proving the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, for the office was not only for an Englishman, but was to be attained by any brother whom the Craft desired to honour, whatever his nationality.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master," and said he very much regretted the absence through ill health of Sir Francis Burdett, a feeling which was shared by every member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and all present were anxious for his speedy recovery, and sincerely wished him better health. This was the first time their Provincial Grand Master had been absent since his appointment, and they were all aware that nothing but ill health would have prevented his attendance. Most of the brethren would know how well Sir Francis had presided over the province, and the wonderful way in which he had devoted his time to visiting the lodges. He was a very active and energetic Provincial Grand Master, and was constantly encouraging the younger brethren to work and come forward, rewarding those who had rendered good service, and doing all he could to promote the good of the Craft. He was a kind and courteous gentleman, and the youngest Mason in the province was sure to receive from him a kindly and cordial greeting. These qualities had gained for him the respect, esteem, and love of the brethren, and he (the Dep. Prov. G.M.), therefore, asked them to heartily drink to the health, the better health, of their Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. H. G. BUSS, P. Asst. G. Sec., then said it afforded him much pleasure to propose "The Health of their Chairman, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M." In rising to propose his health, he felt a con-

siderable amount of diffidence, for Bro. Thrupp had filled the position of Dep. Prov. G.M. with so much ability, that few words would be necessary from him to ensure the toast being warmly received. The flourishing state of the province was no doubt due to the admirable manner in which it had been supervised by Bro. Thrupp, and the brethren would therefore heartily receive this toast.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Dep. Prov. G.M., sincerely thanked Bro. Buss for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their cordial reception. He received his instructions from the Prov. Grand Master, and in visiting the various lodges it gave him much pleasure to bestow praise when he found the work was done well. It was better to praise than to find fault, and he had found that the brethren whom he had met in the province had always received any hints that he made in a kindly spirit. He took the present opportunity of thanking them for the kind reception he always met with, and regretted that, owing to the large number of lodges and chapters in the province, he could not visit them more frequently. He was always pleased to be among them, and hoped to be spared for many years to be of service to the Province of Middlesex.

"The Provincial Grand Officers" was next given by the DEP. PROV. G. MASTER, who remarked that it was no easy task to select Prov. Grand Officers from among the Past Masters and brethren who had rendered good service to the province. There was no doubt that on the present occasion the Prov. G. Master had been well advised in his selection, and he hoped that the rest of the brethren would not envy them their preferment. In the Prov. G.S.W. they had a brother who was well known for his valuable services in the province, and who had won the esteem of all who knew him. In Bro. Ferguson, the Prov. G.J.W., they also had a brother who had performed his work well, and the whole body of Prov. G. Officers had rendered good service in the Craft. It would not be necessary for him to say anything about their Prov. G. Chaplain, who had spoken for himself in the admirable address they had heard that day. It was a sermon which would touch the hearts of the brethren, and he was glad to welcome Bro. Buller amongst the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. R. MONTGOMERY, Prov. G.S.W., in response, tendered his sincere thanks for the reception accorded the toast. He also had to tender the thanks of the Prov. G. Officers for the honours they had received, and which they duly appreciated. Middlesex being so large a province, it was one of the most distinguished honours a Mason could attain, to be selected as one of the P.G. Officers. They would, one and all, do their utmost to support the Prov. G. Master, and sustain the dignity of the province.

"The Visitors" was next given by the DEP. PROV. G. MASTER, who said he hoped the visitors would go away with a good impression, and that they had found them a band of brothers, doing all they could for the welfare of the province. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Poupard, who had rendered valuable service, and hoped that this would not be the last occasion on which that brother's name would be mentioned with the visitors.

Bro. POUPARD responded on behalf of the visitors, thanking the brethren for the hospitality they had received.

Bro. J. STEVENS, P.M., also responded, remarking that he was pleased to have the opportunity of expressing his admiration of the manner in which the work of the province was conducted. They had had the opportunity of listening to an address which would sink deep into the hearts of all. No visitor could go away on that occasion without feeling that it had been a great exemplification of the hospitality of Masonry.

The Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close. During the evening an excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. Charles Stevens, P.P.G. Org. Middx., who was ably assisted by Bros. T. W. Hanson, Arthur Cranch, C. E. Tinney, W. Sexton, and W. W. Lee.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.**

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire met at the Town Hall, Grantham, on Thursday, the 27th ult., when there were present a large number of brethren from the county. The Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Major Smyth, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, at 12 o'clock entered the lodge, which had been previously opened by the Master of the Doric Lodge, No. 362, and were received with Grand honours. The formal business having been completed, the Provincial Grand Master installed his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

|   |     |     |                   |
|---|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Bro. A. G. Gamble, 362 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W.      |
| " W. Pollitt, 1294 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W.      |
| " Rev. B. Matthews, 469 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " Rev. W. H. Mills, 712 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " C. M. Nesbitt, 712 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| " H. Watson, 297 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| " B. Vickers, 297 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| " H. Pratt, 1386 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| " H. Dove ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| " A. S. Steffenson, 792 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| " W. H. Roberts, 792 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C.  |
| " R. Mackinder, 426 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.ofC.  |
| " G. H. Williams, 2081 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " C. F. Leversidge, 422 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " J. Walter, 1304 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Scott ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " J. Williamson, 297 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Sec.   |
| " T. Stainforth, 1482 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| " F. Cartwright, 1893 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| Bros. Benner, 469; Duke, 792; H. E. Cousans, 297; Wood, 1482; and J. Spring, 1282 ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |

At the conclusion of the installation P.G. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards dined together at Westgate Hall.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.**

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Friday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., in the unavoidable absence of Lord Methuen, Prov. Grand Master.

The usual business having been transacted, Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, addressing the brethren, said he would then proceed to the most interesting part of the day's proceedings, which was to present to Bro. Henry C. Tombs, Past Prov. Grand Secretary, the piece of plate which had been purchased pursuant to the vote of Provincial Grand

Lodge at its last meeting. Bro. Tombs in the 17 years during which he filled the office of Secretary for that province had, in that capacity, secured the goodwill of every Wiltshire Mason. His work had been arduous, and he had performed it in such a way as to be of the greatest assistance and benefit to Masonry, and doubtless it was owing to his untiring efforts, to a great extent, that the number of brethren in the province had increased from about 200, when he took office, to nearly 450, when he resigned. He asked Bro. Tombs to accept that little gift, not for its intrinsic worth, but to remind him and his family of the appreciation and goodwill of the brethren.

The piece of plate, which consisted of a silver salver, weighing 133 ozs., dating from the reign of George I., and which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.G. S.W., and Prov. G. Secretary Wilts, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, 5th Nov., 1884."—was then handed to Bro. Tombs.

Bro. TOMBS warmly expressed his acknowledgment of the kindness of the brethren—a kindness, he said, which he should ever remember. Masonry had ever, from the time of his initiation, possessed for him a great charm; he looked upon it as a bulwark against the infidelity and discontent which were now more than ever showing themselves in various quarters, and he assured those present that, so far as lay in his power, his best efforts would always be available to further the interests of the Craft. He asked the brethren to accept and believe in his warmest gratitude, though he could not find words to express how fully he appreciated their kindness. He could not refrain, before sitting down, from expressing his high opinion of the exquisite taste which had been shown by the Prov. G. Treasurer and the other members of the Committee appointed for the purpose, in their selection of the beautiful work of art now before them.

The following investments of Prov. Grand Officers for the year ensuing were made:—

|  |     |     |     |                   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Bro. W. Nott, 663 ...                            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W.      |
| " George Lopes, 626 ...                          | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W.      |
| " Rev. T. J. Heard, 1478 ...                     | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " F. H. Goldney, 626 (re-elected) ...            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| " H. Merrick, 1271 (reappointed) ...             | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| " H. Bevir, 355 (reappointed) ...                | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| " A. J. Bevan, 1271 ...                          | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| " T. Reeves, 1478 ...                            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| " W. Dean, 1295 ...                              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| " J. Chandler, 355, P.P.G.S.W. (reappointed) ... | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C.      |
| " H. I. Ward, 663 ...                            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C.    |
| " J. Green, 355 ...                              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.Swd. Br.  |
| " H. Millington, 632 ...                         | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " F. J. Hannan, 586 ...                          | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| " W. Pullin, 1478 ...                            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| " T. S. Hill, 632 ...                            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " G. North, 1295 ...                             | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwd.    |
| " H. Howse, 663 ...                              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwd.    |
| " J. Savory (re-elected) ...                     | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler.   |

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES.**

By direction of Bro. Charles Hunter, the R.W.P.G.M.M. of the Province of North Wales, a Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, being preceded by a quarterly meeting of the St. David's Lodge of Mark Masons. The R.W.P.G.M.M. presided, and the various lodges in the province were fully represented.

The R.W.P.G.M.M., in opening the Grand Lodge, said that he was glad to inform the brethren that the G.M.M. of England (Bro. the Earl of Kintore) had been pleased to reappoint him as head of the province for the next three years. He had to announce, with a feeling of regret, which he was sure would be shared by the brethren, that, owing to to increasing age and infirmity, the D.P.G.M.M. (Bro. Dr. Roden), who had served the province so ably during a long period, had expressed a wish to retire. The selection of a successor had caused great anxiety and much consideration, but he was glad to inform the brethren that he had succeeded in finding one whose appointment would be generally satisfactory throughout the province, and who would bring to the discharge of his duties all those excellent qualities which had characterised the Masonic career of Bro. Roden—and that was Bro. Gordon Warren.

The Prov. Grand Officers were appointed as follows:—

|                                 |     |     |     |                    |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|
| Bro. Major Hunter ...           | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.M.       |
| " Lieut.-Col. Gordon Warren ... | ... | ... | ... | Prov. D.G.M.M.     |
| " W. H. Foulkes ...             | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.         |
| " W. O. Thomas ...              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O.       |
| " Dr. T. Davies ...             | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.O.       |
| " G. F. Felton ...              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.O.       |
| " Rev. H. Thomas ...            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap.     |
| " Rev. H. Lloyd ...             | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap.     |
| " W. D. Henderson ...           | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg.      |
| " G. L. Woodley ...             | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec.      |
| " R. Owen ...                   | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.S.       |
| " R. S. Chamberlain ...         | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.    |
| " C. H. Deburg, 606 ...         | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D.       |
| " D. J. Pritchard ...           | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D.       |
| " J. Burton ...                 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.I. of Wks. |
| " Wynn Williams ...             | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. D. of C.  |
| " H. G. Little ...              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D. of C. |
| " G. L. Clewes ...              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br.  |
| " Donald Cameron ...            | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br.  |
| " J. Williams ...               | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.      |
| " H. Steer ...                  | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G.       |
| " J. A. Powell ...              | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. S.S.      |

Amongst others present were Bros. C. Davies, W. Woodley, W. L. Banks, Dr. R. Roberts, H. Summerville, F. C. Watkins, K. M'Ewen, L. Hazeldine, and others.

Following the lodge proceedings a banquet was held at the Imperial Hotel, Bro. Chantrey catering.

Bros. Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and Baron H. de Worms, M.P., are among those who have subscribed or promised subscription to a window proposed to be placed in St. Margaret's, Westminster, as a memorial to the late Lord Farborough, so well known to our readers as Sir T. Eschine May, who survived but a very short time his retirement from the Clerkship of the House of Commons.

**EARLY CHESTER MASONRY.**

(From the Grand Lodge Records.)

By BRO. H. SADLER.

Chester seems to have been amongst the first of the Provincial Cities to come under the influence and protection of the Grand Lodge formed in London in 1717, having been preceded only by Bath, Bristol, Norwich, and Chichester. It is, however, undoubtedly in connection with Chester Masonry that the term Provincial Grand Master is first used in the records of Grand Lodge. The first written list of lodges in the Grand Lodge books begins in 1723, and is very incomplete; out of 52 lodges mentioned only 36 have the names of the members recorded. It contains only three lodges meeting out of London, viz., at Acton, Edgeworth, and Richmond, in Surrey. The second list is thus headed:—

A list of the Regular Constituted Lodges together with the names of the Masters and Wardens and Members of each Lodge as by account deliver'd at a Quarterly Communication held 27th November 1725.

The 49th lodge in this list is the "Sunn in Chester;" it numbers 28 members, as follows:

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Coll. Ffa. Columbine, Provincial Grand Mar. |                                    |
| Samll. Smith Deputy                         |                                    |
| Coll. Herbt. Laurence                       | } Wardens                          |
| Captain Hugh Warburton                      |                                    |
| Hezekiah Hall Bachelor of Phisick, Mar.     |                                    |
| Edwd. Clegg                                 | } Wardens                          |
| Kiffin Williams                             |                                    |
| John Tristram                               | Captn. John Vanberg                |
| John Nichols                                | Albertus Burnaby                   |
| John Duneld                                 | Roger Cumberbach Esqr.             |
| Solomon Tovey                               | Chas. Clayton Esqr.                |
| Wm. Wightman                                | Captn. Robt. Frazier               |
| Alderman Edwd. Burroughs                    | Willm. Dance Esqr.                 |
| Captn. Chas. Crossley                       | Lieut. William Tong                |
| Lt. Coll. John Lee                          | Ensign Chas. Gordon                |
| Richd. Clark                                | Walter Warburton, Cornett of Horse |
| Chas. Young                                 | Thos. Hales.                       |
| Thos. Lee                                   |                                    |

The next lodge, the 50th on the list (for at this period the lodges were not known by any particular number, as in the present day) is the "Spread Eagle" in Chester, which also comprises 28 members, as under:

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Wm. Glauer, Mar. | Thomas Davis        |
| Mr. Rich: Gough      | Wm. Pulford         |
| Mr. Joseph Dennis    | Thos. Foulkes       |
| Coll. Wm. Probey     | Jno. Cross          |
| John Brook           | Marmaduke Spence    |
| Wm. Normington       | Wm. Taylor          |
| Thos. Vause          | Jams. Peacock       |
| Jno. Heycock         | Ralph Dutton        |
| Thos. Mulleney       | Joseph Sewell       |
| Wm. Milton           | Ensign Par, Donough |
| Wm. Ledsham          | Wm. Selbey          |
| Thos. Rawley         | Chas. Whitehead     |
| Robt. Biggs          | Victor Osborne      |
| Thos. Leech          |                     |

The 51st on the list is also a Chester Lodge, held at the "Castle and Faulkon, in Chester," and numbers 24 members, viz:—

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Mr. John Coleclough, Mar. | Jno. Ffoulkes    |
| Mr. Hugh Jones            | Saml. Dennall    |
| Mr. Thos. Garnull         | Henry Winstanley |
| Richd. Ormes              | Thos. Steel      |
| Benjn. Williams           | Robt. Massey     |
| Richd. Benjamin           | Wm. Smith        |
| Peter Robinson            | Richd. Jennison  |
| Dan Okell                 | Jno. Taylor      |
| James Ordes               | Andr. Middleton  |
| John Briscoe              | Thos. Kettle     |
| Chas. Cottingham          |                  |
| Benjn. Worrall            |                  |
| Wm. Williams              |                  |
| Jno. Crane                |                  |

It will thus be seen that in the year 1725 three different lodges were meeting in Chester, although only two appear in the Engraved List for that year; this list, however, only professes to give the lodges "Constituted till March 25th, 1725" and the information with regard to the Chester lodges is provokingly meagre, neither the sign of the houses in which they were held nor the day of meeting being given, nothing in fact but the words—"City of Chester" in both instances. How long they had been working prior to 1725, we have here no means of ascertaining, but from the number of members on the books of each lodge it is but natural to conclude that they had been in existence several years at least. Unfortunately, we have no Engraved List of Lodges between the one last mentioned, 1725, and the one dated 1729, really published in 1728, in which, as in the former list only two Chester lodges are mentioned, viz., No. 32, at the Pyot Bull, Northgate Street, and No. 33, at the Castle and Falcon, Watergate Street. Perhaps Bros. Hughan or Lane can tell us what has become of the third lodge. The oldest document given verbatim in the Records of Grand Lodge is the letter from Chester, mentioned in my communication on "Early Deputations" of the 3rd of April, and is as follows:—

A Copy of the Lre from Chester.  
Rt. Worshipfull Grand Master.

At the request and in the name of the whole fraterinity of Masons in this Province, we are to express to your Worship, as far as we are able, the full sense we have of the great honour done us by your Worships most affectionate Lre and the kind visitation of our lodges by your most acceptable Deputy, which likewise Brother Comberbach, Provincial Grand Warden (the bearer hereof), is authorized and required to do in person.

Were it possible for Masonry to receive an additional lustre, it could never have greater advantages than under the influence and Protection of two such Eminent and industrious Ornaments of it.

Our whole fraterinity are resolved in our strenuous endeavours to deserve such high compliments, by improving ourselves in all Masonlike accomplishments and by shewing our most Chearfull obedience and extensive Gratitude to our Superiors in London and Westminster.

For ourselves in particular we shall in our respective Stations contribute our utmost efforts towards the well-ordering and advancement of Masonry amongst us, for which purpose weshall make the Great application and other perfections in Masonry which are transcendent in your Worship the most Conspicuous pattern of our Imitation.

We are with hearts as full of integrity as Masonry can inspire,

My Lord,  
Your Worships most obliged, most obedient, and most faithful brethren,

H. WARBURTON, P.G.M.  
SAML. SMITH, D.P.G.M.  
ROGER COMBERBACH, P.G.W.  
JOAN COLECLOUGH, P.G.W.

From the Castle and Falcon Lodge in Chester,  
15th April, 1727.

Unfortunately the Grand Master's letter mentioned above is not entered in the book; in all probability it was written by himself, and never came before the Grand Lodge.

It is much to be regretted that the healthy and promising youth of these early Chester lodges was not, as might reasonably have been anticipated, followed by a vigorous old age. Of the three that were undoubtedly in active working in 1725, one disappears from the list before 1729, another is struck off at the closing up of the numbers in 1740, and the third meets with a like fate on a similar occasion in 1755.

