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THE installation of the Duke of CONNAUGHT as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex by his brother, the Prince of WALES, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, proved a great success, and all who had a hand in preparing or perfecting the arrangements necessary in the case of so important a Masonic gathering must be gratified at the result of their labours. It is by no means an easy task so to arrange matters that everything from first to last shall proceed smoothly, with every one told off to his appointed duty, and prepared to carry it out effectively. The task, too, is far greater where a considerable portion of those invited, or entitled to be present, must be gathered together from a number of widely-scattered places all more or less distant from the general trysting place. In such cases as these the powers of organisation of Provincial Grand Secretaries and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies are subjected to an unusually severe test, and our Sussex brethren must be proud indeed of an executive which has emerged from so trying an ordeal with so large an amount of credit. But a successful gathering on an extensive scale is by no means a rare experience in the annals of the Craft, nor on this account only should we have thought it necessary to lay so much stress on the proceedings of Tuesday. There are other considerations which cannot be lost sight of, and among the more important of these is the evidence these proceedings afford of the progressive interest which is taken in the concerns of Freemasonry by the general public, its greater popularity with the world at large, as well as the steady and determined consolidation of its strength within its own borders. In this last particular it may justly be said of Masonry, as it has been said of a mighty river which keeps on increasing in volume as it flows onward, "vires acquirit eundo," while, as regards those previously referred to it is comparatively but a few years since the influence of the Craft was hardly felt in the outer world; and now there is scarcely a prominent or unusual event happening in our midst which does not attract to itself the notice of the community generally. This is partly owing to the character of our Society, which, though it scrupulously guards certain things secret from the uninitiated, is the reverse of secret in its laws and regulations; and partly to its constitution, being, as it is, composed of men of all grades of society, provided only they are reputable. Everyone must feel an interest in a body to which everyone—be he prince or peasant—may belong, and whose highest ambition is to win the sympathy of the world by its benevolence and good works. It is, no doubt, in great measure owing to these considerations that the ceremony in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, attracted so large a measure of public notice, and the brethren of Sussex will be all the better pleased at knowing that the excellence of the local arrangements, for which they alone were responsible, has been recognised on all sides as worthy of themselves, the occasion, and the Fraternity.

THE last of the three great Masonic Festivals of the current year will take place on Wednesday next, when R.W. Bro. Lord SUFFIELD, Prov. G, Master Norfolk, will preside on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and by his earnest advocacy and personal example will use his utmost endeavours to obtain from the Craft a plentiful supply of those subscriptions, by which alone the beneficent work of the School can be continued. In common with all our readers, we sincerely trust those endeavours will prove successful, and as his lordship is a chairman of great experience, we have no misgivings as to the result, so far as he and the influence he is able to exert are concerned. We have in our mind the recollection of his success at the 89th Festival of the Girls' School, in 1877, when the demands upon the resources of our Charities were not so heavy, and the Stewards' Returns were on a somewhat more limited scale than they are now. Yet even in those days his lordship had the satisfaction of diverting something like £10,000 from the pockets of the brethren into the coffers of the Institution, and the good fortune which attended him then we look upon as a favourable

augury of what the result at Brighton, on Wednesday next, will be, only upon a proportionately increased scale, in order to meet those heavier demands of to-day, which we have already referred to. Nor, as far as mere numbers go, is the constitution of the Board of Stewards which will assist Lord SUFFIELD suggestive of any serious diminution in the total as compared with the Returns of past Boys' School Festivals? These Returns of necessity are always fluctuating, but on the whole, and making proper allowance for the ever-changing circumstances under which they are held, our Masonic Festivals will be found to yield a certain average during a given term of years. Last year, for instance, the Boys' Festival was very considerably below the average, as only £12,000 was raised while, in 1884 the total was £14,000. In order, therefore, to restore the equipoise, the total of Wednesday next should exceed the latter figure by as much as it exceeded the return of 1885, or even by more, if we have regard to the fact that the Preparatory School is now in working order, 25 additional boys having been taken upon the establishment of the Institution since the Festival of 1885. But the times are unfortunately out of gear just now. The commercial outlook is not particularly promising, while in the political world there is a tremendous convulsion such as only occurs once in the course of a century or two, and few people have anything else to think about than the General Election. It is hardly possible that a celebration such as that which will take place next week should escape uninfluenced by this combination of untoward circumstances, and we must content ourselves with hoping for the best, in the full persuasion that whatever is possible will be done in order to secure something like an average total. We should like to have seen more London lodges represented, this being, as in the case of the Girls' School Festival last month, the weak point in the constitution of the Board of Stewards, the lodges which have sent up representatives being, so far as we have been able to ascertain, quite a dozen below the average, while the increased number of the Unattached is by no means a sufficient compensation. The provinces appear to be fairly well represented, the number of those sending up Stewards being greater than usual, while the number of provincial representatives on the Board is slightly in excess of what it was last year. But Norfolk, we are sorry to see, is doing very little. One of its lodges and a brother Unattached are its representatives, and the prospect from this quarter is by no means encouraging, though it is possible the two Stewards may between them compile a total which will well maintain the reputation of the province. Still, as its PROV. GRAND MASTER was giving his services as Chairman, we should have inclined to the belief that every one of the lodges—and there are 16 of them in the province—would have been glad to take a prominent part in helping him. However, it is possible the county may have a surprise in store for us on Wednesday next, and that, though the workers may be few, the subscription lists they hand in will be very formidable. Several of the other provinces are, we hear, well represented, and we have no doubt when the eventful day comes round that their returns will be worthy of their past renown. We must bear in mind, too, the additional reason we gave some time since in favour of a large return for this year's Boys' Festival, namely, that it will be the 25th Anniversary held since Bro. BINCKES was appointed to the Secretaryship. This, we think, is a reason that should have great weight with many, and the weight may possibly be all the greater if it is remembered that brethren who desire to mark their sense of Bro. BINCKES's long career of service to the School by contributing more largely, or inducing others to contribute more largely, than they otherwise might have done, will also lend a helping hand towards restoring the equipoise which the diminution in the receipts for 1885 has disturbed so seriously. In any circumstances, we trust the gathering at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday next, will be worthy of the Chairman, his Board of Stewards and their Hon. Secretary, and the Institution itself, and that the total of the subscriptions then announced will place the Boys' School more nearly on a level with its best achievements during the past few years.

It does not often happen that three or four important Masonic gatherings are crowded into the comparatively short space of a few days. This week we have had the installation of the Duke of CONNAUGHT by the Prince of WALES, at Brighton, and our readers will have barely had time to study the very full account we publish elsewhere of this brilliant gathering ere they will find themselves in the very thick of the Boys' School Anniversary Festival, with the Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes at Wood Green to-morrow (Saturday), and the banquet at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday next. This over, we shall find ourselves on the day following—Thursday, the 1st July prox.—translated, as if by magic, to the great hall at Freemasons' Tavern, where H.R.H. the Prince of WALES will be solemnly installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of

England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, and will afterwards appoint and invest his grand officers for the ensuing year. His Royal HIGHNESS some time since had conferred upon him the rank of Past Grand Master of this Degree, but he had never filled the chair of Grand Master. On Thursday next he will become in fact, as well as in name, the head of its Grand Lodge, and there will be henceforth this additional encouragement to Craft Masons to enrol themselves under its banner, that all our Royal brethren have been advanced to it, and have exhibited great interest in its system of working. The late Duke of ALBANY was the first to join the Mark, and the Prince of WALES lost very little time in following his example. Prince ALBERT VICTOR of WALES was advanced at Cambridge about the time he was raised to the Degree of M.M., and it is rumoured that at the meeting on Thursday next among those who will be appointed to office in Grand Lodge will be the new Craft Grand Master of the Province of Sussex—H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT. However, the Mark system of Masonry deserves all the good fortune which falls to its lot. The more widely it is known and practised, the more thoroughly it is respected, and we have no doubt that the event of Thursday next will mark the beginning of a fresh period of prosperity far beyond what it has known heretofore.

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THE Empire Lodge, No. 2108, is rapidly winning for itself a position of great prominence in our Society. It is but the other day that we gave an account of its constitution, and now it is playing the part of a seasoned veteran, and arranging entertainments on a large scale for visiting brethren from afar, just as if in our latter-day Freemasonry there were no such things necessary as training and organisation. Well, if it is a precocious young lodge, its precocity is decidedly attractive. It sets about its work in a business fashion, and as though to the manner born; and on Wednesday, when it extended its hospitality to those of our Colonial and Indian visitors who are Masons, it played the part of host to perfection. What it did it did well, nor was there anything omitted from the programme which even the most exigent of guests might have been justified in expecting. There was a goodly company present, the menu was excellent, the speeches were admirably to the point, and there was just enough of good music to vary the programme without becoming wearisome. Everything in fact passed off famously, and the only difficulty we find ourselves in is to decide whether it was the hosts or their guests who were most delighted with the festivity while it was in progress or more regretful when it came to an end. On this point we purpose inviting the opinions of our readers next week, when we shall have both time and space at our disposal to lay before them a full report of the Empire banquet.

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WHILE the brethren of the Empire Lodge have been thus loyal to the known character of English Masons for hospitality, we are glad to see the authorities of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement are not unmindful of the possibility, and even very great probability, that our Colonial and Indian brethren may wish to carry back with them to their distant homes a reminiscence of our Emulation working. To this end they issued a general invitation to the members of our lodges in the Colonies and India to attend a special meeting which will be held in the "De Grey" Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 2nd prox., at which the ceremonies of the Three Degrees and Installation will be rehearsed.

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THE meetings of the Grand Lodge of New York (which has been "in session" the first week in this month) have been of great interest, and the Press as usual, especially in the United States, has ably reported the chief transactions from day to day. We have already noted the deliverance of the GRAND MASTER on the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in relation to the English Lodges at Montreal. Other questions also came up for consideration, some of which concerned the Grand Lodge more particularly, and therefore the accounts were not so eagerly read by brethren outside of the New York jurisdiction. For the first time for many years there was no contest over the offices, so that the whole were re-elected; an unusual compliment, doubtless due in the main to the great popularity and conspicuous ability of Grand Master LAWRENCE. Grand Secretary EHLERS has proved a most efficient Grand Secretary, and has well earned the addition to his salary so heartily granted.

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WE note with great satisfaction the decision of the Grand Lodge to speedily wipe out the debt remaining on their handsome Masonic Temple. The bonds in question bear interest at seven per cent. and are payable at par in 1891, but a desire now is felt to compel the holders thereof to accept the payment of principal and interest before that period. A test case was submitted to Judge STEPHENS, who has decided in favour of the Trustees. Though the decision is appealed against, the Trustees feel confident their intended action will be sustained, in which opinion we concur, and wish them every success, as the prepayment of these bonds and the refunding of the debt means a saving of a considerable sum per annum in interest alone.

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IN evidence of the feeling of the brethren on the subject we have pleasure in recording the fact, that though the representatives of lodges in the interior of the State declined to have the payment for travelling and hotel expenses reduced, many of the brethren donated the sums they were entitled to in that respect to the payment of the debt on the Temple. The movement spread so rapidly that in a few minutes over 1600 dollars were contributed for that excellent purpose. The business having been concluded, the Grand Officers were duly installed by General CHARLES ROOME, P.G.M., the brethren thus honoured being invested with the new regalia, which was much admired. The "New York Herald" thus facetiously observes of the Craftsmen; "The Masons are a very reputable and charitable body of men. In spite of the large variety of grips which they possess, and the terrible disasters which have happened to apprentices when they bestrode the balky goat, and their cry of terror on the point of some sharp instrument, this worthy body still wears the sheepskin with honour, and never sees a brother in distress without offering relief."

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENRY LEVANDER CHAPTER,
No. 2048.

A large and distinguished body of Royal Arch Masons assembled at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 19th inst., the occasion being the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex and the consecration of the Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048. The consecration was first proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by the M.E. Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who was assisted by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H., as H.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.J., as J.; J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G.S.E.; and H. Lovegrove, P.Z., as D.C.

The founders of the chapter are Comps. W. M. Stiles, P.Z., M.E.Z. designate; W. A. Scurrah, J. elect 749, H. designate; J. Willing, jun., P.Z., J. designate; J. L. Mather, P.Z.; C. J. Axford; G. Gregory, P.Z.; T. C. Edmonds; H. Dickey; C. J. Knightley; and F. Davison, P.Z.

In addition to the founders, the following Provincial Grand Officers and companions were in attendance:—

Comps. Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, Prov. G.J.; T. Walls, Prov. G.P.S.; C. H. Webb, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Std. Br.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G.R.; W. Alfred Dawson, P.P.G.N.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; H. G. Buss, P.P.G. Treas.; R. M. Forge, P.P.G.P.S.; C. L. Smiles, P.P.G. Reg.; T. W. Ockenden, S.E. 1326; R. C. Sudlow, Z. 1194; J. S. Fraser, Z. 1549, P.G.A.S. Essex; A. G. Fidler, S.N. elect 1237; Bentley Haynes, J. 1549; J. T. Biggs, P.Z. 1326; C. E. Keyser, M.E.Z. elect 1549; H. Higgins, P.Z. 1423; W. A. Rogers, Treas. 1549; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, H. 1503; H. Sapsworth, 946; G. L. Wingate, 1423; H. Maunder Williams, J. 1326; A. Marvin, A.S. 382; R. Goodwin, 382; W. H. Dean, P.P.G. Reg. Dorset; J. C. Smith, J. elect 1507; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, G. Janitor; E. Y. Jolliffe, J. 1194; J. Large, 771; F. W. Levander, P.Z. 142; E. J. Bell, 1524; John Jones, 1602; H. E. Dehane, 890; W. W. Morgan, 141; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z.; H. W. Field, 1507; J. Irvine, 862; J. Read, P.Z. 720; A. Woodward, 1385; J. C. Edwards, 1507; W. W. Lee, 1524; and many others.

The chapter having been opened in due form by the Principals, the M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF MIDDLESEX addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and said they were assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter, which all present would greet with a hearty welcome. The companions who desired to form this chapter were eminent companions, and it was on this account that their petition had been granted, and he wished the chapter every success.

The petition and charter having been read by the Prov. G.S.E., and the companions signifying their approval of the officers named in the latter, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with.

At its conclusion, Comps. W. M. Stiles, P.Z., and Jas. Willing, jun., P.Z., were inducted into the chairs of Z. and J. respectively. Comp. W. A. Scurrah was installed into the third chair by Comp. Taylor, and afterwards into the second chair by Comp. Thrupp.

The election and investiture of officers was then proceeded with, when Comp. H. Dickey was elected and invested as S.E.; Comp. G. Gregory, as P.S.; and Whiting, Janitor. Comp. Axford was elected S.N.; but being unavoidably absent his investment was postponed.

On the motion of Comp. STILES, seconded by Comp. SCURRAH, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were elected honorary members of the chapter.

Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, G. Supt., in acknowledgment, tendered his sincere thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers whom the members of the Henry Levander Chapter had honoured. It had been a very great pleasure to them to be present on that occasion to consecrate the chapter, which had been started under the auspices of such eminent companions. He looked forward to the time when they would see their chapter occupying a high position amongst the chapters of the province, and hoped it would be an example to other lodges that had not already chapters in connection with them. He thanked them most heartily for the kind manner in which they had been received.

Several propositions for exaltation and joining having been received, the founders were elected to form a Committee to frame the bye-laws.

Letters of apology having been read from Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; F. Philbrick, Q.C.; Sir A. Woods, J. Terry, and others; and, no further business offering, the chapter was adjourned.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning, P.G.D.C.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then opened by the Grand Supt., Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., supported by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, 2nd Prov. Grand Principal, and Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, 3rd Prov. Grand Principal.

The roll of chapters in the province having been called, and all responded to, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance in hand of £33 8s. 9d., was then received and adopted, and it was resolved that in future a statement of the accounts should be printed with the summons.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then said he had much pleasure in reappointing Comp. Thrupp to the position of 2nd Prov. Grand Principal, and hoped that as long as he (Comp. Burdett) continued to hold the office of Grand Superintendent he might have the valuable assistance of that companion.

Comp. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders was appointed and invested as 3rd Prov. Grand Principal.

Comp. Lovegrove was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the following officers were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Superintendent:—

Comp. J. F. H. Woodward (reappointed)...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. Clay Sudlow, Z. 1194	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. T. Briggs, P.Z. 1326	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. H. Hawkins, Z. 1777...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" J. S. Fraser, Z. 1549	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" H. Lovegrove, P.Z.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" P. C. F. Tatham, Z. 778	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. H. Webb, P.Z. 1549...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Garrod, Z. 1237	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. W. Ockenden, S.E. 1326	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. H. Lee, P.P.G. Std. Br.	...	Prov. G.A.S.E.
" J. Gilbert, Janitor	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

It was then proposed by the PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by the 2nd PROV. GRAND PRINCIPAL, and carried unanimously, that each chapter should contribute one shilling per annum to the funds of the province for each member of the chapter.

An Audit Committee having been appointed for the ensuing year, and

there being no further business for transaction, Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

The companions then adjourned to a substantial banquet, at which the Grand Superintendent, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., presided, but being obliged to leave before the commencement of the toast list, his place was afterwards filled by the 2nd Prov. Grand Principal, Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp.

