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OUR South Saxon brethren have lost no time and spared no pains or expense in order to ensure the success of their grand gathering in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday next, when his Royal Highness the M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND will be present, and personally instal his brother, the Duke of CONNAUGHT, as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex. Masonic events of this important character, in which one or more members of our Royal House play the leading part, are necessarily few. In the late autumn of 1877 the Prince of WALES installed R.W. Bro. Lord SUFFIELD as Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, and in February, 1876, his late Royal Highness the Duke of ALBANY was installed Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire by the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl of LATHOM, then Lord SKELMERSDALE. But on neither of these occasions, nor indeed at the memorable installation of the PRINCE himself, as Grand Master, in April, 1875, was the ceremony performed by one of our Royal brethren for the benefit of another Royal brother. The nearest parallel to the event of Tuesday next which occurs to us at the moment, is furnished by the eventful meeting in Freemasons' Hall on the 27th December, 1813, when the terms of the compact, or Treaty of Union, between the Grand Lodges of "Ancient" and "Modern" Masons of England having been solemnly ratified by the combined Parliament, as it were, of the two Societies, H.R.H. the Duke of KENT, grandfather of our present M.W.G.M. and the P.G.M. designate of Sussex, proposed and, the proposition having been accepted with acclamation, personally assisted in placing his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of SUSSEX, in the chair as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England. This, we repeat, is the nearest approach we can think of to the circumstances under which the Duke of CONNAUGHT will be installed as Grand Master of the Province of Sussex on Tuesday next, and we need only add that if the ceremony appointed for that day produces but one-half, or even but one-tenth of the beneficial results which followed the installation of the Duke of SUSSEX by his brother, the Duke of KENT, the brethren of our-highly favoured Province of Sussex will have good reason to be thankful.

BUT in our desire to satisfy the historic predilections of our readers, we must not lose sight of the business arrangements connected with next week's ceremony at Brighton. It will be to little purpose our attempting to establish a parallel under considerably modified conditions between that event and the far more memorable ceremony of 1813 if we are oblivious of the fact that even the genial influences of Freemasonry will not of themselves suffice to fill a large hall, unless the duly qualified people are there to occupy it, and that duly qualified people cannot transport themselves from near and far to a certain trysting-place unless they have some knowledge of the means of locomotion thither. As regards these latter, we gave the necessary information last week, both in our editorial and advertisement columns; but any of our readers who may have overlooked these particulars will find them carefully reproduced in the official announcement on another page. As regards the accommodation available in the Dome at Brighton, it seems there is a general idea abroad that it is very limited, and that our Sussex brethren alone, if they all attended—to say nothing of the members of Grand Lodge and intending visitors from London and other provinces—would find themselves most inconveniently crowded together, and would perforce have to endure serious discomfort while witnessing so rare a spectacle. But this is very far from being the case. Those who know anything of the cubic capacity of this portion of the Royal Pavilion are aware that it takes a very large muster of people to fill it, and none of our readers who may wish to be present need hesitate about applying to Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. Grand Secretary of Sussex, for tickets of admission. Only we must take leave to remind them that there is not much time to spare between now and Tuesday next for them to apply for and receive the requisite vouchers.

ONE of those annual events which are associated with our central Masonic Institutions, and to which every one looks forward with so much pleasure, took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., when the Stewards of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and their friends paid their accustomed visit to the Old Folks in residence at Croydon. The state of the weather left a good deal to be desired, and no doubt the muster of visitors was reduced in consequence. However, the party, including very many ladies, numbered somewhere about 200, and, once arrived at Croydon, there was no difficulty about enjoying oneself, and helping everybody else to do the same. Bro. TERRY, as usual, was in great force, and impartially distributed his kind attentions among the residents, the Stewards, and their friends. The Boys' School Band, which was driven over in a brake from Wood Green, added largely to the pleasures of the gathering by their really excellent music, while the necessary refreshment was discussed in ample form under the genial auspices of Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL.

THE Report for 1885-6 of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry in Western India appears to be for the most part of a satisfactory character. We learn at the very outset that all the chapters in the jurisdiction are not as prompt and obedient in the matter of sending in their returns as they might be, and three of them are cited by name as not having fulfilled this particular rule of the P.G. Chapter; but in all other respects the proceedings appear to have been conducted harmoniously and with results beneficial to the interests of the Royal Arch Degree. Financially, though the amounts dealt with are necessarily on a limited scale, the position of the P.G. Chapter would appear to be sound, inasmuch as, at the audit of accounts on the 28th February last, the balance to the credit of the Body was in excess of 1091 rupees, of which 800 rupees represent the "Fixed Deposit in Agra Bank," while the remainder consisted of a current account in the same bank, and cash in hand. One or two motions of considerable importance were passed during the year. At the convocation on the 7th September it was unanimously agreed that "10 per cent. of the actual funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter, say rupees 100, as also 10 per cent. of the gross monthly revenue, be handed over to the Scottish Freemasons' Benevolent Society in India." On the 22nd March last, after a long discussion, it was agreed that "Honorary Officers be subject to dues as ordinary members, and only be exempt from the dues appertaining to the honorary office they hold." Some such law would seem to have become necessary in order to establish the proper distinction between honorary members and honorary officers, the former of whom pay no dues and have no right to vote. As regards the *personnel* of the executive part of the Prov. Grand Chapter, very great regret was felt when it was announced in September last that Comp. SKINNER had resigned the office of Prov. G. Scribe E., and the feeling was still greater when the sad announcement was made in March of his untimely death; a vote of condolence with his widow being unanimously agreed to. The present Prov. G. Scribe E. is Comp. YOUNG, who in the brief time he has held office seems to have fully justified his selection for that important office. We trust the current year will prove still more prosperous, and that at its close Comp. H. MORLAND will have the satisfaction of congratulating the companions on their improved condition, both as regards means and membership.

IT seems difficult to assign any reasonable motive for the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in deliberately abandoning its position of neutrality as between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England, with both of which it was till lately upon terms of fraternal intercourse, and arraying itself in sympathy with the former in its difference with our United Grand Lodge. There was no necessity for it to have specially concerned itself about this difference, which was not of a character to affect its friendly relations with other Grand Lodges in America and elsewhere. There was no principle involved which was likely to imperil its own sovereign independence, while the position towards each other of the two disputant Grand Lodges, though, as regards that of Quebec, it may be said to have recently entered upon a more acute stage, was in fact precisely what it is and has been during the last fifteen or sixteen years, or, in other words, for as long as the Grand Lodge of Quebec has had a recognised existence. Under these circumstances, it is but natural to suppose that Illinois would have allowed the dispute between its two friends to run its course, threatening intervention only in the case of its seeing its way clear to bringing about or helping to bring about an amicable adjustment between them. However, it has preferred another course, and we must leave it to the general public to decide whether it has not adopted the one which is least calculated to support its own dignity. We do not object to its inclining in its sympathies towards Quebec rather than towards our Grand Lodge. The position of the three English lodges in Montreal seems clear to us, but it may not be so clear to others. At all events, it is a matter about which different people may be expected to hold different opinions, and we cannot grumble if some of those opinions

are opposed to our own. But it is some consolation for us to know that if the Grand Lodge of Illinois is favourable to the pretensions of Quebec, that view is not shared in by the whole body of Illinois Craftsmen. We furnished evidence of this last week, in the shape of an excerpt from an article from the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month, the writer of which argues reasonably enough that "the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction" cannot be "rightfully exacted as an obligation, except from those whose assent thereto has been expressly given." He gives it likewise as his opinion, formed not hastily, but "upon considerable research and mature reflection," that "this doctrine of coercion, on formation of Grand Lodges, as well as afterwards on lodges not assenting, or on their affiliations, is fundamentally and radically wrong," and he illustrates the force of this opinion "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." Here, then, we have an Illinois brother, a well-known contributor to the *Voice of Masonry*, the organ of Illinois Masonic opinion, setting himself in direct opposition to the course recommended and adopted by the Grand Lodge of which he is a member, and on grounds which even the ablest and most determined advocate of the Quebec case will find it difficult to disturb. However, to us who view the disturbance from afar, and are only in the remotest degree influenced by it, the issue, as we have said, seems clear enough. It is evident also from these opinions, which we quoted last week from the *Voice of Masonry*, as well as from the still more important declaration just issued by the Grand Master of New York in his annual address on the 1st inst., that, though we are so far removed from the scene of the disturbance, and so little likely to be in any way affected by it, we are very far from standing alone in our belief that the procedure of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in excommunicating our Anglo-Montreal lodges is as unconstitutional as it is unfraternal. The judgment of the Grand Master of New York is weighty enough, and he has declared against the course followed by Quebec, while the *Voice of Masonry*, though it would no doubt act impartially in admitting into its columns different sets of opinions, would not open them to writers whose views were unlikely to command a fair amount of respect from its readers. It is to be hoped that those views will not be altogether without their influence in Quebec, and that at an early period we shall find that Grand Lodge once again obeying the dictates of reason and common sense.

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WE are pleased to learn from the published proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, held in the St. Augustine Hall on the 15th April, that steps are being taken in that jurisdiction to establish a Widows and Orphans' Fund. The Committee appointed to consider the question handed in their report at the meeting referred to, the several clauses of which were submitted to the brethren, and accepted without hesitation by them. The first of these was to the effect "That it is desirable that a Widows and Orphans' Fund be established;" while the second defined the means for establishing and maintaining it, the said means arising from a payment of "one shilling per member per annum from each lodge in the district;" from "benevolent contributions" by the brethren generally; and from "an annual vote of £20 per annum from the District Grand Lodge." The establishment of such an association will necessitate certain alterations in the District Grand Lodge Bye-laws, and it has been agreed that the said alterations shall be referred to the Standing Committee and the members of the Widows and Orphans' Committee. Thus it only remains that this joint Committee should draft their scheme of alterations, and that the District Grand Lodge should approve them, for the proposed Fund to be established and placed in working trim, when we have no doubt the brethren will have an opportunity of demonstrating the wisdom of the course they have pursued. We congratulate our New Zealand brethren under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury on the truly fraternal character of their latest proceedings.

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OUR worthy contemporary, the *Freemasons' Repository*, of Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., must forgive us for pointing out that it is slightly behind the time in its record of events. It mentions in its May issue among its items of "Masonic News," under the head of "England," that "the one hundredth anniversary of Tyrian Lodge, the oldest Masonic lodge in the Province of Derby, was celebrated on April 9th ultimo." It is rather unfortunate, as regards the accuracy of this announcement, that the said centenary celebration of the Tyrian Lodge should have taken place on the 9th April, 1885.

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WE must take this opportunity of congratulating our Indiana brethren on the success which attended the proceedings of their Grand Lodge at its biennial meeting in the Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, on the 25th ult. The attendance was unusually numerous, though the greater part of the business transacted was of the usual character. But there was one particular which distinguished it from previous meetings, and which will make it always memorable in the annals of Indiana Masonry. The remaining portion of the sum due by Grand Lodge on the Masonic Hall was cancelled, and the Craft in this State now have the satisfaction of knowing that their headquarters are absolutely and entirely their own property. There are, no doubt, many other Grand Lodges in the United States, to which the Grand Lodge of Indiana will be, for some time to come, a subject of envy and admiration. Let us, however, hope that at no very distant date they, too, will be as fortunately placed as Indiana is now, and be as able to look back with pride upon the day when their last item of indebtedness for their halls and accessories was cancelled.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

This lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, 7th inst., at six o'clock, when the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, the Prov. G.M., presided. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy P.G.M., and about 40 brethren attended.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge at Norwich were confirmed, and the roll of lodges was called over and the reports of the Worshipful Masters presented, which were generally satisfactory, showing a slight increase in the province during the year. The Treasurer (Bro. Col. Bignold) presented his report, and the report of the Board of General Purposes was also read, showing a balance in favour of the province.

Bro. Colonel Bignold was re-elected Treasurer.

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

Bro. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. ...	Prov. D.G.M.
" C. Geldard, P.M. Isaac Newton Lodge ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" S. R. Anness, P.M. Albert Victor ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" B. Anningson, W.M. Isaac Newton ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" E. C. Crate, P.M., P.G. Chap. Constantine ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" A. H. Moyes, W.M. York ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" F. B. Shepherd, Chelmer ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Feek, Albert Victor ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Bond, W.M. Youell ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy, Albert Victor ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. A. B. Bignold, M.O. Walpole ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" F. Hallows, P.M. Beaconsfield ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. G. Mills, W.M. Constantine ...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. C. Chittock, J.W. Walpole ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" E. Hills, S.W. York ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" A. C. Durrant, S.W. Chelmer ...	Prov. G.Swd. Br.
" G. B. Courtney, J.W. Isaac Newton ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. W. Smith, Chelmer ...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Clowes, S.W. Constantine ...	Prov. G.I.G.

V.V. Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, D.P.G.M., nominated the Right Hon. the Lord Henniker for re-appointment by the M.W.G.M.M.M. as Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. He remarked that he thought if they searched the world through they would not find a brother for the important post of P.G.M. in whom they had greater confidence or who had done more for the furtherance of Mark Masonry. (Hear, hear.)

The nomination having been seconded by Bro. Colonel BIGNOLD, and carried by acclamation,

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which his name had been received by them. If their recommendation was confirmed by the M.W.G.M.M.M., he promised, as he had done in the past, to do all he could for the welfare of Mark Masonry in the Province of East Anglia. (Applause.) He had been pleased to hear so satisfactory an account of the condition of the lodges under his rule, and he had no doubt that the acceptance by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the position of Grand Master of the Order would have the effect of increasing their prosperity. H.R.H. had appointed the 1st of July, in London, for his installation, and he trusted that their province would be well represented on the occasion. (Hear, hear.) He reminded the brethren that the Grand Lodge of England would hold a Moveable Grand Lodge at Norwich during the show week in July, and he hoped that the brethren would show their appreciation of so distinguished an honour by attending in large numbers. H.R.H. would be at Sandringham at the time, and it was hoped he would be present at the meeting; but his Royal Highness's engagements were so numerous that it was not yet certain if he could find the time to do so. As regarded the cordial invitation of the Ipswich brethren to hold the next P.G. Lodge there, he should be happy to accept it, unless the P.G. Lodge saw any reason to the contrary. (Applause.) His lordship then mentioned that the revisinn of the Book of the Constitutions would necessitate the revision of the bye-laws of the province, and he thought that should be done without delay. He thanked the W.M. and the officers of the Isaac Newton University Lodge for their reception, and also thanked a Brother, who desired to be nameless, for presenting a handsome set of collars. (Applause.) He likewise commended to the support of the brethren the Mark Benevolent Fund, and said he trusted that the Stewards who had undertaken to represent the province would be well supported.

A conversation then took place in reference to the arrangements for the Moveable Grand Lodge at Norwich, the burden of which, his LORDSHIP said, ought not to fall entirely on the Walpole Lodge.

Bro. Col. BIGNOLD, as representing the lodge, said they had been unable at present to ascertain what would really be required of them; and it was eventually decided that, as soon as this was known, a circular should be sent to the lodges in the province asking for their support.

Prov. Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and between 20 and 30 brethren afterwards dined together at the Lion Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the host, Bro. Moyes.

In the course of the evening a subscription was inaugurated on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and realised the sum of £10 10s.

RECORDS OF OLD LODGES.

THE APOLLO LODGE, YORK.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

There stood once, and not so many years ago either, in Coney-street, in the city of York, an ancient hostelry, famous in the history of the city, notable in the old coaching days, and having many political and social traditions about it dear to the inhabitants of the northern metropolis. This was the George Hotel, one of the principal inns and posting houses within the walls. It was a beautiful old building of the Jacobean period, its front covered with elaborate mouldings, stained glass in some of its windows, and altogether well worthy of preservation. But like many another relic of the past it was ruthlessly destroyed a few years ago to make way for a hideous brick erection, with plate glass windows and architecture after the cheap drapery order, and all the present rising generation know of it must be gathered from the etching by Cave (of which fortunately we have one in his beautiful collection) of its quaint exterior and of the interior of one of its finest rooms. It was an extensive and comfortable old place, its front facing into Coney-street, the first storey ornamented with carved gables, and supported by pillars, whilst the back windows looked upon the river Ouse, which washed the lower stones of the retaining wall. Many a well-known York name has been associated with the management of the George Hotel, and more than one family dates the foundation of its fortunes from an ancestor who was the jovial landlord of this well-known caravanserai. It was an hotel as early as 1600, for John Bilbowe, who was then the landlord, died in 1606. Previously to that it had been a house of entertainment, under the signs successively of the Bear and the Golden Lion. It was the property of one John Stephenson, Sheriff of York in 1573, and it was sold by his widow to one Thomas Kaye, who was Sheriff in 1603, and who seems to have made a good style of landlord. He is immortalised by John Taylor, the Water Poet, whose boat voyage from London to York is to be found in the reprint of his works published by

Taylor's tour is related somewhat in the style of "Barnabee's Journall,"

and he tells us how, after being rather shabbily treated by the then Lord Mayor (Wm. Brearey), he went

To honest Mr. Kayes in Cunny-street,
He entertain'd me well, for which I thank him,
And gratefully amongst my friends I'll rank him.

George Prickett was the landlord in 1716, and in 1739 the George was kept by Mr. Joshua Oldfield, who was also post master, an office which remained in his family until a very few years ago. Joshua Oldfield was a Freemason, having been initiated in the Grand Lodge of All England at York in 1768. There was one most beautiful room in the George Hotel which, until the demolition of the house, retained its elegant ornamentation in wainscoting, plastering, and stained glass. Many political and social clubs held their meetings within the walls of this fine old house, amongst others the Rockingham Club, a Whig society formed under the auspices of the Wentworth family, and it was from this circumstance, I suppose, that Mr. Hargrove, in his history of York, states erroneously that there was a Rockingham Lodge of Freemasons which "held its meetings in the George Inn, Coney-street; but it no longer exists as a body, though the room in which the members assembled is still called 'the Rockingham.'"