Having carefully examined the records of Grand Lodge from 1723, when the oldest minute book begins, down to Decr., 1756, I can safely say that no other reference to the Chester lodges is to be found during that period than those now given and in the before mentioned letter, with the exception of the following item, which, however, has no connection with the three old lodges, but refers to the granting of a constitution for a new one: "13th April, 1739, Horse and Groom, Chester, Constn. £2 2s." Notwithstanding the fine promises contained in the letter of 1727, I cannot find that the members of the old lodges in Chester ever attended Grand Lodge or paid anything to the Charity.

Several curious points in connection with this subject remain unsolved, and are worthy of further consideration.

It would be interesting to know who appointed Coll. Columbine Provincial Grand Master, when he was appointed, and how far his jurisdiction extended. Was he a local resident, or merely on military duty in the neighbourhood? If the latter, it will account for another Provincial Grand Master having been appointed in 1726 or 27. His office must have been recognised and acknowledged by the Masonic powers of the day, or his name and rank would not have been so carefully recorded in the Grand Lodge book. And yet Anderson in his Constitutions, 1738, completely ignores him. In giving a list of the deputations granted by different Grand Masters, he says:—"Thus on 10 May, 1727, Inchiquin, Grand Master, granted a Deputation to Hugh Warburton, Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master of North Wales at Chester." And this heads the list of deputations. He next mentions Sir Edward Mansell's appointment for South Wales, 24th June following. The date of the letter from Chester (15th April), which was read in Grand Lodge on the 10th May, and was an answer to a letter from the Grand Master, leads me to infer that Anderson is in error as to the date of the granting of the Deputation, and that the letter from the Grand Master there referred to was really the Deputation appointing Hugh Warburton P.G.M., and was written either by Lord Inchiquin very soon after his installation 27th February, 1727, or by his predecessor, Lord Paisley. Entick in the revised Constitutions, 1756, says that both Mansell's and Warburton's Deputations were granted by Lord Paisley in 1726.

Thinking it just possible I might find some of the names of the early Chester Masons amongst the members of the London lodges in 1723 and 1725, I have examined them carefully, but met with no success in that direction.

### THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK AND THE QUEBEC DIFFICULTY.

We have received from R.W. Bro. Albert E. Goodall, Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of New York, an extract from the address of M.W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, relative to the pending question between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of New York, held June 1st, 1886.

#### FOREIGN RELATIONS.

"The relations of this Grand Lodge with other Grand Bodies have remained of the most fraternal and harmonious character. Elsewhere, throughout the Masonic world, such appears also to be the general condition of affairs. A single exception exists to this happy state, arising out of the pending matter of difference between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was brought to my notice in August last, by the transmission of papers from the last named Grand Body, including an edict proclaiming certain lodges located at Quebec, and working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, irregular and illegal. The dispute thus communicated to the Masonic world is one of long standing, and presents little that is new to those conversant with Masonic affairs. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed in 1869, in territory which at that time was under the jurisdiction of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, organised some 10 years before. The lodges now declared to be irregular were in existence before the establishment of the last named Grand Lodge, and have always retained their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, declining to place themselves under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges either of Canada or Quebec. The latter Grand Lodge claims that, as a consequence of its establishment and general recognition, it acquired such exclusive jurisdiction within the territory accorded to it as to render it the duty of all the lodges previously erected therein to sever their existing allegiance and place themselves under its control. The Grand Lodge of England, besides disputing the soundness of the principle here asserted, declares that its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada was made and accepted with the express condition that the English lodges within the territory of that Grand Body were to continue undisturbed in their allegiance and privileges, and, in view of this arrangement, it is contended that when, in 1869, the Grand Lodge of Quebec became the successor to the Grand Lodge of Canada, it acquired no greater rights within the territory to which it succeeded than had previously been possessed by the latter Grand Body. As to the compact claimed to have been made between the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, the English contention is fully supported by the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made to this Grand Lodge in 1871, which Committee, before recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, appears to have given exhaustive attention to this general subject as it then existed. While fully believing in the American doctrine of the supreme and exclusive jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge within the territory which it controls, I do not consider that that doctrine should extend to the length of rendering Masonic Bodies previously enjoying a lawful existence within such territory clandestine or illegal, because of their refusal to abandon their previous allegiance, and place themselves under the authority of the newly-created Grand Lodge. The Grand Master of Masons in this State in 1879, in addressing this Grand Lodge upon the subject of the somewhat similar issue then raised by Quebec, as against the Grand Lodge of Scotland, expressed the opinion that the general current of authority is

opposed to such construction of the rights of a newly-created Grand Lodge; and in that view of the subject your present Grand Master entirely concurs. If this is the correct view of the question involved in this controversy, we cannot endorse the action of Quebec; but must deplore the fact that that Grand Body should have thought it necessary to proceed to the severance of fraternal relations, rather than wait the time when the lodges in question should find it for their interest to place themselves within the folds of its fraternal protection."

### THE ANGLO-QUEBEC DISPUTE.

The American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, within well-defined natural or political limits, is modern, and is not based upon any symbolism. It has come about as a convenient mode of precaution against vexatious collisions, and for this reason has been widely adopted, and should be recognised by all; but it cannot be rightfully exacted as an obligation, except from those whose assent thereto has been expressly given.

But it is clearly noticeable throughout all the phases of the history of this dispute, that the Grand Lodge of England has ever studiously avoided distinctly committing herself upon this question. This is particularly obvious in every detail of her late retaliatory proceedings, and especially by her conspicuous silence upon this point in her official documents communicating her deliberations and decision to the authorities of Illinois, although the provocation and respective edicts and proclamation were wholly based thereon. Indeed, so far as the writer has been able to discover, in every instance theretofore, and especially in her recognition and dealings with Grand Lodges on this continent, organised expressly on this principle, she has been passive on this doctrine, and has observed the same only as a matter of mere policy and toleration, and for the sake of harmony. It is true she justified her refusal to withdraw her charters from the lodges of Montreal, by the authority of covenants entered into between the Grand Lodges of Canada and herself at the former's organisation in 1855 authorising their continuance; but it is equally true that she now bases her protection also upon the fact that the said lodges have "existed and were working long before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec." (Italics mine.)

Upon considerable research and mature reflection, I have come to the conclusion that this doctrine of coercion, on formation of Grand Lodges as well as afterward on lodges not assenting or on their affiliations, is fundamentally and radically wrong, and is a fungus of modern growth.

If it is correct that sovereignty of a Grand Lodge resides within itself, it is impotent to exercise sovereign power without or beyond its own constituent lodges, which constitute the limit of its jurisdiction; and that it is not false is amply proved by the very inability of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to enforce its constitution, laws and edicts in the foreign lodges, except by the attempt of revolutionary acts of isolation and oppression.

That the assertion that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is the only source of Masonic power within the province of that name, is only true to its own constituent lodges, is proven by the inverse fact that the constituents are the only fountain, not only of its own authority, but of its very life. Furthermore, the truth of the assertion that there can rightfully be no such thing as coercion of lodges to affiliation, or to change the same against their will, is also traceable inversely to its indisputable source.

No Grand Lodge can exist without lodges, which in turn depend for life upon membership, but no man can be made a Mason accept at his own free will and accord, and no Grand Lodge nor Grand Master in the world can compel him when so made to change his affiliation against his will, and it would be a contradiction to assume that a lodge—being itself but the aggregation of its membership—can be forced to do that into which none of its individual members can be coerced.

I am well aware that I am advocating principles here at war with practices which have been prevalent in the Grand Lodge of Illinois for many years, and hence unpopular; and that many of my brethren, older in experience, superior in intellect, and high in official station, and being deservedly powerful in its councils and decisions have been, and probably will continue, sincerely attached to opposite opinions; and being entirely cognizant of the latent force of kindred minds, and withal of my own insignificance, I cannot and do not hope to revolutionize its policy. However, circumstances are more powerful than men; hence it may be possible that some of my experienced brethren have been enchained thereby, but now free, may on reflection see things in a different light and change their minds. For myself I have, for obvious reasons, given the subject treated anxious thought and mature deliberation; hence my conviction has not been arrived at by jumping to conclusions. I feel that I stand upon a rock which I can defend, and that "truth is mighty and must prevail."—"Lux è Tenebra" in the *Voice of Masonry*.

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 vincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland," "Freimaurer-  
 Zeitung," "Fish Culture," "P. ceedings of the Provincial Grand  
 Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry in Western India," "Sunday  
 Times" (London), and "Historical Sketch of Music."



SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of  
 the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit  
 of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free  
 discussion.]

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 Kindly permit me once again to refer to a few of  
 the remarks of "Lex Scripta," in your issue of 29th ult.  
 and 5th inst.  
 He says I have not refuted his arguments, but if he is  
 not yet convinced I fear my poor powers of reasoning by  
 analogy and common sense from both the written law and  
 the unwritten law, or practice and custom, will fall sadly  
 short of that desirable object.  
 "Lex Scripta" asserts that Past Masters are lodge officers,  
 and, with the greatest possible magnanimity, refers me to  
 the Book of Constitutions as a whole to prove his assertion.  
 I state that P.M.'s are not lodge officers, but with par-  
 simonious reserve decline to take the Book as a whole for  
 such purpose. I am content with such articles in the Book  
 as bear upon the subject, and desire to shut "Lex  
 Scripta" within the same close bounds.  
 He admits that 129 does not describe P.M.'s as officers,  
 but asserts that "omission is not prohibition." Well, in  
 my humble opinion, in this particular case, if in no others,  
 it does, for it first describes of whom the regular officers  
 consist, and then proceeds to say what other officers the  
 W.M. may appoint. I would like to be informed how a  
 Past Master can be an officer if neither elected or appointed  
 to an office?  
 "Lex Scripta" admits he cannot find collars provided for  
 Past Masters unless as officers; in this he agrees with me—  
 and he also admits that a P.M. is neither a "regular" nor a  
 "necessary" officer; and yet he asks "Why is an acting  
 I.P.M. appointed at the consecration of a new lodge?" To  
 this I reply, custom only and not law, and yet even this  
 custom might possibly be impossible. For instance, where  
 would "Lex Scripta" get his first I.P.M. if there did not  
 happen to be a P.M. amongst the founders, petitioners, or  
 affiliates?  
 "Lex Scripta" cannot see by Art. 9, a "distinctive  
 personal right" of membership of Grand Lodge for a  
 P.M. who subscribes continuously apart from his repre-  
 sentation of a lodge. Well, I cannot see the "representa-  
 tion." He is also puzzled about Art. 109, but it is only  
 because he cannot get it to serve his purpose, and he there-  
 fore passes it as unimportant. I do not pass it by so  
 lightly. I again ask, who does such a P.M. represent? He

has ceased to subscribe to the lodge in which he served as  
 Master, and therefore, after twelve months' non-subscription  
 to that lodge he loses his Grand Lodge membership, as  
 attained through that lodge, and consequently, even if he  
 had represented that lodge, his representation does not  
 any longer exist; but if within the prescribed twelve months  
 he becomes a subscribing member to another lodge, he  
 retains his Grand Lodge membership, but is he thereby an  
 officer and a representative of the Lodge of Affiliation? I  
 think my way is the simplest as well as the most reasonable  
 and common sense one, viz., he is a past officer of the  
 lodge in which he held office, quite in the same way as a  
 Past Grand Officer may still be spoken of as a Past Grand  
 Officer even if he resigns the Craft altogether; but a past  
 officer of a lodge, unless he has served the office of Master,  
 or is serving as Master or Warden, has no rank in or mem-  
 bership of Grand Lodge, but having once served the office  
 of Master there is a special rule made to constitute him a  
 member of Grand Lodge so long as he continues to sub-  
 scribe to any lodge, but if he ceases for twelve months to  
 subscribe to any lodge he loses his Grand Lodge rank, and  
 cannot regain it till he again serves as Master, and yet  
 wherever he goes he is still a P.M., and may be spoken of  
 as such, whether he subscribe or not. But if he rejoins  
 the lodge in which he served as Master, or if he joins  
 another lodge after the lapse of twelve months, he may,  
 under certain circumstances, even take the chair and rule  
 the lodge, or even represent the Master in various ways,  
 but that does not constitute him an officer; he is simply  
 acting as an Installed Master in the Craft, although he has  
 forfeited his Grand Lodge membership.

"Lex Scripta" speaks of a supposed ruling of a Grand  
 Registrar! What is the use of a ruling of a Grand  
 Registrar when no one knows of it but his correspondent?  
 To be of any practical utility, he ought to report the ques-  
 tion and his reply to the Board of General Purposes, and  
 they should embody it in their report to Grand Lodge,  
 where alone it can be made of any effect, otherwise it is of  
 no more value than "Lex Scripta's" opinion or my own.  
 For instance, how many members and officers of Grand  
 Lodge know now, or have any means of knowing, that our  
 Board of General Purposes hold that the word "officers"  
 in 308 "was intended to and does include Past Masters?"  
 If the members of Grand Lodge were made aware of this  
 fact they might possibly ask—by whom was it intended  
 that the word officers should include Past Masters? The  
 answer could not be that Grand Lodge so intended, for the  
 point was not raised in Grand Lodge, and if it was only in  
 the intention of the Board of General Purposes, they should  
 have made their intention known, and had it confirmed or  
 otherwise; but when the Board of General Purposes adds  
 that it does include P.M.'s, it is high time for P.M.'s to  
 speak out and say whether it is their will to have it so.  
 "Lex Scripta's" note in your issue of 5th inst. strongly  
 reminds me of the story of the old woman who, by reason  
 of the waters that overwhelmed her could no longer call  
 out scissors, held her hand up and imitated the motion of  
 a pair in the operation of cutting! Nay, more; he not  
 only persists in his term "officers" as in the inclusive  
 sense, but he claims that I have proved his argument!  
 Happy brother! It would be a sin on my part to disturb  
 your equanimity by further scribbling.—With fraternal  
 love and commiseration, I remain,  
 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 I am disappointed that no brother has ventured to  
 answer Bro. Budden's enquiry in your issue of 8th May.  
 "At what date were Past Masters admitted as members  
 of Grand Lodge?" Even Bro. Hughan or Bro. Gould might  
 not consider it beneath their research and reply.  
 Bro. Budden's own references go to show that there was  
 even a time when Past Grand Officers were not members  
 of Grand Lodge, not even Past Grand Masters nor Past  
 Deputy Grand Masters nor Past Wardens, but as these are  
 admitted in an official and legal way according to "Ahimon  
 Rezon," Art. xii., to which he refers, it may be inferred at  
 least, that their presence and assistance was desirable if  
 not requisite; but even yet at that point Past Grand  
 Officers below the rank of Past Grand Wardens were as  
 much outside the rank of membership of Grand Lodge as  
 Past Masters were.  
 At Grand Lodge, December, 1813, it was resolved "That  
 the laws and regulations which existed in the two Societies  
 previous to the re-union should be referred to the Board of  
 General Purposes." After various amendments, revisions,  
 &c., the code was definitely approved and ordered to come  
 into force November 1st, 1815, subject to revision in three  
 years from that date. The laws were revised again in  
 February, 1819, accordingly, and even in that revision the  
 Grand Stewards of the year were not specially mentioned  
 amongst the "managers" any more than Past Masters,  
 although they as well as Past Masters are granted rank as  
 members.  
 Possibly it was about that time that Past Masters were  
 admitted as members, for, so far as I can trace, Masters  
 and Wardens were the representatives of their lodges ever  
 since Grand Lodge was established, and were delegated to  
 attend to the interests of their respective lodges, and were  
 even bound to carry out the instructions of their lodges,  
 but Past Masters were never so unless when representing  
 the Master. But as Past Grand Officers, as well as Past  
 Masters, are now so numerous a section of the membership  
 of Grand Lodge, and space so limited, it may be a legiti-  
 mate enquiry, how to accommodate the members to the  
 space, so that the actual representatives be not crowded  
 out. But if Past Masters have to be thrown overboard, the  
 time may also arrive when Past Grand Officers may have  
 to go out too, to lighten the ship, for it may be argued that  
 one has as much right there as the other, whereas, Masters  
 and Wardens must remain, or the representative character of  
 Grand Lodge will be destroyed.—Yours, very fraternally,  
 P.M.

INCONGRUOUS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 The interesting discussion in your columns re  
 "Past Masters' Collars" should not be thrown away. Some  
 metropolitan brother should be patriotic enough to bring the  
 subject before Grand Lodge. Extremes often meet. I  
 was at a meeting of a Craft lodge the other day when an  
 installation ceremony was going on. The mayor of the

town was ushered in with much pomp, clad in an ordinary  
 blue Masonic apron, but with his mayor's badge of office  
 round his neck suspended from a scarlet ribbon. The  
 Director of Ceremonies, with wand in hand, conducted the  
 mayor to a seat to the right of the W.M. and next to a high  
 official of the province.

Now this civic dignitary went through his degrees in  
 Masonry ten years ago, and then resigned, and has only  
 very lately joined a lodge again. His worship has never  
 filled any office in the Craft, nor been of any service to it as  
 I can learn, yet all this show simply because he is mayor of  
 the town. A Past Master took exception to the mayor  
 wearing his badge of office in the lodge, qualifying his  
 objection that the mayor might wear his badge and even his  
 scarlet gown if he liked at the banquet table. But the  
 mayor was equal to the occasion by replying, "You, Mister  
 Past Master, don't know everything, for the Lord Mayor of  
 London wore his badge of office in Grand Lodge to my  
 certain knowledge." Now I should like to contradict this  
 assertion of the provincial mayor.

Can you enlighten me, and can you lay down the law in  
 the matter? Is a Past Master's collar of less importance in  
 a lodge than a mayor's collar and badge of office?—Yours  
 truly,  
 P.M., P.Z.