The first toast honoured was, as usual, "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

"The First Grand Principal, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Second and Third Grand Principals, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed by Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, 2nd Prov. Grand Principal, who said that he was sure he need not expatiate on the merits of that body, for they were so well known. He was certain that they would give a hearty welcome to the Grand Officers present. There was Comp. Buss present that evening, who had been the Grand Treasurer of the province since its foundation, until he had been obliged to relinquish the post owing to ill-health. There was also Comp. Sadler, a very zealous companion, who had taken considerable trouble to search into the ancient history of Masonry. With this toast he would couple the name of their esteemed Comp. Cama, the Grand Treasurer.

Comp. CAMA, Grand Treasurer, tendered his sincere thanks for the honour accorded him by coupling his name with the toast, and also for the hearty manner in which the health of the Grand Officers had been received. He wished to take the present opportunity of thanking the Craft in general, and the Province of Middlesex in particular, for the hearty support he received at the election of Grand Treasurer. It was owing to that support that he was now in his present position, and able to respond for the Grand Officers. On behalf of himself and the other Grand Officers he begged to return his most hearty thanks.

Comp. BUSS, P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex, also responded, and said he was not aware that he would be called upon to return thanks for this important toast. He congratulated the companions on the formation of their new chapter, and was sure it would afford them all considerable gratification to see that it had been inaugurated with such success. They had all been deeply impressed by the ceremonies they had witnessed, and he was certain the province would be proud that a chapter had been formed that would be supported by such eminent companions.

In proposing "The Health of the M.E. Grand Superintendent, Sir Francis Burdett," Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP said they had all seen the excellent manner in which that companion had performed the ceremonies that night. Their M.E. Grand Superintendent had been with them for many years, and had endeared himself to all, and he sincerely trusted that he would be spared for many years to preside over them in the able manner he had done in the past.

"The Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then given by Comp. STILES, who said he proposed this important toast with the greatest possible pleasure. He wished also to express the pleasure felt by the companions to see Sir Francis Burdett sufficiently restored to health to be able to be present to consecrate the chapter. It was impossible for the M.E. Grand Superintendent to carry out his numerous duties without assistance, and he had a valuable coadjutor in their esteemed Comp. Thrupp, to whom they were indebted for the excellent manner in which he had installed them into their chairs. Comp. Thrupp had rendered invaluable service to the province, and he was sure it was the sincere wish of all present that he would for many years occupy the position he now so ably filled as 2nd Provincial Grand Principal. They were all deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon them by his presence that evening, and he had been supported most ably by Comp. Saunders, the 3rd Provincial Grand Principal, and Comp. Taylor, P.P.G.J., and many other distinguished Provincial Grand Officers. The companions present were all aware that he was a very young Provincial Officer, but he assured them that he would endeavour to make himself beloved in provincial Masonry as he believed he was in London.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, in reply, said that it was very difficult to reply to a toast that had been proposed in such kindly terms, and had been met with such an enthusiastic reception. It was always a pleasure to him to visit in the province, for he was always sure of a hearty welcome. He supported their M.E. Grand Superintendent to the best of his ability, and he was sure that Comp. Sir Francis Burdett would be pleased to hear of the way in which his health had been received. He now wished to ask them to drink "Success and Prosperity to the new Chapter." There was one thing he desired to call their attention to, and that was the name of the chapter they had consecrated. Some of them would remember the companion after whom the chapter had been named, and he trusted that they would emulate the late Comp. Henry Levander, and try to walk in his steps. If they did that, it would fulfil the kind wishes of Sir Francis, and would become a flourishing chapter and a credit to the province.

Comp. STILES, M.E.Z., responded, and said it was the earnest wish of his colleagues and himself that their chapter should be a success. They were anxious to carry out their duties in a satisfactory manner, and if the Grand Officers, or any other companions attended in the future, he hoped they would be able to show them by their working that they revered the name of the companion who had gone before. Their chapter was founded by a lodge that had made rapid strides in the province, and he was sure he would be supported in a manner worthy of that lodge. He sincerely thanked Comp. Thrupp for the kind remarks he had made, and he hoped he would never have occasion to find fault with the Henry Levander Chapter.

"The Second and Third Principals of the Henry Levander Chapter" was next given by Comp. STILES, M.E.Z., who said that in proposing this toast he was but giving honour to whom honour was due. Those two companions had worked very hard to start this new chapter. Comp. Scurrah, who is W.M. of the lodge bearing the same name, had rendered valuable service, and Comp. Willing was, as they were all aware, a most earnest companion. He asked them to honour those two companions by heartily receiving the toast of their health.

Comp. SCURRAH thanked them most heartily for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He would certainly admit that he had taken considerable trouble in the foundation of the chapter. Being W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge, and taking into consideration the fact that there was no chapter in existence in the neighbourhood, he thought it his duty to do his best to support the formation of the chapter. He would take the deepest interest in it, and he hoped to continue for some time to be connected with Freemasonry, as he had been in the past.

Comp. WILLING also responded, returning thanks for the heartiness of his reception, and expressing the interest he felt in the chapter.

Comp. STILES next proposed "The Visitors," and said that they had present some of the most distinguished members of Arch Masonry—to whom they were pleased to extend the right hand of fellowship. He hoped that if any of them were present on the next occasion they would be able to witness a sample of the working of the officers of that chapter. They had an excellent companion in Comp. Saunders, whom they heartily welcomed, and whom they hoped to see on many future occasions. There was also Comp. Levander present, whom they all esteemed for his associations with the name of one whose memory they revered. There were many others present who had rendered good service to Masonry, and he was assured that the companions would give them a cordial and hearty reception.

Comp. Rev. S. T. H. SAUNDERS, on behalf of the visitors, tendered his sincere thanks for the hospitable manner in which they had been received.

Comp. LEVANDER also replied, and said that it was with feelings of very great satisfaction that he heard that the Henry Levander Lodge intended to form a chapter, for it was one of his brother's greatest wishes that every lodge should have a chapter in connection with it. That feeling was intensified when he found that he could be present to witness the consecration. He wished it every prosperity, and thanked them all for the honour conferred upon him by coupling his name with the toast.

Comps. DEAN and WEBB also responded.

"The Health of the Scribes E. and N. and the other Officers" having been given, and suitably responded to by Comp. DICKKEY, the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. John Read, P.Z.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 603, AT CLECKHEATON.

The consecration of this chapter took place on Saturday, 19th inst., at Tofts, Cleckheaton. Although the warrant was granted some months ago, unavoidable delay has taken place. The chapter was opened by Comp. C. Letch Mason, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.H., the Consecrating Principal acting for and on behalf of Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., the Prov. Grand Supt., assisted by Comps. John Booth, P.Z., P.P.G.J., as H., and the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z., Z. 1042, Prov. G.J., as J.

There were also present—

Comps. Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, Prov. G.S.E.; Herbert G. E. Green, Z. 1019, Assist. Prov. G.S.E.; J. Heaton Cadman, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Reg.; W. B. Alderson, P.Z. 495, P.P.G.R.; J. W. Fourness, P.Z. 259, Prov. G. Treas.; Isaac Oates, P.Z. 258, P.P.G. Treas.; Robt. Craig, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.S.; Jas. Bedford, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.S.N.; Thomas Pickles, P.Z. 258, P.P.G.J.; John W. Turner, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; Arthur A. Stott, P.Z. 258, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 250, P.P.G.D.C.; John Barker, P.Z. 258, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Watson, P.Z. 304, Prov. G. Stwd.; Jas. Kaye, P.Z. 275, Prov. G. Stwd.; Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Janitor; Wm. Thos. Flather, 139; S. H. Stocks, P.Z. 258; J. R. Sampson, 258; Joseph C. Wharton, P.Z. 258; Rawson Kelley, 258; Thomas Dodds, 289; Robt. Abbott, 304; Thomas Thorpe, 304; W. M. Tyers, 304; Samuel Barrand, 304; E. Lord, P.Z. 495; Wm. Allatt, P.Z.; and Tudor Trevor, P.Z. 71 (S.C.)

The chapter being duly opened, the petition and charter of constitution having been read by the Provincial Grand Registrar, Comp. J. HEATON CADMAN, P.Z.,

The Prov. G.J., the Rev. T. C. SMYTH, D.D., P.Z., Z. 1042, delivered the following address:—

It has ever been the rule among Freemasons, from the earliest periods to the present time to inaugurate and dedicate with solemn ceremonies lodges and chapters assembled to celebrate our mystic rites, and consequently we, after the manner of our ancient brethren, have met to-day to lay the foundation of a moral edifice, based on the principles of our holy Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Having been called on by the Consecrating Officer to deliver an address as part of the ceremony, I have thought it well not to enter into any elaborate disquisition regarding the antiquity and probable origin of Royal Arch Masonry (upon which so many learned conjectures have been brought forward by Oliver and others); but rather to select a single character—that of Nehemiah—as a pattern to our Order, which commemorates his name, connected with the high and holy work to which he devoted his substance and energies. We read in the Volume of the Sacred Law that the pious restoration of the walls of Jerusalem, under his zealous superintendence, soon raised the hostility and fierce opposition of the neighbouring tribes. Old enmities were awakened, new jealousies stimulated; and everything done to prevent and retard the progress of the work. The subtle opponents of Judah's prosperity plotted, intrigued, and threatened by turns; nay, even concocted a treacherous plan to seize Nehemiah, in order to kill, or to keep him prisoner. "Now it came to pass," are his own words, "when Sauballat, and Abiah, and Geshem, the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had builded the walls, and that there was no breach left therein, . . . that Sauballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ous. But they thought to do me mischief." Too wise and wary did we prove, however, to be duped by their artifice. "I sent messengers unto them," he proceeds to state, "saying, I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down; why should the work cease whilst I leave it and come down to you?" Earnest and zealous in the sacred object which the providence of the true and Everliving God Most High had committed to his care, he set about it, and steadily adhered to it, with all his might, and soul, and strength. Duty, in a word, to him was everything, and no device of God's or Judah's cunning enemies could frighten, or win, or turn him from it. Well then, companions, may his name be commemorated in our most impressive and beautiful ceremonies, and would that all of us were more imbued with his self-denying and earnest spirit. First, I would point then to his steadfast maintenance by example and precept of "that virtue which may justly be viewed as the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, the grace of Charity." "There were at my table," he declares in the fifth chapter of the Book which bears his name, "an hundred and fifty of the Jews and Rulers, beside those that came to us from among the brethren, that are about us. Yet required I not the bread of the Governor, because the bondage was heavy upon the people." And again, at the reading of the Law with the elders he exhorts them thus: "Go your way, eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." Let us further notice Nehemiah as adding to the practices of benevolence, the fulfilment of that Masonic duty, so beautifully urged in the earliest rites of our ancient Fraternity. Not only did he render to his needy neighbour "those kind offices which justice and mercy required at his hands, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him as in similar circumstances he would wish that others should do to himself;" but combined with those graces "such a prudent and well regulated course of conduct as best contributed to the development of his mental and corporeal faculties in their fullest energy, thereby enabling him to enjoy those talents with which God had blessed him, to His glory and to the benefit of his fellow-creatures." Instead of bewailing, with folded hands, the long captivity of his exiled nation, and the ruin of that holy and beautiful house where his fathers had worshipped, he set himself earnestly, and with self surrender, to do the will of God Most High in repairing the desolate places of Zion and displaying the lustre of a holy life to his humbler countrymen. Surely, in this, I well may say that he reads an enduring lesson to us. He shows, in these our own days of turbulent controversy, that whatever may be right, or whatever wrong, we cannot be wrong in doing justice, in loving mercy, in walking humbly with God Most High, in deigning our wills, in building up others, as well as ourselves, in the noble principles of our Ancient Fraternity, and in practising that

obedience and self-surrender, by which alone we gain a knowledge of that which cannot be seen nor felt. Companions, the subject of Jerusalem's restoration and our own connection with the Grand Brotherhood, of which to-day we appear as members, may well remind us of the solemn duty incumbent on each of us to repair the temple within ourselves. Let us seek, with all diligence, as well as sincerity, to beautify this sanctuary; let us ever be careful that it may not be neglected and stripped of its ornaments, lest Jehovah, in grief at our wilful delays and long perversity, withdraw, at length, from its desecrated ruins. Let us earnestly labour to drive away old enmities and frailties; old habits of indulgence and self-degradation, old cherished sins, presumptuous, and secret. Old things, however, there are, which our Order and the bright example of good Nehemiah bid us emphatically not to part with, things of necessity which must be retained, if we wish to preserve the temple within us in all its integrity. Old warm friendships are still to be preserved, old habits of truth, of kindly affections, of faith, and love, and fervent prayer; these should be carefully watched and adhered to, as the props and buttresses of the spiritual building; for, "who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall rise up in His holy place? Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, and that hath not lifted up his mind into vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." And now, Companions, let me add a few words regarding that which forms the peculiarity of the work, that Nehemiah undertook to execute, and the memory of which has been perpetuated in the ritual of our Order. The work of life is the battle of life; and the true and honest worker is a soldier. For we are not called on to run its course over a clear and open field, but over one that is barred by obstructions, and infested by enemies. And thus, as those did who wrought in building the walls of Jerusalem and the second Temple, "from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared," so must we, if we would truly labour well, and finish the task which is given us to do, with one hand toil in the work, and hold with the other hand a weapon. Life is all work, inasmuch as we ever have something to do to fulfil its ends and secure its reward, something in itself that is not pleasurable nor immediately profitable, and this work is all warfare; for it has to be done in the face of opposition inward and outward, with manly resolution and determined energy, in strenuous battle with ourselves, and with all the powers of toil. With one hand we must toil in the work of our calling, wield with the other the weapons of warfare. Still, although our earthly existence must prove a scene to us, more or less, of fatigue and battle, let us be of good cheer, knowing that He, whose sacred and mysterious name we guard with so much reverence, will be ever with those who strive to honour Him in truth and sincerity. As this chapter to-day will be dedicated to the service of our Holy Order, may the gracious and supreme Ruler of the Universe dedicate your souls to His blessed service, both here and hereafter, and animate you ever to respond to the words of our Grand Master David: "O sing unto God, and sing praises unto His name, magnify Him, that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon a horse; praise Him in His name, fall and rejoice before Him." Even the God, who maketh companions to be of one mind in the face of their Masonry, "So mote it be" with you and every future member of the Zetland Chapter, till the hour shall come, in His own good time, when, if faithful to the end, you and they shall join in the jubilant strains:

"All hail to the morning, that bids us rejoice,
The Temple's completed, exalt we each voice!
The copestone is finished, our labour is o'er,
The sound of the gavel shall greet us no more."

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, being rendered the more impressive by the services of the musical companions, the Prov. G.J. giving the concluding benediction.

E. Comp. John Booth, P.Z. 258, P.P.G.J., was then regularly placed in the chair of Z., the Consecrating Principal stating the pleasure it gave him of installing such a veteran in Masonry as the first Z. of the Zetland Chapter, and trusted that under his kind and genial sway the chapter would prosper. E. Comp. Samuel Holdsworth Stocks, P.Z. 258, was then regularly placed in the chair of H., and Comp. William Thomas Flather, 139, was regularly installed into the chair of J.

The following appointments were then made: Comp. J. C. Wharton, P.Z., as S.E.; J. R. Sampson, as S.N.; Thos. Pickles, P.Z., as P.S. The names of several brethren were then proposed as candidates for exaltation, and a hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the Consecrating Principal, E. Comp. C. Letch Mason, P.Z.; to E. Comp. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z., for his admirable address; and to the other companions who had rendered kind services, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to a substantial tea, provided by the liberality of the companions of the newly-consecrated chapter.

FREEMASONRY IN BOURNEMOUTH.

The town of Bournemouth, which is just on the edge of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, and next to the Province of Dorset, was, on Friday, the 18th inst., most remarkable for its future Masonic history. The Hengist Lodge, No. 195, dates its warrant back to November 23rd, 1770, nearly 116 years ago, and through the energy of a few brethren a petition was recently forwarded praying for a chapter to be granted to the lodge. The petitioners were Comps. H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 360, P.P.G.S.N. Norths and Hunts; W. B. Rogers, P.Z. 137; D. Sydenham, P.Z. 137; J. McWilliam, P.Z. 137; H. W. Dalwood, P.Z. 1584; A. H. Joliffe, H. 622; E. W. Cross, P.G.S.E., 170; J. Harvey, P.G.S.E., 694; E. W. Rebbeck, 417; and W. H. Miles, P.G.S.E., 711.