The circumstance that renders the memory of the George Inn interesting to Freemasons is the fact that it was there for some years that the Apollo Lodge held its meetings. The Apollo was warranted June 7th, 1773, from London, and was the rival and, I believe, the chief cause of the decline and decrease of the Grand Lodge of All England, which then was in good working order.

In an old Treasurer's book of the Apollo Lodge there occur a number of entries particularly interesting to York Masons, and not unworthy of notice by the Craft generally. It seems that the fees of admission for candidates were one guinea for each Degree, and half-a-crown for the Tyler, whilst from the commencement of the working the lodge and charity funds were kept distinct. The fees for the constitution of the lodge amounted to £7 17s. 6d., and were paid to Bro. J. Heseltine, the then Grand Secretary, on November 17, 1773. Plainly Grand Secretaries in those days were very confiding. Col. Clerke would be rather astonished if he were asked to give a set of petitioners credit for five months for the fees due on application for a warrant.

As I have shown in previous papers on York Masonry, it was the custom to advertise the half-yearly celebrations of the lodge in the local newspapers, and accordingly we find an entry on December 15th, 1773, of a payment to the *York Chronicle* (now the *Yorkshire Gazette*) of 6s. 6d., and to the *York Courant* (now the *York Herald*) of 3s. 6d., for advertising St. John's Day Feast. It was also the custom in those days for visitors to pay their shot, and on the occasion of the "feast" referred to, the Mayor, who was Henry Jubb, an apothecary, and Charles Turner, M.P., who had been Lord Mayor the previous year, were visitors, and paid 3s. each for their share of the "feast." Bro. Chas. Turner had been made a Mason in the Grand Lodge at York in 1771; but of Bro. Jubb's Masonic career I can find nothing. William Spencer was the first Master of the Apollo Lodge, and presided on this occasion, and the bills for the music amounted to one guinea, which, considering the period, was rather heavy. However, the name of the lodge would incline one to believe that its founders were musical men, and possibly they indulged themselves with concords of sweet sounds proportionately. We shall see presently that they indulged themselves in other pleasures. Bro. Mountain was paid on St. John's Day, 1875, a guinea "for drawings." Whether this means for Masonic paintings, or whether Bro. Mountain drew ale for the lodge, does not appear; but I suspect that he was employed by the Apollos to do their charcoal drawings on the floor on each lodge night, and that this was his fee for the work.

Sir Thomas Tancred was at this time Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire, and carried on the work of his province through the medium of the Apollo Lodge. In consequence of this, the minutes of that lodge are to a great extent those of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire. Similarly, in the Treasurer's book are found items relating to payments for lodge warrants, forwarded on to the Grand Lodge of England through the hands of the Treasurer of the Apollo Lodge. In 1776 we find an item "Received of Bro. Lawson for the Constitution at Middleham £3 3s. 6d.," and on the opposite side—"Jan. 28. Remitted to Grand Lodge for the Constitution No. 473, at Middleham, £3 3s."

On May 29th the lodge paid Bro. Spencer four shillings for the "Spirit of Masonry," which had been published by Bro. Hutchinson the previous year. On November 6th Wm. Cole was paid seven guineas for engraving the certificate. Bro. Cole's "Engraved Lists of Lodges" are well known to Masonic students, and doubtless brought him Masonic patronage in business. The sum charged is very large for that time, and the certificate must have been of an elaborate nature. I do not remember to have ever seen a copy, but perhaps some may be in existence. On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1776, the ringers were paid 5s. and a gallon of ale, and 2s. 6d. was put in the poor box. On February 19th, 1777, Bro. Joseph Halfpenny saw the light of Masonry. Halfpenny was an engraver of great ability, the predecessor of Henry Cave, and has left us many valuable records of his talents. Indeed, were it not for the etchings of Halfpenny and Cave, the present generation would know very little of old York.

In these days it would seem that warrants granted for lodges were actually written, and issued by Provincial Grand Masters themselves, for we find an entry, dated March 5th, 1777, "Paid Bro. Geo. Russell for the Ripon Constitution, £1 1s.," and on the other side the sum of £4 4s. is entered as having been received for that Constitution. Bro. Russell was Secretary of the Apollo Lodge, and had been initiated in the Grand Lodge in 1768. It appears that the vellum for the Ripon Constitution cost 5s. 6d. (The date of the issue of the warrant from London is June 22nd, 1776.) At the same time, two guineas were forwarded, through the Master, to the General Charity Fund in London, and two guineas to the Grand Lodge for the Ripon Constitution.

On May 27th, 1778, John Camidge was initiated, and took his Second and Third Degrees on the 17th June. Bro. John Camidge was appointed organist of York Minster in 1756. He had been apprenticed to Dr. Green, of London; and was a musician of considerable note, having taken lessons of Handel. The manner of his introduction to York is worth relating. He had come down to try for the post of organist of Doncaster Church, then one of the best salaried offices of the kind, but after the trial a local man was selected. An elderly gentleman, who was present at the trial, accosted Mr. Camidge, and asked if it was true that he had not been successful, and upon being informed that this was the case, said, "Then Mr. Camidge, you are organist of York Minster, if you like." The elderly gentleman was Dean Fountayne, of York, who had received notice that Dr. Nares, his own organist, had been appointed organist of St. James's Chapel Royal, and had taken advantage of the contest to look out for a good man. Matthew

Camidge succeeded his father as Cathedral organist, and his son, Dr. Camidge, a musician of world-wide celebrity and the highest ability, again followed in the same office, but neither of the last named were, strange to say, Masons. Dr. Camidge's son, Tom, followed him as Cathedral organist, was initiated in the Union Lodge at York many years ago, and remained a member until his removal to Hexham, Northumberland, where he is now parish organist, his son being organist of Beverley Minster, and also a Freemason. Dr. Camidge's brother was vicar of Wakefield, and his son, Canon Camidge, of Thurst, is also a Mason and a Past Chaplain of both Yorkshire Provinces. Bro. John Camidge took a great interest in his lodge, and in Masonry, and was Master more than once. His portrait in oils, representing him seated at a table and holding a scroll of paper lettered "Masonic Ode," was presented a short time since by his great grandson to the York Lodge, 236, and is now in their possession. The musical arrangements on St. John's Day, 1778, which would doubtless be under his direction, were unusually elaborate, for they cost £2 7s.

On December 6th the lodge paid Hampston and Co. £7 17s. 6d. for two cups, presented to the Secretary, Bro. Russell, who must have been a worthy and energetic brother.

The Union Lodge, which appears as warranted on April 26th, 1777, seems to have had an extraordinary long term of credit, for its first payment of £1 1s. for its warrant was made on July 19th, 1780, and so late as January 17th, 1782, two guineas was received *in part* for constitution of the Union Lodge. At this time the Apollo Lodge seems not to have forgotten the principle of relief, for a number of items appear indicating donations to distressed brethren. Many visitors from Wetherby and Doncaster seem also to have been present at meetings. In 1782, £2 1s. 6d. was paid for engraving a plate for summonses; probably this would be to Mr. Cave, the York engraver. The same year four guineas passed through the hands of the Secretary, to the Grand Secretary in London, as a fee for re-instating the Rodney Lodge, at Hull, a lodge which had a most turbulent and disastrous career, and eventually came to a troublous end on December 8th, 1820, when, "after a speech most feeling and elaborate, the W.M. declared he must be under the necessity, under the present circumstances, to close the Rodney Lodge."

In 1783 the celebration of the Winter Feast was unusually extensive, if we may judge from the bill, for we find on December 10th, "To lemons on St. John's Day £1 3s. 9d." There is a story about a certain punch bowl, constructed at the coming of age of a Duke of Rutland, so large that a boy floated on the surface of its contents in a canoe, and baled out the punch to the guests; and I have heard of a yarn of a Transatlantic bowl, wherein a boy was sent down in a diving bell when the sugar had to be stirred up, and really the amount expended in lemons in York on that anniversary would lead the modern reader to suppose that the extent of the potations of the members of the Apollo Lodge exceeded largely the usual limits extended to members of the Craft. It is said that the wife of a Dewsbury Freemason, on being asked what were the three grand principles of Freemasonry, replied, "Eating, drinking, and sitting up late at nights," and this good-natured, though, of course, groundless, calumny has often been repeated, but all accusations of such a nature sink into nothingness as utterly inadequate if we can imagine the beginning and ending of a Masonic meeting at which £1 3s. 9d. was expended in lemons alone. Let us hope that lemons cost, at least, a shilling a-piece in 1783. I suspect the solution of the entry is that, with a view to the comments of future critics of his accounts, the Treasurer of Apollo Lodge made "lemons" stand for the combined constituents of a bowl of punch, and that the brandy, the rum, the sherry, the lemons, and the green tea are all piously grouped and entered as "lemons."

On the same day on which this notable jorum of punch was brewed, nine old women were relieved with a shilling a-piece, and Mr. Camidge provided a musical treat, performed by boys, presumably choristers from York Minster. This year also "a Brother Turk" was relieved with a gift of a guinea.

On June 25th, 1783, the constitution for the Alfred Lodge, at Wetherby, was written. Mr. Hogg, of Wetherby, was its promoter apparently. In 1784, on September 27th, the lodge had a pleasant little gathering and a supper, for we find an entry of "Paid Bro. Camidge for crabs, 6s. 6d." Evidently there was a fish supper that night. At Midsummer of the following year the lodge became ravenous for music, for we have on June 24th "Paid the Inniskilling Band of Music, by order of the R.W.M., £1 1s. To an organ man, by order of Bro. Garland, 2s. 6d." Fancy the combination! But perhaps the band played the brethren to church, and the organ man consoled them in the evening, for there was an evening entertainment, whereat they conscientiously consumed cheesecakes, tarts, tobacco, cheese, a quarter of lamb, and a salmon; in addition to which the Treasurer expended a portion of his funds on pipes and lemon-squeezers. Are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the Treasurer of the Apollo Lodge? A new scabbard for the Tyler's sword was bought that year, and engraved with an inscription. At this time the lodge was meeting in the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate, in connection with which there was a hospital for poor and aged men and women; and in the month of December, 1785, we find the lodge extending their Charity to the five poor women by the gift of a shilling to each of them. The rent paid by the Apollo for the Hall was £4 4s. There is below the meeting room in the Merchants' Hall a very curious old chapel, used periodically by the Merchants' Guild, and it would seem that the Masons must have held religious services therein, for we have an entry made in December, 1785, "To Nanny, for her extra trouble in airing the Chapel and Hall, and washing out the rooms on St. John's Day, 2s. 6d." And another—"To Mr. Lund, for officiating as Clerk on St. John's Day, 5s." About the same time the City Waits were paid £1 5s., and the Inniskilling Band £1 11s. 6d., so that there must have been a great flow of music on that anniversary. In 1786 the summonses were printed by Cave, the engraver, who was paid 3s. for 300 copies. In 1787 we find, under date of February 23rd, "Paid Alexander Larmouth (an impostor), by order, 5s." Surely Charity could no further go. They would not even turn an impostor empty away. Again, on the 25th June of that year, we read "To a distressed sister (on the recommendation of Brother Tommy Atkinson) by order of the Lodge, 5s." At this time Bro. John Watson was Treasurer, and on December 28th the following entry was made: "Then examined this account, which we find to be perfectly just and agreeable to what we might expect from so worthy a Treasurer. D.P.G.M., Thomas Thrackray; W. Stavelly, S.W.; Ed. Benson, P.M.; J. Thompson, Chaplain."

And so ends this Treasurer's book. In spite of the apparent popularity of the Apollo Lodge, and its fatal effect upon the Grand Lodge at York, it came to an end itself early in the present century. Its warrant and paraphernalia were removed to Hull, having been purchased by some brethren of that town.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In arguing that Past Masters are present officers, "L. S." asks "if P.M.'s are not officers, why is an acting I.P.M. appointed at the consecration of a new lodge?" I answer such an appointment is quite a modern innovation, and is at variance with ancient custom and common sense. Neither Preston—who is perhaps the best authority of the last century—nor the recent Book of Constitutions give any support to such an illogical practice. One can only attribute it to some ardent ritualist, whose zeal for complete similarity outran his discretion, reminding one of the Scotch gardener, who, finding a boy trespassing in his master's garden, captured him, and locked him up in a lobby at one end of the conservatory. When the gentlemen saw the boy there, he inquired the reason, and was told by the gardener of the boy's transgression for which this locking up was the punishment. At the other end of the conservatory was another lobby and another boy, whom the gentleman recognised as the son of his gardener. On asking the latter what the boy had done to incur this punishment, "Nothing at all, your honour," said Sandy; "Jemmy is a very good boy; but I locked him in the other lobby for the sake of symmetry!"—Yours fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN.

The Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg) has very graciously consented to distribute the prizes at the annual meeting at St. James's Hall on Saturday, the 26th inst., of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to command that the Holloway College for Women, which was built and endowed by the late Mr. Holloway at a cost of over £700,000, shall be styled in future "The Royal Holloway College."



BY-LAWS OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

These excellent rules for the guidance of the Craft in Leicestershire were agreed to on February 23rd, 1886, and were confirmed by the M.W. Grand Master on the 5th of the following month. The present is the latest representative of a code originally agreed to on June 3rd, 1857, which has passed through several revisions, the previous one of the series being of special interest, as it contained a valuable History of the Province, by the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, then Prov. G. Master. Lodges not represented at Prov. G. Lodge are to be fined a guinea each, payable within a month from such meeting. The fees of honour are fifteen shillings each from Prov. G. Supt. of Works to Prov. G. Purst.; whereas we consider a guinea each would have been better, and even then would not be more than the usual minimum. No officer is allowed to be appointed by proxy, so that the attendance of all brethren who are to be raised to the "purple" is thus provided for. This is not a customary regulation, though virtually a regular observance in some provinces. A fine of a half-guinea is inflicted in the event of a Prov. Grand Officer not returning his jewel of office at the Prov. Grand Lodge, when unable to be present himself. The duties of the several Provincial Grand Officers are clearly defined, and so well described as to leave no room for misunderstandings of any kind. Vacancies in Prov. G. Lodge are filled up by the Prov. G. Master in writing, the brother to "take rank in the same manner as if he had been appointed at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge." Other provinces we know of have a similar rule, but its legality has been doubted, there being no such law in the Grand Lodge Constitutions. Summonses of all lodges are to be forwarded to the Prov. G. Master, D. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Sec., "at the same time as to the members." Charity jewels and clasps are presented by Prov. G. Lodge to the Stewards. Non-resident candidates are carefully provided for, due enquiry being a *sine qua non*; as also for joining members. Each accepted candidate for initiation must be provided with a copy of the Constitutions. A roll of the Prov. G. Officers &c., from 1774 to the present time, and an appendix of forms are also added. The book is invaluable for the Leicestershire brethren, and most useful for all provinces to study.



664.] BRO. SADLER'S FIND.

I was very surprised to read in the last week's *Freemason* an article from Bro. Sadler stating his discovery of the early allusion to a Prov. Grand Master for Chester. As his interesting communication was sent a few weeks ago, its insertion having been delayed because of the "pressure of other matter," Bro. Sadler was most certainly the first to discover that curious fact, though, strange to say, without knowing of his find, I, later on, came across the same fact, and announced it in the same number of the *Freemason*, at the same time drawing attention to an entry for Warwickshire, which had also been overlooked. Bro. Sadler told us he had sent a letter to the *Freemason* on some old Chester Lodges, but neither Bro. Lane nor myself had any idea that it related to the premier Prov. Grand Master, so far known, for England. The register of members alluded to evidently points to the appointment of a Prov. Grand Master earlier than that noted by Dr. Anderson for Wales, as Bro. Sadler has discovered and noted. I consider the discovery a remarkable one.

W. J. HUGHAN.

665.] EARLY CHESTER MASONRY.

Replying to the query in Bro. H. Sadler's interesting article on the Chester Lodges, in the *Freemason* of June 12th, I may say that one (I believe the first) of the three Chester Lodges entirely disappears after 1725. I am, however, able to supplement Bro. Sadler's information to some extent, as in a subsequent edition of the Engraved List of 1725, published late in that year, the three Chester Lodges are given as follows:—The 50th on the list (or 57th reckoning the spaces, seven of them being blank, indicating lodges that had once existed) is "Sun, City of Chester, *Bridg Street*"; the 51st (or 58th including the vacancies) is "Spread Eagle, City of Chester, *Castle Street*"; and at the end of the list (evidently omitted by the engraver from the earlier edition), in the 70th place (or 77th including vacancies), "Castle and Falcon, *Watergate Street*, City of Chester." This, therefore, supplies the particulars as to the "signs of the houses," or places of meeting, lacking in the first edition of the Engraved List for the same year, and proves, I think, in connection with the fact that the *written* list in the G.L. Minute Book contains the three lodges in close succession, that the appearance of two lodges only in the first Engraved List of 1725 must have been an accidental error, which was rectified by placing the omitted lodge at the end of the next edition of the Engraved List.

The fact that these Chester Lodges then had so goodly a number of members, 28, 27, and 24 respectively, certainly favours Bro. Sadler's conjecture that they had been in existence for a considerable time. No date is assigned to the two surviving lodges (Nos. 32 and 33) in the Engraved Lists to 1739 inclusive; but in 1740 the date "1724" is given to both.

The Engraved List from which I have quoted the above particulars has been reproduced in *facsimile* from a copy in Bro. Hughan's possession, and will form the frontispiece to my book on "Masonic Records," now in the press.

Torquay, June 12. JNO. LANE.