June 9th, 1886.

DURHAM MASONIC CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 You are "strictly correct" when you say "We  
 believe the series was inaugurated by Bro. Dr. Hill Drury."  
 Had you said that I was the first to publish "A Calendar  
 for the Province of Durham" you would not have been  
 "strictly correct." I have asked several brethren about  
 Bro. Brignall's Calendar, but only one of them ever heard  
 of it, and he states that, as far as he remembers, it was a  
 very much smaller publication and contained very meagre  
 details. A small but very useful Calendar was published  
 by Bro. J. H. Coates, of Sunderland, in 1874, and con-  
 tinued in 1875, but whether after that year I cannot say.  
 The present series is on exactly the same lines and arrange-  
 ment as my Calendar, and is in every respect a continua-  
 tion of mine. The present issue contains rather more in-  
 formation, e.g., a list of Past Provincial Officers and the  
 particulars of those Mark Lodges and Knight Preceptories  
 which, though not held in the Province of Durham, are  
 under the direction of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge and  
 Provincial Grand Priory of Northumberland and Durham.  
 I agree with you that a list of the Charitable votes in the  
 province would be a valuable addition to this useful publi-  
 cation, and I would also suggest that the names of those  
 Past Provincial Officers who are dead be printed in italics.  
 —Yours fraternally,  
 C. D. HILL DRURY, M.D.



The "York College" of the Rosicrucians has started a  
 quarterly journal, as a permanent record of its transactions.  
 Not only is this a step in the right direction, but it is one  
 which ought to be followed by other branches of the  
 Society, and we understand that a similar publication will  
 be issued almost immediately by the Metropolitan College.  
 The Chiefs of the Order, the learned and distinguished  
 Magi, are determined to seize the "golden opportunity"  
 by utilizing the association to the fullest extent possible, as  
 a means of drawing together and holding assemblies of the  
 numerous intelligent brethren of the Craft, who want but  
 to be thus combined to constitute a grand medium for the  
 critical study of Masonic history and other cognate sub-  
 jects. Any way, the "York College" has determined to  
 do its duty in the matter, and has set an example for the  
 several Colleges, scattered over England and elsewhere, to  
 follow. We may be told that, though there are many  
 Rosicrucians, there is but one Whythead, and to a certain  
 extent we are prepared to agree with such a view. On the  
 other hand, a cursory glance over the rolls of country  
 members reveals the fact that there is no lack of suitable  
 and abundant material; the real want being the requisite  
 tact to make the most of the circumstances, which, to say  
 the least, are decidedly favourable to the development of a  
 scholarly treatment of the critical study of Masonic history.  
 The first number of the Journal of the York Frateres, of  
 itself, indicates one of the secrets of the success of the  
 Northern College, five only out of 59 failing to respond to  
 the summons convening the obligatory meeting held in  
 February last, thus proving the interest taken in the pro-  
 ceedings by the rank and file, as well as by the Chief Adept  
 and the principal officers; for, whilst it is true that com-  
 petent officers are necessary to the success of any Society, it  
 is equally true that, unless they have the moral and material  
 support of the members, their best efforts must fail. The  
 address by Bro. Whythead is most suggestive, and aptly  
 illustrates the real object of this Fraternitas-in-Fraternitate;  
 the search after the grand secret of modern Rosicrucians  
 being the true origin and history of Freemasonry, its rela-  
 tion to the ancient mysteries, its preservation during the  
 pre-Grand Lodge period, and its continuity especially  
 throughout the century immediately preceding the so-  
 called "Revival of A.D. 1717." Bro. Whythead is  
 generous in his acknowledgment of the services rendered  
 by Bros. Gould and Hughan, of the "Masonry literary  
 activity period;" but evidently is anxious lest these brethren  
 and their numerous followers, in their desire to disinter-  
 facts, should overlook certain theories, which have in them  
 the germs of possible clues to the early character and the  
 actual original basis of our ancient Society. We incline to  
 the belief that there is plenty of room for both classes of  
 students, each having their own particular work to do,  
 which the other class is not so competent to perform, and  
 so we are pleased to greet Bro. Whythead as the born  
 leader of the one, just as the two brethren named are  
 rightly classed as leaders of the other school of Masonic  
 antiquaries.

The Prince of Wales, in the absence of the  
 Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, presided at the  
 annual banquet given by the Brethren of the Trinity House  
 on Saturday evening last, Prince Albert Victor being also  
 one of the guests.



**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

662] A CURIOUS FIND.

Bro. Lane and I were looking through the Grand Lodge minute book which begins in 1723, when my attention was directed to a list of the members held at the "Sun," Chester. The "Returns" were made on the 27th Nov., 1725, so that the date of the Registers is thus fixed beyond a doubt. The first four names are described as follows, after whom come the Master, Wardens, and other members:

- "Coll. Fra. Columbine, Provincial Grand Master.
- "Saml Smith, Deputy.
- "Coll. Herbt. Laurence, } Wardens."
- "Cap. Hugh Warburton, }

This was a great surprise for me, as the earliest Prov. G. Master for Cheshire recorded in the Grand Lodge Calendar is for the year 1755. This record proves that there was a Prov. Grand Lodge for Cheshire in 1725, being an earlier appointment than any hitherto noticed, and the foregoing informs us of the names of the Prov. G.M. and his three chief officers. A letter was also read to the Grand Lodge later on, dated 15th April, 1727, from the Prov. G. Master, and others of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Chester, but this time there is a change in the names as follows:

- "H. Warburton, P.G.M.
- "Saml. Smith, D.P.G.M.
- "Roger Camberbach, P.G.W.
- "John Coleclough, P.G.W."

The first three brethren are registered as members of the "Sun," and the fourth belonged to the "Castle and Faulkon," both lodges being then held at Chester, in Bridge-street and Watergate-street respectively. Then, again, the first P.G.M. for Warwick noted in the Grand Lodge Calendar is for the year 1792, whereas, under the name of the "Wool Pack [Lodge] in the Town of Warwick," is a list of members, the first of which is "James Prescott, Esq., Provincial G. Master." (1728-9.) Here, then, is another older record, and certainly these two appointments indicate that the lists of Provincial Grand Masters in the Constitutions of 1738, 1756, and 1767 are not complete. I think that a careful examination of the volume might reveal other facts of value, for the names of Provincial Grand Masters occur in local minutes who are not to be found in the regular lists noted, and, beyond question, the Grand Lodge records prove that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Chester, with a Provincial Grand Master and officers, was in existence prior to the supposed first appointment of the kind for Wales of the following year. It is probable that the Bro. H. Warburton of 1727, for Chester, was also the Provincial Grand Master for North Wales, recorded in the Calendar for 1726, so he probably acted for the two provinces. Any way, the Grand Lodge minutes on the first few pages contain the names of two Provincial Grand Masters for Chester not noted before by any one that I am aware of, one being earlier than any previous record, and a Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire in 1728-9, whereas the earliest mentioned in the Calendars is of 1792.

W. J. HUGHAN.

663] LEWISES AND PRIORITY.

Some little time ago Bro. Lamb Smith asked a series of questions respecting the status or privileges of a "Lewis," under certain suppositious circumstances. To my surprise no reply has yet been vouchsafed, so I am determined to try my hand at it. A Lewis has no privilege beyond being initiated before any other candidate, however worthy and distinguished. In other words, if two candidates presented themselves for initiation, one being a Prince and the other a Lewis, according to this old rule, the Lewis would be "made" first. A Lewis cannot claim initiation at eighteen, as many erroneously suppose, but the fact of his being such would doubtless have weight in a petition for a dispensation for initiation under age. I take it that a Lewis, strictly speaking, is the "son of a Mason," without regard to the period of the initiation of the father. According to the old customs, the sons of Masons (Lewises) had special privileges, as respects fees and other matters relating to admission into lodges of which their fathers were members, and as these privileges were enjoyed, whether such sons were born before or after their fathers' initiation, I take it that a Lewis is simply the son of a Mason, whether the latter was initiated before or after the birth of the son concerned. Whatever privilege a Lewis enjoyed, ends on his attaining the "full age," I take it, so that unless such an one is initiated prior to that period, he forfeits all his customary rights. Membership of a lodge dates from the night of initiation; hence if there were any delay in the "passing" or "raising," that would not affect their position on the roll of members, which thus answers Bro. Smith's other query.

CHISHOLM.

**THE VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO BRIGHTON.**

The following memorandum has been issued from the Grand Secretary's office:

"There will be a special train for the conveyance of H.R.H. the Grand Master and the Grand Officers, &c.—leaving Victoria at 10.15 o'clock a.m. and arriving at Brighton at 11.30 o'clock.

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"Brethren desirous of travelling by the special train are requested to inform the Grand Secretary as soon as possible, in order that seats may be reserved for them, for which he will transmit a voucher.

"The fare by this train will be first-class single for the double journey.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE,  
"Grand Secretary.

"Freemasons' Hall,  
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**REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**

**Craft Masonry.**

**FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Young, W.M.; T. Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Lister, S.D., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; L. Lardner, I.G.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., &c., Org.; I. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; James Strugnell, P.M.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., J.P., P.G. Treas., &c., P.M.; W. Ramsey, P.M.; Sherer, Falck, Hablett, Herbert, and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. B. Turner, P.M. 1328; W. Malthouse, C.C., P.M. 1623; and T. Tremere, P.M. 1929.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Simpson was presented to the W.M., who duly installed him in the chair of K.S., assisted by Bros. J. Strugnell, as S.W.; H. B. Marshall, J.W.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; and H. J. Lardner, I.G. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. J. Lister, S.W.; L. Lardner, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, Sec.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Org.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; J. Young, W.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Young for his services as Installing Officer, and he was presented with a P.M.'s jewel. Letters from absent members pleading inability to attend having been read, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were admirably given by the W.M., and duly honoured. During the evening the choir boys of St. Sepulchre's, under the able leadership of Bro. Lott, Mus. Doc., Organist, &c., of that church, contributed some excellent selections, assisted by those well-known artistes Bros. T. Tremere and Dudley Thomas.

**QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).**

—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd inst., when Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., occupied the chair, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Sir C. Warren, through stress of official duties. There were also present Bros. W. H. Rylands, R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; W. Besant, G. W. Speth, Major S. C. Pratt, Royal Artillery; William Simpson, W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; Major F. G. Irwin, and W. M. Bywater. Visitors: Bros. James Glaisher, P.G.S.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G.R. Dorset; John Lane, P.M. 1402; Josiah Houle, P.M. 92; and C. Kupferschmidt, P.M. 238.

Bros. John Henry Chapman, M.A., F.S.A., and Thos. Hayter Cross, F.S.A., Past Vice-President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Emontus Professor of Architecture, were unanimously elected joining members.

Bro. R. F. Gould read a highly interesting and instructive paper on "Some Old Scottish Masonic Customs." Our space will only allow us to allude to the contents of this valuable contribution to Masonic archaeology; but this is of minor importance, as we are informed that the transactions of this enterprising lodge will appear annually in print. The mass of facts, dates, and excerpts with which the paper lucidly dealt went very far to prove that Scottish lodges in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries differed materially in procedure, ritual, and objects from the earliest known English lodges. The lecturer insisted upon this striking conclusion, that, from the copious evidence available, it must be conceded that Scottish lodges were erected and maintained for purely trade purposes, in spite of the presence within these associations of a sprinkling of geometric (or gentlemen) Masons, whereas everything tended to show that the earliest English lodges were speculative or theoretical in their character, and that our English system of Freemasonry was only gradually engrafted upon the lodges north of the border. The quaint customs, phrases, and proceedings of these old operative sodalities were duly noted and carefully portrayed, and the inevitable "battle of the grades" made its presence felt. The paper was listened to with grave attention by the band of earnest students assembled, and at its conclusion an interesting discussion took place.

Bro. Hughan enforced his well-known views that the Scottish Masons only possessed one Degree, with cogency and force relying on proofs derived from the paper, and adducing others not mentioned therein.

Bro. Simpson corroborated these views by recollections drawn in his boyhood of the operations of the Scottish Guilds.

Bro. Speth called attention to the purely Guild character of the lodge, as demonstrated in the paper, and showed the similarity of their usages to those of Craft Guilds in all parts, more particularly in Germany, as illustrated by the copious Guild and Craft literature of the Fatherland; whilst

Bro. Woodford, taking the other side, pleaded with his usual acumen for the existence of a certain amount of speculative, as distinguished from purely operative, science in the Scottish lodges, and especially cast doubt on the correctness of the one Degree theory.

Bro. Gould having briefly replied on the discussion as a whole,

Bro. Baskett begged, as a visitor and on behalf of the Craft in general, to thank the lodge for the important and enlightened step which they had taken. He was of opinion that the new departure would prove of incalculable benefit to the whole body of the Craft. He had travelled 150 miles to be present, and considered himself amply repaid, and he trusted the lodge would continue to carry on their undertaking on the lines laid down that evening.

The lodge being closed, the brethren (members and visitors) adjourned to dinner at Freemasons' Tavern. Even here the lodge has struck out a path of its own, in which we have little doubt some other lodges will follow when it becomes generally known. The great problem between a dining and non-dining lodge appears to have been judiciously solved, and the arrangements gave great satisfaction. The few short and pithy speeches were replete with the spirit of "bon hommie" and joyful anticipations of the lodge's future success. Especially interesting were those

of Bro. Walter Besant and Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., whose recollections of the Masonic archaeological society, which for a short period did such good work some 20 years ago, were naturally much appreciated by the brethren. It is probable that a paper, entitled "The Steinmetz Theory Critically Examined," will be read by Bro. G. W. Speth at the next meeting, September 2nd, in which case an interesting discussion may be expected, as the views of which that brother will be the exponent clash materially with those entertained in German Masonic circles, and it was announced by Bro. Kupferschmidt, P.M. 238, that more than one member of the Pilgrim Lodge hoped to break a lance with Bro. Speth when the latter read his paper.

**BOLTON.**—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 7th inst., at the Swan Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. W. Poyntz, W.M.; W. H. Horrocks, P.M., as S.W.; James Newton, P.P.G.D., Prov. G. Assist. Sec., as J.W.; James Naylor, S.D.; R. Nightingale, J.D.; Thomas Murphy, as I.G.; F. N. Pacey, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks; R. K. Freeman, P.M.; Wm. Forrest, Thomas Barnes, F. W. Brockbank, and J. W. Thompson. Visitors: Bros. D. N. Stevenson, 221; and Rev. Monroe (Little Hulton.)

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and approved. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. The hearty congratulations of the lodge were tendered to Bro. James Newton, P.P.G.S.D., one of the oldest members of the lodge, on his recent appointment as Prov. G. Assistant Secretary.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

—The election meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the High School for Boys, Brookhill-road, there being a large muster of the brethren and visitors. Bro. E. Palmer, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers and others: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; E. Denton, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.J.D. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C., P.G. Stwd. Kent; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M., Stwd.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; W. Rees, P.M.; Colonel E. Hughes, M.P., P.G.S.W.; T. R. Richardson, S.W.; C. H. Lawson, J.W.; W. D. Keeble, S.D.; W. Busbridge, A.D.C., acting I.G.; W. G. Lloyd, I.G., acting J.D.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; W. Sanders, Stwd.; W. J. Lardner, Tyler; J. O. Cook, W. G. Clifford, W. C. Taylor, G. H. Campbell, W. G. Newton, T. Hambrook, A. Wallis, W. Tucker, W. Lock, R. Sanders, W. B. Ledger, C. J. Clapham, W. Pryce, C. Harger, P. Estley, F. Hayward, A. Capon, W. E. Donohugh, H. Grafton, R. Courtman, J. Mitchell, H. Timms, D. Davies, J. Franklin, A. W. Jackson, W. Corder, J. F. Randall, A. Moore, G. Frost, and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. Quartermaster G. Spinks, O.S.C., P.M. 1536, P.G. Std. Br. Kent; E. W. Carter, P.M. 858; G. Kennedy, P.M. 1536; Captain J. Scully, R.H.A., P.M. 706; Quartermaster J. Rowan, R.A., 1789; H. Ough, 1150; W. Colman, 1973; H. Palmer, 700; W. G. Kennedy, 829; F. G. Budd, 13; W. G. Graham, 2041; B. J. Hancock, 700; and F. Nichols, 706.

Mr. H. Coombes was, after approval, initiated; Bros. H. Shaw and F. Hoar were passed; and Bros. A. G. Hadcock, H. Steward, J. J. Collins, and W. E. Hudson were raised, the whole of the above heavy labour being admirably performed by the W.M. and his officers, and, as usual, was rendered doubly impressive by the singing of the "Pattison choir." Bro. Richardson was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and returned thanks. Bro. Coupland was re-elected Treasurer and representative on the Provincial Charity Committee, and he returned thanks, and Bro. Lardner was re-elected Tyler. It was then unanimously resolved that a P.M.'s jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, should be presented to the W.M., as a token of the esteem of the brethren, and also for the admirable manner in which he had during the past year carried out the duties of W.M., and he feelingly returned thanks.

The next business was the consideration of a report presented by a Committee formed some time ago, on the motion of Bro. Mason, to consider the advisability of erecting a Masonic Temple within the limits of the province for Masonic uses, especially for the uses of the Pattison Lodge.

Bro. Mason introduced the report in an eloquent yet concise speech, and it was unanimously resolved that shares of one guinea each should that night be called for, and they were subscribed to the full amount of £1066 out of £1500 required; and it was further resolved that the Building Committee be empowered to select a site, get plans, specifications, and estimates, with power to act at once.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren partook of refreshments, and on reassembling round the social board, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily pledged; "The Health of Lord Amherst, P.G.M. of Kent," being especially welcomed.