The whole of the details necessary for the formation of a chapter were assiduously carried out by Comp. W. H. Miles, acting S.E. pro tem., and his brother C. T. Miles, who is not a R.A., but is W.M. of the Hengist Lodge, and we must say that throughout the whole proceedings were most successful. But in addition to the consecration of a new R.A. chapter, the brethren took the advantage and had the constitution of a new lodge at Boscombe, a place about a mile and a-half from Bournemouth. The attendance from neighbouring and other towns was large, and at the station to meet the brethren were Bros. H. J. Atkins, W. H. Miles, and J. Harvey, who accompanied them in conveyances provided to the Masonic Hall where the

CONSECRATION OF THE HENGIST CHAPTER, No. 195,

took place at 1.30 p.m., when there were present—

M. E. Comps. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.Z.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 394, P.G.H.; J. Terry, P.P.G.J. Herts; Comps. W. H. Miles, 711, acting P.G.S.E.; W. H. Jacob, 76, 2nd Asst. P.G. Soj.; W. Berry, 359, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Exell, P.G. Janitor; J. Morrell, 111; W. B. Rogers, P.Z. 137; D. Sydenham, P.Z.; Jacobs, P.P.G.S.N.; A. Taylor, E.; G. Gutch, P.Z.; H. J. Mason, A.S., 2nd J. F. Hillier, 137; E. Cross, P.G.S.E., and W. J. Nosworthy, 170; G. A. Mursell, 175, P.P.G.R.; J. McWilliam, P.Z. 195; Scovel, 244; H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 360; E. Nayler, 487; H. A. Lawton, P.G.J.; A. W. Ward, J., and Holland, 622; J. Harvey, P.G.S.E., 694; W. H. Miles and C. Cox, P.Z. 711; P. H. Emanuel, 1st Asst. Soj. 804; F. Travers, Z. 1377; H. W. Halwood, P.Z. 1584; E. Gilbert, and J. Walker, 481.

The chapter was opened in due and ancient form, and the companions were duly admitted, when

The M.E.Z. addressed the companions, and said they had met that day for a very interesting ceremony. It was many years since the Hengist Lodge was consecrated, and the brethren were not so anxious to form a

chapter as in some cases, where too great anxiety was shown before a lodge was really properly formed. The brethren of the Hengist Lodge had been most prudent, and acted wisely. He was therefore heartily glad to have been able to recommend the petition for a warrant. It was right and proper that those Masons who acquired Masonic arts should impart them to others. The Royal Arch Degree could be strenuously recommended to all good Masons, as it filled up a gap to their mysteries, and gave an opportunity of prosecuting that knowledge further. He congratulated the companions on having such good companions at their head, who had served high office, and were fully competent to impart their knowledge to others. The consecration of that chapter brought advantage to the Craft, the town, and the neighbourhood, and it added another to the already increasing province. Might the Hengist Chapter prosper, and tend to the advantage of the Royal Arch Degree.

The petition and warrant were then read, and after the approval of the companions as to the officers named in the charter, the M.E.Z. constituted the companions into a regular chapter in ancient form. An anthem—"Tis a pleasant thing to see"—was then sung, and the first portion of the dedication prayer was read by the acting J. The companions then turned to the E., the M.E.Z. gave the invocation, and the acting J. read the Scripture portion. The chapter pedestal was uncovered, and the Three Principals carried the elements three times round the chapter in due form, whilst the companions contributed to the solemnity by singing a hymn. The J. then took the censer three times round the chapter, after which the second portion of the dedication prayer was read. The M.E.Z. then dedicated and constituted the chapter, and the companions sang an anthem to the air of "God Save the Queen."

All below the Degree of Principals then retired, and the installation of Principals was proceeded with as follows: Comps. H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 360, P.P.G.S.N. Norths and Hunts, Z.; W. B. Rogers, P.Z. 137, H.; D. Sydenham, P.Z. 137, J. The companions were then admitted, and the following officers were appointed: Comps. E. W. Cross, P.G.S.E., 170, S.E.; J. Harvey, P.G.S.E., 694, S.N.; W. H. Miles, P.G.S.E., 711, P. Soj.; and H. W. Dalwood, P.Z. (who was unanimously elected), Treasurer. The other offices were left open.

The M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Officers for their kindness in attending there that day. As one of the founders, he felt deeply obligated to them. That day's ceremony would never be forgotten, and it caused a deep impression to be made on their minds. He proposed that Comps. Beach, Le Feuvre, and Terry be elected honorary members of the chapter. He also alluded to the kindness of Comp. Nosworthy, who acted as Organist on a short notice, and the companions, one and all, could but say that the impressive ceremony was greatly enhanced by the beautiful music.

Comp. H. seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Comps. BEACH, LE FEUVRE, and TERRY thanked the companions.

Comp. ATKINS said that the first to propose for exaltation was Bro. C. T. Miles, Hengist Lodge, in recognition of the great trouble he had taken in the formation of the chapter. (Applause.) Eleven other brethren were proposed for exaltation and one for joining.

Letters of apology were read from Comps. E. Goble, P.G.S.E.; W. Miles, P.P.G. Org.; Millidge, All Souls, Weymouth; W. H. St. Clair, P.G. Reg.; S. S. Biggs, Z. 417; W. H. Deydal, Poole; Rev. M. Heath, Z. 1032; R. W. Downing, P.G. Org.; and J. B. Goldsmith, Fareham.

The chapter was then closed in due form.

Light refreshment was then supplied to the companions, after which the Stewards, Bros. Atkins, Donald W. Preston, W. H. Miles and C. W. Wyatt, attended on the brethren and showed them, as far as time would permit, over the town of Bournemouth, returning to the Masonic Hall at 3.40, where conveyances were ready to take the brethren to the Hengistbourne Town Hall, Boscombe, to witness the

CONSECRATION OF THE BOSCOMBE LODGE, No. 2158,

by the R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., assisted by

Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; J. Druitt, jun., P.P.G.S.W., acting G.S.W.; W. B. Rogers, P.P.G. Reg., acting G.J.W.; H. J. Mason, P.G. Chap. Dorset, acting Chap.; C. W. Wyatt, acting P.G. Sec.; G. A. Murrell, P.G.S.D., acting P.G.D.C.; E. Nayler, P.M. 928, and J. R. P. Sharp, P.M. 1112, P.G. Stwds.; and J. Exell, P.G. Tyler.

There were also present—

Bros. S. P. Norris; C. W. Cox, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; E. T. Budden, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset; H. A. Lawton, P.P.G.S.D. Dorset; F. Jacobs, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset; J. T. Hillier, P.P.G.O. Dorset; D. Budden, P.G.O. Dorset; W. B. Romsey, 21; J. Morrell, P.M. 111; A. Taylor, 137; W. Tarrance, P.M.; H. Von Marl, S.W.; J. Webber, J.W.; S. Blakely, S.D.; F. A. Lane, G. H. Rolls, C. Wilks, J. White, and C. W. Brooke, of 132; C. T. Miles, W.M.; D. W. Preston, I.P.M.; J. McWilliam, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; E. W. Rebbeck, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; T. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; D. Sydenham, P.M.; J. Stonham, Sec.; W. Scott Evans, Treas.; J. Neathercote, Stwd.; A. Roberts, G. R. Andrews, C. W. Keep, I.G.; F. Holland, H. A. Garrett, J. Davidson, W. C. Gender, A. Dawes, W. Townsend, and J. G. Shepherd, 195; F. J. Oliver, 491; C. G. Gammon, 540; J. T. Scovell, 1003; Rev. J. Walker, 1427; F. C. Fry, P.M. 1642; W. Berry, P.M. 1780; W. H. Miles, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. East Division of South Africa; and P. H. Emanuel, J.W. 2068.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the PROV. GRAND MASTER said it afforded him great pleasure to attend that day, and said the brethren had every reason to congratulate themselves, for they had well considered the idea of the formation of the lodge and had not precipitated the matter. Such an important and rising place as Boscombe should not be without a lodge, and he felt great pleasure in saying that it would flourish and succeed. The formation of a new lodge led others to know that there was something beneficial in Masonry. The Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight had increased very much of late, and it was only a short time ago that there were only 30 lodges in the province; now they could muster 44. When he first became associated in the province there were only 27 lodges; that showed how Masonry had increased in England. The province certainly held its own with regard to size and population. In Masonry there were some admirable lessons to be learnt, and a true Mason would do his best to try to impart the knowledge to others and show by his conduct what a true and faithful Mason he was. May the Boscombe Lodge redound honour on Freemasonry and be an ornament to the province.

The petition, signed by Bros. Donald W. Preston, I.P.M. 195; C. T. Miles, W.M. 195; W. H. Miles, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. East Division of South Africa, 195 and 711; C. W. Wyatt, J.W. 195; J. Deans, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., 77; H. F. Blissett, C.M.G., 773; and T. Fred Gardner, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., 195, was read, and also the warrant.

The first portion of the dedication prayer was read, and the P.G.M. gave the invocation.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN read the portion of Scripture, and the tracing boards (presented to the lodge by the first W.M.) were un-

covered, and the D.P.G.M. and acting P.G. Wardens carried the consecrating vessels around the lodge in due form, the choir (composed of Bros. Townsend, Org.; R. Hodge, E. J. Thompson, H. A. Garrett, and F. Budden) sang some appropriate hymns, and the acting P.G. Chaplain took the censer around in due form.

Bro. TERRY gave a most interesting and impressive oration on the art of and duties in Masonry, which has already appeared in our columns.

The P.G.M. then dedicated and constituted the Boscombe Lodge, No. 2158.

The installation of the W.M. elect, who was a P.M., was proceeded with, and Bro. J. G. Shepherd was unanimously elected Treasurer. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. C. T. Miles, W.M. 195, S.W.; W. H. Miles, J.W.; J. G. Shepherd, Treas.; C. W. Wyatt, Sec.; Dr. J. Deans, S.D.; H. F. Blissett (C.M.G.) J.D.; and Dr. T. Fred Gardner, I.G.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Bro. Terry, who were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Three joining members were proposed and three for initiation. The lodge was then closed in due form.

Conveyances were awaiting without the lodge to convey the brethren to the Town Hall, Bournemouth, where ample justice was done to a sumptuous banquet, catered by Bro. C. G. Dacre, of the Criterion, the W.M. of Boscombe Lodge presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in reply to that of "The Officers of Grand Lodge,"

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., G.D., said he was indeed proud at being able to respond to such a toast. They were all proud of Lord Carnarvon, and were heartily glad to welcome him on his return to Grand Lodge, he having been absent for some considerable time. Lord Lathom they were all delighted to honour, and, occupying as he does an important province in West Lancashire, he was looked up to as one of their Masonic rulers, and admired and loved by all under him. For the very proud position he (Bro. Le Feuvre) held, he had to thank Bro. W. W. B. Beach, the P.G.M., whom he had already thanked privately, and he took that as the first public way in which he could express his thanks for the past kindness that had always been shown towards him by the P.G.M.

Bro. PRESTON proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. and M.E. P.G.Z., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," and in response,

The R.W.P.G.M. said it had been a most interesting ceremony for him to perform that day, and it was a proof of the great progress Freemasonry was making in the vicinity. The brethren of the Hengist Lodge had cheerfully assisted at the consecration of the Boscombe Lodge, and he could see that the two lodges would work with that harmony and brotherhood that was characteristic to Masonry. It was a source of great pleasure to see Freemasonry flourish as it did. It did not depend so much on the P.G.M. for the prosperity of the province; but it rested with the brethren to try and induce others to belong to and act up to the principles of Masonry. No P.G.M. in England could rank under his charge so many enthusiastic Masons as he did; it was therefore no wonder that Freemasonry prospered so in the province. They should congratulate themselves on such a meeting as they had had that day, and it was gratifying to think that the establishment of a new chapter gave the opportunity to the brethren in Bournemouth and the neighbourhood to make further advances in Masonic knowledge. It had been suggested to him to have a meeting to meet the different provincial lodges of the neighbourhood, and a very good suggestion it was, and worthy of attention, as it tended to keep up Masonic intercourse with neighbouring lodges. For the reception he had had that day he thanked them sincerely.

Bro. ATKINS, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, J. Hengist Chapter, briefly proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand H., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said how proud he felt at meeting the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Officers for the first time, and the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight had every reason to be proud of such officers.

Bro. LE FEUVRE returned thanks, and remarked that in 1869 the province numbered 29 lodges, and at the present time, including a moveable military lodge at Aldershot, it comprised 46, and still another petition had a few days previous been forwarded from East Cowes for the formation of another lodge. He said it was with a feeling of congratulation that they welcomed to that province Bro. Atkins, who was P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, who came from there with very strong recommendations, and they hailed his accession to the province with any amount of satisfaction. Bro. Le Feuvre also referred to the great assistance Bro. Terry had that day given in assisting in the consecration for him (Bro. Terry) of some 150 lodges.

The P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Donald Preston, and Success to the Boscombe Lodge, No. 2158," and Bro. PRESTON, who was received with applause, responded, thanking all those who had attended that day, some from considerable distance, and assisted at the interesting ceremonies.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. H. J. Atkins, and Success to the Hengist Chapter, No. 195." Bro. ATKINS responded.

Bro. REBBECK proposed "The Health of the Consecrating and Installing Officers," the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Bro. TERRY replying, the latter making a most humorous response.

Bro. WYATT, Secretary 2158, proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Responded to by Bro. MASON, W.M. elect of the Swanage Lodge, and Bro. FARRANTS, I.P.M. 132, Ringwood.

Bro. DRUITT proposed "The Masonic Charities." Responded to by Bro. TERRY.

The W.M. of the Boscombe Lodge proposed "The Health of the Mother Lodge (Hengist)." Responded to by Bro. C. T. MILES, W.M.

Bro. MURRILL proposed "The Officers of the New Lodge and Chapter."

Bro. W. H. MILES responded, and took advantage of speaking of the great satisfaction Bro. Kenning had given in supplying everything required for the lodge and chapter, and the courteous manner he had received Bro. Miles when in London.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant day.

Bros. Townsend, Budden, and Hodges contributed several songs during the evening.

A special train conveyed the visiting brethren at 10.45 to Ringwood, to await the mail to carry them to their destination, and the thanks of all the visitors are due to the Stewards of the day for the great energy displayed in looking after the comforts of their guests.

The lodge and chapter were furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, P.G.S.W., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF SUSSEX.

The long-anticipated ceremony of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden of England, as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex by his brother, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was held in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday. The proceedings, as may be imagined, were of a highly interesting character, while, as regards the brilliancy of the scene and its surroundings, and the admirable manner in which the arrangements were contrived and carried out, we cannot call to mind a single event in Masonry, since the installation of the Prince himself as Grand Master of England at the memorable gathering in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the 25th April, 1875, which has been more interesting, more brilliant, and, from first to last, more completely successful. For the punctuality and promptitude with which every step in the programme of the day's labour was taken, for the ease and harmony with which all its several parts dovetailed one with another, for the comfortable disposition of the large audience in the Dome itself, and for the skill and taste with which the building was decorated and fitted, we are principally indebted to the ability and energy of those in charge of the arrangements, but especially to Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., and E. W. J. Hennah, Prov. G.D.C., who spared neither time nor pains in order to secure the success of the ceremony. These brethren were loyally and ably supported by their respective assistants, by the Grand Stewards, and by those other brethren who, at such important gatherings as this, are usually told off either to discharge certain specially-allotted duties or to give a helping hand generally. The brethren of the various lodges in the province appear also to have entered fully into the spirit which best becomes an episode in their history of so unusual a character, the general result being, as we have said already, a success such as has not been known, or, at all events, not surpassed, since the Prince of Wales's own installation as Grand Master in the spring of 1875.

We have laid some stress on the smoothness with which the proceedings were carried out, this smoothness being particularly noticeable in the railway arrangements for the conveyance of the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor, the Duke of Connaught, the officers of Grand Lodge, and other distinguished brethren from London. Punctually, almost to the fraction of a second, the special train, which had been made up for their convenience, steamed into the Brighton Station, and, on alighting on the platform, their Royal Highnesses were most loyally received by the Mayor and Corporation of Brighton, as well as by a deputation of Sussex Masons, the former presenting a cordial address of welcome to the Prince, and receiving from him a most gracious reply. The visitors having been conducted to their carriages, and a procession having been formed, the cortège moved at an easy pace to the Pavilion, the route chosen being of considerable length, and the reception accorded the Princes hearty, if not over, demonstrative. The Pavilion having been reached, the Royal party and their suite alighted at the main entrance, and were conducted to the rooms set apart for their special use.

In the meantime, the Dome had been rapidly filling with the brethren entitled to be present, and what with the floral decorations, the handsome banners of the various Sussex Lodges, pendent from the balcony, and the Masonic clothing and regalia of the members, the scene presented was one of the brightest and most picturesque we have witnessed. At a little after half-past twelve his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, attended by the Grand Officers, entered, a fanfare of trumpets heralding the fact, while the procession moved up the hall to the dais. Bro. Arde, who, as Prov. Grand Organist, presided at the great organ, played the well-known coronation anthem by Handel. The Prince having taken his seat on the throne, and the Grand Wardens, Bros. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) and Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., their respective chairs,

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, and, prayer having been offered by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. CURRIE, Dean of Battle, Prov. G. Chaplain, and the Prince having been saluted in ancient form,

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. G. Secretary, read the summons calling the meeting, and Bro. GERARD FORD then rose and read the following address:—

To his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., M.W.G.M. of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

May it please your Royal Highness.

We, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Officers, and brethren of the Province of Sussex, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness our hearty Masonic welcome, on your first visit to this province since your assumption of the high office of M.W.G.M. of the Freemasons of England.

We desire to express to your Royal Highness our respectful thanks for the distinguished honour you have been pleased to confer upon the province by the appointment of your illustrious brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearne, &c., &c., P.G. Warden of England, to rule over us as the Provincial Grand Master in the room of our highly-esteemed and lamented brother, Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, who so ably presided over us for a lengthened period, with the happiest results to the Craft.