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Craft Masonry.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting of this highly successful lodge took place at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The following were present: Bros. Dopson, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; Doncaster, J.W.; Purdue, S.D.; Lucas, J.D.; Craggs, I.G.; John Tuck, Sec.; Walkley, Tyler; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; Curtis, Phillips, Wilkins, Southwood, Shaw, Worth, Boyes, May, Chambers, Morgan, Kemp, Lucas, Hedges, White, Holland, Hewett, Icton, Cliburn, and Cartwright. Visitors: Bros. Fletcher, P.M. 180; Davies, 169; Austin, 1791; Calpin, 749; Whittle, 1693; Game, P.M. 511; and others.

The lodge was opened prompt to time by the W.M., and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Curtis and Worth were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Dopson, W.M., then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sims, I.P.M., who had expressed a special desire to raise his particular friends—Bros. Shaw and Icton—to the Third Degree, which he did in a masterly manner, and, coupled with the surroundings of the beautiful temple which Messrs. Spiers and Pond has had built at the Criterion, the splendid organ presided over by Bro. Oliver, rendered this most solemn ceremony all that could be desired. The W.M. then rose and spoke of the great pleasure it afforded him in presenting a very handsome jewel to Bro. John Tuck, Secretary, for his indefatigable exertions to the duties of the lodge, and alluded to the self-denying labour it must be to carry them out in so large and influential a lodge as the Ranelagh without friction, which rendered the office no sinecure. This jewel which he now presented to Bro. Tuck by the unanimous vote of the lodge, was a mark of regard and respect, and in appreciation of his eminent services as Secretary, and the W.M. concluded by expressing an earnest hope that the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to act in that capacity, and to wear the jewel as a pleasing reminiscence of the many happy meetings of the Ranelagh Lodge.

Bro. Tuck, in response, thanked the lodge in a few well-chosen words for the mark of esteem and appreciation of his services for the past six years.

This being the whole lodge business of the evening, it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were admirably given by the W.M., and heartily responded to, and a very enjoyable evening spent by all present, which did not terminate until a very late hour.

SOUTHAMPTON.—New Forest Lodge (No. 319).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Bugle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance, including many of the past and present officers of the Albert Edward Lodge, and several other visitors. The ceremonies of the day were impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Burbage, and at the close of the proceedings an adjournment was made to a banquet provided by Bro. Dore, P.M., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

MARYPORT.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 371).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. E. B. Penrice, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were present: Bros. T. Waite, W.M.; E. B. Penrice, S.W.; T. Boyd, J.W.; J. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.W.; B. Davies, S.D.; W. T. Woon, I.G.; J. Messenger, Tyler; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; Joseph Hodgson, Joseph Ward, Joseph Reed, G. W. Thompson, P.M.; E. G. Mitchell, Thomas Dacres, J. R. Banks, P.M.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; Andrew Walter, P.M.; S. Bettony, Thomas Mandie, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; Daniel Wilkinson, William Stoddart, P.M.; James Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Joseph Abbott, Joseph Kendall, P. Wedgwood, and J. Dickinson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Braithwaite, P.G.S., 119; Robert Leach, 110; John Walker, 498; J. D. Scott, 793; F. Smith, S.D. 1002; J. Thompson, W.M. 962; William Lewis, P.G.S., 872; Robert Miller, P.G.S.W., 119; John Harris, P.M. 327; and D. Reece, P.M., P.G.R. The installing Master was Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and he fulfilled his duties in a most able and impressive manner. The following officers were then invested: Bros. E. G. Mitchell, S.W.; B. Davies, J.W.; J. Hutchins, Secretary; Joseph Nicholson, Treasurer; W. T. Woon, S.D.; J. Ward, J.D.; D. Wilkinson, I.G.; J. Messenger, Tyler; S. Bettony and Joseph Reed, Stewards. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a first-class banquet.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Wm. Everatt, W.M.; E. J. Foster, S.W.; R. Dayson, J.W.; Wm. Porter, Chap.; E. C. B. Tudor, D.C.; J. A. Bray, P.M., Treas.; G. Dixon, Sec.; W. H. Fogg, J.D.; C. Grant, I.G.; C. Chappell, Stwd.; W. Brook, I.P.M.; Ezra Gooderidge, P.M.; H. Wilson, P.M.; H. T. Gardener, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. Richard Wood, P.G. Stwd. Lincolnshire; Horobin, S.W. 1482; Dr. Lane, S.D. 1482; Kingdon, Harmony Lodge, Bradford; and Cate, Elgin.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bro. Richard Ward was duly raised. The ballot was then taken for a candidate for initiation, Mr. B. W. Wilson, who, after due inquiry, was unanimously accepted. The lodge was afterwards closed.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Harbour of Refuge Lodge (No. 764).—The installation of Bro. J. F. Wilson as W.M. of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 8th inst., the ceremony being very impressively performed

by Bro. Dr. Gourley, J.P., P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. elect chose for his officers Bros. Olsen, S.W.; Lamb, J.W.; Harpley, Treasurer; E. Hudson, D.C.; George Reay, Secretary; W. Hodge, S.D.; Clennett, J.D.; F. Smith, Organist; F. H. Simpson, I.G.; R. Mead and T. W. Ryan, Stewards. Bro. Wm. Marley is the I.P.M., and Bro. Atkinson, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony the brethren and several visiting brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, served by Host Cabry at the Royal Hotel.

BELPER.—Beaureper Lodge (No. 787).—The 27th anniversary of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst. In the afternoon the installation of Bro. Dr. E. J. H. Hoskyns as W.M. was performed by Bro. F. Bennett, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., in the Public Hall. The W.M. elected the following as his office bearers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. B. Woodforde, S.W.; C. W. Southern, J.W.; Rev. E. A. Hillyard, P.M., P.P.G.C., as Chap.; Septimus Stone, P.P.G.J.W., as Treasurer; J. T. Lee, Secretary; Walter Glossop, S.D.; H. Cartwright, J.D.; W. H. Buxton, D.C.; W. Neaum, Organist; W. S. Bowler, P.M., Almoner; F. Handley, I.G.; T. S. Farr and Charles J. Jackson, Stewards; and Jabez Stanhope, Tyler. After the appointment of officers the members adjourned to the Lion Hotel, where the banquet was held. There were visiting brethren from Staffordshire, Lancashire, and several Derbyshire lodges. There were about fifty brethren present.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—On Thursday, the 10th inst., this senior lodge at the north end celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist, at Westminster-road, by installing their newly-elected W.M., Bro. George Mitchell, S.W., a deservedly popular member of the lodge. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Tunstall, who afterwards very effectively installed his successor. He was supported by Bros. G. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Addison, J.W.; J. J. Smith, I.P.M.; John Newell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; T. Fozzard, P.M.; A. Willis, P.M., Treasurer; C. Burchall, Secretary; M. Solomon, I.G.; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; and John Whalley, P.P.G.D.D.C. There was a good contingent of visitors, among whom were Bros. R. T. Britten, S.W. 1756; John Ashley, P.M. 1356; M. Callaghan, I.P.M. 1393; J. M. Smythe, I.P.M. 2114; John Duncan, P.P.G.D.C., W.M. 2114; J. Evans, J.W. 1086; Dr. D. Hendry, W.M. 1756; Joseph Shield, S.W. 1086; R. Foote, P.G.T.; and others.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. Fozzard, P.M., and J. P. Bunting, P.M., and on his installation he invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. J. Tunstall, I.P.M.; W. Addison, S.W.; C. Burchall, J.W.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Treasurer; Thomas Macreavey, Secretary; Thomas Musker, S.D.; Robert Bulmer, J.D.; R. C. Fisher, I.G.; Richard Ingham, S.S.; John Davis, J.S.; James Pealing, A.S.; J. J. Smith P.M., D.C.; and W. Watson was re-elected Tyler. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Tunstall, I.P.M., by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. W. Vines catered very successfully for the brethren, and a capital selection of music was given by Bros. J. Busfield, E. Edwards, W. H. Quayle, and J. C. Fargher, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.

STOKE.—Huyshe Lodge (No. 1099).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the evening of the 10th inst. to install Bro. Henry Rogers, S.W., as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. W. H. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. W. J. Stanbury, P.M.; and Bro. W. T. Walters, P.M.; and the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. S. Willoughby, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. A. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; T. May, P.M.; S. Panter, P.M.; J. H. Blackall, P.M.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, P.P.G. Chap.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; R. Cawsey, P.M. 230, P.P.G.D.; A. Lethbridge, P.M. 1847, P.G.S. of Works; E. Knight, P.M. 202, P.P.G.P.; Thomas Goodall, P.M. 1550, P.P.G.O.; G. Roseveare, P.M. 970, P.P.G.S. of Works Cornwall; A. W. White, P.M. 1136; T. Heath, P.M. 1136, P.P.G.D. Cornwall; F. Heath, P.M. 1136, P.P.G.D. Cornwall; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; C. Trevethick, P.M. 121, 1272, P.P.G.D.C. Cornwall; W. Cawse, P.M. 893, P.P.G.D. Cornwall; R. Pike, P.M. 230; O. Knowles, P.M. 159; R. Loe, P.M. 1847; E. Pillars, P.M. 105; W. Lavers, P.M. 1255; G. Sercombe, W.M. 70; R. Pitcher, P.M. 230; G. Elery, W.M. 159; and W. H. W. Macey, W.M. 1847.

The officers invested were as follows: Bros. Thos. May, I.P.M.; J. W. Cox, S.W.; W. G. Staton, J.W.; W. H. Gillman, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Stanbury, P.M., Sec.; J. Wellsford, S.D.; W. H. Pengelly, J.D.; W. G. Sprague, I.G.; J. R. Holliday, D.C.; W. J. Foster, A.D.C.; G. Vanstone, Org.; S. J. Paige, Asst. Org.; G. Olver, J. Cohen, H. W. Dillon, and W. R. Deacon, Stwds.; and J. Rashbrooke, Tyler. Bro. E. A. Davies was elected representative on Committee of Petitions and also Charity Steward of the lodge.

The annual banquet will take place on the 6th prox. at Bro. A. Rogers's New Market Hotel, Plymouth.

CANTERBURY.—Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple on Friday, the 11th inst., the following brethren being present, viz.: Bros. Blamiers, W.M.; Hammond, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M.; Plume, P.M., Treas.; Plant, P.M., Org.; Cockersell, S.W.; Develin, J.W.; Abbs, Sec.; Tomblings, J.D.; Pepper, I.G.; Beckett, D.C.; Blake, Tyler; Cooper, S.S.; Simms, J.S.; Thompson, Pope, Hall, Anderson, Passmore, Sheepwash, McClintock, Claydon, Delasaux, Herbert, and Martin. Visitors: Bros. Mount, 972; Bryant, 215; Brogan, 730; Clark, 972; and Littlechild, 81.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A letter was read by the Secretary from Bro. Caddington, S.D., resigning his office in consequence of pressure of business, the same being accepted. The W.M. made the following appointments: Bros. Tomblings (in succession to Bro. Caddington), S.D.; Pepper, J.D.; Beckett, I.G.; Cooper, D.C.; Simms, S.S.; and McClintock, J.S. The ballot was then taken

for Messrs. Leach, Harvie, and Naylor, which proving unanimous, the ceremony of initiation was performed in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., the charge being very ably delivered by the S.W. This concluding the business of the evening, the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

The brethren then adjourned to a substantial supper provided by Bro. Blake, Tyler, in his usual excellent style. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically received by the brethren. The harmony of the evening was continued by interspersions of songs and speeches till 11.30 p.m., when the Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

NEWARK.—Newton Lodge (No. 1661).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in the Town Hall. There was a large attendance. Bro. the Rev. A. W. Wood was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested: Bros. E. M. Hutton Riddell, S.W.; J. C. Birch, J.W.; Rev. T. C. Godbank, Chap.; Rev. F. V. Bussell, Treas.; Henry George, Sec.; S. Ironmonger, S.D.; G. Wilson, J.D.; C. Johnson, D. of C.; Dr. Appleby, Org.; E. Liddell, Almoner; G. Aker, I.G.; H. Hutchinson and T. Bradley, Stwds.; and J. Dorby, Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed that the funds of the lodge were in a flourishing condition. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Thorpe, the retiring W.M., in acknowledgement of his valuable services.

After the meeting, there was a banquet at the Town Hall, the Rev. A. W. Wood presiding. Visitors were present from various lodges in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and there was a large and influential gathering.

STANMORE.—Sub-Urban Lodge (No. 1702).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 11th inst. at the Abercorn Hotel, when the following brethren attended: Bros. G. H. Carter, W.M.; W. R. Shutt, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Winstanley, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; J. Hill, Sec.; E. C. Kilsby, S.D.; F. J. Tyler, J.D.; J. M. Draper, I.G.; A. J. H. Goldney, A. J. Oliver, G. Robinson, and J. Davenport, Stwds.; C. S. Buck, I.P.M.; J. F. Hepburn, P.M.; W. T. Buck, P.M.; R. W. Bilby, R. Coffee, J. J. Schloss, A. Bird, H. J. Forster, J. Tregaskis, and J. Very, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middx.; T. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; R. Ousey, I.P.M. 59; H. W. Ruff, P.M. 95; Howard Ruff, P.M. 95; J. H. Thomas, P.M. 101; G. Brown, P.M. 140; J. Fraser, P.M. 174; J. Ellwood, W.M. 179; J. Kew, P.M. 179; L. Hart, P.M. 180; E. J. Jeffs, W.M. 435; F. S. Turner, S.D. 534; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. Gordon, P.M. 753; J. T. Crawford, 760; G. Warren, 813; G. J. Westfield, 813; A. Hartman, 907; J. J. Bell, P.M. 1178; G. J. Thompson, 1457; A. Weil, 1540; S. Scherer, 1540; R. Larchin, P.M. 1541; H. W. Schartau, 1549; W. Job, P.M. 1632; G. Parrett, 1259; A. James, 1706; F. Bevan, 1706; J. Dixon, P.M. 1720; J. Best, 1613; and J. Gibbs, W.M. 1613.

The business, after the opening of the lodge, consisted of the reading and confirmation of the minutes and the reception and adoption of the report of the Audit Committee, which report, having been read by Bro. Bilby, called up some observations of a highly complimentary character on the ability and energy of Bro. J. Hill, Secretary, and the brethren passed a unanimous vote of thanks to that brother in recognition of his energy on behalf of the lodge. This done, Bro. Carter, W.M., installed in admirable style Bro. W. R. Shutt as Master for the ensuing year; and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Carter, I.P.M.; C. Winstanley, S.W.; E. C. Kilsby, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; J. Hill, Sec.; F. J. Tyler, S.D.; J. M. Draper, J.D.; A. J. H. Goldney, I.G.; J. F. Hepburn, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Oliver, A.D.C.; G. Robinson, J. Davenport, W. T. Buck, P.M., and J. Tregaskis, Stwds. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were given respectively by Bros. J. Tickle, P.M.; C. S. Buck, P.M.; and J. F. Hepburn, P.M. Bro. W. T. Buck, P.M., acted as D.C.

After the closing of the lodge, a banquet of the choicest description was provided by Bro. Charles Veal, the proprietor of the hotel, who personally superintended the serving, and the brethren heartily enjoyed the repast. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," said (the W.M. having announced the intention of electing him an honorary member at next meeting, the compliment having been inadvertently omitted in open lodge) that when he accepted the invitation to be present he had no idea of such an honour being about to be conferred upon him; but he accepted the honour with the greatest pleasure as a mark on the part of the brethren that the work he had endeavoured to do in the province, under somewhat trying circumstances, had met with the satisfaction of the brethren of that lodge. He had the gratification of telling them that a similar honour had the day before been conferred on him in another lodge. He could not let the opportunity pass on this his first visit to Stanmore without thanking the lodge for their kind reception of him. With 50 lodges and chapters in the province it was quite impossible for any one to visit them all, because if he visited them all, it would take him about 200 nights a year away from home, and he would be obliged to give up his business. He was sorry Sir F. Burdett was not present. That distinguished brother, he regretted to say, was ill, and in a very weak state, and had only just been able to leave his bedroom. He hoped that lodge would annually send up the names of those brethren whom they wished to receive provincial honours. As there were 38 or 39 lodges in the province and only 25 offices, it was most difficult for the Provincial Grand Master to select suitable men—men who would give satisfaction to the lodges themselves. If the lodges would send up the names, he should have much pleasure in submitting them to the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Tickle, P.M., said he was pleased they were going to add Bro. Woodward to the list of members of the lodge. He was a much esteemed and a most popular Mason. He knew the brethren would make him welcome, and give him the reception his merits deserved, and he hoped Bro. Woodward would frequently come among them. There was no lodge in England, let alone in Middlesex, which

had his (Bro. Tickle's) solicitude so much as the Sub-Urban Lodge.

Bro. Carter, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he and the W.M. had worked side by side for a good many years. The more he knew the W.M. the more he esteemed him, and he believed that was the experience of all the brethren.

The Worshipful Master said, in reply, that he was very grateful for such flattering remarks. He took it as a great honour to occupy the Master's chair, and he should do his best to perform the duties appertaining thereto, he trusted to the satisfaction of the brethren, and to the credit of the lodge.

Bro. T. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, in response to the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., said there was a great affinity between the Provinces of Surrey and Middlesex. The counties of Middlesex and Surrey were united in the Mark Degree, and if they were not actually united in the other Degrees, they were in sentiment. It had been his pleasure on many occasions to be associated with the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. When he was first installed in the Claremont Lodge he had the pleasure of being supported by very many brethren of the Province of Middlesex, and especially by some of his esteemed brethren of the Sub-Urban Lodge. There seemed to be quite a friendship between the Sub-Urban and the Claremont Lodges; they visited one another, they were friends both in and out of Masonry, and he was quite sure they would always so continue. It was a great pleasure when two provinces so nearly allied met together, and thoroughly appreciated the working. Whenever he visited that lodge he always seemed to receive a most hearty welcome, and he would, indeed, be ungrateful if he did not say he looked upon the Sub-Urban Lodge as a dear brother, and all the brethren as members of his province. If he was to speak the sentiments of the brethren of Surrey he should say, long might the Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey continue brethren, and in every sense advance the great and glorious work of Masonry.