Bro. G. Spinks responded for "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and assured the brethren that if the D.P.G.M. had been present, he would have been exceedingly pleased at the reception the toast had met with. That was the last occasion he should have to respond for the Prov. Grand Officers, for by that time next month he should be numbered with the "past." But it was a grand thing to know that one in that lodge, a good and excellent man and Mason, would be in a position to do so, one whom they all delighted to honour—he referred to Bro. Penfold; and if there was any one thing more certain than another in this world, it was that that worthy brother would receive the purple at the next Prov. Grand Lodge meeting. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers he thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Coupland proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it was the last time they would have the opportunity of drinking Bro. Palmer's health as W.M., and while it was rather a painful toast, yet he felt sure they would drink it with enthusiasm. When they looked back and considered the admirable manner in which their W.M. had carried out the duties of his office, they could not but regret losing him from the chair he had so well filled. However, they would still have his valuable services among the Past Masters, and therefore he asked them to give him a good Pattison "fire."

Bro. Palmer, in response, said the kindly feeling evinced by the brethren towards him in his earnest endeavours to do his duty showed him that those endeavours had been appreciated. He felt delighted at the encouragement he had always received at their hands. It had been his fortune to have good candidates, no less than 14 of whom he had had the pleasure of initiating into Masonry within that lodge, and that night, for the sixth time, he had had to work the three Degrees in succession. During the year they had admitted two brethren as joining members, and had then 110 good financial members upon the books of the lodge as against 95 last year, a status unprecedented in its annals. That showed the excellent position of the lodge, and its increased and increasing success. For that success he took no credit to himself; but must say that he had been so well supported by the Past Masters, and also by the united aid of the officers and the lodge generally, that to that support he attributed the success that had attended the lodge, and not to any merit of his own. It was most encouraging, and he would ask what W.M. could help being successful if he were encouraged and supported as he had been? During his Mastership he had endeavoured to maintain unsullied the dignity of his position, and, at the same time, to afford every opportunity to the brethren to enjoy the social board in harmony, and if at the end of his year they found that he had justified their choice, then he should retire with the full conviction that his efforts had not been in vain, and should ever remember with pride and gratitude the many kindnesses he had received at the hands of every member of the lodge. He then resumed his seat amid a storm of cheers.

Bro. Richardson, in responding to a warm welcome of his name as W.M. elect, said he hardly knew what his position really was at that moment, and trusted the time he should be in it would be so short that he should never know. He was, however, pleased to know that he had their hearty sympathy and support, and, as the youngest Mason and man who had ever been elected to the position of W.M. of the Pattison Lodge—one of the foremost lodges in the Province of Kent—he felt deeply the responsibility of his position. He felt also that he had the whole body of the lodge at his back, and knew that if he went too fast the P.M.'s would put the curb on; nevertheless he looked forward with hope that the coming year would not be the least successful and harmonious in the annals of the lodge. With reference to the proposed temple, he was convinced that the scheme would be carried on with vigour, and that it would assume the shape of bricks and mortar before the end of his year of office. He concluded an excellent address by assuring the brethren that he should endeavour to carry out the duties entrusted to him with credit to the lodge, and thanked them cordially for their hearty reception of the toast.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Initiate," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday afternoon at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and was attended by a large number of members and visitors. At the opening of the lodge the chair was taken by Bro. John Tickle, the W.M., who was supported by the following officers: Bro. John Pemberton, P. Prov. G.S. of W., P.M.; Charles Fothergill, P.M.; J. S. Warden, P.M.; Hugh Williams, P.M.; A. C. Wylie, P.M.; J. Ashworth, S.W.; W. Fish, J.W.; Peter B. Gee, Prov. G. Std. Br., Treasurer; S. L. Fraser, Secretary; William Jones, S.D.; William Kohn, J.D.; J. J. Harley, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; E. B. Ironsides and Robert Hamer, Stwds.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; Robert Foote, Prov. G. Treas.; W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G. S.D.; G. S. Willings, P.M. 667; J. Hughes, P.M. 1675; James Bailey, I.P.M. 667; J. K. Curnow, Org. 721; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; R. Bethell, I.P.M. 1094; M. Alexander, J.D. 1094; Laurence Phillips, J.D. 1356; James Lees, W.M. 667; F. A. Rainbow, Secretary 1393; James White, S.W. 249; R. J. Hudson, S.W. 667; John Davies, W.M. 1325; John Lees, W.M. 1356; W. G. Stott, Org. 667; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Ashworth, was presented for installation by Bro. P. B. Gee and J. Pemberton, and the ceremony was afterwards efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. J. Tickle, the retiring W.M. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers for the year as follows: Bro. W. Fish, S.W.; S. L. Fraser, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.G.S.B., Treasurer; W. Jones, Secretary; G. Crute, P.M., D.C.; William Kohn, S.D.; J. J. Harley, J.D.; E. B. Ironsides, I.G.; R. Hamer, W. Linacre, and W. F. Pemberton, Stewards; and Peter Ball, Tyler.

The brethren, to the number of about sixty, afterwards dined in the banquetting hall, an excellent dinner being provided by Bro. J. Casey, the House Steward. A capital musical programme was provided by Bro. Ironsides, Linacre, Scott, Ewart, Ramage, Green, and Willings, and during the evening Bro. Tickle was presented with a very valuable Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during the past year.

**WIGAN.**—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street, when there were present Bro. W. Johnson, W.M.; R. Siddan, S.W.; J. Browne, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G.D.C. (W.L.); H. Boucher, Sec.; W. M. Wylde, S.D.; H. Riddlesworth, J.D.; C. D. Mortimer, Org.; W. Rigby, I.G.; W. Patterson, Tyler; H. J. Byrom, P.M.; also Bro. R. P. White, J. Knowles, R. O. Binland, and A. Craston.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Binland was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Murray, at the special request of the W.M., took the chair, and duly raised Bro. Binland to the Degree of a M.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and after the lodge agreed to the usual adjournment during the months of July and August, it was closed in the usual way.

**GREENHITHE.**—Erasmus Wilson Lodge (No. 1464).—Bro. George H. Edmonds was installed as W.M. of this lodge at the Rosheville Hotel, on the 27th ult., in the presence of an influential number of local London brethren, amongst whom were Bro. John Russell, F. B.

Nettleingham, G. E. Sharland, Charles Palmer, John Newman, W. Butler, R. A. Gibbons, Charles Dinham, C. E. Hatten, and A. W. Wimble. The installation ceremony was faultlessly performed by Bro. W. Russell, as well as the initiation of Howard Fowler and Edward Walker. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Cousins.

**FRIZINGTON.**—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The annual meeting of this lodge for installing the W.M. was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was open by Bro. B. Craig, W.M., when the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Dr. James I. Lacey was presented and installed, and appointed the following as his officers: Bro. W. J. Harvey, S.W.; J. Dickson, J.W.; Jas. Routledge, Chap.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G. J.W., Treas.; J. Bewley, Sec.; H. J. McKittrick, S.D.; J. Garnett, J.D.; J. Wilkinson, I.G.; Geo. Lowden and D. Tolson, Stwds.; and J. Gordon, Tyler. The following members and visitors were present: Bro. Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Wilson, P.M.; F. T. Allatt; W. J. Smith; John Johnston; Rev. J. Tyson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; C. Bland; W. C. Johns, W.M. 119; Thomas Allinson, J.W.; Geo. Starkey, Stwd.; W. Mooradff, 371; F. Hodgson, P.M. 872; W. D. P. Field, J.W.; J. M. Clark, J.D.; P. Tough; J. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G. S.D.; J. J. Wilson, W.M. 1267; R. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Mooradff, Sec.; H. Ward, W.M. 1989; H. Rothery, J.W.; Chas. Gowan, I.P.M., Sec.; J. McHarry, J.D.; J. Welch, S.D.; Thos. Temple, Stwd.; L. Ward, W.M. 1400; R. Thomas, J.W.; J. Little, S.W.; J. Ruberry, Sec.; and others.

Bro. Craig discharged the duty of installing his successor in a very creditable manner, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his services. Letters of apology were read from several brethren from a distance who were unable to be present, namely, Bro. C. Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. F. Kirkconel, P.M. 1267, P.G.J.W.; John Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.S.W.; and others.

With the usual "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren, at the invitation of Bro. Dr. Lacey, W.M., sat down to an excellent banquet, when with toasts and songs a very pleasant evening was spent.

**THORNTON HEATH.**—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, this being the first time since the fire that took place in March that the hall has been available for the meetings. The W.M., Bro. H. Baber, not being able to be present at the commencement of the proceedings, the lodge was opened by the Installing Officer, Bro. W. Foulsham, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Ranson, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. C. Daniel, P.M. 65, who acted throughout the ceremony as D.C., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Ranson was regularly installed in the chair of K.S., and greeted in ancient form. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a sum of 10 guineas having been voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. H. M. Hobbs, the lodge was closed in due form.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. C. Tarry, S.W.; F. T. Ridpath, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; H. M. Hobbs, Sec.; J. Kilvington, S.D.; E. Samuel, J.D.; R. G. Fleming, I.G.; G. S. Horsnail, D.C.; and W. Lane, Tyler; and there was a good muster of the members and many visitors.

The brethren subsequently repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, where an excellent banquet was served, under the personal supervision of the genial manager, Bro. T. H. Bentley.

The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, and during the evening the W.M. presented to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him as a mark of the lodge's appreciation of his able conduct during the past year.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. In answer to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Laxton, Streeter, Langton, Hopelkirk, and Holdsworth responded.

An excellent programme of music had been arranged by Bro. J. B. Shakespeare, and the singing of that brother, as well as of Bro. Wilmot, Haskins, Kilvington, Ridpath, and others, gave great satisfaction. Bro. Laughlin presided at the piano.

The following were among the visitors: Bro. F. West, P.G.S.; P. T. Brearey, P.G.S.; W. F. Laxton, P.P.G. Registrar Surrey; J. S. Streeter, P.P.G. Registrar Surrey; J. D. Langton, 1, I.P.M. 2096; F. Eastwood, P.M. 1237; W. Gunner, P.M. 720; W. Russell Crowe, P.M. 170; W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; J. S. Fraser, P.M. 174, Sec. 2096; A. R. Jones, Org. 804; J. Barrett, 1343; J. A. James, 34; E. T. Taylor, 1567; E. C. Holdsworth, 2096; F. Laughlin, Org. 1365; W. G. Oates, D. of C. 2096; S. Oxenham, 2096; and M. Taylor, 463.

**SHANKLIN (I. of W).**—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; Frank Rayner, J.W.; F. Cooper, Treas.; Lewis Colenutt, Sec.; C. Moorman, S.D.; J. W. Carleton, I.G.; J. Bailey, P.M.; J. Whitehill, H. Holy, H. A. Matthews, and R. W. Greenham. Visitors: John Holdsworth, P.M., P.G.W. of West Yorks; Mark Lindfield, P.M. 551; and T. H. I. Petherick, P.M. 551.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read, Bro. Holy and Matthews were then raised separately, as is the custom in this lodge, to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham. Bro. Robert W. Greenham was afterwards passed to the Second Degree by the W.M.

Bro. F. Rayner, J.W., rose and said: Worshipful Master, some little time ago you expressed a wish to establish a custom in the lodge, viz., to drink the health of every initiate in a loving cup, and with that view you intended to present the lodge with a loving cup for the purpose you had mentioned, at the same time you gave me the opportunity of presenting to the lodge what you were pleased to term the "Chine Lodge Napkin." There had been some little delay in obtaining it, but I have now much pleasure in offering for your acceptance the napkin to be used in conjunction with the magnificent loving cup (which you have presented to the lodge) in carrying out the customs already established. It was, of

course, to a certain extent perishable and subject to decay, but would last for a good many years to come, and I hope it will be used with the "Loving Cup" at the initiation of many good and true men who might come forward to join our lodge, and I trust it may in some measure tend to increase the happiness and harmony which now exists amongst us.

Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M., then rose and said: Brethren, it gives me very much pleasure to propose that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. F. Rayner for his gift. To me it is an especial pleasure, as it marks in a very practical manner his approval of the custom I had in view to establish when I presented the Chine Lodge loving cup. It shows that he takes a deep interest in the lodge, and giving it during my year of office I take as a compliment to myself, for it undoubtedly helps to render it a successful year, and to be remembered in the future as a proof of the good feeling that exists between the officers and brethren of the Chine Lodge and myself. This napkin is quite a work of art, the name and number of our lodge being worked on both sides of it, together with the working tools of a Mason. I trust, brethren, we shall have frequent opportunities of using it, and welcoming many initiates into our lodge. It will last as long, I am sure, as any of us can hope to live by the will of T.G.A.O.T.U., and when time has worn it out I doubt not another Junior Warden will arise and present another.

Bro. Francis Cooper, P.M., seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren retired to the banquetting room, and partook of their usual repast. The loyal toasts having been given from the chair and duly honoured.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," and said it gave him especial pleasure to have a visit from such a distinguished brother as the P.G.W. of Yorkshire. He trusted that any imperfections witnessed in the raisings would be overlooked, as it was the first time he had attempted that ceremony.

Bro. John Holdsworth, P.G.W. of West Yorks, in replying, said he was on a visit to Shanklin, and finding it was the Chine Lodge meeting, he presented himself for admission. He had heard that the working was done well, but it was done better than that, and he congratulated the W.M. on the able manner he had performed the raisings, and the way his officers had worked with him. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received him, and the welcome extended to him in the lodge.

**CROYDON.**—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Present: Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, W.M.; J. D. Langton, I.P.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; E. Samuel, J.W.; Jas. S. Fraser, Sec.; W. G. Goode, J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O. Surrey, I.G.; W. G. Oates, D.C.; F. W. Leaver, Org.; W. Lane, Tyler; Dr. J. Strong, P.P.G. J.W. Surrey; F. Blake, P.P.G.Reg. Surrey; E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, E. C. Leaver, D. Wilson, D. Guedalla, Dr. R. Matthey, and J. Rosenberg. Visitors: Bro. Dr. Smith, W.M. 403; A. Pocock, I.P.M. 1965; Chas. Tarry, S.W. 1790; Gordon Smith, J.W. 2041; J. Kilvington, S.D. 1790; and F. Carter, 14.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. F. A. Holdsworth was balloted for and duly initiated into Freemasonry, the charge being afterwards given. Bro. Dr. Matthey and D. Guedalla were passed to the Second Degree.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**DARTFORD.**—Walsingham Lodge (No. 2148).

—The first regular meeting of this lodge, after its consecration, was held at the Masonic Hall, Wilmington, on Saturday, the 5th instant, when there were present Bro. H. Sadler, W.M.; Ernest L. Walford, S.W.; Deanston Carpmal, J.W.; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, S.W. 217, Sec.; W. Rowley, S.D.; D. G. Reddall, J.D.; G. D. Stevenson, I.G.; and Geo. Jackson, Stwd. After the minutes of the consecration meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for four candidates for initiation, viz., Messrs. D. G. Imlay, John Moon, F. M. Noakes, and H. G. Spilling. The result of the ballot being in their favour, and the whole of the candidates being in attendance, they were separately initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the ceremony being very impressively rendered. The Consecrating Officers, viz., R. W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; Bro. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; Sir William Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.S.W.; Horatio Ward, P.P.G.W. Wilts, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, Prov. G. Chaplain; T. S. Warne, P.P.G. Asst. Secretary; and Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. Bro. Rev. R. Jamblin, P.G. Chap. Kent, and Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chap. Cornwall, were also unanimously elected honorary members; Bro. Royle was invested as Tyler. The founders of the lodge were appointed a Committee to prepare the by-laws, and nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to supper under the presidency of the W.M., when the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Initiates" were given, the latter being responded to by each of the newly-admitted brethren, who expressed themselves as being greatly impressed by the ceremony, and their earnest hope of becoming good and useful members of the Order. The lodge is to be congratulated on making so successful a start, and under the able rule of the W.M., Bro. Sadler, the fullest and most perfect working of our admirable ceremonies is amply assured.

It will be as well to mention that the gavels, presented by Bro. Stevenson, I.G., which are of walnut, and excellent specimens of wood carving, have been generally and deservedly admired.