Especially do we appreciate the fortunate circumstance that your Royal Highness is able to be present with us to-day, and to confer additional lustre upon this occasion by so graciously undertaking to perform the impressive ceremony of installation, that, in conclusion, we fervently trust that, under the Great Architect of the Universe, your Royal Highness may be spared for many years to rule over the Masonic Brotherhood, to whose welfare your beneficent sway has already so largely contributed.

Dated, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Sussex, this 22nd day of June, A.L. 5886, A.D. 1886.

JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

GERARD FORD, Prov. Grand Registrar.

V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. Grand Secretary.

The routine business usual on these occasions having been concluded, and Bro. Spark's well known anthem "Behold how good and joyful," having been admirably sung by Bros. J. A. Brown, Montem Smith, Sidney Tower, and Chaplin Henry,

H.R.H. the MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER said the Province of Sussex had recently experienced a severe loss through the death of Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell, who had ruled over it for nearly ten years with great energy and ability. They all deplored his loss, and after due consideration he (the Most Worshipful Grand Master) had thought it advisable to fill the vacancy by the appointment of his brother, the Duke of Connaught—(enthusiastic applause)—who, in his titles, bore the name of the old county of Sussex. (Renewed applause.) He knew him to be a zealous Mason, and fully believed that he would not fail to do his duty, but would endeavour to promote the success of the province. The Most Worshipful Grand Master concluded his brief address by expressing the great pleasure it gave him personally to come amongst them for the purpose of installing his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as their future Provincial Grand Master. (Loud applause.)

This address having been concluded, the arrival of the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master designate, was announced, and the M.W. G.M. having directed Bro. E. W. J. Hennah, Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies, to obtain his Royal Highness's patent of appointment, Bro. Hennah withdrew, and returning shortly, handed the document to the Grand Master. A deputation of seven Past Masters—Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Sir Raymond Burrell, Bart., Lieut.-Gen. Randolph, Major Sergeon, Major D'Albrance, W. Dawes; and H. Hallett—was placed in charge of Bro. Hennah, and ordered to conduct the Duke to a place before the pedestal. This done, his Royal Highness entered, and was conducted, amidst enthusiastic applause, to the appointed place opposite to his brother, the Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Secretary having read aloud the patent, and Provincial Grand Chaplain having offered a further prayer, the Grand Master addressed his Royal Highness, and enquired if he were ready to undertake the duties of the office. To this enquiry an answer in the affirmative was at once given, and His Royal Highness having knelt down, and taken the necessary obligation, was forthwith invested with the insignia and jewel of office, and inducted into the chair. His brother, the M.W. Grand Master, being conducted to a chair on the left of the throne. The newly-installed Prov. Grand Master was formally proclaimed and saluted, and having formally appointed Bro. J. Henderson Scott, P.G. Deacon of England, and Dep. P.G. Master of Sussex, under the late R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, to be his deputy, Bro. Scott, was conducted and placed in front of the pedestal, and having been briefly addressed and congratulated on his many and great services to Freemasonry, was duly obligated, invested, and installed, then proclaimed and saluted in accordance with ancient custom. Then followed the ceremony of appointing and investing the Prov. Grand Officers, but this was a formality rather than a function, as his Royal Highness re-appointed the brethren who were appointed in October last, and requested them to take their accustomed seats.

The following are the officers:—

Bro. W. Dawes, P.M. 341	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart., W.M. 1726	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Very Rev. E. R. Currie, W.M. 1184	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. W. A. Tooth, W.M. 1821	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Gerard Ford, P.M. 271	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. A. Cardwell, P.M. 916	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" F. Daniel, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Harrison, P.M. 1829	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" E. W. J. Hennah, P.M. 40	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. T. Long, P.M. 1720	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Oliver Lloyd, P.M. 38	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Lanham Thomas, P.M. 1141	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. T. Musson, P.M. 1797	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Ardley, S.W. 811	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" J. Hopkinson, P.M. 1619	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. H. Ellman, P.M. 1803	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Reginald Blaker, P.M. 311	...	...
" G. R. Lockyer, P.M. 315	...	...
" H. Kembell-Cook, P.M. 811	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. H. Haine, W.M. 1110	...	...
" J. Stedman, P.M. 1303	...	...
" E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1636 and 1797	...	...
" T. Hughes	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

An anthem, composed by Bro. Shield, having been sung by the four brethren whose names we have already given, and Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth, Prov. G. Chap., having offered up a suitable prayer, his Royal Highness closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a termination, Bro. A. King, Mus. B., P.P.G. Org., playing in admirable style several voluntaries while the brethren were leaving the Dome.

Thus ended one of the most brilliant Masonic events of the last few years, and from so splendid a beginning it is impossible not to augur well as to the future progress of the Craft in this highly-favoured province. Masonry must flourish under so deservedly popular a Prov. Grand Master, and where the lodges in themselves and amongst one another work so admirably and so harmoniously, we can only congratulate those who took a share in the days proceedings and express a hope that they will prove as brave and devoted to the welfare of our Society henceforth as they showed themselves on this occasion. Amongst the brethren we noticed

Bros. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M.; Earl Rosslyn, M.W.P.G.M. of Scotland; Earl Kintore, Substitute G.M. of Scotland;—General Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia; Earl of Limerick, R.W. Prov. G.M. Bristol; Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent; Earl of Jersey, P.G.M. Oxfordshire; Colonel Sir F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; Colonel Charles Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey; Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex; Lord Harlech, P.G.M. North Wales; Lord Kensington, P.G.M. South Wales (Western Division); Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; Gen. J. S. Browning, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. Durham; Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Montague J. Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Sir W. J. Clarke, District Grand Master Victoria; A. M. Saunders, D.G.M. Madras; Theodore H. Tilton, D.G.M. New York City; Lord H. F. Thynne, P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, P.G.W.; R. Cunliffe, P.G.W.; The Marquis of Hertford, P.G.W.; Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, G. Chap.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. J. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Robinson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. J. Robbins, P.G. Chap.; D. P. Cama, G. Treasurer; J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wend, D.C.L., G. Sec. G.C.; Samuel Pope, G.S.D.; Ralph Clutton, G.J.D.; John L. Feuvre, G.J.D.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D.; R. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; M. E. Clarke, P.G.D.; Col. Sir C. H. Gregory, P.G.D.; C. Bird, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Frederick Davison, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Major J. S. Peirce, P.G.D.; G. Plucknett, P.G.D.; R. Costa, P.G.D.; F. C. Morrill, P.G.D.; F. C. Goldney, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Alfreed Meadows, M.D., P.G.D.; Horace Jones, G.S. of Works; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C.; Randolph Glover, D.G. D. of C.; David Smith, M.P., P.P.D.G.D. of C.; Alfred Richards, P.D.G.D. of C.; H. Truman Wood, G.A.D. of C.; R. T. Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D. of C.; C. C. Dumas, P.G.A.D. of C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D. of C.; Griffiths Smith, P.G.A.D. of C.; Major C. Harding, P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Roebuck, G.S.B.; C. Hammerton, P.G.S.B.; Henry Greene, G. Std. Br.; E. D. Davies, G. Std. Br.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Org.; C. E. Willing, P.G. Org.; Albert Lucking, G. Purst.; Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; W. R.

Wood, P.G.P.; L. F. Littell, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. H. Perryman, Asst. Grand Purst.; Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler; R. Plumbé, G. Stwd.; J. Hallett, P.G. Steward; E. Terry, P.G. Steward; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; B. Bull, P.G. Stwd.; G. Hughes, P.G. Stwd.; J. C. Strong, P.G. Stwd.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. Malta; J. L. Mather, J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; Gerard Ford, P.G. Reg. Sussex; Dr. Kempster, James Terry, P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts; F. R. W. Hedges, P.M. 1900; A. J. Hawkes, E. Broadbridge, E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M. 1657, G. Stwd. Middx.; John Mason, P.G.S.D. Middx.; E. F. Storr, W. A. Scurrah, Smeed, P.G.S.W. Middx.; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; Lennox Browne, Sec. Empire Lodge, 2198; Richard Clowes, G.S.W. Essex; Joseph Clever, J. While, C. E. Soppet, W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.G. Reg. Cornwall; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; S. R. Crouch, P.P. G.D.; J. Farncombe, P.M., &c.; W. Fitch, P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; J. Frankton, P.P.G.P.; W. A. Waters, P.M. 341; Lionel Brough, 2127; J. W. Penfold, 1829; Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chap. Cornwall; Rev. R. Jamblin, P.G. Chap. Kent; Henry Nye, 732; Sydney Bancroft, T. M. Humphries, T. R. Beaufort Hinks, Sec. 2148; R. S. Howitt, 299; L. R. Styer, 315; and others.

The brethren then adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where upwards of 800 sat down to an excellent luncheon, served in admirable style by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton. The room was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, the tables being elegantly laid, the floral decorations forming a special and attractive feature. The M.W.G.M. presided, supported by his Royal Highness the Provincial Grand Master, Prince Albert Victor, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the principal officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past.

During the luncheon a very pleasing programme of music was played in the gallery by a band conducted by Bro. H. S. Gates, W.M. 1636. The programme comprised Michael Watson's Processional March, "The Queen's Jubilee," Resch's Gavotte "Heimliche Liebe," Gumbert's air, "O Bitt euch liebe vogelein," a selection from Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Iolanthe," Roubier's Minuet, "Joyeuse Réunion," and Sir A. Sullivan's "Lost Chord." The last named, given as a cornet solo by Mr. W. Devin, was artistically rendered, and was redemanded. The graces before and after meat ("Con Citemini Domino" and "Deum Laudate") were sung by Bros. J. A. Brown, Montem Smith, Sidney Tower, and Chaplin Henry.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER opened the post-prandial proceedings by calling upon the brethren to rise and drink the time-honoured toast—"The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the National Anthem was sung, the solo being rendered by Miss Bertha Moore.

H.R.H. the PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Most Worshipful Grand Master." In proposing the toast, he said he was sure that it would meet with a hearty response from so large an assembly of the Craft. Ever since that memorable day at the Albert Hall—(loud applause)—when the Most Worshipful Grand Master was installed into his high office, he had never lost an opportunity of showing the deep interest he had taken in the Craft. From that moment he had acted in a manner benefiting the ancient Order, and all would agree with him that he had rendered eminent service to the institution. The Craft had steadily increased under his guidance, and he called upon them one and all to be upstanding and drink the toast with three times three.

The toast was drunk amidst the greatest enthusiasm and cheering.

The PRINCE OF WALES, on rising to respond, was received with loud and prolonged applause, accompanied with the waving of handkerchiefs, and other manifestations of enthusiasm. He said he was not likely to forget the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. From the time when the Craft conferred upon him the honour of selecting him as their Most Worshipful Grand Master, he had not met with a more cordial or kind reception. He took a deep interest in all that pertained to Freemasonry, and regretted that the many calls upon his time—(applause)—did not permit him to do more for the Order. In thought and heart he was with them, and always ready to come forward and assist their noble Institution—an Institution possessing as its chief characteristics, religion and Charity. So long as these principles were borne in mind, the Order was bound to flourish throughout the realms of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The Order had made great and rapid strides. The Grand Lodge was founded in 1717 and numbered only a few lodges. In 1875, the year of his installation as M.W.G.M., the number had increased to 1520, while at the present time the last warrant issued bore the number of 2155, being a gain since his high office was conferred upon him of 635 lodges. Royal Arch Freemasonry had also progressed, and about eight thousand brethren were annually enrolled—a further proof of allegiance to the principles of the Grand Lodge of England. (Applause.) Before sitting down, he had a toast to propose, namely, that of "The Junior Provincial Grand Master of England." (Applause.) He need hardly tell them the pleasure he derived from installing his brother, and visiting their beautiful town. (Applause.) He felt sure that his brother would carry out the duties he was called upon to perform to the best of his ability. His military career would possibly take him thousands of miles away, but on his return he would be as happy to meet them as on the present occasion. He had experienced especial gratification in installing their Provincial Grand Master, and entrusting to his care one of the oldest Provincial Lodges in the country—a lodge which dated from 1774 and possessed twenty-five lodges, of which seven were in Brighton, the oldest being the Union Lodge, No. 38. Again thanking them for their very cordial welcome, he called upon them to drink, with three times three, the health of their P.G.M.

The toast was most enthusiastically drunk.

H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, on rising to respond, was most vociferously applauded. He said he was sensible of their great kindness in receiving the toast so heartily, which had been proposed in such kind and flattering terms. He was also sensible of the high honour bestowed upon him, and was aware that he had many arduous duties to perform. In taking the office of Provincial Grand Master, he was succeeding one who had been respected and beloved by them, the late Sir Walter Burrell, who had always shown the greatest interest in the province. He felt most grateful to the large assembly for their kind reception, and hoped to worthily carry out the necessary and important duties of his high office. If his military duties called him away, his interest in them would not be lessened. In heart and feelings he would be with them, and from the bottom of his heart he thanked them for their reception of him as their Provincial Grand Master.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS next proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D.," and said he did so with the greatest cordiality, knowing that he had laboured most assiduously in the cause of Freemasonry. In the Sussex province he had held the post of Provincial Grand Secretary, and for many years that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In three generations the name of Scott had been familiarly associated with Freemasonry in Sussex, and in Bro.

John Henderson Scott they had a thorough Freemason at heart. It was therefore with the greatest satisfaction that he appointed him his Deputy. Before sitting down he desired to express to him his appreciation of the admirable arrangements for the ceremonies of the day. They had been satisfactory in every respect. (Applause.)

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked H.R.H. for the very kind way in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for their hearty reception. He was deeply sensible of the great honour which the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master had conferred upon him that day by re-instating him in his old position as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and of the increased responsibilities which had been placed upon his shoulders. He trusted that when he was restored to health he might prove himself equal to the duties which devolved upon him. The brethren of Sussex regretted that H.R.H. was so soon about to leave this country—but during his absence they would endeavour to maintain the high dignity of Freemasonry in this province so that when H.R.H. came back he might have no occasion to be displeased with them—of this he could assure H.R.H. that when he did return to his native land he would be received and welcomed by the Masons of Sussex with the same heartiness with which when he departed they would wish him God speed.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. H. HALLETT, P.G.S.W., and responded to by the GRAND CHAPLAIN of ENGLAND. The latter completed the toast list by proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers," to which Bro. HALLETT responded.

The vocal selections, though somewhat curtailed from want of time, were thoroughly appreciated, and were admirably rendered by Miss Bertha Moore, and Bros. J. A. Brown, Montem Smith, Sidney Tower, and Chaplin Henry. Bro. W. Ardley, Prov. G. Organist, who presided so efficiently at the organ before and during the installation ceremony, presided at the piano, and must be congratulated upon the excellence of his arrangements.

The address on vellum presented to the Grand Master was an admirable specimen of fourteenth century illumination, and was executed at the office of the *Freemason*.

We have also much pleasure in announcing that, after the installation was over, a very successful photograph of the Duke of Connaught, as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, with the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Grand Officers in a group, was taken by Messrs. Russell and Sons, of 199, Brompton-road, South Kensington, photographers to the Queen and Royal Family.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS, 1723.

The premier Book of Constitutions of the oldest Grand Lodge in the "wide, wide world" was published in 1723, and, as might be expected, is now one of the rarest and most valuable of Masonic works. It is not so scarce as a little pamphlet of the previous year, known as "Roberts' MS.," which is a reproduction substantially of the "Harleian MS., 1942" (British Museum), and was one of the "uniques" in the "Spencer collection," sold by auction in July, 1875. It originally cost sixpence; but I had to bid £8 10s. for the copy to secure its being "knocked down" to me, on behalf of my lamented friend Bro. Bower, the book now being in the famous library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. As, however, the text is that of one of the "Old Charges" of the Operative Masonic régime, the volume of the year 1723 remains the senior and the original of all the numerous Books of Constitutions issued from early last century to 1886.

As I have had queries sent me as to the style, size, &c., of this old volume, the following may be relied upon as its chief features from a bibliographical point of view:—Its size is that known as quarto, measuring nine and half inches by about seven five-eighths. The first five leaves are not paged; but per page run as follows: 1, "Constitutions;" 2, blank; 3, blank; 4, frontispiece, "engrav'd by John Pine, in Aldersgate-street, London," representing, it is supposed, the Duke of Wharton handing a roll of Constitutions to the Duke of Montagu, Dr. Desaguliers and other celebrities being near these two noblemen. In the centre is the 47th problem of Euclid, below being *Eupeka*. The background is composed of a series of columns gradually diminishing, with an emblematic representation of the sun (apparently) above, the whole being surmounted by an arch, only partly visible. 5, title-page—"The Constitutions of the Free-Masons, containing the *History, Charges, Regulations, &c.*, of that most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity. For the Use of the Lodges.—Vignette—London: Printed by William Hunter, for John Senex, at the *Globe*, and John Hooke at the *Flower-de-luce*, over-against *St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street*. In the Year of Masonry—5723, Anno Domini—1723." 6, blank; 7, arms of the Duke of Montagu; dedication commenced to his Grace the Duke of Montagu; 8, dedication continued; 9, dedication continued; 10, dedication ended by "Your Grace's Most oblig'd and Most obedient Servant and Faithful Brother, J. T. Desaguliers, Deputy Grand Master."