Bro. G. Brown, P.M. 140, said he came from a foreign county—Kent—and by selecting a foreign brother to return thanks for this toast the W.M. had done wisely. That being his first visit to the interesting and delightful Province of Middlesex, and associating with so many genial spirits and hearts, and so many clever Masons, he hardly felt himself capable of thanking the W.M. and brethren. When he received an invitation from Bro. Tickle twelve months ago, it was a cause of grief to him that he was not able to come. However, the invitation being repeated this year, he could say he had never enjoyed himself either in or out of London more than he had that day. The brethren of the lodge all appeared to have met with one common object, the enjoyment of themselves; but the pleasure of their visitors had been secured by them as a primary consideration, and it commended itself to the visitors in a very marked manner. He trusted at no very distant day that some of the Surrey and Middlesex brethren would find their way into Kent, where they flattered themselves they could do a good bit of Masonry if they put themselves to it.

The W.M., in proposing "The P.M.'s," said the brethren all knew the very effective, businesslike, and able manner in which the P.M.'s of the lodge had discharged their duties in past years. He could say a great deal in their favour, but time would not permit. To Bro. Carter he had now the pleasure to present a very pretty P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain), as a small token of the regard of the lodge, and he trusted he would enjoy good health and live long to wear the jewel.

Bro. Carter, I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the health of the P.M.'s and for the appreciative way in which he had spoken of himself. He also thanked the brethren for the gift of the jewel. He should always look back on his having occupied the chair of the Sub-Urban Lodge as the honourable event of his life—one of them, at any rate—of which he should always be proud.

Bro. C. Buck, P.M., assured the brethren that the P.M.'s fully appreciated the kindness of the brethren, and they would do their very best in years to come to forward the interests of the Sub-Urban Lodge. They had that interest greatly at heart, they had had it in the past and they would have it in the future; and any assistance they could render the younger members to come forward, one and all would be happy to give.

The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said the brethren knew the great interest Bro. Tickle had taken in the lodge—in fact, he was one of the founders and the father of the lodge. He had been its mainstay and had promoted its welfare and prosperity. Bro. Hill, the Secretary, had always carried out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and had also greatly promoted the lodge's prosperity.

Bro. Tickle, P.M., Treas., said, in response, that if there was one thing more than another that afforded him pleasure to say, it was to express the pride he felt in filling the office of Treasurer of such a distinguished lodge as the Sub-Urban. It had, perhaps, a humble name, but what it was short of in big sounding titles it made up for in the quality of its members. There was no lodge in the province where the P.M.'s, officers, and rank and file did so much, and had done so much in the past, to fulfil the tenets of Masonry, and so long as the brethren strived in the future to do so the lodge must hold its own in the province. He must confess to a sense of great gratification at the result of that day's proceedings. They had had installed in the chair a brother who for a quarter of a century it had been his privilege and pride to call a friend, and he was only echoing the sentiments of all the brethren of the lodge and the visitors when he expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing such a good citizen and so good a Mason occupying that distinguished seat. They had had a few good and worthy Masons precede him, but, if he might make use of an old saying, he might remark that Bro. Shutt had out heroded Herod. The W.M. had almost shut the other P.M.'s up in the efforts he had made for the brethren's pleasure that day, and he warmly thanked him for it. They had proposed that day to enrol among their ranks a most excellent Mason, a brother whom they had looked upon since his appointment as the Prov. G. Secretary with the greatest pleasure, and the brethren might rely upon it that that lodge would not be forgotten in the distribution of Prov. G. Lodge honours. At the last meeting of Prov. G. Lodge a Committee was nominated for the purpose of revising or framing bye-laws

for the province. He (Bro. Tickle) was nominated on the Committee, and so was the Prov. G. Secretary, who said he could not get on without Bro. John Hill; so it was evident that the Sub-Urban Lodge was beginning to make its way, and although it had experienced a full share in the past it would not be ignored in the future. Himself and one other Past Master would do all they could to promote the success of the lodge, and contribute to the happiness of the brethren.

Bro. John Hill, Secretary, while thanking the W.M. and brethren for the toast, said that, to borrow the words of a very popular play of the day, performed at the Savoy Theatre—"The lot of a policeman is not a happy one." Well, the lot of a Secretary was not a happy one. However, the brethren of the lodge, he was sure, would do their best to help him carry out his duties. Whatever he had to perform he hoped they would not take it rough, for he loved them all, and he loved Masonry; and if the brethren would help him they would be helping the W.M. to have a most successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master hoped "The Officers," whose health he now proposed, would do their best to assist him in his duties, that they would make themselves perfect in their duties, and aim at filling the chair he now occupied.

Bro. Kilsby, J.W. (Bro. Winstanley, S.W., having been obliged to leave early), assured the lodge, on behalf of all the officers, that they would strive their best for the working of the Sub-Urban Lodge, in which they took so great a pride. It was his mother lodge, and there was no lodge he was so proud of. Whenever he had a chance of doing anything for it, he did it, and he intended always to do so. They had a distinguished body of visitors, and everything assumed the colour of the rose. They always said there were great things in store for this lodge, and no doubt there were. With Bro. Shutt in the chair the lodge was bound to get on with Past Masters like Bros. Charles Buck and Tickle, and with the many honoured Past Masters who had occupied the chair there could be no mistake about it, that the Sub-Urban Lodge must, in time, be the premier lodge in position and working in the province, for the members had always tried their level best to make it so, and it was quite certain that the best must wait upon them in the long run.

Bro. Bilby also responded. Bro. Tickle proposed "The Masonic Press," for which Bro. H. Massey replied; and Bro. Tickle then proposed "The Health of Bro. and Mrs. Veal," to whom the brethren were indebted for a beautiful hall, and for all the comforts they enjoyed at their meetings at Stanmore. Mrs. Veal was a most amiable and accomplished lady, from whose presence they had frequently derived great pleasure. Whenever the opportunity occurred she was always pleased to come and charm the brethren with her beautiful music, and her beautiful voice. She had exceeded herself that day in providing the banquet, and the brethren would wish both Bro. and Mrs. Veal long and prosperous years.

Bro. Charles Veal said he need not tell the brethren this was not a Masonic toast. When he came into the room he was not at all prepared for the very kind reception that toast had had; but he could assure them that to him it was a very flattering one, and one that would convey not only to himself, but to his good wife and all belonging to him, that satisfaction which he knew the brethren would wish to convey to them for all their energies in contributing to the brethren's comfort. For his wife, his family and himself, and all belonging to them, he might inform the brethren that the red-letter day of the year to them was the installation meeting of the Sub-Urban Lodge. They had been the last three days and nights preparing for it, and their greatest delight and recompense was if they had given satisfaction. If it had realised the brethren's expectations, that was all they wanted. They had always looked on the Sub-Urban Lodge as really the mainstay of their establishment, in a very great measure, inasmuch as in a Masonic way every member of that lodge had been their best of friends, and contributed in every way to assist them. He thanked Bro. Tickle for the kind way he had put the toast. As far as the efforts of himself and family went, they reciprocated every word he said, and they appreciated it. If any members of the lodge came on any other occasion they would give them the same amount of assistance and attention as they had on that occasion. It was not only on great gatherings they bestowed their energies, they gave them also on smaller occasions, endeavouring to maintain the credit of the establishment.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by the musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, assisted by Bros. A. James and F. Bevan; flute solo, Bro. E. J. Jeffs.

PLYMPTON.—Lodge St. Maurice (No. 1855).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., when Bro. G. T. Goad was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. J. R. Challice; W. Bros. Robert Hambly, P.M. 1855; George Whittley, P.M. 156, P.P.G. Org.; and the following Board of Installed Masters:—W. Bros. W. Redman, P.M. 1855; J. B. Skinner, P.M. 1855; W. D. Stamp, P.M. 1855; J. B. Green, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, 1817, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 156, P.P.G. Org.; L. D. Westcott, P.M. 70, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Lavers, P.M. 223; and James Gidley, P.M. 2025.

The officers invested were Bros. T. J. R. Challice, I.P.M.; G. Martin, S.W.; G. S. S. Lowe, J.W.; W. Redmond, P.M., Treas.; R. Hambly, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Polly, S.D.; J. Helling, J.D.; F. Hunt, I.G.; J. C. Revell, D.C.; S. Hicks, A.D.C.; G. Osborne, Organist; C. B. Shaker, Steward; and James Gidley, P.M., Tyler.

Bro. R. Hambly, P.M., was unanimously elected as representative on the Committee of Petitions; and Bro. T. J. R. Challice, P.M., as the Charity Steward of the lodge.

The brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, kept by Bro. Hearle, for the annual banquet, where they were joined by several visiting brethren.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—Presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Edwin Woodhouse, J.P., P.M., Prov. G.J.W. —The last regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 12th inst. Present: Bros. the Rev. T. C. Smith, P.M., P.D.D.G.M. of the Eastern Archipelago, W.M.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., S.W.; Tudor Trevor,

P.M., J.W.; Wm. Watson, P.M., Sec.; Rev. H. S. Butler, Chap.; Rev. J. E. Player, S.D.; S. Scott Young, J.D.; J. J. Fretwell, I.G.; Chas. Middleton, D. of C.; Barrand, Tyler; Tom Atkinson, Stwd.; H. Milling, M. W. Jameson, Assist. Sec.; Arthur Butterworth, T. B. Robinson, B. Sykes Bailey, Lewis Howarth, and the following visitors: Bros. Thomas Myers, W.M. 304; W. Cockerlyne, 304; John Thrippleton, W.M. 306; Thomas Dodds, 289; Robert Dayson, J.W. 458; John W. Turner, P.M. 521; Henry Shaw, P.M. 521; John Dawson, J.W. 521; A. W. Youngs, W.M. 1211; Chas. Scriven, P.M. 1211; W. J. Gwillam, 1211; John Jaques, P.M. 1211; Wm. Smith, J.W. 1211; T. H. Good, P.M. 1221; and Robt. Lees, W.M. 1221.

After the lodge was opened the W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Hy. Smith, P.M. 302, 387, entered, attended by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. Thomas W. Embleton, P.M. 1513, Prov. G.S.W.; Edwin Woodhouse, P.M. 2069, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. W. S. Turnbull, 1462, Prov. G. Chap.; Joseph Binney, P.M. 139, Prov. G. Reg.; John C. Malcom, P.M. 306, P.P.G.R.; Rev. E. W. Makinson, 289, P.P.G.C.; James Bedford, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D.; Robt. Craig, P.M. 304, 2069, P.P.G.D.; Wm. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.D., Chairman Prov. Charity Committee; John Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. T. Gardiner, P.M. 458, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Thomas M. Holmes, P.M. 1545, Prov. G. Dep. D.C.; and Thomas Crossley, P.M. 1311, P.P.G.P.

The minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, the first work to be done was the passing of Bro. Robinson, which was admirably performed by Bro. Mason, the working tools being explained by the I.P.M., and the charge delivered by the W.M., who followed with his masterly exposition of the charge and tracing board in the Second Degree. Since the last regular meeting of the lodge, the wife of Bro. Wilton Jones has died, and the W.M. moved, in a touching speech, a vote of condolence to Bro. Jones, which was seconded by the S.W., and carried. The W.M., in the name of the officers and members of Lodge Prudence, presented to Bro. Woodhouse, P.G.J.W., an elegant Past Master's jewel. In performing this pleasing duty, with his accustomed tact and ability, the W.M. first recapitulated the circumstances which had led to the formation of the lodge. It had long been thought desirable by a number of the leading Masons in Leeds that the success of the Craft would be materially forwarded if there were in existence a lodge meeting on Saturday afternoon; another idea of these brethren was that if such a lodge were conducted on temperance principles many gentlemen would be secured to the ranks of Masonry, who otherwise might remain outside the Order. There was no desire on the part of the promoters of the lodge to cast any slight on the existing lodges—it was felt that there was room for all. The success of the temperance principle in Masonry was borne witness to by the fact that since the consecration of 2069 lodges had been opened in various parts of the country as "temperance lodges." The choice of the founders for the first W.M. wisely fell upon Bro. Woodhouse, who at that time occupied the exalted position of chief magistrate for the large and populous borough of Leeds. He had indeed proved a tower of strength to Lodge Prudence. He first saw Masonic light in Lodge 521 (Truth), of Huddersfield, in 1861, and in 1868 he became W.M. of that lodge. Increasing business calls caused him afterwards to retire from active Masonic work, but as the first W.M. of Prudence he showed that his Masonic faculties retained their pristine vigour, and, whether in the administrative or operative duties of his office, he gave pleasure and satisfaction to all his brethren. Under his sway the lodge had wonderfully prospered. The goodwill of the sister lodges was handsomely given, and at the present moment the most cordial and amicable relationship existed, a relationship it would be his pleasure and pride to preserve. Lodge Prudence was second to none in that province considering the short time it had been in existence. The fact that the R.W.P.G.M. had instituted two of its members to high positions in the province showed that at head quarters the lodge was favourably regarded. He himself was Senior Prov. Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Woodhouse was Prov. Grand Junior Warden. He trusted that the jewel would remind Bro. Woodhouse of the esteem and affection in which he was held by his brethren, that it would also remind him of the two years he was Mayor of Leeds, in which office his wise and honourable principles endeared him to the whole town. In pinning the jewel on Bro. Woodhouse's breast he reminded him that there was another and a brighter jewel which he hoped he would ever retain—the love and friendship of his brethren and fellows. Might he retain in all its lustre that jewel until the Great Architect of the Universe was pleased to call him from these transitory scenes to that lodge above whose Grand Master was the Great Jehovah.

W. Bro. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks, expressed his pleasure at being present on so interesting an occasion. He trusted Bro. Woodhouse would long be spared to wear the jewel. There was no wonder that Lodge Prudence was so successful, seeing that it had such an able and zealous staff of officers.

Bro. Shaw (Truth) having also borne testimony to the regard that was entertained for Bro. Woodhouse in the Huddersfield lodges.

Bro. Woodhouse briefly and feelingly responded. He expressed his great satisfaction that the Prudence Lodge had been so successful, and that her relations with the sister lodges were of so cordial a character. He had received many presents, but none would be more highly prized by himself and his family than the Past Master's jewel he had just received.

"Hearty good wishes" having been exchanged, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to "High tea," after which a very pleasant time was spent.

The inscription on the jewel is as follows: "Presided by Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, to its first Master Bro. Edwin Woodhouse, P.M., Provincial Grand Junior Warden of West Yorkshire. May, 1886."

The jewel was of chased gold; in the centre of the ribbon the Arms of Leeds were finely cut and engraved, the upper bar bearing the word "Fountain," and the lower one "Prudence, No. 2069," in white enamel.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Brindley, P.M., W.M.,

Salter, S.W.; C. Pugh, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Pellatt, S.D.; Mimms, J.D.; Smales, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; C. White, P.M.; Coughlan, Hayes, H. White, and Baddley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Baddley answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. Bro. H. White was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. H. White duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Lodge closed down. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; W. Ham, S.W.; J. Ravner, J.W.; R. J. Harnell, S.D.; E. Chamberlain, J.D.; E. C. Mulvey, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. A. Itter, J. R. Harnell, J. G. Lawrence, H. J. Pellatt, Ludwig Gunzell, James Woodward, R. Etheridge, J. D. Graham, G. Wilson, H. Crooker, M. Maguire, G. F. Swan, James Rowe, C. Lambert, J. Mitchell, C. Corby, F. Dusterwald, J. Docker, H. J. Weise, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. R. Harnell having offered himself as a candidate for passing, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. J. Docker worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 5th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 6th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. G. H. Reynolds proposed that Bro. R. Etheridge, 858, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. W. Ham. Bro. F. Dusterwald proposed that Bro. H. J. Weise, 1446, also become a joining member of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. H. J. Pellatt. Both brethren were unanimously elected. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. W. Ham, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Arch.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 11th inst. Present: Comps. T. C. Edmonds, Z.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, H.; Henry Stiles, P.Z., J.; H. E. Dehane, J. 890, S.E.; W. H. Wadham, S.N.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S.; E. J. Day, Org.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Janitor; W. H. Stiles, P.Z.; and J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. W. M. Stiles candidate. A vote of thanks to the Three Principals was unanimously carried for presiding so ably. Comps. H. Stiles, P.Z. 1507, and E. J. Day, Org. 1329, were, after the ballot proving unanimous, elected members. The companions and officers designate of the Henry Levander Chapter will attend on the 18th, as previously announced. After "Hearty good wishes" had been accorded, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 182).—On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., the brethren of the above lodge assembled for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Rayner. A large number of the brethren were present, and the ceremony of installation was most impressively conducted by Bro. G. Wilson, P.M., after which the W.M. proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Beevers, I.P.M.; S. Rutter, S.W.; M. J. Martensen, J.W.; T. Proctor, M.O.; J. Taylor, S.O.; W. C. Bradley, J.O.; J. R. Ansdell, P.M., Chap.; G. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. Thyer, Sec.; E. Corris, Reg.; W. B. Hutton, S.D.; J. Hargreaves, J.D.; D. J. O'Donoghue, D.C.; J. R. Stringer, Org.; R. T. Vivian, I.G.; J. W. Marshall, Steward; and W. Cuthbert, Tyler.