## INSTRUCTION.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. There were present Bro. R. Rowlands, W.M.; E. M. Gibson, S.W.; Simpson, J.W.; Buckridge, S.D.; Tull, I.G.; Venables, J. D. Smith, J. Hill, Preceptor; and R. Walden, Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. Bro. R. Walden answered the questions of the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The explanation of the tracing board was given. The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, the Fourth Section of the First Lecture was rehearsed. Bro. E. M. Gibson was proposed and seconded as W.M. for Tuesday, the 22nd inst., as there will be no lodge held on Whit Tuesday. Bro. Gibson appointed his officers, and named his work as First ceremony, charge, and Fifth Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed in due form until the 22nd inst., at eight o'clock.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; G. D. Bailey, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; Jos. Bailey, J.D.; W. J. Mason, I.G.; F. Chandler, Stwd.; E. J. Day, Org.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; E. F. Ferris, W. Robinson, J. H. Taylor, W. H. Wadham, and J. Potter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Ferris and Robinson candidates respectively. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for the 21st inst., and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Battley for altering the Master's pedestal. After "Hearty good wishes" had been accorded to the W.M., the lodge was closed until the 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—A meeting took place on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. Hearnsum, W.M.; Lane, S.W.; Thom, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; C. J. Scales, Treas.; E. Storr, Sec.; Saunders, Assist. Sec.; G. W. Knight, S.D.; Dimsdale, J.D.; and Frost, I.G.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Scurrah candidate. Bro. Davis answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Davis was duly passed. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. A hearty vote of congratulation to Bro. Scurrah was proposed by Bro. E. Storr, and seconded by Bro. W. M. Stiles, Preceptor, on his receiving Provincial Grand honours as G.S. of Works Middlesex. Bro. Scurrah returned thanks. It was proposed that Bro. Scurrah should work the ceremony of installation on 19th July, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was adjourned for the Whitsuntide holidays, the next meeting being fixed for the 21st inst.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. H. J. Pellatt, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; W. Ham, J.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.D.; J. Rayner, J.D.; L. Gunzell, I.G.; S. Hunter, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. J. Harnell, R. W. Williams, E. Chamberlain, James Woodward, C. Grassi, W. H. Maguire, J. R. Harnell, Frank Gulliford, C. Lambert, C. Holland, J. Skinner, C. Corby, J. Docker, and G. F. Swan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. R. J. Harnell worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. C. Grassi having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. R. W. Williams offering himself a candidate for passing, the usual questions were put, well answered, and the brother retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. S. Hunter proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week, which was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the New Market Hotel, E.C. Present: Bros. R. B. Greenwood, W.M.; T. Hodges, S.W.; W. C. Brasher, J.W.; J. Young, P.M., S.D.; Dorling, J.D.; Mallett, I.G.; W. Pennefather, Preceptor; and Smyth, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The First ceremony was worked, Bro. Mallett candidate. The F.C. ceremony was worked, with the same candidate. The lodge was resumed, Bro. Hodges then worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture, after which the lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned to Monday, the 21st inst.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Green, jun., S.W.; Musson, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Green, P.M., S.D.; McCullagh, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; Folsom, Gilbert, and Roberts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Folsom being the candidate. Bro. Roberts, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Green, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Green returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1021).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. C. Dapson, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; W. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; T. Brown, S.D.; H. Furze, J.D.; F. G. Craggs, I.G.; Purdue, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Speigle, P.M.; Davis, acting Preceptor; Woods, Tipper, W. W. Williams, and Tilbury.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Questions leading to the Second Degree were put, and answered by Bro. Sims, P.M. The Second ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Davis, Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Purdue, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture, also the 2nd Section of this Lecture, assisted by Bro. Woods. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Davis, Preceptor, assisted by Bro. T. Brown, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor, assisted by Bro. H. F. Williams, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge was then closed.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., presided at the 31st anniversary festival, held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 3rd inst., in aid of the funds of the Poplar Hospital. The subscriptions and donations announced in the course of the evening amounted to £1800, of which £500 was given by the East and West India Dock Company and £100 by the chairman.

Royal Arch.

**JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 188).**—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street, on Monday, the 31st ult. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. Lewis Lazarus, P.Z., as M.E.Z. (this being the third time he has occupied the chair); Dewsnap, H.; L. M. Myers, J.; Jacobs, S.N.; Liebman, P.S.; I. Lazarus, P.Z., Treasurer; and M. Emanuel, S.E.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).**—The annual convocation for the installation of Principals, of this chapter was held on Wednesday at Anderson's Hotel. The Principals who presided were Comps. A. Clark, Z.; M. L. Levey, H.; and J. L. Payne, J. The other companions present were Comps. Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; James Funston, S.N.; Thomas Clark, P.S.; Wm. Simpson, 1st A.S.; A. A. Berry, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treasurer; Fred. Brasted, P.Z.; W. Henry Brand, P.Z.; J. H. Loit, James Smither, Andrew Stein, Cecil Stein, James H. Rich, Peter Parsons, P.Z. 1348; F. Brown, P.Z. 538; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, Z. 1928; A. W. Wells, H. 1556, J. 975; E. M. Money, H. 28; Charles Daniel, P.Z. 65; J. B. Cumming, 890; A. Davison, 890; and J. F. Woodward, Prov. Grand S.E. Middlesex.

Bro. William Walter Lee, 1897, was exalted, after which Comp. W. H. Lee installed Comp. L. Levey as M.E.Z.; and Comp. F. Brown, P.Z. 538, installed Comp. J. L. Payne as H.; Comp. Funston, P.Z., was installed as J. The other companions invested as officers were Comps. Neville Green, S.E.; Thos. Clark, S.N.; Wm. Simpson, P.S.; Adam J. Berry, 1st A.S.; John Henry Loit, 2nd A.S.; William Henry Lee, P.Z., Treas.; and J. J. Marsh, Janitor.

After the banquet which followed, the usual Royal Arch toasts were honoured. Comp. A. Clark, I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said the companions knew Comp. Levey was a good Arch Mason, was a hard worker, and took a great deal of interest in the affairs of this chapter, and there was no question that he would make an excellent First Principal for the ensuing year. He hoped he would have more work in the chapter than he (Comp. Clark) had had; in fact, he had had so little to do that he thought he was scarcely able to do his work. Comp. Levey, however, had made such arrangements that he would be able to have a candidate for exaltation every time the chapter met during his year. He hoped this was true, but he had no doubt it would be a most successful year for Comp. Levey, and he hoped every companion would support him heartily.

The M.E.Z., in reply, said he felt on this occasion that he had undertaken a duty which rather exceeded his powers, and he hoped that the next time he had to discharge a similar one he might be better prepared than he was then. He was not a speaker; perhaps it was just as well that he was not. He had this to say. He had to thank the companions for the confidence they had shown in selecting him as the head of this chapter, and to assure them it should not be for the want of any effort on his part that he should fail to give them satisfaction. They were justly entitled to have a good worker, and he would do his best, and if he did not succeed as well as he could wish he would ask them to forgive him. He hoped when his term of office expired they would say he had won their confidence, and that he had not betrayed it, but had performed his duties as he should do.

In giving "The Health of the H. and J." the M.E.Z. said he knew from past experience what Comps. Payne and Funston could do, and he was almost afraid to think he had to work with such skilled Masons. He knew, however, that his own efforts would be well seconded, and he sincerely desired that both the other Principals would have health and strength to support him in his endeavours to have a successful year.

Comp. Payne, in reply, said he had always taken great pleasure in Royal Arch working ever since he was exalted, and he had been ably assisted by Comp. Brown. Everything he knew in Royal Arch Masonry he had to thank Comp. Brown for, and he did so. And at the same time he could inform the companions that if they wanted advice or instruction they could not do better than go to the Chapter of Improvement over which Comp. Brown presided.

Comp. Funston reiterated the observations of Comp. Payne, and added the hope that at the end of his year the companions would say he had done his duty.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The Newly-exalted Companion," said he hoped Comp. Lee would follow in the footsteps of his worthy father, and add another to those shining lights in Royal Arch Masonry who had been of such service in promoting the best interests of the science.

Comp. W. W. Lee, responding, said he hoped his future conduct would show the companions that their confidence in receiving him among them had not been misplaced, and that on the foundation laid that evening would be raised a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the Duke of Connaught Chapter.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, which gave the M.E.Z. the opportunity of acknowledging the great services to Royal Arch Masonry performed by Comp. F. Brown. He went into Comp. Brown's chapter of improvement not knowing one word beyond bare signs and marks of the Royal Arch, but by Comp. Brown's care and industry he had acquired a knowledge of the ceremonies which he was now able to work.

Comps. Woodward, Brown, and others responded. The M.E.Z., in giving the toast of "The I.P.Z.," presented Comp. A. Clark with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel.

Comp. Clark acknowledged the toast, hoping, at the same time, that the companions would forgive his shortcomings. He had attended Comp. Brown's Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement on several occasions, and listened with interest to the working. He wished he had more work to do during his year of office, because perhaps he should then have done the work better. But he had tried to do his best. No doubt Comp. Lee would say it was the duty of the M.E.Z. to introduce as many candidates as possible; but he had been unable to introduce any, although he did his best. He wished to thank Comp. Lee for performing the installation ceremony, which was so admirably rendered. He admitted that he had not done the whole of his duty as M.E.Z., because he did not do the installa-

tion. Comp. Lee had told him it was the rule to do so. He hoped Comp. Levey would set a good example in this respect, and that all future Principals would install their successors. He concluded by thanking the companions for the I.P.Z. jewel.

The other toasts were "The P.Z.'s," to which Comp. Lee, P.Z., Treasurer, responded; "The Officers," responded to by the P.S.; and the Janitor, after which the companions separated.

**FAREHAM.**—Chapter of Harmony (No. 309).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Red Lion, when the ceremony of installing the principals for the ensuing year was performed in a most able manner by Comp. G. Felton Lancaster, P.P.G.T. The following were installed: Comps. E. Goldsmith, Z.; Edgar Goble, P.G.S.E., H.; and Rev. A. C. Hervey, J. The other officers were invested as follows: Comps. Rev. A. A. Headley, I.P.Z.; A. R. Holbrook, Treas.; J. W. Gieve, S.E.; E. T. Crouch, S.N.; George Harry, P.S.; W. A. Hill, 1st A.S.; A. W. Leaver, 2nd A.S.; H. Cooke and H. J. Lyon, Stwds.; and R. Eames, Janitor. There were also present at the meeting Comps. C. G. Adames, P.Z.; W. M. Outridge, Z. 487; Johnston, C. O. Smith, W. H. Bolitho, E. Smith, and others.

A banquet afterwards took place, at which the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**BOLTON.**—St. John's Chapter (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Bull's Head Hotel, when there were present Comps. Richard Duxbury, Z.; Wm. Cooper, H.; J. F. Skelton, J.; Thos. Nightingale, S.E.; Thomas Higson, Prov. G. Janitor, Janitor; James Newton, P.P. G.S.N.; Robert Harwood, P.P.G.S.N.; and Henry Greenwood, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. G. P. Brockbank, Past G.A.D.C. Eng.; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H.; W. O. Walker, Prov. G.J.; N. Nicholson, Prov. G.S.B.; and John Barrett, 221.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Comp. Newton proposed certain alterations in the by-laws, which were all adopted. The ballot was taken for two candidates, both of whom were elected, and one of them being in attendance, Bro. Robert Johnson, Organist of Lodge 146, he was regularly exalted by Comp. Robert Harwood as Z., the duties of P.S. being performed by Comp. Newton. The First Principal's chair was then taken by Comp. Sillitoe, who installed Comp. W. Cooper as Z. and Comp. Skelton as H., the Third Principal elect being unfortunately prevented from being present. Comp. Nicholson then invested the other officers. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Comps. Sillitoe, Walker, and Nicholson for their attendance and services. A candidate for exaltation was proposed, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the chapter was closed.

**HAYLE.**—Hayle Chapter (No. 450).—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, when Comps. N. I. West, P.Z., was installed First Principal; Richard Hawkins, Second Principal; and Robert Williams, Third Principal. The Board of Installed Principals consisted of Comps. E. D. Anderton, P.Z. 331, P.G.S.E.; John Ninnis, P.Z. 1006; A. T. Grant, P.Z. 1006; James Lovell, P.Z. 121 and 450; James Pool, P.Z.; J. G. Osborn, P.Z., and G. B. Pearce, P.Z. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Comps. W. K. Baker, I.P.Z.; J. C. Burrow, S.E.; H. P. Vivian, S.N.; W. H. H. Tope, P.S.; George Williams, 1st A.S.; J. O. James, 2nd A.S.; F. J. Culley, D.C.; J. M. Richards, Stwd.; J. M. Holman, Org.; and J. V. Bray, Janitor. A large number of companions were present, and afterwards dined in the Hall.

INSTRUCTION.

**CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).**—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Present: Comps. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z.; Carter, H.; Christian, J.; H. Syman, S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor, S.N.; Cooper, P.S.; Gregory, Underwood, and Kaufman.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Kaufman candidate. Comp. Edmonds proposed that Comp. H. Syman, of the Belgrave Chapter, M.E.Z. elect, with the officers, should work the ceremony of exaltation on Tuesday, the 15th inst.,—carried unanimously. Comp. Edmonds proposed hearty congratulations to Comp. H. Syman on his receiving Provincial Grand honours, as Grand Director of Ceremonies of Middlesex,—carried unanimously. Comp. Syman, in returning thanks, referred to the able manner in which the M.E.Z. had conducted the ceremonies of the evening. Chapter was then closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 4th inst. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, Z. 890, Z.; J. T. Mickleburgh, Z. 733, H.; A. R. Rudall, P.S. 890, J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, S.E.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, 890; and W. A. Scurrah, 1507. Comp. W. M. Stiles, P.Z. 1507, was a visitor.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dehane candidate. The History of Moses' Rod was given by Comp. Edmonds. The M.E.Z. rose for the first and second times. Comp. Andrews presented the chapter with a handsome silver tray on which the companions might place their subscriptions. In making the presentation he said, as Treasurer, he could congratulate the companions on the progress the chapter was making, and felt sure that it would continue to do so, as the right sort of companions were such regular attendants, and hoped their example might be followed by other companions desiring instruction. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously passed, which Comp. Andrews suitably acknowledged. Comp. Stiles was elected a member, the ballot having proved unanimous. It was announced last week that the officers designate and petitioners of the Henry Levander Chapter would attend on the 11th inst.; such arrangement is deferred until the next meeting, to-day (Friday), when it is expected some Grand Chapter Officers will attend according to promise. The M.E.Z. rose for the third and fourth times. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. G. Gregory, M.E.Z.; W. A. Scurrah, H.; F. Brasted, J.;

J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; and W. Radcliffe P.S.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pinder acting as candidate. This chapter of improvement continues to hold the meetings throughout the year. Any R.A. Mason wishing to qualify himself for any office will be able to gain that instruction under the able Preceptorship of Comp. T. C. Edmonds.

### Mark Masonry.

**CARLISLE.**—Cumberland Lodge (No. 6).—The installation of Worshipful Master of this lodge for the current year took place in the lodge room, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., and, in presence of a good gathering of the brethren, Bro. R. L. Court was duly installed Worshipful Master for the year. The ceremony of installation was performed in a highly complimentary manner by Bro. J. C. Mason, I.P.M. After the ceremony the Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Sergeant-Major Bunyan, P.G. S.B., S.W.; Henry Court, J.W.; Quartermaster-Sergeant Wright, M.O.; John Bewley, S.O.; T. Ormiston, J.O.; C. J. Nanson, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Court, P.P. G.S.W., Treas.; Sergeant-Major S. Locker, R. of M.; J. Lowthian, S.D.; J. Graham, J.D.; T. L. Thorpe, I.G.; and T. M. Compton, I.P.M.

After the installation ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Mitre Hotel.

**TRURO.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 78).—At a meeting of this lodge, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., the W.M. elect, Bro. W. B. Morriss, was installed in the Master's chair by Bro. Charles Trevithick. The W.M. appointed and installed as his officers for the ensuing year, Bros. Trevithick, I.P.M.; T. C. Mack, S.W.; W. Simmons, J.W.; J. Tonkin, M.O.; S. Toop, S.O.; J. Greenway, J.O.; W. J. Johns, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., Treas.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.M., Prov. G.I.W., Sec.; J. W. Highman, Reg.; J. Harris, S.D.; H. J. Whittcy, J.D.; W. Allen, D.C.; E. Heard, I.G.; and John Langdon, Tyler.

**CARLISLE.**—Cumberland Lodge (No. 60).—The annual meeting for installing the W.M. of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., when Bro. R. L. Court, W.M. elect, was duly installed for the ensuing year by Bro. J. C. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. T. M. Compton, I.P.M.; Sergeant-Major Bunyan, P.G. Swd. Br., S.W.; H. Court, J.W.; Sergeant Wright, M.O.; J. Bewley, S.O.; T. Ormiston, J.O.; W. Court, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; Sergeant-Major S. Lockyer, R. of M.; Chas. J. Nanson, Sec.; J. Lowthian, S.D.; J. Graham, J.D.; and T. L. Thorpe, I.G.

With a vote of thanks to Bro. Mason, Installing Master, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Mitre Hotel, where a collation awaited them, and a very agreeable evening spent.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—This influential and distinguished conclave, acting by immemorial constitution, met at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 7th inst. Among those present we noticed Sir Knts. T. C. Walls, M.P.S.; G. Mickley, V.E., M.P.S. elect; G. Powell, P.M.P.S., acting S.G.; Heard, acting J.G.; T. Cubitt, G.J.G., Treas.; John Mason, G.H.C., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, H.P.; W. Lake, H. Shirley, P.M.W.S.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M.W.S.; Marsh, P.M.W.S. (Hon. Member); Codd, H. Harris, E. A. Harris, W. Harris, J. Harris, and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. E. C. Rogers, P.M. 303, and it proving to be unanimous he was installed a knight of the Order by the M.P.S. The long and interesting historical oration connected with the Degree was then ably delivered by Sir Knt. H. J. Lardner, H.P. Sir Knt. H. Shirley then presented Sir Knt. G. Mickley to the M.P.S., who proceeded to install him in the chair. The only officers invested were Sir Knts. T. Cubitt, Treas., and J. Mason, Recorder. The other appointments stand over in consequence of the resignation of office by the V.E. elect. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Sir Knt. T. C. Walls for his services during the past year. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Sir Knts. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., G.S., George Kenning, E. H. Thiellay, and others.

The conclave was then closed, and the six knights adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their stated monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, the 5th inst. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P. and Trustee, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. A. F. Godson, W. Paas, S. Richardson, T. Hastings Miller, John A. Powell, S. J. Parkhouse, Geo. Cooper, J. Faulkner, C. E. Soppet, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, H. Webb, W. H. Saunders, J. S. Cumberland, J. Imbert-Terry, J. L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Perryman, F. Adlar, Joyce Murray, C. F. Hogard, R. Morris, L.L.D.; A. Williams, Thos. Griffiths, C. Belton, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; G. Motion, W. Maple, R. Eve, and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, Bros. E. Bowyer, T. Hastings Miller, A. E. Gladwell, and C. H. Webb were appointed Scrutineers for the election of nine out of a list of ten brethren nominated in May last to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee, the result of such ballot being furnished below.

The House Committee of last year were re-elected *en bloc* to serve for the current year.

Four petitions were carefully considered, and the names of the boys ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in October next. Grants of £5 each were made to three ex-pupils, but the memorial of a youth formerly educated in the School, and now out of employment, and seeking assistance, was ordered to lie on the table, as

not coming within the scope of the purposes of the Institution.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of the ballot, and to the Chairman for presiding, brought the proceedings to a close.