Then follow pages 1 to 92, all duly numbered from 2 to 91. Pages one to forty-eight are devoted to "The Constitution, *History, Laws, Charges, Orders, Regulations, and Usages* of the Right Worshipful Fraternity of Accepted Free Masons, collected from their general records, and their faithful traditions of many ages, to be read at the admission of a new brother, when the *Master* or *Warden* shall begin, or order some other brother to read." This portion was written by the Rev. James Anderson. Pages 49-56 contain "The Charges of a Free-Mason, extracted from the ancient records of lodges beyond sea, and of those in *England, Scotland, and Ireland*, for the use of lodges in London: To be read at the making of new brethren, or when the Master shall order it."

These "Charges," slightly altered, are in the last Book of Constitutions, having been printed in each edition from 1723 until now. In one issue, however, there were so many changes as to be virtually new creations in some respects. This was in 1738 only. It will be seen that they were originally intended for *London*; for in 1723 no warrants for any country or foreign lodges had been granted by the Grand Lodge of England. In 1724, however, Bath and other cities and towns obtained charters; since which period the regulations have been arranged for all parts embraced in the English Masonic jurisdiction.

The "Postscript" at p. 57 fills up a little space, and introduces a good "tail piece."

The important and valuable "General Regulations," begun at p. 58, continued to p. 70, were "Compiled first by Mr. George Payne, Anno 1720, when he was Grand-Master, and approv'd by the Grand-Lodge on *St. John Baptist's*, Anno 1721, at *Stationers' Hall*, London, when the most noble Prince *John Duke of Montagu* was unanimously chosen our Grand Master for the year ensuing." These rules were "digested into this new

method, with several proper explications, for the use of the lodges in and about *London* and *Westminster*."

The manner of constituting a new lodge, as practised by his Grace the Duke of Wharton, &c., is duly described at pp. 71-2; in a "Postscript," the two following pages containing the "Approbation," subscribed to by the Duke of Wharton, G.M., the Deputy G.M., Grand Wardens, and the Master and Wardens of 20 lodges, numbered 1 to xx. (without regard to precedence); No. x. having no Master's name attached, and at No. xvii. the Master is described as "James Anderson, A.M. The author of *this Book*." A number of Masonic songs are then printed from page 75 to 90, six pages from the 85th having the music for certain portions, and the 84th page has the famous "Enter'd Prentices Song" by "our late Brother Mr. Matthew Birkhead, deceas'd. To be sung when all grave business is over, and with the Master's leave." Page 91 bears the following authorization by "Philip, Duke of Wharton, Grand Master. I. T. *Desaguliers*, Deputy Grand Master."

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The new or revised laws have already been referred to at length in these pages prior to their final acceptance; but some time having elapsed since their first and subsequent drafts were issued, we take this opportunity of again alluding to the most prominent alterations and additions.

3. Masonic Prefixes.—The "M.W." and "R.W." accord with the usage in the Craft. "V.W." is to apply from the Grand Overseers to the Grand Secretary, not Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, as so many seem to think. "W." is to be used by the remaining Grand Officers and Masters and Past Masters of lodges.

78. Deputy Provincial Grand Masters rank immediately after the Grand Secretary; but past rank in Grand Lodge cannot be obtained until three years have been served in such capacity.

81. Provincial Grand Wardens must have been Installed Masters, and Provincial Grand Overseers must be Wardens or Past Wardens of lodges.

87. Provincial Grand Lodge must assemble at least *once* a year; but there is no need for Provincial Grand Masters to appoint new officers every year, for in small provinces that would be most undesirable.

96. Warrants must be exhibited at all lodge meetings.

99. Masters must be elected, and subsequently installed at *regular* meetings of lodges, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master or Provincial Grand Master.

117. All By-laws, new or revised, must be submitted to the General Board (through Provincial Grand Masters, if in Provinces) for approval.

138. A "Declaration" must be signed by Candidates for Advancement, according to the form provided.

145. Mark Clothing or Jewels cannot be worn at any place of public resort, procession, funeral, or ball, without the requisite dispensation, so we presume from this that a Craft dispensation alone would not cover the Mark.

150. Should a lodge not meet for a year it is *liable to be erased*.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am daily in receipt of evidence of the prejudicial effects, so far as our interests are concerned, of the present political crisis. Under these circumstances, though I fear an appeal, however urgent, will now be too late to be of service, I feel constrained to submit for the sympathetic consideration of our friends the peculiarly unfortunate exigencies of our position, in the hope that those who may have hesitated in giving us their support will be inclined to extend that help which we at this juncture so sorely need.—Very truly and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary.6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,
24th June.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE GRAND MARK MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can you inform Mark Master Masons how or why they are to be divided into two separate parties at the lunch to follow the installation of H.R.H. as Grand Mark Master on the 1st prox.—part, and that the bulk, are to lunch and pay for it at the Freemasons' Tavern—part in the Venetian Saloon of the Holborn, as guests of H.R.H. (so it is said), as H.R.H. cannot stay to lunch. What necessity is there for this invidious distinction?

Were only Prov. Grand Mark Masters to be thus favoured no great objection could be taken, but their deputies are also invited. Now, these only rank as Grand Deacons, why then should superior Grand Mark Officers be left out? Nay, even if all the Prov. Grand Mark Masters attended and their deputies they would not require so large a room as the "Venetian," and the inference is that a select (?) large party will be invited; if so, anything but a fraternal spirit will be engendered, and a departure from the usual and time-honoured Masonic practice will set a very bad precedent.—Yours faithfully,
June 19.

P.G.O.

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. Budden and others, Past Masters of lodges were not members of Grand Lodge by the Constitutions of 1784. They first appear as such in the Constitutions of 1815. There seems to have been after that time some doubt as to their status as in 1822. The following appears on the minutes:—

"Grand Lodge, 5th June, 1822.
"The Board of General Purposes reported that they had maturely considered the subject referred to them by the Grand Lodge 'as to the right of P.M.'s to sit in the Grand Lodge, and under what circumstances they may be disqualified, and that they are of opinion that by the Art. page 13, Book of Constitutions, the right granted is a personal one inasmuch as it is continued to the individual after he may have quitted the lodge in which he served the office of Master, provided he be a member of or join any other lodge within 12 months from the period when he so quitted, and that the 3rd Sect., page 19, is intended to apply only to the immediate P.M. positively, he being considered one of the representatives of the lodge, and to the other Past Masters only relatively, that is in event of their not being subscribing members to some other lodge.
On motion made the said report was adopted."

Past Grand Officers were first constituted members of Grand Lodge in 1767. Article 1 of the Constitutions of this date reads: "All who are, or have been Grand Officers, shall be members of, and vote in all Grand Lodges."—Yours faithfully,
P.P.G. SEC.



THE MASSACHUSETTS PROCEEDINGS.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts rank with the best published in America, and are most readable and instructive. The one before me now closes the year 1885, and contains over 300 pages of most interesting matter, many of the addresses and reports being much above the usual. They appear to be bothered with Masonic tramps in the United States, as we are in England; hence, in order to prevent imposition, but also to secure relief for the needy and worthy, a convention was held at Baltimore on the 31st August last, agreeably to a call issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was attended by many distinguished brethren from different parts of the United States and Canada, the M.W. Bro. T. J. Shryock and the members of his Grand Lodge doing their utmost to extend a warm greeting to the visitors. The convention has resulted in the formation of the "General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada," which appears to me a step in the right direction, and will prove most beneficial in its operations. At the Grand Lodge held in December last the M.W. Bro. Abraham H. Howland, jun., was again unanimously elected to the arduous and responsible office of Grand Master, thus proving the hearty appreciation of his services for the Craft by the members. Our good friend Bro. William T. R. Marvin, of

Brookline, the author of the best work on Masonic medals ever written, was elected to the office of Senior Grand Warden, which will please much his large circle of friends; Bro. Samuel Wells, of Boston, was, of course, re-elected Grand Treasurer; and our dear Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Past G.M., was again elected Recording Grand Secretary, a special honour doubtless to him, but one also paid to the Grand Lodge, for the compliment is reciprocal, a better Grand Secretary being impossible. I am glad to note that the Grand Lodge has recognised the Grand Lodge of South Australia, the former body extending to the latter "its good wishes for its prosperity, and offers its fraternal co-operation." This, be it remembered, comes after the recognition extended by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, such acknowledgment being delayed in the most fraternal manner by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts until this action of the mother Grand Lodges more immediately concerned.



Craft Masonry.

DOVER.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Royal Oak Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Hearn, and after the usual formal business, the W.M. installed Bro. James Walter Bussey (Dover Town Councillor). The ceremony of installation and subsequent addresses were carried out by Bro. Thomas Hearn in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bro. Thomas Hearn, I.P.M.; Andreas F. L. Frederickson, S.W.; George James Bussey, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; Edward Lukey, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer; James D. Terson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Secretary; George Church, S.D.; John Falconer, J.D.; F. W. Prescott, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Woldemar O. Kennett, W.M. 1208, Organist; William Francis Moore, I.G.; Watson Walker, Stwd.; and George Willson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Philpott.

The cloth being removed, the following toasts were proposed: "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst," "The W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Bro. James Smith Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The Worshipful Master," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "W.M. and Brethren of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208," "The Masonic Institutions," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

About fifty-five brethren sat down to dinner under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. J. W. Bussey, among whom were—besides the officers of the lodge—the Worshipful Mayor, Bro. W. J. Adcock, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. G. B. Chapman, W.M. 299; Charles Barringer, W.M. 1436; John Capps, W.M. 784; J. A. Browning, P.M. 784, P.G. Supt. Wks.; A. Green, P.M. 209, P.G. D.C. Hants; W. Sharp, 661; W. Eastland, 94; W. J. Vincent, J.W. 1564; W. H. Windmill, J. Durden, W. Walker, J. Wood, C. H. C. Marsh, O. N. Nazer, A. Whelch, W. G. Lewis, G. Saville, James Horn, and J. Gifford. The following were the visiting brethren from the Corinthian Lodge: Bro. W. O. Kennett, W.M.; W. Smeeth, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; C. C. Walter, M.D., P.M.; James Holmes, P.M.; P. O. Potter, P.M.; J. J. Wright, J.W.; C. L. Adams, J.D.; W. W. Burkett, I.G.; and others.

During the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. J. Horn, Gifford, and others. The musical arrangements were under the conductorship of Mr. Sanderson.

BELFAST.—Duke of Leinster Lodge (No. 259).—This lodge held a reunion of their members and friends Masonic Hall, Arthur-square, on the 14th inst. There was a good attendance of the brethren, who sat down to tea, which was served up in a manner which reflected credit on the caterer, Mr. Crawford. After the good things had been partaken of, Bro. Forbes Gully, W.M., gave the usual Masonic sentiments, which were heartily received and duly honoured.

The W.M. referred to the pleasant occasion on which their reunion was held, and in a suitable address presented (on behalf of the lodge) Bro. R. B. Andrews with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of esteem and appreciation for the valuable services which he has rendered to the lodge since its formation.

Bro. Andrews having appropriately replied, songs and recitations were given at intervals, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings of a very pleasant and enjoyable reunion to a close.

HALESWORTH.—Prudence Lodge (No. 388).—The anniversary meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., when Bro. Chas. H. White was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. A. E. Smith, P.M. 388 and 1983, P.P.G.J.D. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as under: Bro. Canova, P.M., S.W.; J. O. Green, J.W.; R. Itlow, Treas.; A. E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Gale, S.D.; J. F. Margetson, J.D.; R. Itlow, I.G.; and James Miller, Tyler. There was a large attendance of the brethren, the visitors including Bros. J. V. Smith, 1538; R. Bullen, 943; E. N. Adnams, 1983; T. Sergeant, 1983; W. J. Brown, 1983; L. J. Woodard, 936; F. D. Bright, 916; H. Buckingham, 85; Rev. Canova, 213; and O. G. Rackham, 1983.

The banquet was subsequently held, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk.

AYLESBURY.—Buckingham Lodge (No. 591).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. Hales, was in the chair. After disposing of the business which stood first on the agenda list, the new W.M., Bro. Harry Martin, was installed in his office by Bro. Hales, the I.P.M., and the officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. H. Martin, W.M.; J. K. H. Fowler, S.W.; S. K. Page, J.W.; J. E. D. Ostrehan, S.D.; L. N. Simms, J.D.; J. Lawson, P.M., D. of C.; A. Mayne, I.G.; F. J. Brown, Stwd.; F. Payne, Tyler; and J. N. Hodgkinson, Assist. Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Bull's Head Hotel, and was served by Bro. Simms in the most satisfactory manner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings passed off with éclat. The musical part of the evening was under the able superintendence of Bro. Bateman, P.P.G.P.O., and gave great satisfaction.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall. Present: Bros. Thos. Sharples, W.M.; John Bradshaw, S.W.; Layland Eccles, J.W.; J. M. Kerr, P.P.G.S. of W. West Lancs., Treas.; Geo. Tootell, Sec.; Dr. S. Farmer, J.D.; John Monks, I.G.; C. A. Richmond, Stwd.; Jas. Jolly, Tyler; Jos. Barnes, P.M.; Thomas Forrester, P.M., P.P.G.D. West Lancs.; Jas. Corbitt, P.M.; J. B. Whittell, P.M.; his Worship the Mayor, John Heald, P.M.; B. P. France, Geo. Davies, Sam. Widows, G. G. Koppenhagen, and John Sharples. Visitors: Bros. Atkins and Rice, of 1032.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Sharples, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Farmer, J.D., then gave the lecture on the first tracing board in his usual very fine style, for which he received a vote of thanks. Bro. John Bradshaw, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year by a unanimous vote, and Bro. Thos. Sharples was elected Treasurer in place of Bro. Kerr, who has held that office for the past four years and is now leaving for India. Bro. Forrester, on behalf of himself and the officers of the Earl of Lathom Chapter, No. 730, presented the lodge with a very good photograph, enlarged and coloured, and richly framed, of Bro. Kerr in his provincial regalia, which the W.M. accepted on behalf of the lodge, and Bro. Kerr acknowledged the compliment in a few brief remarks. Bro. Thos. Forrester was elected Charity Steward for the ensuing year. The ballot was taken in favour of Bro. T. W. Rice, 993, as a joining member, and was unanimous. Bro. L. Eccles proposed, and Bro. John Heald, P.M. 730 and 1032 (the Mayor) seconded, that Mr. Elijah Smith be admitted a member of 730. Bro. E. Hunter Atkins, 1032, and Bro. A. Giles, 39, were duly proposed as joining members.

The business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned.

HOUNSLOW.—Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).—This lodge held its installation meeting in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. H. B. Corston, W.M.; R. H. Williams, S.W., and W.M. elect, P.P.G.S., P.G.J.D.; C. A. Walters, P.M., Treas., P.P. G.S.D.; W. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; H. Jackson, S.D.; S. W. Keene, D.C.; W. C. Williams, W.S.; C. B. Corston, P.M.; H. Blunden, P.M.; W. H. Causton, G. Swann, W. Watson, C. Woods, A. H. Strong, J. Doble, C. B. Banard, A. Moloney, P. J. Davies, J. Lewarne, W. E. Edwards, and T. Hiscock. Among the numerous and distinguished visitors were Bros. H. T. Hobbs, D.C. 209; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; C. B. Price, 1585; J. R. Hubbard, I.G.; Jesse Collings, 511 and P.M. 1585; J. R. Morley, J.W. 1891; W. Windson, 1585 and Org. 1891; C. Ellis, J.W. 1044; G. T. Thomason, 209; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; T. Browne, W.M. 162; W. Side, P.M. 2045; H. Perks, W.M. 209; H. Howard, 1744; G. G. Rumbal, 1767; A. Williams, W.S. 834; C. W. Cunningham, 1612; G. Young, 1612; W. Game, P.M. 511; and W. G. Vassie, 1767.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Morgan Long, Mr. Edward Clare, and Mr. William John Gardiner, which proving unanimous in their favour they were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. James Doble was then passed to the Degree of a F.C. The Installing Master being unavoidably absent, Bro. Collings, P.M., was asked, and kindly consented to fulfil that most important duty. Bro. R. H. Williams was then presented and duly installed in a very able and impressive manner, after which the W.M. was pleased to appoint the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Cross (who was absent), S.W.; H. Jackson, J.W.; C. A. Walters, P.M., Treas.; W. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; S. W. Keene, S.D.; W. C. Williams, J.D.; W. Watson, I.G.; Upjohn and G. Swan, Stwds.

The Auditors' report was read and approved, and after very hearty greetings from the brethren, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion to partake of a most excellent banquet, which was served by the Host Mr. Bull, in his well-known recherché and bountiful style.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most admirably given by the W.M. and duly honoured. Some very appropriate speeches were made after "The Health of the Visitors" by Bros. Collings, P.M.; Ayling, P.M.; A. Williams, J. W. Morley, and several other brethren, all of whom most heartily congratulated the W.M. on the splendid commencement of his year of office, and wishing him a continuance of it.

Between the toasts several brethren contributed some very excellent songs, among which we may mention Bros. A. Williams, Windsor, W. C. Williams, C. B. Price, and several other brethren.

"The Officers'" toast being the last the W.M. impressed on them the necessity of attending punctually to their duties, and assisting him in the working of the lodge.

This brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of this rising and prosperous lodge.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the lodge room, Portland-square. The lodge was duly opened under the presidency

of Bro. C. J. Thompson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Joseph H. Hartley, S.W.; H. Irving, P.M., P.P.G. Treasurer; Joseph Eden, Secretary; Charles M'Kerrow, S.D.; G. F. Saunders, J.D.; J. Purser, I.G.; John Johnston, Tyler; I. Dickinson, Stwd.; J. J. Coverdale, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; D. Reece, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; James C. Hunter, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; James Cowan, W. Whitehead, D. Anderson, A. Ashmore, James Cooper, John R. Smith, J. Lewthwaite, P.G.J.W.; J. Fletcher, J. W. Gregson, G. B. M'Kay, Joseph Harding, Philip Wedgwood, Jas. Thompson, P.M.; Joseph M'Gill, and G. H. Anyon. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Rice, 78; Thomas Temple, 1989; L. Ward, W.M. 1400; J. H. Dodgson, 662; W. H. McClellan, 872; G. H. Smith, 1400; A. W. Parker, 119; H. Rothery, 1986; R. Ward, 1400; A. Little, 1400; W. D. P. Field, 872; T. F. Braithwaite, P.G.S., 119; R. Shepherd, 872; Dr. Lowe, 119; W. R. Sanderson, 240; Thomas Atkinson, 872, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John T. Little, S.D. 1532; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G.O., 1002; H. Carruthers, W.M. 1002; E. B. Penrice, W.M. 371; W. P. Moordaff, 371; Henry Hartley, J.D. 1267; and J. W. Robinson, P.M. 371.

After the confirmation of the minutes Bro. J. R. Smith was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Afterwards Bro. J. Wood, P.M., presented Bro. John Lewthwaite, P.G.J.W., for installation to the chair of K.S. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. C. Thompson, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Kenworthy. The ancient charges were given with all the requisite effect, and the whole ceremony was such as to elicit the hearty encomiums of all the brethren present. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. C. Thompson, I.P.M.; J. Eden, S.W.; C. M'Kerrow, J.W.; G. F. Saunders, S.D.; J. Purser, J.D.; H. Irving, Treas.; J. Wood, Sec.; Rev. E. M. Rice, Chap.; J. Fletcher, D.C.; I. Dickinson, I.G.; G. B. M'Kay, Stwd.; J. Taylor, Stwd.; G. H. Anyon, Org.; and J. Johnston, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been interchanged, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the Assembly Rooms by Bro. Howison, of the Green Dragon Hotel, in a manner that was deserving of the highest praise. The chair was occupied by Bro. Lewthwaite, W.M., and he was supported by the Past Masters, the officers, and brethren of the lodge, as well as by several visitors, numbering about 60 in all. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been done full justice to, Bro. Wood, P.M., presented, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the lodge, a very handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) to Bro. J. C. Thompson, I.P.M. At the same time Bro. J. Eden, S.W., the late Secretary, presented Bro. Thompson with an album containing all the lodge summonses issued during his year of office, with addenda giving a summary of the business of the past year, a record of the dispensations (three) that had been granted, and the autographs of the surviving Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. J. C. Thompson acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

PORTLAND.—Portland Lodge (No. 1037).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday afternoon, the 17th inst., a fair number of members and visitors being present to open the lodge. The principal event of the day was the placing in the chair of King Solomon Bro. Richard Cox, and we are fully sure he must have been pleased to see such a gathering of brethren from All Souls, several officers of the Fleet, and other lodges in the county, the ceremony of installing the Master being ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. G. J. Bradley, assisted by Bros. B. Morgan, Gibbs, C. F. Arden, A. Graham, and others.

After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a bounteous supply of good things awaited them, the tables being decorated with a profusion of roses, geraniums, fuchsias, and hothouse plants. The capabilities of the lodge must have been somewhat tried, but the Stewards, Bros. W. R. P. Jeffery and T. Hoskins, left no effort wanting to contribute to the comfort of all present, it being the unanimous wish Bro. Richard Cox should have a prosperous year of office.

WEST MALLING.—Malling Abbey Lodge (No. 1063).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when Bro. Silas Wagon was installed W.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. B. S. Wilmot, P.M., P.G.R. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. D. S. Langton, I.P.M.; F. Gordon, S.W.; R. B. Stedman, J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Timins, M.A., P.M., Chap.; W. Page, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treas.; R. Clout, P.M., Sec.; D. T. Lyle, S.D.; T. Scott, J.D.; F. M. Apps, I.G.; J. Barten, Stwd.; and R. Pointer, Tyler.

A banquet afterwards took place, of which the brethren, to the number of about 30, partook. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, W.M.; J. S. Bradstock, S.W.; Rev. Wm. Lynes, P.M., J.W.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; W. G. Roberts, S.D.; F. Asgill Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Job Webb, Tyler, P.M.'s: Bros. A. Parker, I.P.M.; G. W. Keeling, P.P.G.S.D.; W. C. Heane, P.P.G.S.B.; also Bros. A. C. Bright, W. A. Hurlt, T. H. Deakin, Wm. Spence, G. H. R. Holden, and P. Buchanan. Visitors: Bros. Baron de Ferriers, P.M. 82, P.G.S.D., Prov. G.S.W.; George Norman, P.M. 246, P.P.G.R.; Wm. Powell, I.P.M. 900; J. L. Piddock, P.M. 338; and George Minett, Sec. 338.

The installation of Bro. J. S. Bradstock, S.W., was performed by Bro. J. Shaw Carleton, W.M., assisted by Bros. Baron de Ferriers, M. F. Carter, George Norman, W. C. Heane, and A. Parker. The new W.M. afterwards investing the following as his officers: Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, I.P.M.; Rev. Wm. Lynes, P.M., S.W.; W. G. Roberts, J.W.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; M. F. Carter,

P.M., Sec.; T. Cadle, P.M., S.D.; T. H. Deakin, J.D.; F. A. Carter, P.M., D.C.; C. A. Gould, Org.; Wm. Spence, I.G.; James Ricketts and John Shiles, Stwds.; and Job Webb, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards served in the Old Court Room, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Henry Kimm, the newly-elected Worshipful Master, and the investment of his officers for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chaplain, W.M., supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. Wm. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., as S.W.; Henry Kimm, 40, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; J. B. Foord, J.D. 40, S.D.; T. J. Walder, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. T. Jordan, I.G.; J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, P.M., as Tyler; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.M. 40; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; J. B. Sargent, P.M.; A. D. Womersley, P.M.; W. C. Tull, C. Martin, J. B. Foster, W. A. Raper, R. T. Davison, M.D., J. W. Pepper, H. T. Simmons, Rev. Henry Hawkins, M.A., T. W. Avis, and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. Tooth, P.P.G. Chap., W.M.; C. H. Haine, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 1110; T. Dutton, W.M. 1726; J. J. Allinson, W.M. 1842; F. H. Hallett, W.M. 40 (the Mayor of Hastings); Edwin Bradnam, J.P.; Peter Robinson, P.M. 201; C. Reinmann, P. M. Skinner, C. G. Barnes, and W. Cooper, all of 40; Robertson, and others.

The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed and communications read, the W.M. elect, Bro. Kimm, was then presented by Bro. Ichorpe, P.P.G.S.D., to the installing Master, the Dean of Battle, Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, for the benefit of installation, and a more impressive and effective rendering of the beautiful ceremony it has seldom been our good fortune to listen to. Performed throughout without a hitch and with faultless elocution, it created an impression on those present that will remain for a long time. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., I.P.M.; Robert Hughes, S.W.; J. B. Foord, J.W.; Rev. Henry Hawkins, M.A., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, Treas. (re-elected for the 16th time); W. A. Raper, Sec.; T. J. Walder, S.D.; W. T. Jordan, J.D.; C. W. Duke, D.C.; J. Fielding, Org.; and C. Leary, Tyler. Bro. Councillor Duke, P.M., was again appointed Charity Steward. After congratulations from the members, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, Hastings, where the party sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, served under the able superintendence of the manager, Mr. William Glade, who generalised the staff of waiters with precision and skill, and which reflects infinite credit on his able management. The usual toasts were then given and duly honoured.

The W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft"; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Councillor Duke, P.M., proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, R.W. Prov. G.M. Designate."

The next toast—"W. Bro. John Scott, D.P.G.M., and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past"—was proposed by Bro. A. D. Womersley, P.M., and responded to by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, P.G.C.

"The W.M. of Abbey Lodge" was next proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Currie, and responded to by Bro. Henry Kimm, W.M.

"The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. Kimm, W.M., was responded to by the I.P.M., Bro. Currie. Bro. Wel's, Treas., proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was duly responded to by them.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast, being proposed by Bro. Duke, and responded to by Bros. Wells, Treas., and W. A. Raper, Sec.

The toast of "The Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bros. Hughes, S.W., and Foord, J.W.

"The Masonic Charities," "The Stewards," and Tyler's toast closed the list.

The proceedings were greatly enlivened by songs and an excellent selection of music by Bros. Hallett, Hughes, Farr, Avis, and others, under the direction of Bro. J. Fielding, Organist; and throughout were of a most happy and enjoyable description.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—The installation of Bro. Robert Heaton as Worshipful Master of the above lodge took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, amongst the brethren present being Bros. William Bolton, W.M.; W. H. J. Jenkins, P.M.; Robert Heaton, S.W.; A. G. Webster, J.W.; G. Mackey, S.D.; John Baird, J.D.; W. Richardson, Treas.; D. W. Finney, Sec.; Joseph Shillcock, I.G.; Thomas Domville, Tyler; William Taylor, P.M.; Edward Rose, Charles Ashurst, Thomas Baxter, John Pemberton, James Dobson, Richard Shackleton, H. Hoult, James Smethurst, Samuel J. Rowe, W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; Samuel Crossley, Arthur F. G. Potter, Robert Rose, Robert Evans, William Halford, F. Massey, and Thos. Hutchinson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. E. Greenall, jun., W.M. 148; Richard Brierley, P.M. 148; Joseph Adams, 148; John W. Tauranac, 721; P. M. Hunter, 1313, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Matthews, W.M. 1384; J. S. Patten, S.W. 1384; and Thomas Williams, S.D. 1384.

The installation ceremony was performed in an excellent and impressive manner by Bro. D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire. The following brethren were appointed the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Bolton, I.P.M.; A. G. Webster, S.W.; G. Mackey, J.W.; David W. Finney, Sec.; William Richardson, Treas.; John Baird, S.D.; Joseph Shillcock, J.D.; Edward Rose, Org.; A. F. G. Potter, I.G.; and Thomas Domville, Tyler. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, Winmarleigh-street, where a banquet, which was of the most recherché description, was provided. Bro. T. O.

Speakman was the caterer, and great praise is due to him, not for the excellent spread, but for the admirable waiting. The tables were tastefully adorned with plants and flowers.

The W.M., Bro. Heaton, proposed "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," and "Lord Lathom, D.G.M."

The next toast was "The Provincial Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. Jenkins, P.M., who spoke in high terms of Lord Lathom, Colonel Stanley, and other Provincial Grand Officers. They were, he said, honoured that evening by the presence of a distinguished brother, namely, Bro. Hunter, whom they welcomed in true Masonic manner.

Bro. Hunter was delighted to pay a visit to the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, which he complimented upon its strength and efficiency, and paid a high compliment to Bro. Finney for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

Bro. Bolton proposed in suitable terms "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and, in reply, Bro. Heaton expressed the pleasure it afforded him to have the honour of occupying the distinguished position of Worshipful Master of the lodge.

The other toasts were "P.M.'s and Officers of No. 1250," "The W.M. and Brethren of No. 148," "The Visitors," "The Musical Brethren," "The Charities," and the Tyler's toast.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The election meeting of this well established lodge took place on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Railway Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Fletcher Knight, W.M., Bro. J. J. Marsh, I.P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., presided as the W.M. There were present Bros. W. R. Vassila, S.W. and W.M. elect, P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; J. Laurence, J.W.; Frederick Walters, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.D. Middx.; E. A. Smith, S.D.; C. W. Baker, J.D.; Wm. Walters, I.G.; J. C. Goslin, W.S.; J. A. Wilson, C.S.; G. H. Eaton, J.S.; F. Dunstan, A. Sec.; E. J. Whelan, J. R. Russell, W. Kite, P. Kite, P. Lodge, A. Lawton, J. R. Cox, W. Lance, and J. Montgomery. Bro. James Triptree, a late member of this lodge, was present as a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Frank Smith and Mr. John Montgomery. Bro. Wm. John Russell, who had been initiated in this lodge on April 6th, 1882, passed July 15, 1882, and who, since that time, had been residing in New Zealand, was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. E. J. Whelan was regularly and duly introduced, and passed to the Degree of F.C. Mr. John Montgomery being present, he was introduced and initiated into the mysteries and the privileges of Ancient Masonry. The by-laws were then read by the Secretary. Bro. William Robert Vassila, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The acting W.M., Bro. J. J. Marsh, in a good speech, informed Bro. W. R. Vassila of the great honour which had been conferred upon him. Bro. W. R. Vassila, the W.M. elect, thanked the members not only for having elected him as W.M., an honour he had been working for these past ten years. They had at their May meeting unanimously recommended him for Prov. G. Lodge honours, and those in power had honoured the lodge in selecting him for the very high rank he now held of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer of Middlesex. He felt both thankful and heartfelt gratitude for his provincial honour and his position of W.M. elect. His acts would be to complete the round dozen of Stewards by accompanying Bro. J. A. Wilson to Brighton as such, provided their Secretary carried out his part of the contract by getting him a sufficient sum on his list, beside his own donations, to render it worthy of the high reputation enjoyed by the Lebanon Lodge, 1326. However, quite independent of this proposed Stewardship for Boys, he promised them he would join Bro. J. A. Wilson in representing this lodge at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The next business was the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer, having declined to be again re-elected Treasurer in consequence of his continued ill-health, he being much too ill to attend that meeting. He has held the office of Treasurer of the lodge and chapter for many years past with great credit to himself and with every satisfaction to both lodge and chapter. Bro. Samuel Page, Organist, having agreed to accept that office for ensuing twelve months he was duly elected as the Treasurer. It was agreed to hold the Audit meeting at Bro. Gilbert's house on Wednesday, July 17th. Bros. H. Forss, P.M., S. Wheeler, and F. Dunstan, in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws, were elected Auditors. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. John Alfred Wilson, C.S., was unanimously elected as the Steward for the Boys' School for 1886-7. Bros. C. W. Baker, J.D., and J. C. Goslin, W.S., were elected Stewards for the Girls' School for 1887; J. A. Wilson, C.S., and W. R. Vassila, P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W., W.M. elect, for Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1887.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Refreshment followed labour, which was served under the management of Bro. H. P. Harris.

The toasts were all given and responded to, and after a few hours spent in social enjoyment the brethren separated.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 12th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. John Faulkner, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, acting W.M.; W. H. Matthews, S.W.; Dr. W. Faulkner, J.W.; Edward W. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; W. Heaton, S.D.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., acting J.D.; W. Lovelock, W.S.; F. G. Mitchell, acting Tyler, in the absence of Bro. John Gilbert; J. T. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middlesex; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; H. T. Tallack, F. Tallack, and D. Hart-Davies. Visitor: Bro. H. Gordon-Hill, 2095.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bro. Francis Tallack was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. There were four names on the summons for initiation; but, owing to the holidays, the gentlemen named were unable to attend, consequently the

work was much lighter than anticipated. Letters from absent members, pleading inability to attend, having been read, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, when, with toasts and songs, a very pleasant evening was spent.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. J. T. Briggs, W.M.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx., acting S.W.; Gurney, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Jenkins, S.D.; Capt. Bunn, J.D.; Toulmin, acting I.G.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; Perry, Harrison, Tyler, and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting, held at the Town Hall on the 5th inst., to receive the Prov. Grand Lodge, were read and confirmed. Bro. Perry was passed to the Second Degree. The Treasurer's report was received and adopted. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Secretary, was unanimously elected an Hon. Member.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave briefly, but pertinently, a few important toasts. The brethren then adjourned.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Whit Tuesday at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. In the absence of the W.M., through illness, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Blenkin, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; George Simpson, P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M. and Treasurer; James Kay, Secretary; W. B. Dyson as S.D.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; J. D. Irving and P. Pearson, Stewards; J. Hall, Tyler; C. Tuff, W. Sharp, W. S. Child, J. Mennell, and others.

Mr. F. W. Halliwell, an accepted candidate, was initiated, the charge being delivered by the S.W. Bros. James Smith and J. L. Spetch were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Hewdry was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the lodge a portrait of Bro. Wolley, the last Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of all England, at York in 1792, which had been handsomely framed by Bro. W. B. Dyson, and the thanks of the lodge were voted to Bros. Whytehead and Dyson for their joint gift. A letter was read from the W.M. stating that his health was somewhat improved, and trusting that he would, in August, be able once more to resume his chair. Bro. T. B. Whytehead announced that on the 9th July it was anticipated that the Grand Secretary of Scotland, Bro. Murray Lyon, and several other leading Scotch Masons would be in York, and he had arranged for an emergency meeting on that evening, when a candidate would be raised and the Northern brethren would be present as visitors, and he trusted the brethren would muster in goodly numbers to do honour to their friends from Edinburgh. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren assembled round the board of refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Proposing "The Queen," Bro. Whytehead said he trusted that within their own walls no such disgraceful scandal would ever be enacted as that which had been reported to have occurred in a Southern assemblage of brethren, when a certain member of the Order declined to rise or to drink the health of their beloved Queen. Such a man was a disgrace to the Order, to the nation, and to humanity, and a violator of his supreme duties as a Freemason. If he were presiding at any Masonic meeting where such an incident took place he would take good care that the brother so conducting himself should be summarily ejected, and should not again present himself upon the lodge premises until he had purged his guilt.