Afterwards the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The quarterly meeting of this body was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. There were present Frater Christopher Palliser, E.P.; Wm. Brown, Constable; W. H. Cowper, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P. Reg.; W. Lawton, P.; J. Marshall, P.; G. Simpson, P.; M. F. W. Williamson, Beaucaunt; J. T. Sellar, Sub-Marshal; Wm. Watson, Capt. of Guard; A. H. H. McGachen, Herald; and others. The only visitor present was E. Frater J. W. Woodall, Sub-Prior of the province, who was received with the usual honours. Successful ballots were taken for Comp. George Fitchett, of the King Edwin Chapter, No. 600, and W. Comp. W. P. Cochrane, of the Marwood Chapter, No. 602, and these companions were successively installed Knights of the Temple by E. Frater T. B. Whythead, Frater W. Brown acting as Sub-Marshal, and E. Frater J. W. Woodall as Prelate. A letter was read from E. Frater J. S. Cumberland, thanking the members for electing him an honorary member. The alms were collected and the conclave was closed. An adjournment was made to the refectory, where light refreshments were served and a short toast list was discharged.

Australia.

CONSECRATION OF THE YORK LODGE, No. 2118 (E.C.), AT YORK.

On Tuesday, March 23rd, the ceremony of consecrating, constituting, and dedicating the above lodge was performed at York, Western Australia. There was a number of brethren present from the Lodge of St. John, No. 485, E.C., Perth, W.A., and from the Freemantle Lodge, No. 1033, E.C., Freemantle, W.A.; while the Plantagenet Lodge, No. 1454, E.C., Albany, W.A., and the Geraldton Lodge, No. 1683, E.C., Geraldton, W.A., were also represented. The Lodge of St. John performed the consecration ceremony, the Consecrating Officer being Bro. F. L. Hussey, the W.M., assisted by Bro. C. Y. Dean, P.M., as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. D. K. Congdon, P.M., P.Z., acted

as S.W.; Bro. G. Edwards, W.M. Freemantle Lodge, as J.W.; Bro. R. Pether, P.M., as S.D.; Bro. Humble, P.M., as J.D.; Bro. J. A. Wright, 18^o, as Organist; Bro. G. W. Leake, as Secretary; Bro. Cornish, as I.G.; and Bro. H. S. Carey, as Tyler.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Hussey in due form, according to ancient usage. After the consecration ceremony, the installation of Bro. J. R. M. Thomson, as first Master of the new lodge, was proceeded with. Bro. Hussey acting as Installing Master, and the following officers were invested by Bro. C. Y. Dean: Bros. J. T. Monger, S.W.; H. E. Parry, J.W.; F. A. Wade, Sec.; R. Hardman, J.D.; H. J. Horley, I.G.; and T. Risely, Tyler. Bros. E. Keane and J. H. Mougner, who were to have been invested as Treasurer and S.D. respectively, were absent.

The lodge having been closed in peace and harmony, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Castle Hotel, York, where they were fully refreshed after their arduous labours. A number of toasts were drunk with true Masonic enthusiasm, while several brethren enlivened the proceedings by songs. Altogether the day will be long remembered with pleasure by the Craft in Western Australia.

The York Lodge is named in memory of the convention of Freemasons at York in A.L. 4926, having also reference to the rite we practise; it is the fifth lodge constituted in the colony, and works, like the rest, under the United Grand Lodge of England.

China.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

INSTALLATION OF R.W. BRO. MILLER AS DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

A Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 25th April, for the purpose of installing R.W. Bro. John Irwin Miller, who has recently been appointed by patent from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, to the office of District Grand Master of English Freemasons in this District. The ceremony of installation was conducted by R.W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne, Past District Grand Master, assisted by the following officers of the District Grand Lodge: Bros. C. H. Dallas, P.D.G.M. of Japan, acting D.D.G.M.; J. M. Cory, D.G.S.W.; A. Johnson, D.G.J.W.; Rev. F. R. Smith, D.G. Chaplain; W. H. Short, D.G. Treas.; John Morris, D.G. Reg.; R. D. Starkey, D.G. Secretary; W. H. Anderson, P.D.G.S.W., acting D.G.S.D.; Findlay, D.G. Supt. of Works, acting D.G.J.D.; G. R. Wingrove, D.G. Dir. of Cers.; A. M. A. Evans, D.G.A. Dir. of Cers.; A. P. Macgregor, D.G. Swd. Br.; T. F. Hough and J. MacMorran, D.G. Std. Brs.; G. B. Fentum, D.G. Org.; L. F. Gowing, 428 (S.C.), acting D.G. Asst. Sec.; G. M. Hart, D.G. Asst. Purs.; F. M. Gratton and J. West, D.G. Stewards; and C. Merritt, D.G. Tyler.

Among the members of the D.G. Lodge and visitors present were Bros. T. W. Kingsmill, P.D.G.S.W.; E. P. Lalaca, P.D.G.J.W.; G. Martin, P.G.S., P.M. 1, E.C.; H. J. Fisher, P.M., and C. H. King, P.M. 1027, E.C.; C. M. Donaldson, senior P.M.; T. S. Southey, R.W.M.; T. Pemberton, P.M.; J. G. Thirkell, P.M.; and C. J. Holland, P.M., 428, S.C.; W. G. Gordon, P.M., and G. Alabaster, P.M. 511, S.C.; C. Brown, W.M., and G. L. Skinner, P.M. Anct. Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const.; S. R. Gale, E. Belbin, R. Pestonjee, J. Howell, J. Roberts, E. Millhe, C. C. Castro, J. M. Land, W. M. Harvie, and E. Ebrahim, 50, E.C.; J. A. Sullivan and Capt. J. H. Mackay, 570, E.C.; S. Moutrie, G. Lanning, Capt. F. Davis, G. E. York, and T. Liddell, 1027, E.C.; G. Meyer, 1433, E.C.; E. J. O. Rowland, A. Lairdich, J. Gould, E. H. Latty, W. M. Primrose, W. Kite, W. Youngson, and E. D. Meldrum, 428, S.C.; W. Poignand, G. H. Fergusson, E. A. Von Amelunxen, G. Howard, Capt. J. A. Perkins, H. L. Newham, A. D. Brown, F. G. Keeling, A. Neubourg, and J. Bollard, Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const.; A. W. Danforth, St. John's, Newport, Mass.; J. B. Cameron and S. M. McLeish, 618, S.C.; A. Roper, 525, E.C.; R. Beckett, 1276, E.C.; T. G. Careful, 823, E.C.; Capt. R. A. Donaldson, 860, E.C.; J. Clancy, Mariner's Lodge; and Dr. C. Lalaca, 351, S.C.

The brethren assembled at about nine o'clock, and shortly afterwards the officers of the District Grand Lodge entered in procession to the strains of a march played by Bro. Fentum. The lodge was then opened, and after a prayer had been offered by the D.G. Chaplain, and a hymn sung by the brethren, the business of the evening was commenced. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Middleton, President of the D.G. Board of General Purposes, and Master of the Tuscan Lodge; Allcot, D.G.S.D., and Master of the Doric Lodge; and others.

The arrival of the District Grand Master designate was then announced, and his patent having been received, a deputation consisting of Bros. Macgregor, Short, Morris, Lalaca, Evans, Anderson, and Fisher was appointed to receive him and introduce him to the Installing Master. The patent, under the signature of the Prince of Wales and seal of the United Grand Lodge of England, having been read, the ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bro. Cornelius Thorne. Bro. Miller, having been obligated, invested, and placed in the chair, was duly saluted with grand honours. Handel's "Arm, Arm, ye Brave," was then very effectively sung by Bro. Lanning.

The ceremony having been completed, the newly-installed GRAND MASTER, addressing the Installing Master, said: R.W. Sir, it affords me great pleasure as my first official act to nominate Bro. Kingsmill to be my deputy in this district. He is a brother well known to all Masons of every Constitution here, one who has taken the greatest interest in Masonry, and who is well versed in all our ancient laws and usages. I will therefore ask you to be good enough to invest him after the Secretary has read the patent.

Bro. Kingsmill's patent as Deputy District Grand Master was then read, and he was obligated, invested with due ceremony, placed in his chair of office, and duly saluted with grand honours.

The District Grand Master then confirmed the appointment of officers made by him in January when acting as Deputy District Grand Master in charge, and the officers were duly saluted.

The Masonic hymn, "Hail, Masonry divine," was then sung, the solo being rendered by Bro. Neubourg.

In the course of the ceremony several marches were played by Bro. Fentum, and hymns were sung by the brethren.

Bro. MILLER then addressed the brethren, saying—Right Worshipful Sir, Worshipful Masters, Worshipful Past Masters, and brethren, in addressing you for the first time as District Grand Master, I should be wanting in respect to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, if I did not express my deep sense of the honour he has done me in appointing me to this high office. At the same time I would express my heartfelt gratitude to the brethren, who, while availing themselves of the permission of his Royal Highness to nominate a brother for this office, placed their confidence in me—a confidence, brethren, that it will be my earnest endeavour to merit; and I trust that health and strength will be vouchsafed to me to hand this gavel to my successor unstained and unsullied, as I received it from my predecessor. R.W. Past District Grand Master, the part which you have taken in this evening's proceedings adds but one more to the many invaluable services that you have rendered to us in our ceremonies in this District—not alone to the English Craft, but to Masons of every other Constitution. I cannot but think, however, that this evening's proceedings are not the least interesting to you. In assuming this chair I am well aware that I am taking the place of one whom it will be hard to equal and almost impossible to excel. (Loud cheers.) This, I am sure, will be so patent to every brother amongst us that I need not further dilate upon it. For your services this evening, R.W. Sir, I return you my heartfelt thanks. Worshipful brothers, officers of the District Grand Lodge, in assuming charge of this district I look with confidence to your assistance and support in carrying out the duties of my office. The good government, the success and prosperity of the Craft in this district mainly lie in your hands. The high positions that you occupy should stimulate your zeal and make you anxious to set an example to your brethren, so that the dignity of our Order, its prosperity and usefulness, may not be impaired during our terms of office. Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the lodges under this Constitution, in assuming charge of this district I have been too long amongst you, and too long associated with you, to have any doubt of your zeal and ability in discharging the functions of the offices with which you have been entrusted. The brethren of your lodges have placed you in high positions, and it behoves you therefore to exercise your skill and abilities in instructing the brethren placed under your charge in the various Degrees of Freemasonry, so that they may be a credit to your lodges and to the Craft in general. I have every confidence that during your term of office, and in the future your exertions will be such as to raise the standard of Masonry in this district, and to encourage every good work which should characterise a Freemason. Brethren, let us never forget and always practise the three great principles of Masonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Being placed as we are in one of the most distant quarters of the globe, separated from those friends who are nearest and dearest to us, far removed from the place of our birth, for which we have an inborn longing, it behoves us to draw closer the bonds of brotherhood, and with united heart and hand to help one another, not grudgingly, but freely and openly. Let us exercise out of the lodge those great principles which we are taught within it, so that one in the outside world may know when he meets a Mason that he meets a just and upright man. He who acts up to these principles is a true Mason in act as well as in word. The second great principle, Relief, has been so freely and generously exercised in this community that I need not here dilate on its excellencies. We all are ready to the best of our means to give to a brother in distress that relief which we can afford; and let us ever continue to act in this way. Truth may be said to include both the others, for without truth the bonds of true Brotherhood cannot exist. It is a source of regret to me this evening to miss one or two familiar faces from this lodge. I may mention one in particular—one of the oldest members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, and a P.G.V. of this District Grand Lodge—Bro. Henry Evans. I saw him personally to-day, and he expressed his extreme regret that he was unable through indisposition to attend. He has been a most active brother amongst us, and as he is now about to leave here to return to his native land, I cannot deny myself the pleasure of wishing him "God speed," and of hoping that when he returns to his native land he may have renewed health, and may be spared for many years of enjoyment. Another brother is about to leave us—a brother who has been an active officer of this District Grand Lodge from its foundation—I refer to Bro. Fentum, to whose invaluable services as D.G. Organist we have been indebted at nearly all our meetings—at every meeting when it has been possible for him to be present. He leaves us to the great regret not only of Freemasons but of every member of the community. (Cheers.) I think it would not be fitting that he should leave us without some distinct expression of the services that he has rendered to the District Grand Lodge. I therefore beg to propose the following resolution—"This District Grand Lodge desires to record its appreciation of the services of Bro. G. B. Fentum as District Grand Organist since its foundation, and to express its regret at his approaching departure from this port, and to wish him health and prosperity in his new sphere."

Bro. THORNE: R.W. Sir, I have very much pleasure in seconding that resolution, for I can bear strong testimony to the great services rendered not only to the District Grand Lodge, but to all the lodges in Shanghai by Bro. Fentum.—(Cheers.)

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the D.G. Secretary was instructed to embody it in a letter to Bro. Fentum.

Bro. THORNE acknowledged the manner in which his services had been referred to by the District Grand Master, expressed the pleasure it had given him to instal Bro. Miller, and expressed the hope that the new District Grand Master would receive the same kind assistance from the brethren of his district that had hitherto been accorded to himself.

Congratulations were then offered to the Dist. G.M. by Bro. Dallas on behalf of the Craft in Japan; by Bro. C. M. Donaldson on behalf of the Scottish Craft generally; by Bro. Martin as a Past Grand Officer and P.M. of the senior lodge under the English Constitution; by Bro. Skinner on behalf of the Ancient Landmark Lodge and the American Craft; by Bro. Southey on behalf of the Cosmopolitan Lodge (S.C.); by Bro. Macgregor on behalf of the Northern Lodge of China; by Bro. Evans on behalf of the Royal Sussex Lodge, the pioneer lodge in China; by Bro.

Short on behalf of the Tuscan Lodge; by Bro. Kingsmill on behalf of the Doric Lodge at Chinkiang; and by Bros. Chaloner Alabaster and W. G. Gordon on behalf of the Lodge Star of Central China (S.C.), Hankow.

The Dist. G.M. having expressed his acknowledgment of these congratulations, the lodge was closed, and the D.G. Officers left the lodge in procession, to the strains of "God Bless the Prince of Wales," sung by the brethren.

New Zealand.

NORTH SHORE.—Lodge Albion (No. 2003, E.C.)—The annual installation of the officers of this lodge, which took place on April 16th, was made the occasion of one of the most interesting Masonic gatherings which has been held in Auckland or its vicinity for a long time. It was thoroughly representative, all constitutions and most of the provincial districts of New Zealand being represented, including Christchurch, Otago, &c., besides which there were representatives hailing from lodges in the home country, including Glasgow, and the country districts surrounding Auckland were well represented. Amongst those present in representative capacity were Bros. Lodder, D.D.P.G.M.; Craig, W.M. United Service; Hanna, W.M. Ara; Augur, W.M. Waitemata; Hitchens, R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew; Dr. Erson, R.W.M. Lodge Wairoa; Esam, W.M. Remuera; and A. Curtis, W.M. St. John's, Ashburton. The following Past Masters were also present: Bros. Clarke, Gardner, King, Durance, Wright, Dr. Walker, McCullough, Dr. Dawson, Powley, A. G. Russell, Cooper, LaRoche, and C. R. Johnson. The Masters and officers of the St. Andrew (S.C.), the Remuera (E.C.), and the Ara (I.C.), attended as lodges, and were received with appropriate honours. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, 110 people being seated. Bro. M. Niccol, D.P.G.M. of the S.C., and W.M. of Lodge Albion, officiated as Installing Master with his customary impressiveness and ease; Bro. Clarke, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, officiating as Master of the Ceremonies; Bro. Gardner assisting in the ceremonies and representations. Bro. Rowland Bramwell presided at the organ during the musical portion of the ceremonies. Bro. S. Vosper, who has passed through all the chairs of the lodge up to the throne of King Solomon, and who had been unanimously asked to preside as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, was then presented to Bro. Niccol, the installing officer, by Bros. Clarke and Gardner, P.M.'s, and installed in the chair by the Board of Installed Masters. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Jas. Knox, S.W.; W. Mayo, J.W.; W. H. Brown, Treas.; Arthur Burgess, Sec.; James Hogan, S.D.; F. H. W. Wells, J.D.; T. E. Durance, P.M., D.C.; R. Bramwell, Org.; C. W. Cave, I.G.; R. Duder and J. Simms, Stwds.; and F. Varcoe, Tyler. The Master, Wardens, and brethren having been addressed by Bro. Niccol, and the Master duly saluted in each Degree, the W.M. and lodge received the hearty and warm congratulations of the D.D.G.M. and the representatives of the various lodges, after which the lodge was closed.

Prior to the closing, the W.M. invited those present to remain for a few minutes while refreshments were being laid. An elegant spread then appeared as if by magic in the hall. This was provided exclusively by the ladies of the North Shore, not by the lodge, and it was not only liberal in the extreme, but provided in the most exquisite taste, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, whose appetites were doubtless improved by the trip across the harbour.

The W.M. informed the meeting that the installation would be celebrated in the usual manner by an "At Home," to take place in the Public Hall, Devonport, on Friday, the 30th inst., at which he hoped to see as many as possible of those who were now present in attendance. Arrangements had been made with the Ferry Company to lay on a boat to convey visitors to Auckland at two a.m., and the prices of tickets, which could be obtained from the Secretary or members of the Committee, were the same as last year, viz., 10s. 6d. for a double ticket, 7s. 6d. for a single ticket, and 5s. for a ticket for an extra lady.

A large number of the Auckland visitors then left to catch the 10 o'clock ferry boat; but the proceedings were continued, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, received, and responded to.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO BRO. FROM, I.P.M. 1657, AND MRS. FROM.

For some years past the members of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, have adopted the very praiseworthy custom of entertaining their lady and other friends at a summer banquet in the country, and likewise in making it subservient to the further and equally commendable purpose of marking their sense of the valued services rendered by their I.P.M. during his period of office as W.M. Bentley Priory, formerly the seat of the first Marquis of Abercorn, and one of the handsomest and most picturesquely-situated mansions within easy driving distance from London, was selected for the occasion; and here on Thursday, the 10th inst., the lodge and its friends assembled, with the twofold object of paying a well-merited compliment to Bro. and Mrs. Froom and at the same time enjoying themselves most thoroughly. As to the happiness of the thought which prompted them in charge of the day's arrangements to select this particular hostelry there cannot be the slightest question. Not only is the Priory itself admirably adapted for this kind of entertainment, but the grounds in which it is situated, as well as the immediate neighbourhood, will bear favourable comparison with the best of the many beautiful spots with which the country bordering on suburban London so fortunately abounds.