The following constitute the new Audit Committee, viz.: Bros. G. P. Gillard, T. Cubitt, H. S. Goodall, George Cooper, C. F. Hogard, C. E. Soppet, W. Maple, Stephen Richardson, and Thomas Griffiths.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and there was about the usual number of members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Warden's report for the past month was read and approved. The petitions of seven old people—five men and two widows—were carefully considered, with the result that the names of the petitioners were ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election in May, 1887.

The members of the House and Audit Committees were re-elected for the current year, and with a vote of thanks to Bro. Bowyer for presiding the Committee separated.

It may be mentioned here that the customary visit of the Festival Stewards to the Institution at Croydon was arranged to take place on Thursday.

### MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A very numerous attended meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the Chairmanship of Bro. R. Robinson, P.P.G. Registrar, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity.

The longest list on record, embracing no fewer than 22 candidates, had to be considered, the applications for the benefits of the Institution comprising cases from Liverpool, Furness, Trafford, Ellersmere (Chorley), Lancaster, and Blackpool.

The cases of the whole of the candidates were favourably entertained, and as a result of the Committee's decisions a sum of about £220 was added to the annual expenditure of the "West Lancashire."

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Friday afternoon, the 4th inst., in the Old Corn Exchange, Rochester, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master. There was a large attendance. It was fully arranged that the Provincial Grand Lodge shall meet at Folkestone in July. Sums amounting together to a total of about £300 were voted for the Masonic School for Boys, the Masonic School for Girls, and other Charitable Institutions of the Order. Among those present were Bros. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Horatio Ward, P.G. J.W.; K. Thorpe, P.G. Treas.; A. Spencer, P.G. Sec.; H. Black, P.G.A.D. of C.; S. Varren, P.M., P.G.A.P.; T. Wyles, P.G.J.D.; T. Watson, P.P.G.J.D.; Humphrey Wood, P.G.S.W.; D. W. Langton, W.M. 1063, P.M.; G. Frenck; F. Hughes-Hallett, P.G.R.; Spurrier, P.G. J.W.; J. Funnell, W.M. 20; F. Nicholls, W.M. 1050; J. P. Griffin, P.P.G. A.D.C.; F. Abbott, P.M.; W. Watson, P.M.; and others. At the close of the business the brethren banqueted together at the Bull Hotel, the host of which celebrated establishment, Mr. Lawrence, catered with experienced skill.

### ANNUAL DINNER OF THE WANDERERS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual dinner of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, and the presentation of a testimonial to its Secretary, was held at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst.

The chair was taken by the Preceptor, Bro. F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604, 1257, P.Z. 1604, and he was supported by Bro. H. Folsom, W.M. of the mother lodge; Bros. G. Boulton, P.M.; W. Brindley, P.M.; J. Gibson, P.M.; C. White, P.M. 299; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; P. Coughlan, W.M. 144; T. Bull, P.M.; C. Goffin, P.M.; W. Coleman, S.W. 1604; W. Ewings, C. Pugh, T. Bowen, W. Taylor, C. Clarkson, A. Hayes, W. Holmes, Holland, W. Goode, W. Taylor, South, J. Taylor, and many others.

On the cloth being removed the CHAIRMAN proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, together with the toast of "The Mother Lodge," which was responded to in a very effective speech by Bro. H. FOLSOM, the respected W.M., who then proposed "The Wanderers Lodge of Instruction," coupling with it the name of the Preceptor, Bro. F. J. Wray, P.M., the Chairman of the evening, whose services to the lodge during the five years of its existence had brought it to and maintained it in a high state of efficiency.

Bro. WRAY then rose and said: Worshipful Master of the mother lodge, I beg to thank you very much on behalf of this lodge of instruction for the very kind remarks you have made as to its general usefulness in promulgating a knowledge of our beautiful ceremonies, and also the eulogy you have been pleased to pass on my humble services, which, I need not say, have been rendered by me for the purest love of Freemasonry and its principles. If those services have met with approval, I am sure I am amply repaid by the very hearty response of the brethren gathered round me, and I desire to assure them that as long as I am able I will continue to be at my post each successive Wednesday evening to carry on the work I have undertaken and performed for the past five years. A Charitable Association is attached to this lodge of instruction, and since its formation a considerable sum has been paid into the three Masonic Charities through its agency, and it is still actively engaged in carrying on this good work. Now, in order to conduct these large and important con-

cerns, it is necessary that some large-hearted and devoted brother should volunteer his services, and by painstaking and self-denying labour bring them to a successful issue. I allude to the necessity of a lodge of instruction procuring the services of an able and efficient Secretary, a brother who will not only devote his time once a week at the meetings of the lodge, but one who will lose no opportunity of furthering its interests at all times, whether in or out of lodge, without hope of reward beyond the gratifying testimony of a clear conscience. Now, brethren, I am sure you will agree with me that in Bro. George Musson (a highly respected member of the mother lodge) we have secured such a brother and such a Secretary. He has been indefatigable in his exertions in securing the success of this lodge, and particularly of the Charitable Association. He has ingratiated himself with every member of the lodge, and has largely practised the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, by subscribing liberally to the Masonic Charities, thereby proving that practice and precept with him go hand in hand. After five years of such service the members of the lodge have come to the determination to present Bro. Musson with a mark of their extreme regard and of their appreciation of his pre-eminent services. And personally thanking the brethren for the very liberal and hearty response they made to the circular addressed to them on the subject, I beg in their name and with their unanimous approval, to present you, Bro. Musson, with this chronograph, which it is my earnest hope you may long be spared by the G.A.O.T.U. to wear in remembrance of the many happy hours you have spent with the members. And in conclusion, I beg you also, on behalf of the lodge, to accept as Mrs. Musson's proxy, this locket, and convey to her the "Hearty good wishes" of the members of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction. Brethren, I ask you to be upstanding and drink "The Health of our esteemed Secretary, Bro. Musson."

Bro. GEORGE MUSSON responded, and said: Bro. Past Master Wray and brethren, I cannot find words to thank you sufficiently for the very kind and generous manner in which you have come forward in response to the resolution of the lodge, and presented me with this very handsome mark of your esteem and appreciation of my services as Secretary for the past five years, and I hope you will believe me when I say that I thank you most sincerely from the bottom of my heart. You, brethren, have responded in a manner far beyond my expectations; I never thought, for one moment, that my humble services would be recognised in so handsome and generous a manner. There was a time, as most of you will remember, when business and other matters pressed themselves rather heavily upon me that I felt I was not fulfilling my duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and certainly not to myself, when I felt it incumbent to resign, but was prevailed upon by my dear old friend, Bro. Past Master Brindley (whom I knew long before I was a Mason), and several other brethren to alter my decision, and hence it is, brethren, that I still occupy the proud position of Secretary to this justly celebrated lodge of instruction. (Applause.) It is now five years ago last April when the mother lodge granted us a warrant of constitution, and it was in anticipation of that grant that Bro. Wray asked me if I would accept the office of Secretary. Well, brethren, I need not say how proud I was of the offer, but at the same time I felt a deal of diffidence as regards accepting, as I thought there might be some older member of the lodge who would be anxious for that post, and that I might possibly be treading upon somebody's corns, but this he assured me was not so, well, brethren, not feeling satisfied I asked Bro. Boulton, and he fully confirmed what Bro. Wray had said, and added that he would not have the job for anything, so feeling satisfied I accepted, and if I have given satisfaction, and your generous appreciation this evening shows me that I have, I am more than repaid. I can assure you, brethren, it has been a pleasure to me to be amongst you on Wednesday evenings, especially when in Bro. Gibson, our I.P.M., I have such a kind and good-hearted Treasurer to deal with, and I am sure you are all with me when I say there is no brother of the lodge more respected and beloved than our dear old friend, Bro. Gibson. (Applause.) I cannot sit down without thanking the Committee for the very kind and hearty manner in which they have worked on my behalf; my thanks are more especially due to my dear old friend, Bro. Past Master Wray, who, as Secretary and Treasurer to the fund, has borne the brunt of the work, and I cannot thank him sufficiently. I am confident that much of the success is due to his indefatigable exertions, and for the straightforward and business-like manner in which Bro. Wray has carried out the whole affair. I am sure the brethren, and the Committee also, must feel confident that they could not have appointed a brother to have fulfilled those duties in a more efficient manner than Bro. Wray has. Now, as regards this very handsome locket, which you have so generously presented to my dear wife, I cannot find words to thank you. It is so very gratifying to me to find that her services have not been forgotten, for my wife has often assisted me, and is deprived very often of my company, and has always taken a delight in whatever work I have been engaged in on behalf of the Craft. Therefore, brethren, it is so very pleasing and gratifying to find that I am not the only one thought of, and on behalf of my dear wife and myself, I once more thank you most heartily.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction," responded to by Bro. J. GIBSON, I.P.M.

"The Vice-Chairman" was responded to by Bros. G. BOULTON, P.M., and W. BRINDLEY, P.M.

"The Stewards and Presentation Committee" was responded to by Bros. P. COUGHLAN, W.M. 144, and A. HAYES, J.W. 1641.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. SOUTH and J. TAYLOR.

After a most enjoyable evening, enlivened by songs by Bros. C. White, South, J. Bowen, Holland, and J. H. Lane, the brethren separated.

The watch presented to Bro. G. Musson is a valuable gold keyless chronograph, and to Mrs. Musson a handsome gold locket, both being much admired by the company.

### THE NEW SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL IN PHILADELPHIA.

The "Graphic," of Cincinnati, Ohio, has devoted considerable space in its issue for May 15th to the account of "The New Scottish Rite Cathedral," just completed in

that city. A full two-page and two single pages of illustrations, besides a page of text, may surely be taken as proof of the extraordinary growth of the Craft in America, and the great interest that is taken in all that concerns its welfare by the public and the press.

The building itself is quite in the Ecclesiastical style of architecture, and is most imposing in size and character. Doubtless the main features of the structure are due to the fact that it was formerly used by the Seventh Presbyterian Church, from whom the brethren purchased the building for £7000. The remodelling has been most thorough and and very costly, the result being the finest suite of halls for the exclusive use of the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" in the world, and a fine organ, costing £800, has also been acquired, so that the ceremonies will continue to be worked with all the perfection of the surroundings, which have so long distinguished the members of that Rite in Ohio. The portraits of Bros. E. T. Carson, Rev. W. B. Melish, M. J. Mack, and H. C. Urner are given, and we feel assured that the Rite will eventually be no loser by the late disastrous fire, save by the loss of numerous Masonic curiosities that cannot be replaced.

**GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

The Annual Communication of the South Australia Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, April 21st, in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide. The Grand Master, the Chief Justice Hon. S. J. Way, presided. He was supported by the D.G.M., Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., and the other Grand Lodge Officers.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, held on January 30th, having been confirmed, the report of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. S. Solomon, President, was presented as follows:

A statement of receipts and expenditure and balance-sheet, showing assets and liabilities for the year ending December 31st, 1885, duly audited, is herewith presented. Accounts amounting to £217 3s. 6d., due by lodges, have been paid since this date. Notwithstanding the heavy demands upon the Benevolent Fund during the past year, the balance to credit is fairly satisfactory. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, has appointed the M.W. the Grand Master, the Hon. S. J. Way, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England to this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England have suggested the appointment of R.W. Bro. Robert Cunliffe, Past Grand Warden, as Grand Representative to that Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Ireland have suggested the appointment of W. Bro. Sir Thomas Alfred Jones, P.M., as Grand Representative to that Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Ohio have suggested the appointment of W. Bro. Jesse R. Purnell, P.M., as Grand Representative to that Grand Lodge. The Board recommend the appointment of these brethren. The G.L. of Scotland have, for some reason at present unknown to your Board, resolved to withdraw the recognition granted to this Grand Lodge. As doubtless this arises from some misunderstanding, it is hoped that the difference, whatever it may be, will speedily be satisfactorily arranged. The correspondence upon this matter is published herewith, for the information of the Craft.

"Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh,  
"September 3rd, 1885.

"R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,

"I have the honour to inform you that at the quarterly communication, held on August 6th, the Grand Master Mason presiding, the Grand Lodge of Scotland unanimously resolved to recognise and open fraternal relations with the recently formed Grand Lodge of South Australia. Further, that, as petitioned for, permission be given to the Lodges Nos. 341, 555, 628, 629, 672, and 686 to retain in their possession the charters under which they have worked, to be held by them in affectionate remembrance of the connection with the Scottish Constitution, and as a mark of their appreciation of the benefits received from their parent Grand Lodge. And that Bro. Hugo C. E. Muecke, ex-District Grand Master, be cordially thanked for the services he has rendered to Grand Lodge. On receipt of your recommendation of a brother to represent the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the Grand Lodge of South Australia, a commission will be issued in his favour.

"D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary."  
"Freemasons' Hall,  
"November 23rd, 1885.

"R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,

"On September 3rd I informed you that Grand Lodge had resolved to recognise and open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia. At the quarterly communication this month, the said resolution was cancelled. The Grand Lodge of Scotland does not therefore recognise the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

"D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary."  
"Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide,  
"January 11th, 1886.

"R.W. Sir and Brother,

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your favour of November 23rd, conveying the intelligence that your M.W. Grand Lodge had at its Grand Communication in November cancelled the resolution according recognition and fraternal relationship to this Grand Lodge, unanimously passed at the previous Grand Communication in August. The Grand Lodge of South Australia has been formed upon truly Masonic lines, and in accordance with constitutional law and acknowledged Masonic usage, its proceedings have been approved of by the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and many other Grand Bodies in various parts of the world, and have never been impugned. We are at a loss to understand why, after cordially welcoming us into the family of Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Scotland should summarily withdraw the recognition granted at its previous Communication, and that without any intimation of any difference with us, and without giving us an opportunity of explanation should a misunderstanding exist. Undoubtedly we have a right to demand some reason for this extraordinary proceeding. We feel certain that the determination of which we complain must either have been arrived at without due consideration or under some misapprehension, which enquiry would remove. I have therefore to request that you will, acting for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with as little delay as possible make us acquainted with the reasons which have led to the withdrawal of recognition of this Grand Lodge. The exchange of frank explanations on either side will, I feel assured, lead to the

restoration of fraternal relations between our respective Grand Lodges.

"JAMES H. CUNNINGHAM, G.S. S.A."

The Board have had an opportunity of securing for the Grand Lodge library an excellent selection of Masonic works, and have availed themselves of the offer, and made the purchase. This addition to the library will make it more complete, and will doubtless be appreciated by the Craft. The Board have thought it advisable that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary should give a guarantee bond; they have accordingly made arrangements for this being done, the premium to be paid from Grand Lodge funds. Reports of proceedings have been received from the following Grand Lodges, and are hereby acknowledged: Arizona, Columbia, Colorado, California, England, Illinois, Iowa, Liberia, Louisiana, Maine, Manitoba, Michigan, Massachusetts, Nevada, New South Wales, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Scotland, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Victoria. The Board desire to suggest that the honorary rank of Past Senior Grand Warden be conferred upon Grand Representatives. Election of Grand Lodge officers, 12 Grand Stewards, two Auditors, and six members of the Board of General Purposes, in place of five who retire by effluxion of time, and one in place of Bro. Sansom, who, by the election to the office of Junior Grand Warden, becomes an ex officio member, will have to take place at this meeting of Grand Lodge. The Board have held 12 meetings during the year. The attendance has been good.

The Board have much pleasure in congratulating the Craft upon its sound financial position and its steady prosperity. Notwithstanding the severe depression of the times, the roll of membership shows a gain in numbers of 36 for the year ending Sept. 30, 1885, although no less than 283 names have been removed from membership for various reasons. The return of lodges gives the number now established as 36, representing 2277 members. The proportion of individual lodges is as follows:—Adelaide, 169; United Tradesmen's, 145; Unity, 140; Friendship, 127; St. Andrews, 116; Harmony, 96; Macdonnell, 93; Truth, 89; Union, 77; Leopold, 75; Faith, 74; Duke of Edinburgh, 70; Flinders, 69; Areas, 65; Prince of Wales, 64; Victoria, 56; Semaphore, 50; Fidelity, 50; Light, 49; Concordia, 49; Mount Gambier, 47; Pirie, 46; St. John's, 46; Concord, 45; Emulation, 44; Mostyn, 40; Koorunga, 39; St. Vincent, 39; Clare, 37; Woorooro, 36; Holdfast, 34; Princess Royal, 30; St. James's, 29; Corinthian, 23; St. John, 19; and Melville (opened only in November last). The financial statement showed, with a cash balance of £11 13s. 11d. brought forward, a total of £1368 on the side of receipts, leaving the sum of £142 7s. 1d. to credit in the Town and Country Bank, the expenditure having been only £1225 13s. 1d. Of this £240 2s. 6d. was spent in giving relief to various brethren. The accounts were audited by Bros. E. Cooke and F. Wilton Gardiner. The statement of assets and liabilities showed a credit balance of £756 15s. 11d., of which £486 os. 11d. is appropriated to the General Fund, and £270 15s. to the fund for benevolent purposes. The year's expenditure is divided as follows:—General Fund, £1036 10s. 8d.; Benevolent Fund, £257 5s. The amount paid under the latter head was about equally divided between local brethren or their representatives, and visiting brethren or theirs.

The report was adopted. The following resolution, carried at the last Quarterly Communication, was formally approved of: "That the amount payable by lodges to the Fund of General Purposes of Grand Lodge for each of its contributing members be reduced from 1s. to 9d. per quarter."