The brethren warmly applauded this expression of opinion, and exhibited feelings that augured badly for the comfort of any disloyal wretch who might happen to sneak into the rooms of the Eboracum Lodge.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master" was responded to by Bro. C. G. Padel, P.P.G.O., and the several candidates made notable speeches in response to their respective healths.

The various improvements made in the building are monthly the source of congratulation with the members, and there are now few things wanting to make the Eboracum Masonic Hall one of the most complete Masonic homes in the country.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—There was a very gratifying attendance at the regular meeting of this lodge on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Sun Hotel, when Bro. J. W. Moorman, W.M., was supported by Bros. John Drewett, S.W.; G. Moorman, J.W.; C. Oldridge, P.M., P.P.G.P. Surrey, Treas.; A. Laurence, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, Sec.; H. Willis, acting S.D. (in the absence through indisposition of Bro. W. Drewett, S.D.); H. Humphries, J.D.; W. Youldon, I.G.; F. Montague, D.C.; W. Youldon, P.M., P.P.G. J.D. Surrey; J. Bond, P.M., P.P.G.P. Surrey; W. Lane, P.M., P. G. Steward Surrey, and many others.

Lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as the minutes of three emergency meetings held since, were read and confirmed. Bros. Morris, Sumner, Huggins, and Tucker were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Davis was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. H. C. Highatt and Mr. Thomas Pennington, and being unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The whole of the ceremonies were worked in a highly creditable manner by the W.M., assisted by his officers.

The W.M. announced to the brethren the result of the Girls' Festival last month, and the support given by the province to its chief, Bro. General Brownrigg, which was very warmly received. After the propositions for initiation, and the usual routine business, lodge was closed.

The brethren and visitors then adjourned to the hotel for supper. The usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The speeches were kept within due bounds, and some excellent songs were rendered.

During the evening the J.W. called the attention of the brethren to the approaching Boys' Festival, and a good

sum was placed upon his list. This will make the third time the Brownrigg Lodge has been represented at "Charities" this year, the S.W., W.M., and J.W. acting respectively for the "Old People," "The Girls," and "The Boys'."

CONSETT.—Constance Lodge (No. 2135).—A general meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst. The R.W. P.G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was present to witness the raising of Bro. John Calvert, one of the oldest inhabitants of the district, who has attained the ripe age of 74 years. He was supported on the dais by Bros. W. Coxon, P.M. 124, 1274, P.P.G.S.B., and C. E. Barnes, P.M. 1334, P.G.R. During the evening the W.M., Bro. Wm. Logan, P.M. 124, in his usual impressive manner, raised Bros. Calvert and Jackson to the Third Degree, and passed Bros. Richards and Surtees, to the F.C. Degree. Messrs. Almond and Parker were initiated. Before leaving the lodge the R.W.P.G.M. congratulated the W.M. and his officers on the admirable way in which this newly-constituted lodge was worked, and expressed his satisfaction at its rapid progress since its consecration.

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METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. Lane, W.M.; Thom, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; E. Storr, Sec.; Saunders, Assist. Sec.; Davies, S.D.; J. C. Smith, J.D.; Hausman, I.G.; and about 40 other brethren.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. E. Storr, Installing Master, and J. C. Smith, Director of Ceremonies, Bro. G. W. Knight was duly installed into the chair of K.S., who, after investing his officers, vacated the chair for Bro. Lane, who closed the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Lane, to be recorded on the minutes, for the admirable manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Sater, W.M.; C. Pugh, S.W.; Mims, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Brindley, P.M., S.D.; C. White, P.M., J.D.; Hayes, I.G.; Barker, Adams, Badderly, Bowen, Harris, and Chilcott.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Badderly being the candidate. Bro. Bowen answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Bowen duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

At a meeting afterwards of the Charitable Association, three ballots were taken, which proved favourable to Bros. Gibson, Musson, and Birkin.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Ham, W.M.; E. Chamberlain, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; H. Crookes, S.D.; L. Gunzell, J.D.; C. Lambert, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. Etheridge, R. W. Williams, H. J. Pellatt, H. G. Marsden, John Mitchell, C. Grassi, J. D. Graham, A. Clark, C. A. Itter, G. P. Bertini, L. B. Levy, G. H. Reynolds, James Woodward, Frank Gulliford, G. F. Swan, and Henry W. Battley.

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 and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. J. D. Graham having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony, with the charge. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge was closed in the 1st and then the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. H. W. Battley, 1257, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, and seconded by Bro. E. C. Mulvey. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. C. Mulvey proposed that Bro. E. Chamberlain, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. E. C. Mulvey proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. W. Ham, W.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this or any other lodge of instruction. His excellent working of the ceremony of initiation with the charge has seldom been done better in any lodge or lodge of instruction—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned. On parting, the brethren expressed themselves much pleased with the manner in which Bro. E. C. Mulvey had acted as Preceptor in the absence of Bro. W. C. Smith.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the New Market Hotel, E.C. Present: Bros. T. G. Hodues, W.M.; R. B. Greenwood, S.W.; F. J. Rumball, J.W.; Young, P.M., acting Sec.; W. C. Brasher, S.D.; W. Jolly, J.D.; A. E. Bishop, I.G.; Smyth, Tyler; Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor; Mallett, P.M.; T. Butt, P.M.; J. J. Howes, P.M.; Simpson, W.M. 1745; W. Linnet, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened to the Third Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Butt candidate. Bro. Greenwood, by request of the W.M., succeeded to the chair, and worked the First and Second ceremony, Bro. Butt again candidate. Lodge was then closed in due form. Brethren in search of Masonic knowledge will find this central spot an abode of harmony, and hearty greeting accorded them. Meet and leave early.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Musson, S.W.; Green, sen., P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Glover, S.D.; Gibson, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; J. Purnell, Clarkson, and Folsom.

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. Purnell, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Purnell candidate. The lodge was closed down. The W.M., having risen for the second time, Bro. Musson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Musson returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Gold Hawk-

road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. Austin, W.M.; Cavers, S.W.; Sims, J.W.; Chalfond, P.M., Sec.; Whittle, S.D.; Breitbard, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Spiegel, P.M.; Purdie, P.M.; W. Williams, Mollony, Cross, Head, Wood, Craggs, and Gilbert.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Mollony candidate. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cross candidate. Bro. Cavers, S.W., having been elected W.M. for next meeting, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 16th inst. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G.P. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; R. H. Saunders, H., M.E.Z. elect; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, H.; Smiles, J. elect; W. Taylor, P.P.G.J. Middx., P.Z., Treas.; W. H. Saunders, I.P.Z.; Cama, Grand Treas., P.Z.; Dunkley, P.P.G. Org.; Gurney, Jenkins, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. installed Comp. R. H. Saunders as First Principal, and Comp. W. Taylor installed Comp. Smiles as Third Principal. The officers for the year ensuing are Comps. T. R. Richell, S.E.; Hosken, S.N.; Tomlinson, M.P., P.S.; Dunkley, 1st A.S.; Gurney, 2nd A.S.; W. Taylor, Treasurer; Harrison, Janitor.

Upon the motion of Comps. Taylor and Walls, Comp. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.E., was elected an Honorary Member.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst. Present: Comps. Syman, M.E.Z.; J. C. Smith, H.; E. Storr, J.; G. W. Knight, S.N.; Ratcliff, P.S.; Edmonds, Preceptor; Whiting, Janitor; Carter, Gregory, Paul Storr, and others.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed, Comp. Paul Storr candidate. This chapter meets all the year round, and companions preparing for their various offices could not find a more convenient or better conducted chapter of improvement in London, and will always be received with the greatest cordiality by Comp. Edmonds and his school of companions.

Mark Masonry.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 357).—The first anniversary of this lodge took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 19th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.W.; Ralph Gooding, P.G.O.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.; and other visitors. In the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, Bro. Dr. Lawrence occupied the chair, and Bro. Mooney was advanced to the Mark Degree. Bro. Meadows afterwards filled the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. George Gardner as his successor, who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. Tyler, S.W.; John Edwards, J.W.; R. Taylor, M.O.; H. J. Davis, S.O.; W. Clowes, J.O.; Dr. Lawrence, Treasurer; J. L. Mather, Secretary; W. Gover, Reg. of Marks; A. Pringle, S.D.; and A. J. Mooney, J.D.

The investiture of the other officers was deferred until the next meeting.

A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., who expressed himself as exceedingly gratified at such a recognition of his services. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

After "Heartly good wishes" from the visitors present, the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Brill. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed.

In response to the toast of the I.P.M. by Bro. Gardner, Dr. Meadows thanked them heartily for their good wishes and expressed his surprise that his poor services had been thought worthy of the gift they had that evening bestowed on him.

Four candidates were proposed for advancement and one for joining. Apologies for absence were received from Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Cama, and others, the former, at the same time, expressed his intention to confer a collar on Bro. Gardner at the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The installation meeting of the above popular and prosperous lodge took place on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. T. D. Hayes, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent, S.W., W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremony, placed in the chair of A., and saluted in due form. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by Bro. Quartermaster G. Spinks, O.S.C., W.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, and the ballot being taken for Bro. Quartermaster A. Brooks, 1536 (Craft), and proving unanimous, that brother was duly advanced. Bro. T. R. Richardson, W.M. elect 913 (Craft), Grosvenor Mark Lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., D.P.G.M. Kent, who was accorded grand honours on entering the lodge, then took the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. Hayes was presented and duly installed. Bro. Hayes then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Palmer, P.G.P. Kent, S.W.; W. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent, Treas.; T. Ovenden, P.P.G. Stwd., M.O.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G. Asst. Sec. Kent, S.O. and Sec.; J. Whitehead, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, J.O.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O. Kent, R.M.; T. Cooper, S.D.; E. Tappenden, J.D. (by proxy); J. Aillud, I.G.; E. West, D.C.; and W. Akers, and J. Warren, Stewards (by proxy). Bro. Cummings then gave the several charges, and so concluded a splendid service, that was most impressive from its perfect accuracy and eloquent delivery. A cordial vote of thanks was then tendered Bro. Cummings for his services, and he was further elected an honorary member of the lodge by acclamation, for which he returned thanks, and, in so doing, said it was no use occupying the position he did unless the

duties were conscientiously carried out by him. He had been asked to install their W.M., and hailed the opportunity of coming to Woolwich, and installing such a good and worthy Mason as Bro. Hayes was. He also thanked them for making him an honorary member of the lodge, in which he had always taken a great interest, and its prosperity would always be a cause of rejoicing to him, and also to their esteemed Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Spinks was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks; and, after five guineas had been voted to his list for the Mark Benevolent Fund, the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet was held at Bro. Capon's, the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, at which the following brethren, besides those above mentioned, sat down: Comps. W. A. Weston, P.M., P.G.J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Kent; C. H. Canning, F. Reed, D. C. Capon, P.P.G.O. Kent; W. R. Arnold, E. Denton, W.M. 44, P.P.G. Stwd. Kent.; and W. Richey, G.O. (Constantine).

The usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. Cummings responded for that of "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, in so doing, said that Mark Masonry was making the most rapid strides; during the past year no less than 10 new lodges had been consecrated, and over 400 brethren had been advanced. He trusted before long to have the great pleasure of seeing a member of that lodge a Grand Officer, and that, at least, there would never be a Grand Officer wanted in Kent to respond for the toast of the Grand Lodge of England and its officers.

In giving the toast of "The P.G.M. of Kent, Bro. Robinson," the W.M. deeply regretted the indisposition of that esteemed brother, and trusted that he would soon be restored to health, so that he might still keep on with the good work for Masonry, especially Mark Masonry, that had so long and so honourably distinguished his career.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The D.P.G.M.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," spoke in eulogistic terms of the splendid manner in which the D.P.G.M. had that day carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and trusted that now Bro. Cummings was an honorary member he would come among them as often as he could. They must not expect too much of that brother, because his duties were so many; but they loved to see him among them, and hear his eloquent working. He asked them to drink the toast heartily, so as to show their sense of the services rendered that day by Bro. Cummings.

Bro. Cummings, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent response, said that the Province of Kent was in the very front as regards its Charity, being the only Vice-Patron in the kingdom on the Mark Benevolent Fund. Last year they took up the largest list that had ever been taken up at any anniversary of the Fund since its formation. The amount contributed to the Fund the previous year was £1710, and this year they wanted to make up the sum to at least £2000. He himself was going up as a Steward; but knowing that their immediate Past Master, Bro. Spinks, was going up also, he would not trespass upon his grounds in that respect. After heartily thanking them for the toast, he said he could not sit down without proposing "The Health of their esteemed W.M." Those who knew Bro. Hayes must feel the greatest pleasure at seeing him in the chair, and he felt sure no one had more merited the esteem of the brethren than had Bro. Hayes. That esteem was fully shared both by him, Bro. Cummings, and also by Bro. Robinson. He knew that Bro. Hayes had a good year of office before him, and heartily wished that favouring gales would waft them into the harbour of prosperity.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he felt that they were taking him very largely on trust, but they might depend upon it he would try to prove worthy of their confidence, and do all in his power, supported and assisted by them, to sustain the reputation of the Excelsior Lodge. He trusted that at the end of his year of office he should hand down the warrant to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it. He would not take up their time longer, but would try to prove worthy of their kindness by words, rather than by words.

"The Past Masters" was the next toast, and in response, Bro. Spinks thanked them for their hearty support of him on his Stewardship for the Mark Benevolent Fund. The list just sent round the table showed the handsome sum of £31 5s. 6d., and that, for so few, was a good augury of the success of his Stewardship. He felt that the Fund did the greatest good for the greatest number, at the smallest expense, and therefore felt a great pleasure in supporting it. On his own behalf, and that of the Past Masters, he cordially thanked them.

Bro. Weston also briefly responded. Bro. Brooks responded for "The Initiate," and trusted by perseverance to become a good and useful member of the Mark Degree.

Bros. Denton and Richey responded for "The Visitors." A special toast was accorded Bro. Penfold, to whom all due honour was given for his earnest and unswerving labour in maintaining the lodge at a very critical moment of its existence; and when that brother rose to respond he was cheered right lustily.

Bro. Coupland responded for "The Treasurer," and Bros. Palmer and Moulds for "The Officers."

Bro. Jolly returned thanks for "The Masonic Press," and after the Host, Bro. Capon, had been complimented upon his handsome catering, the proceedings, which had been interspersed with some good songs and recitations, were brought to a close.

Telegraphic addresses (Inland) for the Freemason Printing and Publishing Works—"Freemason, London." For Jewels, Clothing, Furniture, Banners, &c., &c.—"Kenning, London."

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has accepted Bro. the Lord Mayor's invitation to be present at the Colonial and Indian Dinner, which will take place on Tuesday, the 29th inst.

Mr. J. S. Wood, who originated and organised "Ye Olde Englishe Fayre" and "The Shakspearean Show" at the Royal Albert Hall, and other successful shows in London, chiefly on behalf of charitable Institutions, has been appointed General Manager of the new National Agricultural Hall at Kensington. The vast buildings, which cover four acres out of the 12 acres owned by the company, are rapidly approaching completion, and several novel shows are already being arranged.

Scotland.

PROPOSED NEW MASONIC HALL IN STIRLING.

Operations are being rapidly pushed forward in clearing out the site at the lower end of High-street for the new Masonic Hall, the foundation stone of which is to be laid to-morrow (Saturday). The occasion will be taken advantage of for a Masonic demonstration, when it is expected there will be a large turn-out both of brethren and general Public. The members of the local lodge, St. John's, No. 9, will be present in full force, along with deputations from the provincial lodges. The following brethren have, we understand, intimated their intention to be present: Bros. the Marquis of Breadalbane, P.G.M. of Perthshire East; Colonel Campbell, Governor of the General Prison, Perth, R.W.M. of Lodge No. 122, Perth; Captain Middleton, R.W.M. of Lodge Ancient, No. 30, Stirling; Captain Dundas, of Dalchonzie; T. G. Graham Stirling, of Strowan, R.W.M. of Lodge St. Kessack's, Comrie; George Christie, of Southfield, D.P.G.M. of Stirlingshire; D. Murray Lyon, Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland; James Brown, P.G.S. of Stirlingshire; A. P. Dick Cleland, R.W.M. of Lodge Abercrombie, Bridge of Allan; and others.

As the space available for the public on the site of the hall is somewhat limited, it is intended to erect a grand stand capable of accommodating 500 persons, admission to which can be obtained at a nominal charge.

The brethren will assemble in the Reading Room at two o'clock, and after being marshalled by Col. Stirling, of Kippendavie, R.W.M., and preceded by the volunteer band, they will march to the site of the hall. Bro. Colonel Stirling will there lay the foundation-stone in accordance with Masonic ritual.