The party travelled by rail, in saloon carriages, from Euston to Harrow, where carriages were in waiting to convey them the remaining three or four miles to their destination. As the day was fine, the latter part of the journey was most enjoyable. As to the dinner, which was served very soon after the arrival of the visitors, it is only a bare act of justice to the proprietors to state that they had evidently spared neither pains nor expense to make it acceptable, while the encomiums they received from all sides testified to the success of their efforts. The chair was taken by Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M., the following being a complete list of the ladies, gentlemen, and brethren present, viz.:

Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M., and Miss Jolliffe; Bro. W. H. Froom, I.P.M., and Mrs. Froom; Bro. Edward

Anderton, S.W., and Mrs. Anderton; Bro. Alfred Brookman, P.M., Treasurer, and Mrs. Brookman; Bro. Joseph Renals, S.D., and Mrs. Renals; Bro. A. B. Hudson, J.D.; Bro. Fredk. Crockford, I.G., and Mrs. Crockford; Bro. John Larkin, M.C.; Bro. C. W. Lovett, Organist; Bro. George Rawlinson, W.S., and Mrs. Rawlinson; Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, and Miss Allcroft; Bro. George Kenning, P.M.; Bro. Samuel Benton, P.M., and Mrs. Benton; Bro. Saml. White, P.M., and Mrs. White; Bro. P. F. R. Saillard and Mrs. Saillard; Bro. W. S. Chapman and Miss Chapman; Bro. Henry Matthews and Mrs. Matthews; Bro. James Shoter and Mrs. Shoter; Bro. Rev. H. R. Wakefield and Mrs. Wakefield; Bro. Cubitt; Bro. George Edward Baker; Bro. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Spreat; Mrs. Dickinson and Miss Dickenson; Dr. Thelwall; Mrs. Meredith; Miss A. Vines; Dr. May and Mrs. May; Mrs. Anderton, Miss Moulton, Mrs. J. Matthews, Mr. Lea, Mr. Hillyar, Mr. A. T. West, The Misses Brookman, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, Mr. Daley, Mrs. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Burch, Mr. A. H. and Miss Crockford, Miss Jones, Mr. P. Saillard, jun., and Miss Smith.

When full justice to the viands had been done, a few toasts, appropriate to the meeting were proposed, and received with due honour, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposing that of "Bro. and Mrs. Froom," and in doing so, expatiating at some length on the services which the former had rendered to the lodge, and the geniality of his government, and expressing the very great pleasure which both he and the members generally felt at having had so excellent an opportunity of paying him and Mrs. Froom a compliment they so fully deserved.

Bro. FROM having tendered his acknowledgments to the W.M. and brethren for their kindness,

Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT, P.M., P.G. Treas., in a brief but appropriate speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Jolliffe," and expressed his belief that his (Bro. Jolliffe's) Mastership would prove as successful as that of any among his predecessors.

Bro. JOLLIFFE responded; and some further time having been spent in wandering about the house and grounds, a start was made homewards, and the guests returned, as they had come, by carriage to Harrow, and thence by train to Euston, the expressions of pleasure at the manner in which the day had passed being as unanimous as they were hearty.

Letters were received from the following, regretting their inability to be present:—

Bros. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., Hon. Sec.; John Stephen Jarvis, Matthew R. Webb, E. F. B. Fuller, and W. W. Thompson.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF DERRY AND DONEGAL.

On the 10th inst., the ceremony of installing Bro. Wm. E. Scott, D.L., as Prov. Grand Master of Derry and Donegal was performed by the M.W.G.M. of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, in the Freemasons' Hall, Derry. There was a large assemblage of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and many visiting brethren from a distance.

At a later hour in the evening the members of the lodge entertained the M.W.G.M. at a banquet in the Corporation Hall. The viands were supplied by Bro. James Johnston, Ferryquay-street. Major Scott, the newly-installed Provincial G.M., occupied the chair, having on his right the guest of the evening, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, and on his left Deputy Grand Master Shackleton. About 100 brethren were present.

After the usual loyal toasts, the following were given: "The Grand Masters of England and Scotland;" "The M.W.G.M. of Ireland," which was proposed by the Chairman, and replied to by the Duke of Abercorn; "The Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland;" "The Provincial Grand Officers;" "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Valentine, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Antrim; and "The Poor and Distressed Brethren."

NEW MASONIC HALL IN COLERAINE

On Friday, the 11th inst., the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Freemasonry in Ireland, presided at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall in connection with Lodge 754, Coleraine, the want of a proper hall in which to conduct the business of this important lodge, and for local Masonic purposes in general, having been long since recognised. In August last a grand Masonic bazaar was held in the Town Hall with the object of realising the nucleus of a fund to defray the cost of a suitable building. The bazaar was eminently successful, and produced upwards of £1000, so that, with the private subscriptions contributed and promised, the members of the lodge felt themselves justified in commencing the erection of the hall. A Committee was appointed for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements, and a site was selected on the Ballymoney Road. Mr. W. J. Fennell, Belfast, was appointed architect, and the building operations have been since entrusted to Mr. J. D. Prenter, also of Belfast.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new building was attended by a very numerous representation of the Masonic Order, more than 600 brethren from the Counties of Antrim, Derry, Donegal, and Tyrone being present. The visit of the Grand Master of Ireland and the imposing ceremonial which accompanied it were the subject also of a large amount of local public interest. The brethren assembled at the Town Hall at one o'clock to meet his Grace, the Grand Master, who was received with the usual Masonic honours by the worthy Master and officers of Lodge 754, and the rest of the officers and brethren of the Order present, all wearing their regalia. A procession was then formed in the usual manner in order to proceed to the site of the new building, which is distant about a quarter of a mile from the Town Hall, in one of the pleasantest and most easily accessible districts of the town.

The ceremony derives additional interest from the fact that it is the first time in Ireland that it has been performed by a Grand Master for a subordinate lodge.

The following represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland:

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master; Robert W. Shackleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master; and W. J. Crawley, Grand Sword Bearer.

After the conclusion of the interesting ceremony a Masonic luncheon was given in the Courthouse in honour of the Grand Master, at which a large number of guests were present. Bro. J. S. Fyvie, W.M. of Lodge 754, presided. He was supported by the Grand Master of Ireland, Bros. W. E. Scott, Rev. Canon Babington, W. Fleming Black, M'Nie, Shackleton, Crawley, Marcus Gage, Babington, Price, Knox, Fennell, M'Causland, Anderson, Daniel Taylor, Captain Massey, Dr. Dane, Dr. Craig, Robert Taylor, M'Loughlin, MacMurray, Stewart, Lawler, Wilson, Campbell, M'Caw, Gregg, Moorehead, Gilmour, Glover, W. F. Anderson, S. J. French, M'Henry, and others.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the Chairman and duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Three Grand Masters."

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

The GRAND MASTER responded, and proposed "The Health of the Chairman, the W.M. of 754," which was cordially drunk and responded to.

The following toasts were also drunk: "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers from Dublin," "The Provincial Grand Master," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," and "Masonry Round the Globe."

LORD CARNARVON AND THE MARK MASONS.

On Tuesday, a deputation from the Porchester Lodge of Mark Masons, consisting of Bro. Stephen Knight, W.M., and P.M.'s Bros. John Bance, George M. Knight, and George J. Cosburn waited upon Lord Carnarvon, Past G.M. of the Mark Degree, at Highclere Castle, for the purpose of consulting his lordship on several matters connected with the arrangements for the annual Grand Lodge for the Province of Berks and Oxon, which is to be held in the Town Hall, Newbury, about the middle of next month. The deputation, who were received in the drawing room by Lord Carnarvon, with his accustomed geniality and courtesy, having been introduced to the noble Earl by Bro. Cosburn, the W.M. (Bro. Stephen Knight) proceeded to address his lordship, who in reply, expressed the pleasure it had given him to receive the deputation, and stated that he should endeavour to attend either the Prov. Grand Lodge at Newbury, or the cold collation which will, by Lord Carnarvon's kindness, be served beneath a marquee to be erected in the park. It is expected there will be a large attendance of Mark Masons on the occasion, and arrangements will be made for conveying them to Highclere immediately after the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge business.

The interview having closed, the members of the deputation were, on the invitation of Lord Carnarvon, entertained at luncheon.

MASONIC EXHIBITION AT SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT.

This exhibition will be held on behalf of the Building Fund of Chine Lodge, No. 1884, which was built and furnished at a cost of £1000. There is remaining on mortgage £600 at the present time. The lodge was founded by 12 members; but now numbers 45, the present W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, having introduced 10 members since November, most of them personal friends. Although the lodge funds show a small balance at the end of the year, it is found that the interest money on the mortgage is a heavy drain on its resources. The members have hitherto paid nearly all the incidental expenses themselves, knowing the revenues of the lodge were inadequate. The W.M. stated at his installation—which was the largest similar gathering in the Island, and which was very fully reported in our columns in February—it was his ambition to reduce the debt £100 during his year of office, and by this exhibition he hoped to raise a considerable sum. Bro. G. Taylor, P.G. Sec. Worcestershire, has shown himself to be a true Masonic brother, giving to Bro. Greenham, in the most ample and detailed form, every information connected with the Worcester Exhibition, guiding him by his experience, and personally interesting himself on his behalf. The largest contributors to the Worcester Exhibition have already expressed their willingness to again lend their valuable collections. The W.M. of the Chine Lodge hopes to hear from all others at the earliest convenient date their intention to do so.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their three daughters visited the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, for the purpose of witnessing the proceedings at the Grand Military Tournament. Two accidents occurred during their Royal Highnesses' stay, one of the horses attached to a gun, when going at full speed round the hall, falling with its rider; but in neither case was the horse or rider hurt, or any damage done to the gun and carriage. The Royal visitors were heartily cheered both on their arrival and departure.

A BEAUTIFUL ART WORK.—Mr. John Bumpus, bookseller to her Majesty, of 350, Oxford-street, London, is now offering Longfellow's "Evangeline," beautifully illustrated with 23 fine designs by Frank Dicksee, executed in photogravure—the text is in large type, carefully printed on Whatman's thick hand-made paper—at three guineas each. Mr. Bumpus has now only 100 copies left out of the 1000 printed. The companion work, "Romeo and Juliet," illustrated by the same artist, fetches a premium of two guineas. Those of our numerous readers who are in search of a valuable work of art as a present will do well to avail themselves of an early inspection of this rare and beautiful book.

TENNIS, LAWN, AND GARDEN PARTIES.—Messrs. Halling, Pearce, and Stone, of Waterloo House, are offering a very unique and pretty set of jug and six glasses in basket, in amber glass, in blue glass, also in amber glass with blue handles, most suitable for lawn tennis and garden parties. The jug holds three pints, and the glasses half a pint each. The price, 5s. 9d. the set, delivered free to any railway station in London, makes it one of the cheapest and prettiest presents of the season.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

Bro. Robert J. Perry, M.W.G.M., presided at the 57th annual communication held at Jacksonville on the 19th and 21st January last, of the G.L. of Florida. Sixty-eight lodges were represented, and the Grand Master's address was in excellent form, his caution against the admission of unworthy persons into the Society being a most proper one. The Grand Secretary reported sundry losses through a fire that had occurred on the 16th December last, and, fortunately, the manuscript records, the register, and some of the books were saved. There was an insurance on the property to the extent of 2000 dollars, but the loss exceeded that sum. There are 2302 members on the roll of this Grand Lodge, and the total fund for the past year reached 3623 dollars, while the disbursements were 3593 dollars. The new Grand Master is Bro. George S. Hallmark, Bro. De Witt C. Dawkins being continued in his office of Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

The 11th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg on the 10th and 11th February. Bro. C. F. Forest, M.W.G.M., presided, and 25 lodges were represented. In the course of his address the Grand Master referred to the lamented death in England, on his way home from the Soudan campaign, of Past Grand Master Lieut.-Col. W. N. Kennedy, and the Board of General Purposes reported that on the news of the sad event being received they had prepared and presented an address of condolence to his widow. The Grand Secretary reported several valuable additions to the Grand Lodge library, and that a gold jewel, appropriately inscribed, had been presented to Bro. John H. Bell, M.W.G.M. The statistics show 30 lodges with an aggregate membership of 1350; receipts during the year, 1394 dollars; total fund, 2846 dollars; and disbursements, 1676 dollars. Bro. Alfred Pearson was elected M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W.M. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania was held in the city of Scranton on the 25th and 26th May. In the forenoon of the opening day the grand parade and review took place, about 800 sir knights being present at the gathering which would no doubt have been more numerous, had the signs of the weather been less threatening. In the afternoon Grand Commandery was opened in the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of Sir Knight Joseph Alexander, jun., G.C., who was well supported by his Grand Officers and the representatives of the different subordinate commanderies. The reports of the different Committees, as well as of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, were of a satisfactory character, and clearly demonstrated that the position of the Templar Order in this jurisdiction was thoroughly sound, both financially and numerically. One fact is well worth recording. It seems that some few years since, Grand Commandery pledged itself to appropriate 300 dollars yearly, for a term of ten years, towards the establishment of a Masonic Home. But though the earlier appropriations were paid over, and 600 dollars invested by the Grand Treasurer, the Home as then projected, came to nothing. Now, however, Pennsylvania has its Masonic Home in full working order, and doing good service, and the question was raised by Sir Knight M. R. Mucklé, Grand Treasurer, whether it would not be well to appropriate the 600 dollars towards this Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and the matter having been referred to the Finance Committee, that body at once reported in favour of the proposition, and it was adopted unanimously.

On Wednesday the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, the latter ceremonies being carried out in the presence of a numerous gathering of ladies and other non-Templar spectators. The following are the principal officers for the year: Sir Knights George S. Graham, G.C.; Lee S. Smith, D.G.C.; William W. Allen, G. Generalissimo; Torrence C. Hipple, G. Capt. General; Rev. William H. Platt, G. Prelate; John J. Wadsworth, G.S.W.; Joseph S. Wright, G.J.W.; M. R. Mucklé, G. Treasurer; and Charles E. Meyer, G. Recorder.

The next Annual Conclave will be held in Philadelphia in May, 1887.

VERMONT.

We have heard with regret of the death, in March last, of Bro. William H. Root, G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Bro. Root was initiated into Masonry in the year 1855, and was appointed Grand Secretary in 1880, when the business of the office was in a lamentable state of confusion, and needed a firm and determined hand to reduce it to order. Bro. Root, however, was quite equal to the emergency, and very soon effected the much needed transformation. He succeeded in the Grand Secretaryship by Bro. L. M. Reed, Past G. Master.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI.

The 86th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Jackson, on the 10th and 11th February last, 205 lodges being represented, and the course of proceedings of an interesting and harmonious character. We regret to learn that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary showed no improvement during the year in the financial position of the Grand Lodge, but various measures were adopted, which seems calculated to have the desired effect of reducing the expenditure within manageable compass. Two new lodges were warranted, and several warrants were restored to revived lodges. The following are the principal Grand Officers for the current year: Bros. B. T. Kimbrough, G.M.; Charles T. Chamberlain, D.G.M.; E. Geo. DeLap, G.S.W.; M. M. Evans, G.J.W.; Rev. M. E. Porter, G. Chaplain; R. B. Banning, G. Lecturer; A. P. Barry, G. Treasurer; and J. L. Power, G. Secretary.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The 26th Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was held in the same city on the 13th of the same month of February. Twelve commanderies were represented, and the following were among those

elected Grand Officers for the year, namely: Sir Knights B. A. Vaughan, G. Commander; N. S. Walker, D.G.C.; F. Speed, G. Gen.; J. J. Hays, G. Capt. Gen.; Rev. Jos. E. Martin, G. Prelate; R. A. Owen, G.S.W.; B. T. Kimbrough, G.J.W.; Jas. T. Meade, G. Treasurer; and J. L. Power, G. Recorder. Arrangements were considered for taking part in the Triennial G. Encampment at St. Louis in the month of September next.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI.

The following are the principal Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi elected for the current year at the 37th Annual Convocation, held in Jackson City on the 10th February last, namely: M. E. Comps, Richard P. Bowen, G.H.P.; Chas. T. Chamberlain, D.G. H.P.; A. D. Bailey, G. King; W. P. Boulton, G. Scribe; Rev. W. E. Porter, G. Chaplain; W. D. Ferris, G. Lecturer; A. P. Barry, G. Treasurer; and J. L. Power, G. Secretary. The next annual meeting of this and the other Grand Bodies of Mississippi will be held in Jackson in February, 1887.

STATE OF MAINE.