- The Grand Lodge Officers were then elected, there being no competition. The list is as follows:
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| Bro. The Chief Justice, Hon. S. Way | G. Master.       |
| " H. E. Downer, M.P. ...            | D.G. Master.     |
| " J. Ramsay ...                     | G.S.W.           |
| " Philip Sansom ...                 | G.J.W.           |
| " The Rev. C. G. Taplin ...         | G. Chap.         |
| " S. Solomon ...                    | G. Pres. B.G.P.  |
| " W. L. Ware ...                    | G. Treas.        |
| " W. B. Webb ...                    | G. Reg.          |
| " J. C. Kaufmann ...                | G.I. of Lodges.  |
| " The Rev. F. S. Poole ...          | G. Lecturer.     |
| " J. H. H. Vockins ...              | G.S.D.           |
| " F. H. Wigg ...                    | G.S.D.           |
| " F. Olifent ...                    | G.J.D.           |
| " H. Turner ...                     | G.J.D.           |
| " R. L. Mestayer ...                | G. Supt. of Wks. |
| " G. C. Knight ...                  | G.D. of C.       |
| " J. G. Jenkins ...                 | G.D.D. of C.     |
| " J. Le M. F. Roberts ...           | G.A.D. of C.     |
| " J. T. McLean ...                  | G. Swd. Br.      |
| " I. De Cean ...                    | G. Std. Br.      |
| " D. H. H. Weir ...                 | G. Std. Br.      |
| " J. Shakespeare ...                | G. Org.          |
| " G. F. Ward ...                    | G.A. Sec.        |
| " A. Simpson ...                    | G. Purst.        |
| " John Nicholson ...                | G.A. Purst.      |

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| Bros. F. W. Gardiner, B. H. Laker, A. Lindsay, E. Cooke, H. Trevas-kis, H. D. Gell, C. A. Murphy, C. R. Goode, J. C. Harris, C. L. Meyer, A. Kemp, and G. E. C. Stevens ... | G. Stewards. |
| Bros. A. M. Simpson, J. R. Gurner, J. G. Jenkins, D. H. H. Weir, J. T. McLean, and W. Sketheway ...   | G.B. of G.P. |
| Bros. E. Cooke and F. W. Gardiner ...   | G. Auditors. |

The Grand Lodge Officers were then invested with the customary ceremonials, which were admirably performed with the assistance of an efficient choir, under the Grand Lodge Organist, Bro. J. Shakespeare. Bro. G. C. Knight, G.D.C., conducted the presentation, and the M.W.G.M. invested. The investiture was marked by new features, including special addresses to each of the officers by the M.W.G.M., who congratulated the Grand Lodge on the admirable selection they had made for the ensuing year. One of the most special incidents was the announcement by the G.M. that he had received under the hand and seal of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, a charter appointing him as the representative of the English Grand Lodge in South Australia. The G.M. made an appropriate speech in reference to the matter. He said he regarded the compliment paid as one of the highest distinctions which could be offered to the Grand Lodge.

At about 8 o'clock the annual banquet began in the hall below the lodge room. Mr. Jene was the caterer.

Sixty guests were present. The chair was filled by the M.W.G.M. Bro. G. C. Knight acted as Director of Ceremonies.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and R.W. Bro. H. M. ADDISON, P.D.G.M., gave "The M.W.G.M."

The CHIEF JUSTICE made an appropriate speech in response. He specially referred to the distinction conferred on the Grand Lodge by the receipt of the charter previously mentioned, and expressed the hope that he would yet have the pleasure of representing the Grand Lodge here in the Grand Lodge in England. He moreover congratulated the lodge on its very satisfactory progress. He then submitted the toast of "Our Sister Grand Lodges," the response to which was given by R.W. Bro. J. RAMSAY, G.S.W.

R.W. Bro. H. C. MAIS, P.G.S.W., proposed "The Grand Lodge Officers," on behalf of whom Bro. S. SOLOMON, President of the Board of General Purposes, responded.

Bro. PHILIP SANSON proposed "The Visitors," and the other usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

Altogether the gathering was of a most successful character.



Messrs. Yardley and Stephens have taken Bro. Toole's theatre for the summer and autumn season, commencing at the end of this month. Having done well with the various burlesques they have collaborated, these gentlemen think it advisable to produce them themselves.

The Royalty is to reopen on Whit Monday with two new pieces—the first, "Jack," at eight o'clock, and an extravaganza, "Mephisto," at 10 o'clock. Mr. E. J. Henley, who has seceded from the Globe, is one of the lessees, and is to play in the new pieces. The cast includes several well-known ladies and gentlemen, amongst them being Miss Constance Gilchrist, who makes her reappearance before the public after a retirement of about three years. As the Royalty is often thought to be out of the beaten track of theatres, we may add that it is easily reached by the new street, Shaftesbury-avenue. It is a very cosy little house.

Mr. Charles Wyndham has put on at the Criterion an old play called "Wild Oats," in which he took part about twelve years ago at the Royalty. "Wild Oats" has been run once since that, about three years ago, when the Compton Comedy Company were at the Strand. But Mr. Wyndham has greatly altered the original text to suit his volatile audience and himself with a leading and comical character. My Wyndham looks as young in it as he did when he played at the little house in Soho. Admirers of Mr. Wyndham, and their name is legion, should not fail to pay a visit to the Criterion, where the popular and lively lessee is supported by a very strong and efficient cast.

Mr. Willie Edouin nothing daunted by his tenure of the Novelty, produced at a matinée at the Vaudeville the other day a piece of wild extravaganza called "Turned Up," by Mr. Mark Melford. It had been played at Glasgow under another and more catching name. The fun hangs on the part of a sailor, whose wife supposing him to have been dead, marries again, while he has taken to himself a black spouse. The development of the fun rests with the children of these reckless parents, whose new pastimes interfere in the households. With the excellent caste who played in the piece it is sure to be popular with the public. Its incidents are so amusing as to defy description, and vanish from the memory as soon as they have crossed it. Mr. Edouin and Mr. Charles Groves scored a great success. The piece is likely to go on tour at once. But we should like Londoners to see it first, if a theatre can be got.

In our issue of 29th ult. we stated, with reference to a dramatic notice which appeared in the *Freemason* of the week before, respecting the play of "Jim the Penman," at the Haymarket Theatre, that our first statement was incorrect as far as regards Mr. Russell having bid for the play. We amended our notice by saying that the play was bid for by the joint lessees, which, no doubt, is literally true, but the context should stand as it appeared in our paper of 22nd May, which was substantially correct, viz., that Sir Charles Young had for two or three years read his play, "Jim the Penman," to several managers of West End theatres, the Haymarket included, and they all rejected it as having what is known in the profession "no money in it." We then said, as it is so popular with the public, it is only one more instance of what bad judges managers usually are of plays, and that great credit is due to Mr. E. Russell who, when the play was being acted at a matinée at the Haymarket, and who had not seen it before discerned that it would draw, and secured the play, the bid being, of course, made by the joint lessees. Our first notice therefore was perfectly correct, and we think it only due to Mr. Russell and the writer of the notice—who is not in the habit of writing what he does not know about—to confirm what we then said. We are glad to say that the play is drawing crowded houses every evening, and there can be little doubt will last this season. Mr. Broadfield has left the company, having to fulfil an engagement already entered into with Messrs. Hare and Kendal at the St. James's. Mr. Sugden takes his part, and plays it quite as effectively as he does differently. Lady Monckton has much improved since the first week, and seems to have settled down into a thorough professional.

Mr. Augustin Daly and his company will have no cause to grumble at the reception they received at the Strand on the first night of their second visit to England. The applause came not from their fellow countrymen only, but from English playgoers quite as much, and was as genuine as it was unbounded. They have opened with one of their pieces, which has been very popular in the States, called "A Night Off." Played by any other company the

piece would be termed a bore, so that we cannot praise the author so much, but played by such a strong and efficient company, every member of which has a part suited to him or her, and who plays that part with zest and free from jealousy. "A Night Off" turns out to be a night most pleasantly spent. The plot may be briefly summarized in this manner. Our University Professor has written a play, and is very anxious to have it produced, but it would never do to tell his wife or let it be known to the public. A manager calls on him, sees the manuscript, and takes it away to bring out the play. The fun all ranges round how the Professor, his daughter, and a son-in-law, who also are in the secret, are to get "A Night Off" to see the play. For this purpose Nisbe, the young lady, devises a plan whereby she shall give the father an excuse for scolding her, that she shall reply impertinently, causing him to send her to her room. Harry Damask, her brother-in-law, shall then intercede, causing the Professor to work up into such a rage that he shall say that he will quit the house, and not receive such insults. Harry is to express penitence, and run after the old gentleman to apologise. Of course Nisbe is to leave her room, and so all three be at the theatre. This is done as arranged. But as luck will have it Harry's wife, Angelica, the Professor's daughter, happens to pick up a comic paper after the scene has taken place in the drawing room, of how a "Mr. Sly Boots" and his son-in-law managed to secure "A Night Off" by the practice of a similar plot. Nisbe has read the paper before her sister, and has taken it for her guide. The tragedy is an awful failure. A warm reception meets the Professor and his son-in-law on their return by their respective wives. Another very comical scene is that in which Angelica, couched by her mother, has convinced herself that all husbands have a dreadful secret from their wives, and so worrying is she to get Harry Damask to confess to his ante-nuptial misdeeds, that he at last saddles himself with a complication a bachelor friend of his, in love with Nisbe, has just confided to him. A splendid piece of real comedy acting takes place between Miss Ada Rehan (Nisbe) and Mr. John Drew (a young actor). This scene is Miss Rehan's best part, for, though the leading lady, Miss Rehan in "A Night Off" is content with a much smaller part than she has in most of the Daly comedies. Mr. Skinner, as Damask, has vastly improved since his visit to our shores two years ago. This remark applies also to Miss Dreher, as Angelica. Miss Irwin, as the servant maid, wins great applause in her rendering of quite a minor character. Mr. James Lewis, as the Professor, is not more comic than natural. His make up and facial expressions once seen will never be forgotten. He never over-acts, which many would be tempted to do. Mrs. Gilbert's part of the Professor's wife is admirably played. The Daly company have begun well, and we are sure their nine weeks' stay here will be far too short, and our fear is that, owing to the tremendous success of "A Night Off," we may not see them after all in the many other equally funny comedies they have brought over with them. But we trust they may be able to stay, with the temptation they have received, much longer than they originally intended doing. After the final fall of the curtain, Mr. Daly, who seemed overcome with nervousness with the reception his company got, said: "Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am proud and happy to receive this summons. This applause sounds like the echo of your friendly parting cheers of two years ago. You then seemed to say to us 'Come back,' and we have come. I thank you on behalf of Miss Rehan and Mrs. Gilbert, of Mr. Lewis, Mr. Drew, and the rest of my company, for the affectionate reception you have extended to us all. I am only sorry that my friend Terriss is not here to receive his share; but he is still struggling at the Adelphi to reach his 'Harbour Lights,' while we have already found ours here in the bright gleam of your friendly eyes."

#### THE PROPOSED MASONIC EXHIBITION AT SHANKLIN.

We would call the attention of our readers to the exhibition of Masonic curiosities, medals, &c., to be held in the early part of August at "The Chalet," in the beautiful grounds of Rylstone, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, which has been kindly lent by Mr. and Madame Spartali. A more charming spot could not be found on the island, the grounds being beautifully laid out, and commanding lovely views of the bay, which has been called the English Bay of Naples. With its grounds sloping down to the Chine on the one side, while the trees standing in ridges above it on the western presents one encircling mass of varying tints of green. The Chalet has two spacious rooms running the length of the building, and would form alone an attraction well worthy of a visit.

The W.M. of the Chine Lodge, Bro. Alfred Greenham, earnestly asks the co-operation of brethren who can lend things of Masonic interest, of which every care would be taken, and would be packed and forwarded by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London. The Lord of the Manor of Shanklin, Bro. F. White-Popham, J.P., and Bro. Dr. Dabbs, are amongst the guarantors for the safe custody and return of all exhibits. The catalogue being in preparation, the W.M. hopes the brethren intending to lend articles will communicate their intention at once.

#### The Craft Abroad.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE ADDINGTON LODGE, No. 1937, NATAL.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 26th March last in the Masonic Hall, Addington. There were present the M.W.D.G.M. of South East Africa (S.C.), Bro. Hulston; Bros. Cook, P.M.; Windram, P.M.; Kinsman, D.G.P., P.M.; Ikin, D.G.C., P.M.; Hart, P.M.; Emanuel, P.M.; Brown, W.M.; Wood, P.M.; Isaacs, W.M.; Cottam, P.M. (retiring Master and Installing Master); and about 60 other brethren, among whom were several officers of sister lodges. An apology for absence was intimated from Bro. Finnemore, R.W.D.G.M., and several other letters of apology were also received. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Goodliffe, Leask, A.D.G. Sec.; Roycroft, S.W. 738; and Drew, P.S.W., 738.

After some formal business, Bro. Cottam duly installed Bro. Petersen in the chair of Worshipful Master, and conducted the ceremony in an impressive and thoroughly efficient manner. Afterwards the W.M. elected the follow-

ing brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with their insignia of office:—Bros. Royal, S.W.; Jewett, J.W.; Rev. Ikin, P.M., Chap.; J. B. Cottam, P.M., Treas.; Hampton, Sec.; Crowder, S.D.; Ward, J.D.; Fletcher, D. of C.; Carmichael, I.G.; Pullock, Org.; and Leggott, Tyler.

The members and a number of visitors then sat down to a banquet purveyed by Bro. Ellis Brown. The usual loyal toasts were proposed and enthusiastically pledged.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Finnemore, and Present and Past D.G. Officers." The toast was cordially drunk.

Bro. Cottam proposed "The R.W.D.G.M. (S.C.), Bro. Hulston, and the Lodges of South-East Africa (S.C.)." He spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Hulston, and of his connection with the early history of Addington Lodge.

Bro. Hulston, in returning thanks, said the Scotch lodges of South-East Africa felt the heartiest and best wishes for the prosperity of the lodges under the English Constitution. They were not in rivalry with the lodges under that Constitution, but were striving to emulate the good example of older lodges in the Colony that they might press forward in the good work which Masonry ought to do, and was doing, and would do in the future. They all knew this, that if they went on in the same track year after year they got to a certain extent what was commonly known as "fossilised," and they wanted new blood, renewed activity, new sympathy, and new efforts made on behalf of the Order. And that they could only get by keeping up the interests of the Order.

Bro. Cottam, in a few complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and Bro. Petersen replied.

"The Immediate Past Master and Officers of the Addington Lodge" came next from the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Hulston, and the toast was cordially drunk.

Bro. Cottam replied. "The Past Masters," "Newly-installed Officers," "Visitors," and Tyler's toast completed the list.

Songs were interspersed between the toasts, and added much to the pleasure of what was altogether an enjoyable and hearty meeting.

#### GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN.

Bro. James H. Farnam, M.W.G.M., presided at the 42nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, held at Detroit on the 26th and 27th January last. There were 342 lodges represented, and the proceedings were of a very enthusiastic character. The Grand Master, in his address, reported the establishment of 12 new lodges, and the dedication of 21 new halls. He also mentioned that 1321 dollars had been raised for the relief of distressed brethren in Galveston, Texas; and spoke in terms of warm commendation of the Michigan Masonic Home Association. The Grand Lecturer gave a favourable account of his labours during the past year, only two out of the 56 lodges of instruction he had called having proved failures. Other reports were also delivered, the statistical and financial showing that there were, as regards the former, 354 lodges, and as regards the latter, that the receipts were 12,443 dollars, the total fund 19,068 dollars, and the disbursements 13,162 dollars. Bro. Michael Shoemaker was elected M.W.G.M., and Bro. W. P. Innes re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 1469, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st April, at Craddock, when there were present Bros. A. Ziervogel, as W.M.; A. C. Maynard, S.W.; W. English, as J.W.; A. Ziervogel, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Green, P.M., Sec.; E. M. Rochat, S.D.; C. Palmer, J.D.; J. T. Peddle, I.G.; C. H. Sykes, Stwd.; John Urie, Tyler; A. E. Austen, P.D.G.W., as I.P.M.; C. McLean, G. Truslove, and J. Frankland. Visitors: Bros. McKerrill and T. D. Henry. Bro. A. Ziervogel, P.D.G.D., Treas., as senior P.M. of the lodge, took the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. J. Wright, D.G.P., the W.M., and the lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. An apology was read from Bro. H. S. J. Kruger for non-attendance. A letter was read from the D.G. Secretary, returning Bro. A. E. Austen's, P.M., paper on "The Landmarks of the Craft," and conveying the R.W.D.G.M.'s approval of it, and permission for its being printed. Bro. J. E. Green, D.G.S.D., proposed that 500 copies be printed at the expense of the lodge and circulated amongst the Craft, which was seconded by Bro. A. C. Maynard, S.W. Bro. E. M. Rochat, S.D., enquired the object of the paper, which was briefly explained by the Secretary and Bro. A. E. Austen, P.M., who added that he had written and read the paper for the benefit of the members of the lodge of instruction there, of which he was the W.M., and, at their request, he had agreed to have it printed, with the permission of the R.W.D.G.M. The motion was then put and carried unanimously. A circular letter was then read from the W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 1889, Bedford, requesting aid on behalf of the widow and family of a late P.M. of that lodge, and a P.D.G. Officer. Bro. A. E. Austen proposed, and Bro. E. M. Rochat seconded, that a sum of £5 be forwarded from the Benevolent Fund to the W.M. of that lodge, to be applied to the relief of the family. The W.M. enquired if the late brother had been a subscribing member of the Craft at the time of his death, as he was unknown to him; and upon hearing that he had been, expressed his opinion that such enquiries should be made in every application for relief, as many brethren looked upon the Craft as a Charitable Institution, and were only too ready to fall back upon it in time of distress, without themselves contributing to any lodge. The motion was carried unanimously. A circular letter was next read from Good Hope Lodge, No. 863, Port Elizabeth, notifying the suspension of a brother for non-payment of dues. The Secretary drew the attention of the lodge to the fact that that lodge had never at any time adopted the course of sending such notices to sister lodges, and still it had to suffer from members not paying their subscriptions with regularity. Only very recently members had been struck off who owed the lodge pounds, and in the notices for the present meeting the amount of fees and dues unpaid was pounds. In order to strengthen the hands of the Treasurer he would, with the permission of the lodge, write specially to any member who remained in arrear at the next meeting. The W.M. said, as Treasurer of the lodge, he intended during the next week sending the Tyler round with receipts, and he hoped members would pay at once, and save the necessity of any such letter as that suggested by the Secretary. Bro. C. Palmer, J.D., enquired whether the lodge had not to contribute to D.G. Lodge annually for every brother, whether he had paid his subscription or not,

and also what time must elapse before a brother's name would be struck off the books. The W.M. explained that the annual contribution of 2s. 6d. had to be paid by the lodge as long as a member's name remained upon the books, whether he had paid his subscription or not, and further, that Bye-law No. 14 provided that any brother in default for 12 months could be struck off after notice to him to pay his arrears had been given and ignored. A letter was read from the Secretary of the instruction lodge, requesting a decision upon a question respecting the admission of Jews and Quakers into the Order. The Secretary stated that he had submitted it to Grand Secretary for opinion of Grand Registrar. Bro. A. E. Austen, P.D.G.A., then read extracts from a very interesting descriptive account in the *Freemason* of the installation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, including the address of the Installing Master, Bro. Shekelton, O.C., Deputy Grand Master, and the reply of the G.M., which was listened to with much attention and appreciation by the brethren. Bro. Austen, P.M., also informed the brethren that Bros. George Truslove and Joseph Frankland, who had been initiated in that lodge, were leaving in a few days for England, and wished them a safe voyage and God speed. These good wishes were conveyed to the two brethren in suitable terms by the W.M. After the usual appeal on behalf of poor and distressed brethren had been made and responded to, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a pleasant hour was spent in fraternal intercourse.

#### GRAND LODGE OF UTAH.

The 15th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was held on the 19th and 20th January last, under the presidency of Bro. P. L. Williams, eight lodges being represented. The Grand Master's address was encouraging, and though the Grand Secretary reported a slight falling off in membership, the financial statement was satisfactory, there being 12,075 dollars in the treasuries, and the value of the Grand Lodge property being 9500 dollars. It was likewise shown in the report of the Grand Librarian that there had been a considerable increase in the number of books, the library, which was continually obtaining further patronage, containing 6500 volumes. There are eight lodges in the jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 474. The receipts during the year were 1487 dollars, the total fund 3462 dollars, and the disbursements 1428 dollars. Bros. P. L. Williams and C. Diehl were re-elected M.W.G.M. and Grand Secretary respectively.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF WISCONSIN.

The 36th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State was held at Milwaukee, on the 16th February last, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Edwin J. Farr, G.H.P., 53 chapters being represented. The G.H.P.'s address contained no feature of special interest, the past year having been uneventful. Statistics show that the number of exaltations in 1885 was 224, and that the present membership is 3988. The general fund gave a total of 2636 dollars, while the disbursements reached 2426 dollars. Comp. W. C. Swain in his report on correspondence spoke somewhat slightly on the subject of the physical requirements, and jocularly remarked that it would be easy "enough to give the Degrees to one who has but one leg. Let him borrow a cork one." Comp. S. H. Alban was elected M.E. Grand High Priest for the ensuing year, and Comp. John W. Laffin re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, Italian Opera.  
HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening, French Plays.  
DRURY LANE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, Carl Rosa Opera Company.  
ADELPHI THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.  
VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8, SOPHIA. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.  
GLOBE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.0, THE SINS OF THE FATHERS; at 9, THE PICKPOCKET. Matinee every Saturday at 3.  
SAVOY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.35, THE MIKADO; or, THE TOWN OF TITIPU; at 7.45, THE CARP. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.  
OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.45, OUR STRATEGISTS; at 8, Farce.  
GAIETY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.45, ADONIS; at 8, Farce.  
TOOLE'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.45, THE LOTTERY TICKET; at 8.30, THE SERIOUS FAMILY; concluding with ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS.  
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 LEUVILLE.  
GRAND THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, STORMBEATEN.  
STANDARD THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.  
SANGERS' AMPHITHEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 7.45, TRUE TO THE CORE.  
ROYAL AQUARIUM.  
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.  
COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.  
Open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission one shilling; Wednesdays half-a-crown.  
ALBERT PALACE.  
Open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Amusements all day.  
ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.  
CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Company, &c., &c.  
PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c.  
MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.  
Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.



Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., opened a Fine Art Exhibition at Ealing, last week, in aid of the fund for enlarging the Cottage Hospital.

The Prince of Wales was awarded two prizes in the Southdown sheep classes at the Bath and West of England Society's Show at Bristol last week.

The Seventh Royal Military Tournament at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, in aid of the funds of the Military Charities, will open on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 2 p.m.

Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., C.B., M.P., will preside at the anniversary festival, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., of the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon and their family left their residence in Portman-square on Monday for Highclere Castle, where it is their intention to spend the summer.

Lady George Hamilton opened the Cambridge University Carlton Club on Saturday last, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., who accompanied her ladyship, afterwards delivering an address.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., was one of the principal guests at the Court dinner given by the Apothecaries' Company at their Hall, in Blackfriars, on Monday evening.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., will preside at the annual meeting, on Saturday, the 19th inst., of the friends of the London Female Preventive and Reformatory Institution, Parson's-green, Fulham.

Bros. the Earl of Cork, the Lord Mayor, Sir E. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., and C. T. D. Acland, M.P., were among the principal guests at the banquet at the Trinity House on Saturday evening last, at which the Prince of Wales occupied the chair.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., presided at the anniversary festival, held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday evening last, of the Newspaper Press Fund. The subscriptions announced, including 100 guineas from the Chairman, amounted to £1200.

Bro. W. Holland gave a dress rehearsal of the new grand spectacle, "Our Empire," at the Albert Palace, Battersea, on the 3rd inst., in the new open-air theatre, and on Saturday the first public performance took place before a crowded audience, who greatly appreciated the music and spectacle.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, and a distinguished company visited the horse show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on the 3rd inst., and witnessed the jumping competitions. The Royal visitors were loudly cheered, both on their arrival and departure.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, opened a restaurant and home for working girls in Chiswell-street on Saturday last, the Princess of Teck, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Cremorne, and others being present on the occasion.

Bro. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at a special general meeting of the South-Eastern Railway Company held at the board room, London Bridge Station, on the 3rd inst., when it was agreed to consolidate certain stocks and to purchase the lands, roads, works, and rights of the Seabrook Estate Company for a payment of £1500 a year.

Bro. T. Sutherland, M.P., presided at the half-yearly meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at the offices, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, the 3rd instant. The report was adopted, an interim dividend of five per cent. was formally declared, and the proceedings then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

All the arrangements have been settled for the opening by her Majesty on the 30th inst. of the Holloway College for Women. The ceremony will consist of a short service in the chapel, after which the Queen will make a tour of the building and declare the College open. Her Majesty has consented to receive an illuminated address which will set forth the objects of the College, and will be presented in a handsome gold casket.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, opened the new blocks of artisans' dwellings erected in Seward-street, Goswell-road, E.C., on Friday, the 4th instant. Bros. Sheriff Clarke and Sir John Bennett were among those present and took part in the proceedings. The same day, Bro. Alderman Isaacs opened the Royal Albert Artisans' Dwellings in Cartwright-street, Royal Mint-street.

A large party of members of the House of Commons and others visited Portsmouth on Saturday last, under the auspices of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, C.B., M.P., for the purpose of witnessing a naval sham fight off Whale Island and afterwards inspecting the Colonies. Among those who availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the mimic warfare were Bros. the Earls of Lathom and Ravensworth, Lord Brooke, Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., C. McLaren, M.P., W. Pearce, M.P., Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., T. Sutherland, M.P., and G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P.

We are requested to state there will be no meeting on Tuesday next (Whit Tuesday) of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, which is held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., Bro. H. Hooper, J.W. 1956, will occupy the chair, when it is anticipated there will be a goodly assemblage of the brethren. Bro. Hooper is the indefatigable Secretary of the very successful Benevolent Association connected with this lodge of instruction, as well as being an excellent worker in the Craft Degrees, and therefore has special claims to be well supported.

Our readers will be pleased to hear that Bro. A. F. Godson, Prov. G.M. Master of Worcestershire, has very kindly consented to occupy the chair at the 18th Annual Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, which will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 28th July prox.

Bro. Lord Wolyerton has accepted the position of Commodore of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., left Devonshire House on Tuesday morning in order to attend the race meeting at Ascot.

Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, S.W. 2063, will be inducted into office as Senior Churchwarden of St. James's, Clerkenwell, on Wednesday, June 16th.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., will preside, and Lady George Hamilton will present the prizes at the annual inspection, on Wednesday, the 30th inst., of the boys of the Warspite Training Ship.

Bros. E. C. Beedell, J. C. Dwarber, H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., and G. Rose-Innes, attended the weekly meeting on Tuesday of the Guardians of the City of London Union.

Bro. J. L. Toole has been confined to his house for some time past by a severe attack of gout, but we are glad to hear that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has been recently out of health, and in consequence he and Lady and Miss Burdett were prevented attending the State Ball at Buckingham Palace last week.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey entertained a large number of guests, principally visitors from the Australian Colonies to the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, at their seat, Normanhurst Court, Hastings, on Saturday last.

It is in contemplation to address Bro. the Lord Mayor on the subject of appropriating the afternoon of Monday, the 21st inst., as a half holiday, it being the day assigned for the laying of the memorial stone of the Tower Bridge by the Prince of Wales, as representing her Majesty the Queen.

The wills of the late Bros. the Rev. A. C. Graystone, of Tankerton Tower, Whitstable, and Colonel C. N. Sturt have been proved, the personalty in the former case having been sworn at upwards of £116,000, and in the latter at over £92,000.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Aldermen Sir B. S. Phillips, Stone, Sir R. Hanson, De Keyser, Waterlow, Whitehead, Savory, Grey, and Cowan, and Alderman and Sheriff Evans attended the Court of Aldermen held at the Guildhall on Tuesday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has opened some new baths at Putney, which have been recently erected at a cost of £13,000, and which comprise a large swimming bath 100 feet by 30 feet, a Turkish bath, ladies' and gentlemen's first and second class private baths, and two large club rooms.

Bro. Alderman Savory, as Master, presided at the dinner given by the Court and Livery of the Poulterers' Company, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday evening, Bro. the Lord Mayor, who acknowledged the toast of "The Lord Mayor and Corporation," and proposed "The Health of the Chairman," being the principal guest.

Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.G. Chap., W.M. Abbey Lodge, 1184, will install Bro. Henry Kimm, J.W., W.M. elect, on Thursday, June 17th, at the Masonic Hall, Battle, after which the brethren will return by train for the banquet, to be held at the Queen's Hotel, Hastings, when, doubtless, a large attendance of brethren from the province will attend.

The usual semi-state procession took place, as usual, on Tuesday, and was to be repeated on Thursday at the Ascot meeting. It consisted on the former day of six of the Royal carriages, in the first of which were the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Christian, and the Duke of Connaught, while the third contained Prince Albert Victor of Wales and his three sisters. Bro. Lord Suffield, as Master of the Queen's Buckhounds, was in attendance.

The remains of the late Bro. Edwin Sleigh, of Moorside Farm, Haughton, whose death was recorded last week, were interred at Christ Church, Denton, on Friday, the 29th ult., with Masonic rites. The funeral was attended by a full complement of members and officers connected with the Duke of Athol Lodge, of which deceased was Secretary, and a number of gentlemen from the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department. Several of the Masonic brethren bore the body to and from the church, and Bro. Dutton, a Cheshire Provincial Officer, read the Masonic funeral ceremony. The Rev. J. Smith conducted the service in church, and the Rev. A. Dendy Agate, of Brookfield Church, the service at the grave-side. The funeral was a very imposing one, and it was witnessed by a large concourse of persons.

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We are able to announce that to Bro. John Sayers, the well-known caterer of Western-road, Brighton, has been entrusted the preparation of the lunch, which will be held on the 22nd inst., after the installation of the Duke of Connaught, as P.G.M. Sussex. Those who know anything of Brighton are aware that such a duty could not have been placed in better hands.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have announced their intention of visiting the Crystal Palace on Saturday, the 26th inst., when a special fête, including a grand concert on the scale of the Handel concerts, will be given. The entertainment will conclude with a grand display of fireworks.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor and Princess Louise of Wales dined with the Russian Ambassador and the Baroness de Staal in Chessham-place, on the 4th instant.

Bro. W. B. Akerman, one of the East Lancashire Stewards at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, whose list was returned as £10 10s., gave in a total of £52 10s.

Bros. the Earl of Limerick, Sir George Elliot, Bart., J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., Pryce Jones, M.P., S. Bancroft, and Hyde Clarke were present at the Newspaper Press Fund dinner at Willis's Rooms on Saturday last.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of March and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn are among the visitors who have been staying with the Prince and Princess Christian at Cumberland Lodge for the Ascot Races.

Over 4500 cards of invitation have been issued by the Town Clerk of the City of London, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, for the grand civic reception of our Colonial and Indian visitors at the Guildhall, on Friday, the 25th inst.

In the list of the brethren we returned last week as having been elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes, there should have appeared the name of Bro. W. Bristow. We regret the omission should have occurred.

Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O., gave his annual concert at St. James's Hall on Monday afternoon. There was an admirable programme, and some of our best artistes engaged to give effect to it, but the audience, as regards numbers, left something to be desired.

Bro. W. Holland has had the honour of attending, at the instance of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at Marlborough House, with the great Japanese Court juggler, whom both the Prince and Princess personally congratulated on his performance.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans will preside at the public examination of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, and Mrs. Evans will distribute the prizes to the successful scholars of this Institution, at Russell Hill, Caterham Junction, on Saturday, July 3rd next.

The first Court meeting of the Glovers' Company since its revival took place at the Guildhall on Tuesday, under the presidency of the Chamberlain of the City of London, among those present being Bros. H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), Major Joseph, C.C., and A. J. Altman, C.C.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kintore, Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, Bro. Sir F. and Lady Constance Stanley, and Bro. Captain Shaw dined with the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at their residence in Arlington-street, on the 4th inst., when the Prince and Princess Christian were the principal guests.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their three daughters left Marlborough House for Sunningdale, in order to be present at the Ascot Races, on Monday morning. Among those who travelled with the Royal party were Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield and Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke.

The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne held a grand reception at Kensington Palace, on the 4th inst., when all the leading Colonists and distinguished Indians now sojourning in the country were received and entertained at lunch. Among those present were the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Albert Victor of Wales and his sisters, and other members of the Royal Family.

The Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048, in the Province of Middlesex, will be consecrated at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station (L. & N.W.R.), on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 3 o'clock, by the M.E. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, Comp. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., assisted by M.E. Comps. R. H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H.; W. Taylor, Prov. G.J.; W. H. Woodward, G.S.E.; H. Lovegrove, D. of C.; and other Provincial Grand Officers. Comp. W. M. Stiles, P.Z., is the M.E.Z. designate; Comp. W. A. Scurrah, J. elect 749, H. designate; and J. Willing, jun., P.Z., J. designate.

The Princess of Wales presented new colours to the 4th Battalion of the Prince of Wales's own Yorkshire Regiment, in the garden of Marlborough House, on the 3rd inst., the regiment being represented by the lieutenant-colonel, a major, two subalterns, and a colour party. Subsequently her Royal Highness, accompanied by her daughters, attended Miss Wakefield's concert in St. James's Hall in aid of the funds of the Nursing Sisterhood of St. Margaret's, East Grinstead, while the Prince of Wales in the evening presided, in the absence of Bro. the Duke of Connaught, Colonel-in-Chief, at the annual regimental dinner at the Hotel Métropole of the Prince Consort's own Rifle Brigade.

According to an ancient custom of the Weymouth Templar and Rose Croix Chapters, 20 poor men and women, whose average ages amounted to 75 years, were provided with tea and cake on Ascension Day at the Masonic Hall, and afterwards presented with 2s. 6d. and 4 lbs. of bread. The heads of the Orders, Bros. H. T. George and Sir R. N. Howard, gave each poor person 1 lb. of tea. The old people thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and separated much pleased and grateful with their entertainment. The rector (the Rev. J. H. Scott), the Revs. Hill, T. C. Fry, and C. Watling, together with Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Arden, Mr. H. Tizard, Mr. and Mrs. Pelly Hooper, Dr. and Mrs. Maclean, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Pope, the Misses Watling, Sir R. N. Howard, Mr. H. T. George, and others were present, and enlivened the proceedings with suitable addresses, interspersed with singing and music.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
For the week ending Saturday, June 19, 1886.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12.**

- Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Gt. House, Cheshunt-plk.
- " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
- " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge.
- " 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow-station.
- " 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
- " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 14.**

- Lodge 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
- " 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton-court.
- " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's-crt. Hot., W. Kensington.
- " 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
- " 2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
- Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tav., Highgate.
- Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street.
- " 239, Royal Naval, Sa, Red Lion-square, W.C.
- K.T. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square, W.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15.**

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
- " 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.
- Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
- Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.

- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
- Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
- Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
- Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington, S.E., at 7.30.
- Kennington, Courthouse Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
- Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.**

- Lodge 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
- " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
- Red Cross 15, St. Andrews, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17.**

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.
- " 1681, Londresborough, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
- Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
- Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
- City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
- Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.
- Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
- Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
- Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18.**

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford.
- Chap. 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19.**

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- " 1194, Villiers, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
- " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- " 1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey, Surrey.
- Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hct., Fleet-st.
- " 354, Rose and Lily, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.

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