The various Grand Masonic Bodies of Maine have recently been in annual session at Portland. Grand Lodge met on Tuesday, May 4th, one hundred and forty out of the one hundred and eighty-four lodges in the State being represented. Grand Master Fessenden I. Day presided, and gave an address of marked ability. He reported the Craft in Maine to be enjoying a condition of general prosperity. The total membership is now upwards of twenty thousand, a slight increase over last year. The following officers were elected: Bros. Fessenden I. Day, Grand Master; Frank E. Sleeper, Deputy Grand Master; Albro E. Chase, G.S.W.; Benj. Ames, G.J.W.; Frederic Fox, Grand Treasurer; and Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter convened on the evening of the 4th ult., thirty-seven out of forty-seven chapters being represented. The election resulted as follows: Comps. James M. Nevens, G.H.P.; Archie L. Talbot, D.G.H.P.; Geo. W. Goulding, G.K.; Chas. I. Collamore, G. Scribe; Rufus H. Hinkley, G. Treas.; Ira Berry, G. Secretary; Josiah H. Drummond, Oliver Gerrish, and Nathan Woodbury, Committee of Finance.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters assembled on Wednesday afternoon, May 5th. Charles W. Haney, of Belfast, was elected G.M., and Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery met on the evening of the date last named. Thirteen of the fifteen Commanderies in the State were represented. Grand Commander John O. Shaw gave an excellent address. Officers were elected as follows: John O. Shaw, Grand Commander; J. Fred. Leavitt, Dep. Grand Commander; Benjamin F. Andrews, Grand Generalissimo; Wm. J. Burnham, Grand Captain General; E. Howard Vose, Grand Prelate; Leander W. Fobes, G.S.W.; Edwin M. Fuller, G.J.W.; Chas. Fobes, Grand Treas.; Ira Berry, Grand Recorder. John W. Ballou, Past Grand Commander, conducted the installing ceremony.

GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island held its 93rd Annual Session at Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, the 17th ult. At no previous meeting of like character has the attendance been so large. Bro. Fessenden I. Day, G.M. in Maine, was present and received a cordial welcome. Bro. Lyman Klapp, C.M., guided the business with his accustomed energy and skill. He gave an able address replete with words of wise admonition and suggestiveness. Retiring by his own desire, after three years of successful administration, he vacates the high office of G.M., having the well-deserved regards of the entire Craft of Rhode Island. Bros. Newton D. Arnold was elected G.M.; George H. Kenyon, G.S.W.; and Joseph H. Baker, G.J.W. Bro. Rev. W. N. Ackley was appointed Dep. G.M. Bro. Darius B. Davis was chosen Treas., and Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Sec. Several important reports were presented.



Mr. Dixey and his "Adonis" may please the theatre-going public in America, for it is announced that the burlesque has had there a long run; but it will not do here. For a variety entertainment it is tolerably fair. But, weak as the piece is, it has its redeeming features. Amongst these are the marvellously clever mimicry of Bro. Henry Irving by Mr. Dixey. He imitates our tragedian's voice, stride, make-up, and every individuality, and one might almost suppose that the Lyceum stage is brought into the Gaiety Theatre. We have never seen a closer imitation of any actor anywhere. Mr. Dixey sings a good song, "It's English, you know." A lady of huge dimensions, who poses as a "simple country maid," is very good; but with these exceptions the whole thing may be dismissed as a bore. Messrs. Hollingshead and Edwardes, the lessees, gave a supper to some representatives of the Press to meet Mr. Dixey prior to his opening, which we understand was very enjoyable, much more so than the performance on the stage. Great are the laments at the loss of "Little Jack Sheppard," which was true burlesque.

Bros. W. Lestocq and Walter Everard—both good Masons and true—have collaborated a play, which is now in the hands of a distinguished London manager. We hope it may be considered fit to see the light of day. Bro. Lestocq has been fortunate of late with some one act first pieces played successively at the Globe. At the Board of Benevolence Bro. Lestocq recently, at much inconvenience to himself, as he was then playing at a theatre, pleaded for a petitioner whose case he well knew, and which was received favourably. Our dramatic brother when informed of the grant made a most grateful and tasteful speech of thanks.

Mr. E. W. Godwin, who has for so long stage-managed plays for amateurs and charities, has taken a theatre for himself, and on July 3rd will probably open that

comfortable house with "The Fool's Revenge," in which Mr. Hermann Vezin and a new actress, Mrs. Mackintosh, a fashionable beauty, will appear. In the meantime the performance there by an American company is so poor, that to our readers who might think of going our advice is—Don't.

To-morrow night (Saturday) a one act play, by Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, will be put on at the Globe in front of "The Pickpocket," in which Miss Cissy Grahame will take the title rôle, "Barbara." "The Pickpocket" is still urging on his wild career at this house, but we do not consider it in any way equal to its predecessor, "The Private Secretary," which had an unusual run of luck. But after the way that piece was run down at the Prince's, and nearly relegated to the waste paper basket, then re-written, transferred to another theatre, and made so amusing by a talented company, we do not see why "The Pickpocket" should not be found as entertaining, and probably since the first week, when we saw it, it has been worked up by Messrs. W. J. Hill and W. S. Penley, who are the leading actors. The ladies' characters efficiently represented in the persons of Miss Cissy Grahame, Miss Vane Featherstone, and Mrs. Leigh Murray are not very striking. The burden of the play falls upon the shoulders of Messrs. Hill and Penley. The lessee, Mr. Chas. H. Hawtrej, has recently been married to a Miss Sheriffe, and is for the present out of the cast. Those who are fond of a screaming farce should visit the Globe Theatre.

Next week is the last of the Carl Rosa opera company at Drury Lane, which we are pleased to say have been very successful in their different productions of "Nanon," "Faust," "Esmeralda," "Carmen," and the "Bohemian Girl," in English, under the joint management of Mr. Carl Rosa and Bro. Augustus Harris. The manager of the National theatre has arranged for a production of an English comic opera—"Fivoli"—composed by M. Hervé. This is being looked forward to with much interest by those interested in that branch of art. We have not the least doubt from previous experience that Bro. Harris will make it a success if anyone can. An excellent portrait of the director of Drury Lane appears in this month's Theatre, which includes one in costume of Miss Helen Forsyth as the gipsy girl in "Sophia," at the Vaudeville. The Theatre contains dramatic notices of the various plays and operas produced since last month, whether good, bad, or indifferent, and in the matter of news, pertinent to its business, is quite up to the mark of any of the other numbers. The photographs are worth the money alone.

As we predicted so great is the success of "A Night Off" by the Daly Company at the Strand that no alteration in the evening bill has yet been announced. Today they are to play at a matinee Colley Cibber's comedy "She Would and She Would'nt," and next Saturday another of their famous popular plays. We hope they will make arrangements for a winter season, and let us see them in "Needles and Pins," "Nancy," &c., &c. Fifty stalls have had to be added to increase the accommodation.

A marriage will probably be celebrated in a few months, between two well known theatrical personages. Although we have been consulted in the matter of the arrangements of the wedding, the popular young lady, the bride-elect, has requested us not to make it public without her permission.

Mr. Wilson Barrett announces brief revivals of "Claudian" and "Hamlet," at the Princesses, before he concludes his season to sail for America. We shall be very glad of the opportunity to refresh ourselves with fine play dealing with the early Christian era, and Shakespeare's most popular work. As Mr. Wilson Barrett is to open in New York, on September 18th, and previous to that visits Leeds, Manchester, and Birmingham, there is not much time to be lost to see "Clito," which is meeting with a deserved success at the present time. It is written in five stirring acts, and it has abundance of striking scenes and brilliant pageantry, and is stage-managed with the usual skill of the management of the Princesses. Its story is the old one of Delilah and Samson told over again as it has been in all ages—feminine treachery and masculine weakness—how man, the sterner sex, falls from his noble station at the bidding of a woman, who is usually called the weaker sex. Clito is a young man who takes upon himself to denounce the immoralities of a beautiful Athenian woman—Helle—whom everyone courts. She hears of this and, woman like, vows within herself to make him bite the dust. Clito has a half-sister—Irene—a beautiful girl, who is loved by a sensual companion of Helle's, one Glaucias. "Do what you like with her, and I'll help you," says Helle. This Irene loses her way in the street, and is told by the wicked Helle to follow her slave who will conduct her home, but she has told the servant to lead her to the palace, where she is at the mercy of Glaucias, but escapes. Helle visits the studio of Clito, who is a sculptor, and by her seductive manner gains his affection, he not knowing to whom he is speaking. He promises to visit her, but when informed by his father who it is he is going to see his love turns to rage. Nevertheless, he will go, but to reprove her and not to love her. But when in the abode of luxury, he—manlike—falls a victim as other men have done before, and since, and ever will do—to lovely woman. He who in the market place had railed against Helle, is now the laughing stock of his companions for his weakness. The perfidious woman compasses about to ruin Irene, entraps her and orders her to be put in her room, and hands the key to Glaucias, but at the moment her father rushes in too, only to bring out the lifeless body of his daughter, who has killed herself rather than submit to outrage. The Athenians are moved to revenge, and make for Helle's palace. She has now put her foot on Clito's neck, for he has confessed his love, which she spurns by telling him that her's was all pretence. Hunted down by the mob she takes refuge in Clito's studio, who is prompted to kill her for her perfidy, but promises to aid her escape—too late, though, for the populace rush in and stab her to death, and in the scuffle Clito is killed also, but whether accidentally or not we do not quite understand. Glaucias has also been done to death for his infamy. Miss Eastlake has never played so well before as she does in the part of Helle. In her last character in "Hoodman Blind,"

it was acknowledged on all hands she had made a great stride, but that she has far surpassed in the new play. Mr. Wilson Barrett is very earnest in his delivery of what can hardly be called the part of a hero, for little sympathy can be given to a man who shows such intense weakness of character as Clito does. Mr. Willard is once more the polished villain. Mr. Sydney Grundy must have good reason to be satisfied with the result of the play, the joint work of himself and the lessee. It is not a piece, on the grounds of morality, to which we would ourselves care to take those of tender age of either sex, but to a matured person and people of the world we uphold "Clito" on moral grounds, for a common failing is depicted with its short life of pleasure, and its terrible results, even in this life; and therefore it contains a lesson that those "who run may read." The stage mounting is superb.

On Whit Monday the Royalty reopened its doors, as announced by us in our last issue. Mr. Holmes (who is, we believe, a Mr. Sumner, a descendant of a late Archbishop of Canterbury) and Mr. Henley have undertaken the joint management, in which they are ably assisted by Mr. Gilkes, as Secretary. The pretty little house was crowded, not by friends only, but also by a few who were anything but favourable to the play. Mr. Henley, with his experience, should have made a better selection—not of a company, that would be impossible, but of pieces. The first, called "Jack," announced as a four act comedy, has for a plot a story quite worn out. Two young men, one a musician and the other an artist respectively—Noel Blake and Jack Beamish—live together. In the same house is a girl Madge, whom they both love; but Jack, who is unselfish, gives her up in favour of Blake. The latter comes into a large fortune, and then turns on his own friends and even his sweetheart. He makes himself repulsive to all right-minded people by the airs he adopts. He becomes engaged to a lady of rank, whose mother has set a trap to catch Blake; but on the eve of the marriage the young lady elopes with some one else. Of course, Madge and Jack make it up, and when the play might easily finish, we have a solicitor putting in an appearance—this has been done before—and producing a later will, making Jack the recipient of the fortune instead of Noel Blake. The acting could not have been better—we particularly refer to Mr. Plympton, as Jack; Mr. Henley, as Blake; and Miss Dorothy Deane, as Madge. It is only a pity that they are not better employed. The evening concluded with a travesty on "Faust," called "Mephisto," which we cannot say much for, as far as the author is concerned; but it introduced some splendid acting by Mr. Henley in a take off of Bro. Irving, even better than he did the same in "Blue Beard." But we think the personalities indulged in in his song not in good taste, and anything but complimentary to our great actor. A fair take off one can be amused with; but we do not think it is right to attribute certain motives as suggested in some of the dialogue. Mr. Henley must be credited with all he deserves in his rendering of "Mephisto" copying Bro. Irving. Mr. Crackles, as Faust, is extremely clever in the use of his legs. If we mention her last it is not because she is least worthy, for Miss Constance Gilchrist, as Marguerite, received such a volley of applause that must have appeared to her as though she is a young lady who does not betray emotions, or seem particularly pleased when the public show their gratification. The theatre filled up at a late hour to witness the re-appearance of this young lady, who was formerly so popular at the Gaiety. Miss Gilchrist cannot after her ovation of Monday regret that she has left her retirement, or feel that she is forgotten. Neither in face or figure has she altered, but her voice has improved, and is more suitable to a small theatre. Miss Gilchrist's dancing was encored again and again, so graceful was it, and if "Mephisto" succeeds it will be mainly owing to her. Besides the regular army of first-nighters we noticed the Duke of Beaufort and Lord Arthur Somerset, the Marchioness of Kildare, Bro. Justice Grantham, Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. Malta, Sir Frederick Leighton, Miss Kate Munroe, Mr. C. H. Hawtrej and his wife, and Mr. Henry Herman.

Our space will not allow us to give any details regarding the new musical spectacular extravaganza which, on Saturday last, was produced at the Empire with most unmistakeable signs of approval from all parts of the house. "The Palace of Pearl" is written by Messrs. Younge and Murray, the composers being Mons. Jabowski and Stanislaus, the ballets are arranged by Mons. Bertrand, and are, without exception, in the matter of dresses and stage mounting, the finest things that have been done at the Empire yet. Nothing finer has been seen than the lace-ballet in the last act, in which are introduced some admirably trained dancers. Mdlles. Luna and Pertoldi are the chief danseuse. The company engaged are Miss Grace Huntley, whom our readers last saw in the Drury Lane pantomime as Aladdin, Miss Susie Vaughan, Miss Wadman, the chief singer, Miss Fanny Wentworth, and Miss Agnes Oliver. The latter young lady has but a small part, and she loses no opportunity to display her talents. In the late opera at this theatre Miss Oliver won for herself a name in a soubrette part, where she showed she is ambitious, painstaking, and interested in what she has to do. Messrs. Cartwright, Sims, and Tapping are all good in their parts, and Bro. George Temple scores another success in his songs. M. Marius has contented himself with a very small part, and is responsible for the stage management, indeed, for the whole production we believe, and has met with congratulations throughout. Bro. Harry Hitchens still acts as business manager, than whom no one could wish for a better. "The Palace of Pearl" we feel sure is good for the remainder of the season.

ROYAL CIGARETTES.—Messrs. Marcovitch and Co.'s new brands of cigarettes "The Air Street" (Turkish) and "The Albert Victor" (Egyptian), are certainly perfection itself, and deserve a trial at the hands of all who are not irreconcilably bigoted in favour of some older fancy. For delicacy of flavour and aroma, together with the pureness of the rice paper in which they are wrapped, they are unsurpassed, and we can only recommend all those who are doubtful as to their selection of a good cigarette to give a trial to Messrs. Marcovitch and Co., of 11, Air-street, Regent-street, W. They are under the special patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.I.M. the Czar of Russia.

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OF THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY WILL BE HOLDEN AT THE MASONIC HALL, SA RED LION SQUARE, HIGH HOLBORN,

On MONDAY, the 28th JUNE, 1886, When all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and acting Wardens of Lodges in the Provinces are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5 o'clock. Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the Clothing of their respective ranks.

By command of the R.W.P.G.M.M. WM. G. BRIGHTEN, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.W., &c.; Provincial Grand Secretary, 4, Bishopsgate-st.-without, E.C.

BANQUET at 6.30 o'clock, at the HOLBORN RESTAURANT. TICKETS £1 each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before the 24th June. Morning Dress. June 6th, 1886.

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 101 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.

SURREY THEATRE. Every Evening at 7.30, DRINK.

SANGERS' AMPHITHEATRE. Every Evening, at 7.45, TRUE TO THE CORE.

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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 Suffield has signified his intention to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter on Monday, 12th July, in Norwich.

By command of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold a levée at St. James's Palace on Friday next, the 25th inst.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Prince and Princess of Wales will leave Marlborough House for Easton Park, near Dunmow, on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke.

Bro. Lord Herschell, Lord High Chancellor of England, is one of the distinguished personages on whom it is proposed to confer the Degree of D.C.L., *honoris causa*.

The Princess of Wales has consented to open Bleyton's Industrial Dwellings, Chatham-avenue, Nile-street, Hoxton, in the afternoon of Monday, the 5th July prox.

The Prince of Wales has consented to become the President of the Royal Commission in London for the South Australian Jubilee Exhibition to be held in Adelaide next year.

Bro. W. A. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., will preside at the 49th Anniversary Festival, next month, of the Benevolent Institution for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Journeymen Tailors.

On April 28th, the ceremony of consecrating the first Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons in South Australia was performed at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, with great success by Bro. S. J. Way, Grand Master.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 19th inst.:—Tuesday—University Chapter. Thursday—Mr. Merrion's Ball; Commissariat and Transport Staff Dine.

Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Abel Smith, M.P., Baron Dimsdale, M.P., and W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., were among those present at the political gathering held at Hatfield House, on Saturday last, under the auspices of the Marquis of Salisbury.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans will preside at the examination in connection with the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, Russell-hill, Caterham Junction, and Mrs. Evans will distribute the prizes to the successful pupils on Saturday, the 3rd July prox.

The installation meeting of the Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, will take place at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, to-morrow (Saturday), when Bro. Gardiner, who is W.M. of the Chiswick Craft Lodge, will be installed in the chair of A., the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. L. Mather.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley visited Oxford on Saturday last for the purpose of inspecting the students of the Military College, and expressed himself satisfied with the evidence furnished of their efficient training. At the lunch which followed the inspection his lordship's health was drunk with much enthusiasm.

On Monday next, the 21st inst., the first stone of the new Tower Bridge will be laid by the Prince of Wales as the representative of her Majesty. Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bros. the Sheriffs, and a number of civic dignitaries will be present at the ceremony, which will be of an unusually imposing character.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Aldermen Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Sir R. Hanson are among those who have tendered their services as Stewards at the festival which will be held at the Langham Hotel, on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst., in aid of the North London Hospital for Consumption.

The Princess Louise and Bro. General Lord Wolseley were present in the Conference Room of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition one day last week, and bade farewell to a contingent about to sail for South Africa, for the purpose of founding a settlement on teetotal principles, which it is proposed to call the Wolseley Settlement.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, held at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 8 p.m., Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, acting as Installing Master, and Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, &c., Preceptor, as Director of Ceremonies.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., are members of the Committee for organising a testimonial to Sir E. Henderson, K.C.B., lately Chief Commissioner of Police, Bro. Sir E. Du Cane, K.C.B., being Hon. Secretary, and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., Hon. Treasurer.

Excellent arrangements are being made for the grand ceremony at the East-end of London on Monday, the 28th inst., when the Prince and Princess of Wales will be present at the laying of the first stone of the People's Palace, about to be erected through the efforts of the Beaumont Trustees. The Duke of Westminster, who had already given £1000 towards the project, has presented a further donation of £3000, and another sum of £600 has been received towards the purchase of books for the Palace Library.

At the regular meeting of Victoria Chapter of R.A. Masons held on Friday evening, the 30th April, at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Hong-Kong, Comp. C. L. Gorham was presented with a jewel in recognition of the eminent services he rendered to the chapter during the year he occupied the chair. The presentation was made on behalf of the chapter by Comp. W. M. B. Arthur, who alluded to the success which had attended the working of the chapter under the presidency of Comp. Gorham. The latter, in acknowledging the gift, expressed his thanks to the companions and his wishes for the continuance of the prosperity of the chapter.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson has contributed £25 to the London Athletic Club Donation Fund.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C. (Messrs. Feltham and Co.), has supplied a magnificent set of croquet to Her Majesty the Queen of Servia.

Bro. Under-sheriff Rose-Innes and Mrs. Rose-Innes were present at the Lady Mayoress's reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday.

Bro. G. Vickery, 18, Adde-street, is the architect for the spacious warehouse now being built in Barbican, adjoining Bro. H. Rymill's well-known horse repository.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon entertained a large gathering of the visitors now in England from our Colonies and India, at their seat, Highclere Castle, on Wednesday.

On Thursday next, the 24th inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor will open the Corporation Fine Art Gallery, though the public will not be admitted till the following Wednesday, the 30th inst.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. of Ireland, has accepted the presidency of the National Conservative Club, Pall, and will preside at the first house dinner on Wednesday, the 7th July prox.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, and Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, will distribute the prizes to the successful scholars at the Commercial Travellers' Schools (to-morrow) Saturday.

We must congratulate Bro. W. Nicholas, Secretary of the Earlswood Asylum, on the recent marriage of his eldest daughter, Miss Alice M. Nicholas, to M. Narcisse Degrune, second son of M. C. Degrune.

So great has been the demand for Messrs. Cassell's new serial, "The Life and Times of Queen Victoria," that, although an exceptionally large edition of Part I was prepared, the copies were all exhausted within a few days of publication.

Bro. H. Irving has arranged to give morning performances of "Faust" on Saturdays, the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th July, on which days the theatre will be closed in the evening. The season will close on the 31st prox., and will re-open with "Faust," after a six weeks' holiday, on Saturday, the 4th September.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. the Lord Chancellor has appointed Bro. Matthew R. Webb, of the firm of M. Webb and Sons, Barbican-chambers, Aldersgate-street, to be Registrar of the White-chapel County Court. The appointment, however, will not interfere with Bro. Webb's private practice as a solicitor.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., who represented Greenwich in the last Parliament, was entertained at a complimentary banquet at the King William the Fourth Hotel, Greenwich, on Wednesday, the opportunity being also taken to present him with a massive silver and gold bowl and flowerstand, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his services to the borough during the period from 1880 to 1886.

We regret that the list handed to our reporter of the brethren appointed Prov. G. Officers of Middlesex, at the annual meeting of Prov. G. Lodge at Twickenham, on the 5th inst., should have been short of the full complement by two, but the omission was none of ours though we have very great pleasure in correcting it. The omitted names were those of Bros. E. Gilbert, Prov. G. Purst., and W. S. Dunkley, P. Asst. G. Purst.; while one of the P.G. Stewards, who was described as Bro. W. Trow, 1579, should have figured as Bro. W. Iron, 1579.

"Mistress June," the summer number of "Cassell's Magazine," which will be published on the 25th inst., takes its title from the leading story which occupies the greater part of it. The number includes also an account of a co-operative holiday on the Continent, and papers on pocket refreshments, dress for travelling, and hints for the prevention and cure of sea sickness. Among the other contents are a paper on house-boating and two short complete stories.—*Academy*.

The Domestic Lodge, No. 177, propose holding their summer festival and banquet at Kempton Park, Sunbury, Middlesex, on Friday, the 2nd prox., and as this is the hundredth year of the lodge's existence, and this country gathering will constitute the latter half of the centenary celebration, the earlier portion of which took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, in the month of February last. A strong muster of members and visitors may be anticipated. Full particulars as to tickets, time of trains, &c., &c. of Bro. Thos. Morris, Secretary, 30, Munster-square, Regent's Park, N.W., or Bro. Geo. Everett, Treasurer, 90, Clapham-road, S.W.

We are glad to have it in our power to announce that Bro. Rev. W. H. M. Caseley, P.P.G. Chap. of Hertfordshire, who for the last six years has held the Assistant Chaplaincy at St. Thomas's Hospital in conjunction with the curacy of Rain's Chapel, Homerton, has just had his exemplary services recognised by his appointment by the Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital to the living of St. Thomas's, Southwark. Bro. Caseley is a man of undoubted merits, as was shown by the eloquent sermon of his we published in our columns a few years since when he was P.G. Chaplain of Herts, and of very great energy, and we have no doubt the appointment will be of substantial advantage to those among whom his labours will in future be carried on.

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

MORTGAGES.—MESSRS. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which beset mankind when dry sultry weather suddenly gives place to chilly, drenching days. In fact, these Pills offer relief even if they fail of proving an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of digestion, circulation, and nervous tone which occasionally oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the genial, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by this excellent medicine the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation is rendered perfect. These Pills possess the highly estimable property of cleansing the entire mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[ADVT.]

The laying of the foundation-stone of St. Andrew's Church, Leytonstone, by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will take place to-day (Friday), when among those in attendance at the interesting ceremony will be Bro. Lord Mayor Staples and other civic and local functionaries.

We regret that an error crept into the report in our last number of the meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. Our distinguished Bro. Thomas Hayter Lewis—not "Cross," as stated—who was then elected a joining member, should have been described as "Emeritus Professor of Architecture."

It appears from the statement made by Grand Master Lawrence at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York on Tuesday, the 1st inst., that during last year 73,000 dollars had been subscribed towards cancelling and 100,000 dollars cancelled from the debt on the Masonic Hall, New York.

Among those who have accepted invitations to be present at the banquet to be given at the Mansion House on the 29th inst. to our Colonial and Indian visitors are the Prince of Wales and Bros. the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Dalhousie, Earl Granville, Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., and Sir B. Samuelson, Bart., M.P.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, the Commissioners of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and a large number of ladies were present at the opening performance at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Saturday last, of the grand annual Military Tournament in aid of the funds of the Military Charities.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., is a member of the Council, and Bro. the Hon. A. F. Kinnaird is Hon. Treasurer, of a Society which has recently been established for the promotion of physical recreation among the working classes, and which bears the title of the "National Physical Recreation Society." The temporary address of the Society is Northumberland Chambers, Northumberland-avenue, Charing-cross.

Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., Sir C. Dilke, Bart., An. J. McIntyre, Sir A. Borthwick, Lord Charles Beresford, F. Seager Hunt, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. Lethbridge, J. F. B. Firth, Lord Randolph Churchill, T. Eccleston Gibb, W. Burdett-Coutts, and Alderman Cowan are among the candidates for sundry of the Metropolitan Constituencies at the approaching General Election.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will hold its annual meeting at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday, the 7th July prox., under the auspices of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096. The hour of assembling has been fixed at 2 p.m., and brethren will attend Divine service in the parish church at 4 p.m.; but not in Masonic clothing. At 5 p.m. the banquet will be served, tickets for which can be had of Bro. H. M. Hobbs, Lloyd's, E.C., the W.M. of No. 2096; price—wine not included—7s. 6d.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will entertain at a banquet at the Mansion House on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst., the Mayors and Provosts of the principal cities and towns in the United Kingdom; and his lordship has issued invitations to the members of the Royal Commission of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition and the principal representatives of India and the Colonies, now in England, to a banquet, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., to meet the Prince of Wales, Executive President of the said Commission.

GAS VERSUS COAL.—Mr. Leoni has been instructed by the St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park-corner, to fit up his Gas and Steam Cooking Apparatus to cook for 500 persons; also by the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria-park, E., to fix his patent Gas Hot Tables for the use of their wards. He has further received instructions from the Glasgow Poorhouse to fix there his patent Disinfecting Chamber for disinfecting bedding, clothes, &c., by Gas.

The Prince of Wales was driven over from Harewood Lodge, Sunningdale, to Windsor by Bro. the Earl of Fife on Saturday last, and, having unveiled a new organ in Holy Trinity Church, lunched with the officers of the 1st Life Guards at the Spital Barracks, the Princess of Wales being also of the party. Subsequently their Royal Highnesses, with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and other members of the Royal Family, witnessed the cricket match between the Garrison of Windsor and I. Zingara, and a polo match, afterwards dining at the Fishery Cottage, Virginia Water, and returning to Harewood Lodge. On Monday the Prince and Princess returned to Marlborough House.

The remains of the late Bro. James Bell, for many years proprietor of the Crown Vaults, 120, Park-road, Liverpool, were interred in Smithdown Cemetery on the 6th inst. Among the relatives and friends present were Messrs. W. Bell, Veneer, Briscoe, Hancock, Long, Simpson, Huyton, and others. The 10x10th Lodge, 1356, was represented by Bros. J. Lees, W.M.; Holgate, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; Hughes, Sec.; Lawrence Phillips, J.D.; E. Paull, C.C., P.M.; Woolrich, P.M.; Keet, P.M.; George, P.M.; Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Veevers, P.M. 594; Vaughan, P.M. 724; C. Costigan, A. Jones, Theo. Williams, J. Jones, Foster, Malcolm, P. Williams, Graham, Tomlinson, Askew, Lawrence, Newman, Heyes, G. Davies, Gerrard, and many other brethren.

It is mentioned in the news columns of the *Freemasons' Repository* for last month that at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine, on the 4th ult., a Bro. Oliver Gerrish was present and took part in the proceedings, notwithstanding the fact of his being in the 91st year of his age. It is also stated that at the annual gathering of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island a nonagenarian and two octogenarians were present, the former a Bro. Benedict-Aldrich, P.M. of No. 7, being 94 years of age, and an initiate of the year 1812, and the two Bros. Oliver Johnson and James Hutchinson, both Past Grand Masters, and both considerably more than 80 years old. The Philadelphia *Keystone* mentions a somewhat similar case of Bro. Judge Wm. Donaldson, P.M., who is nearly 87 years of age, and was present at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, the 2nd inst.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, June 26, 1886.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, and Consecration of the Henry Lezander Chapter at 3. 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.

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 21.

Lodge 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot. Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly. " 294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tav., Greenwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8. Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, at 8. Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8. Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8. John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30. Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30. Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8. Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7. 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. West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Installation of the Duke of Connaught as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, at Brighton. Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall. " 788, Crescent, Mitre Hotel, Hampton-court. " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge. " 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield. " 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly. Chap 1269, Stanhope, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell. " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street. Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8. Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., 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. Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8. Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 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. Kensington, Courtfield 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, Waltham Green, 7.30. S. 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 23.

Empire Lodge, No. 2108, Reception to Colonial and Indian Visitors, and Banquet, at the Criterion. Board of Benevolence, at 6. Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall. " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.

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. Pamure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8. Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45. Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8. Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30. United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham. United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8. Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. " 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich. " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End, Fulham. " 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich. " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Chap. 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham. " 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Mark 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tav., Basinghall-st. K.T. D, Mount Calvary, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

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, Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7. Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton. Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st. Highgate, 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. Fredegar, 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 25.

Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall. Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. " 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. " 1044, Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell. " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tav., Highbury. R. and S.M. 1, Grand Masters, SA, Red Lion-sq.

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. 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-square, Paddington, at 8. Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8. [at 7.30. Pamure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

SATURDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.

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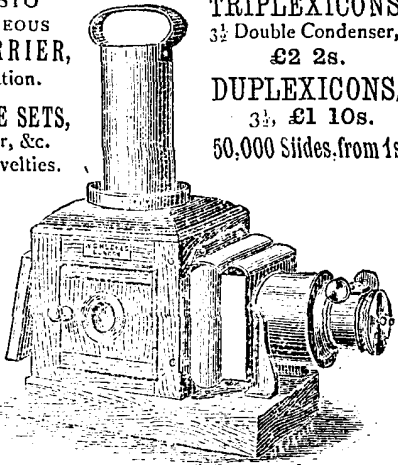
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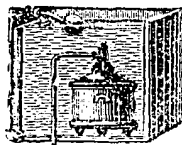
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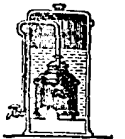
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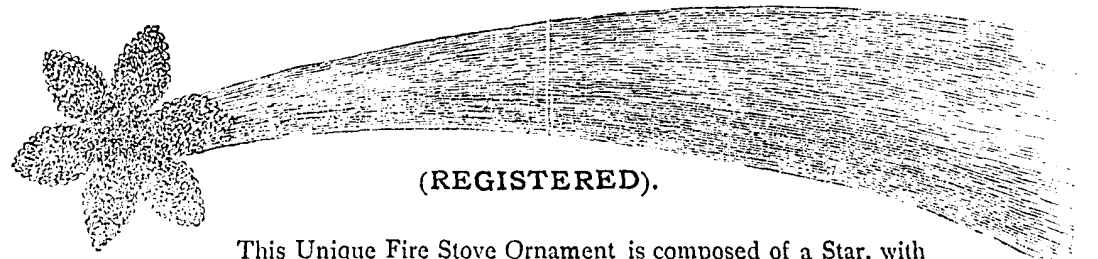


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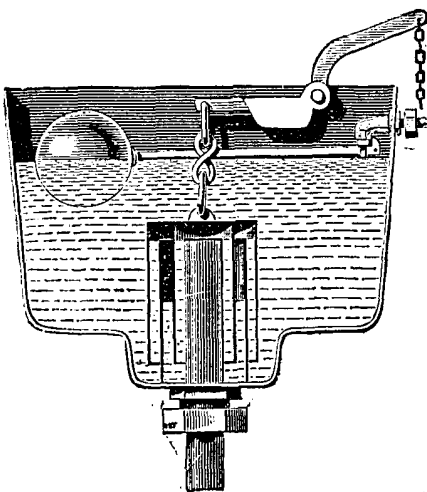


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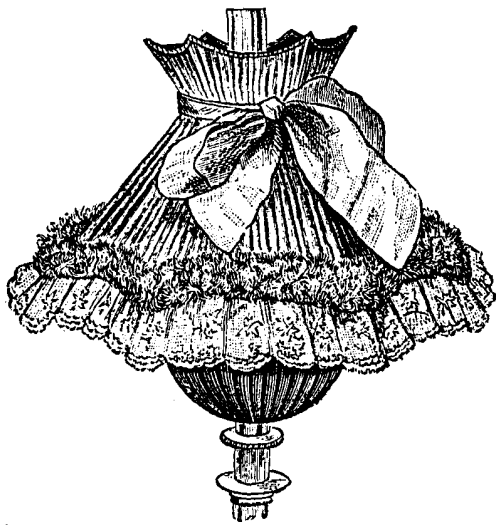
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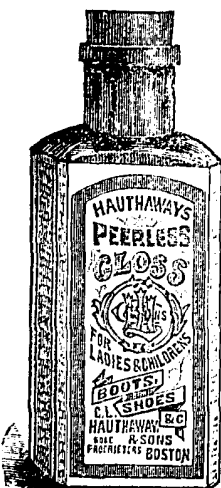


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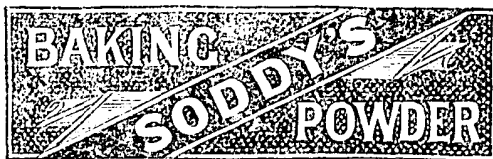
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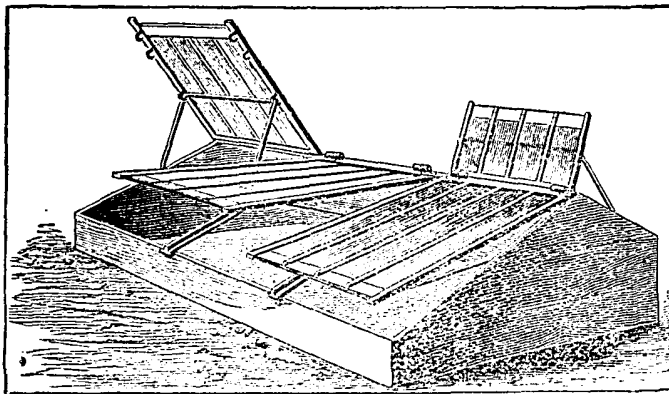
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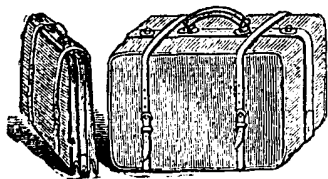
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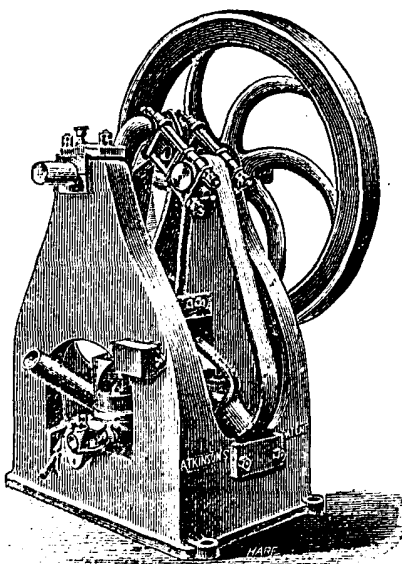
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