The R.A.V.M. will then be presented with the silver trowel used upon the occasion, after which the brethren will dine together in the Reading Room.

The architect for the building is Mr. McLean, Stirling, and the new hall will, when completed, form a handsome and substantial building.

Egypt.

CAIRO.—Bulwer Lodge (No. 1068).—The usual regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, 15th ult., Bro. Capt. Williams Freeman, W.M., in the chair, and the following brethren were present: Bros. W. P. M. Spence, acting S.W.; M. S. Elliott, R.E., J.W.; T. Fenton, I.G.; Sergt.-Major Vincent, Secretary; Hornstein, S.D.; H. Scott, J.D.; F. Hooper, Organist; Popodapolo, Tyler; and 25 other brethren. Adjt.-Major Schalck and Conductor Josiah Saunders were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bros. Gregory, Hammer, and Charman were passed to the Second Degree.

The W.M. then drew the attention of the brethren to the great loss that the lodge would sustain on the departure of the brethren of the 19th (Princess of Wales' Own) Hussars, and he took that opportunity of thanking them for their prompt attendance and for the manner they had at all times assisted him in Masonic duties, and in wishing them God speed he was certain that they would be as assiduous in their next lodge as they had been in the Bulwer Lodge.

Bro. Fenton, J.W. 19th (P.W.O.) Hussars, thanked the W.M. for the very flattering manner in which he had spoken of the brethren of the 19th (P.W.O.) Hussars, and trusted that wherever he went he would be able to work in such a manner as to deserve to be mentioned by the W.M. He concluded by saying he would never forget his mother lodge—the Bulwer.

Bros. Withers and Ward also responded in brief but suitable terms.

The accounts to 31st May were then read, showing a balance of assets over liabilities of £77 3s. 9d.

The W.M. said the balance of accounts, considering that during the past five months a complete set of clothing for the lodge and two P.M.'s jewels were purchased, was extremely satisfactory, and it was to a great extent due to the indefatigable zeal of their worthy Treasurer, P.M. Spence, that such a satisfactory account had been placed before the lodge.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then retired to the banqueting room, and spent some time in pleasant and social Masonic converse.

Malta.

VALETTA.—Wayfarers Lodge (No. 1026, E.C.)—The installation meeting of this young, but flourishing, lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. W. Kingston, D.G.M.; R. H. Bullock, D.D.G.M.; Watson, P.D.D.G.M.; S'good, D.G. Treas.; Starkey, D.G. Sec.; Stanley, P.D.G. Reg.; Pariente, P.D.G.J.W.; Lippett, P.D.G. I.G.; D. Cooper, P.M., Leinster Lodge, I.C.; and W. Stephens, W.M. Leinster Lodge, I.C.; also many officers, members, and visitors.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Montgomery, D.G.S.W., when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Pearce and Clarke were unanimously elected joining members, and Bros. Jordan, Pitman, and Calder raised to the Third Degree in the W.M.'s usually impressive manner. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which Bro. Kingston assumed, and Bro. H. J. Harnack, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation. The ceremony was performed by the D.G.M. most effectively. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Montgomery, I.P.M., Treas.; T. C. Morris, S.W.; F. Gardiner, J.W.; R. Reynolds, Sec.; H. B. Wingrove, S.D.; J. McKay, J.D.; W. Hirst, Org.; G. Bashford, I.G.; David and S. Smith, Stwds.; and Beck, Tyler. Bro. Watson addressed the W.M., Wards, officers, and brethren generally in the impressive manner peculiar to him. Bros. Carlaw and McEerrow were unanimously elected members of the Permanent Committee, and in a like manner Bro. Bridle was elected a member of the Masonic Hall Committee. At the request of the I.P.M., a Secretary's jewel was presented, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, by the

D.G.M. to Bro. Pocock, the late Secretary, in recognition of the many and invaluable services he had rendered to the lodge.

Bro. Pocock (who is leaving the Island in a few days) in a most feeling speech thanked the brethren for this kind appreciation of his services.

A few items of general business having been concluded, the lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Beck, to whom was entirely due the immense success which attended this part of the meeting. A musical programme was carried out, much to the satisfaction of all present. The 11th June, 1886, will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to take part in this excellently-arranged, and most ably carried out, installation meeting.

MASONIC EXHIBITION OF CURIOSITIES, &c., AT SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT.

This Exhibition will be held under the patronage of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.S.D. of England. The Prov. G. Master has kindly expressed his intention of interesting himself to obtain exhibits from his province, while Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre will be a large contributor, sending a complete list of all Books of Constitutions, exhibited for the first time in their entirety. From the lists already sent in, together with those promised to be forwarded, there will probably be 1000 exhibits. There can be but little doubt this will form one of the greatest attractions ever open to the public in the Isle of Wight, and few Masons within reasonable distance will probably miss seeing it. The W.M. of the Chine Lodge, Bro. Alfred Greenham, hopes those brethren who have not answered his appeal, will do so not later than the first week in July, as the catalogue is being arranged, and Bro. W. J. Hughan has kindly consented to append archaeological notes.

The following circular has been issued by the W.M. of the Chine Lodge, Bro. Greenham:—

"3, Alexandra Terrace,
"Shanklin, June, 1886.

"My Dear Sir and Brother,

"It is our intention to hold, in the month of August, an Exhibition of Masonic Curiosities, &c., in "The Chalet," situated in the picturesque and beautiful grounds of Rylstone, overlooking the sea and Shanklin Chine, kindly lent by Madame Spartali.

"I should esteem it a great kindness if you would lend us any article of Masonic interest, of which every care would be taken.

"Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London, E.C., has kindly offered to receive and forward all articles sent to him.

"Should I be favoured with your help, a list, at once, of all articles you may place at our disposal would oblige, as the catalogue will take time to arrange.

"The following members of Chine Lodge make themselves guarantors for the safe custody and return of all exhibits:—

"The Lord of the Manor of Shanklin, Bro. F. White-Popham, J.P.

"Bro. Geo. H. R. Dabbs, M.D., F.R.C.S., P.M.

- No. 1884.
- "Wm. White, C.C., London.
- "Francis Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.
- "J. McQueen, P.M., W.M. Enoch, No. 11.
- "M. Linfield, P.M.
- "Capt. Whitehill.
- "Alfred Greenham, W.M.
- "John Bailey, I.P.M.
- "Francis Cooper, P.M.
- "Wm. Judd, S.W.
- "Frank Rayner, J.W.
- "George Avery, Chaplain.
- "L. Colenutt, Secretary.
- "C. H. Moorman, S.D.
- "A. F. Swayne, J.D.
- "W. Deeks, D.C.
- "J. W. Cantelow, I.G.
- "W. Thompson, Steward.
- "A. H. Brown.

"The lodge in its corporate capacity will also be responsible.

"I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without assuring you of the valuable assistance I have received, in every way, from Bro. Geo. Taylor, P.G. Secretary of Worcester, to whom I am deeply indebted for the information to make this Exhibition a success.

"Trusting I shall receive your kind help,

"I remain, Sir and Brother,

"Yours fraternally,

"ALFRED GREENHAM, W.M.

"The carriage and cost of packing will be cheerfully paid by us."

THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The holding of one of our Masonic Festivals at a distance from head-quarters makes it necessary there should be a somewhat more elaborate code of arrangements than usual. The nature of these arrangements for Wednesday next, when the Boys' School Festival will be held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, is fully described in a kind of programme issued from the offices of the Institution, G. Freemasons' Hall. But we may state briefly that the Dome and the whole of the large suite of rooms in the Pavilion have been reserved for the use of those taking part in the celebration, the Festival being in the Dome, and the rooms for the Stewards—who will have an ante-room especially reserved for them—ladies—for whom exclusive private drawing-rooms will be set apart—and the brethren generally. Light refreshments, such as tea, coffee, &c., will be served during the evening, while hats and coats will be taken charge of by attendants at rooms adjacent to the entrance. The Band of the Institution, under Bandmaster Whan, will play on the lawn during the afternoon and dinner. Smoking will be allowed in the proper rooms; but it is strictly prohibited in the Dome.

Brethren and ladies will appear in morning dress, the former without Masonic clothing or jewels, the Stewards'

badges alone excepted, and the latter with or without bonnets, as may be preferred. The badges will be distributed by the Special Stewards entrusted with this charge, while wands will be worn by Special Stewards only, and not by the general body of Stewards.

Dinner, which with wines and dessert, will be provided for by Bro. John Sayers, Western-road, Brighton, will be served in the Dome at 4 p.m. precisely, and consequently brethren and their friends are particularly requested to assemble in the Pavilion, certainly not later than 3.30 p.m.

It may be mentioned that, by the kind permission of the Directors, admission to the Aquarium may be had at a charge of sixpence each person, on presentation of the Festival Dinner Tickets.

The following are the special railway arrangements for the occasion:—

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TICKETS.

A special train of first-class carriages will leave London Bridge Terminus at 10.45 a.m., calling at East Croydon at 11.10 a.m., connecting with trains leaving Victoria Station at 10.40 a.m., calling at Clapham Junction at 10.45; returning from Brighton to London Bridge at 8.30 p.m., calling at East Croydon to set down passengers for Clapham Junction and Victoria.

The Pavilion is about half-a-mile distant from the railway station. Cab fare, 1s.

To meet unforeseen exigencies, railway tickets may be obtained at London Bridge Station up to 10.45 a.m.; at Victoria Station up to 10.30 a.m.; and at Clapham Junction on Wednesday, 30th, from the Secretary or Assistants, who will wear a small red rosette.

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards,

21st June.

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

BOYS' SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, WOOD GREEN.

We have elsewhere mentioned that R.W. Bro. Lord Suffield has signified his intention of presiding at the annual Fête and Distribution of Prizes at Wood Green tomorrow (Saturday). The arrangements are of the usual character. The distribution will take place in the large Hall of the Institution, commencing at 2 p.m., and will be followed by a collation in the Gymnasium at 5 p.m. About 6.30 p.m. there will be the usual athletic sports, and with the distribution of the prizes at these competitions the day's proceedings, which will be enlivened at intervals by the Band of the Institution, will come to an end. There will be a farce acted after the Chairman has delivered his remarks, the one chosen being by Martin Beecher, and entitled "In Possession," and the boy who plays his part best will be awarded the prize for Dramatic Ability, which the members of the Drury Lane Lodge have resolved on giving. The great desideratum on these occasions is fine weather, and if the Clerk in Charge will have the kindness to bear this in mind, and lay on a special store of warm sunshine for to-morrow, we have no doubt the Festival Stewards and their friends and the boys at Wood Green will forgive him much, if not all, of his recent coldness.

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The principal business transacted at the third meeting, held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, concerned the arrangement of seats, but Bro. Binckes, Hon. Secretary of the Board, announced that he had recently had an interview with R.W. Bro. Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, who will preside on the occasion, and that his lordship, who evinced a deep interest in all that relates to the School, had expressed his intention of being in the chair at the annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes, which has been arranged for to-morrow (Saturday). Bro. J. L. Mather in the chair. Among the Stewards present were Bros. W. M. Bywater, Rev. H. Cummings, C. Challen, W. Holloway, H. M. Hobbs, E. West, J. L. Mather, H. A. Worcester Reeves, C. F. Hogard, George Mickley, M.B., R. Kempster, A. Money, G. Gardner, W. Purnell, G. Norrington, Capt. Newington Bridges, W. C. Claridge, J. Sadler Wood, G. J. Dunkley, and F. Binckes (Hon. Sec.)

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

We understand that the Earl of Rosslyn has, in response to a petition from several York members of the Order, authorised the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge for Yorkshire, with its head-quarters at York. Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, Vicar of Whixley, will be the Provincial Grand Master, and the ceremony connected with the constitution will take place on Saturday, the 10th July, in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when Lord Rosslyn will officiate, and will be assisted by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary, and a large deputation of brethren from the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh. A number of candidates will be advanced on the occasion, and it would seem that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire will begin its existence under most favourable auspices.

FREEMASONRY IN MANCHESTER.

The Arthur Sullivan Lodge, No. 2156, will be consecrated at the Memorial Hall, Albert-square, on Monday next. Its meetings are to be held in the afternoon. The idea of establishing a lodge upon such a condition originated with certain members of Mr. Charles Hallé's orchestra, and other professional brethren, who are unable to attend to their Masonic duties in the customary hours of meeting. It is anticipated that the membership of the lodge will be made up principally from musical and dramatic ranks. Sir Arthur Sullivan's permission has been given for the naming of the lodge. The eminent composer regrets, however, that his engagements will prevent him from being present at the inaugural ceremony. The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Starkie, will perform the ceremony of consecration. Bro. N. Dumville, P.M. 152, is the W.M. designate, and will be duly installed by Bro. Colonel Starkie. Bros. A. H. Williams and A. Avison are the prospective Wardens; Bro. Ben Brierly has been asked to discharge the duties of

Secretary, and Bro. E. W. Irving, P.M. (S.C.), will be nominated for election as Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. Dr. Bentley, has composed an anthem for the special service with which the lodge is to be opened, and Bro. Oliver Gags is organising an orchestra for the occasion.

The Craft Abroad.

PALATINE COMMANDERY, NO. 18, NEW YORK.

The knights of this commandery met at the Masonic Temple, 23rd Street, 6th Avenue, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., to attend Divine service in the St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, being their annual Ascension gathering. There was a very large attendance of knights in full regalia, forming a very imposing sight as they marched through the principal thoroughfares of the city to the strains of a splendid band. The Eminent Commander, Sir Knight J. W. Bowden, was ably supported by an efficient staff of officers, among whom, as a visitor, was Sir Knight John Chapman, P. Prov. G.R. Devonshire. A very impressive service was rendered, and an excellent discourse was given by the rector, the Rev. Dr. J. H. Rylance, who, although announcing himself as not a Freemason, gave a very warm reception to the sir knights, and dilated in most kindly terms upon the sublime teaching of this Christian Order. The procession of the clergy passing through the ranks of the members in glittering uniforms, under the "Arch of Steel," had a wonderful effect. The musical part of the service was also most ably and impressively rendered. After the service was concluded, Sir Knight J. W. Bowden E.C., gave the word of command to form and return to the Masonic Temple, where ample refreshments were prepared.

MASONRY IN CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters held its 26th annual assembly in San Francisco, April 26th last. We have no report of the business transacted. C. L. Fields was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Thomas H. Caswell, Grand Recorder. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter held its 32nd annual convocation in the same place, commencing on the morning of the next day, about 200 representatives being present. Grand High Priest Edward Coleman, of Grass Valley, said: "Thirty-two years have not yet passed since a few zealous and faithful Craftsmen, representing three chapters, comprising less than 80 members, met and organised this Grand Body. From this small beginning it has continued to grow and expand, until to day 66 chapters bow to its authority, and 4062 Royal Arch Masons kneel around our altars, united and working for the general good of our institution." During the year two new chapters were formed—Hollister Chapter, at Hollister, and Riverside Chapter, at Riverside. The year's receipts were 11,584.43 dollars; disbursements, 4,682.81 dollars; cash on hand, 6,901.62 dollars. The increase of members during the year was 101. The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified during the evening. The Grand High Priest quotes as follows in regard to the death of the Grand Guard, Ira Colburn Root, who died July 4th last, at the advanced age of 74: "Comp. Root was made a Mason in California Lodge, No. 1, on Nov. 6th, 1859, and exalted to the Sublime R.A. Degree in California Chapter, No. 5, on the 3rd of March, 1863. The Comp. was appointed Grand Guard of this Grand Chapter in the year 1867. He was blessed with a remarkable memory of faces. Once known, always known by him. This faculty rendered him ever efficient in the discharge of his duties, and with his genial and affable manners, placed him high in our regard. Faithfully he guarded the outer court of this Grand Tabernacle; he is now gathered to his fathers, and I would recommend that a mourning page in our proceedings be dedicated to his memory." The Grand Commandery met on the afternoon of the 29th.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Comp. S. Harper, Chairman of the Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania on Foreign Correspondence, appears to have prepared a very able report of Royal Arch doings in the various jurisdictions in the United States of America. The following passages from it relating to the physical perfection doctrine and public installations are worth reading, and we have therefore taken the liberty of quoting them entire. "In some jurisdictions we find earnest and influential men engaged in tearing down the landmark in regard to physical perfection. We are told that it is 'heart and intellect,' not legs and arms that constitute the man, that there are crippled and dismembered men who are capable of as good Masonic work as the most physical perfect man in the Fraternity. Without stopping to admit or dispute this proposition we observe that as the rule as to the physical condition of an applicant was accepted when our speculative system was formulated we have no right now to alter it. Freemasonry is a symbolical system and if we destroy the symbols we will deprive ourselves of the Masonic language in which to instruct the Craftsmen. Perfection of human character, perfection in personal life, perfection in knowledge of our duty to God and man, are the principal objects of our Fraternity and of these we have always believed that physical perfection is the unquestionable Masonic symbol. Destroy the symbol and we reduce Freemasonry to a level with the myriad of secret societies which the prolific brain of man has originated within the last 50 years.

"Another sign of the times which we deplore is the opening up of some of our most solemn ceremonies to the gaze of the profane world. Under Massachusetts we have related how the General Grand High Priest of the United States not only constituted and consecrated a chapter, but also installed its officers before a mixed assembly of Masons and profanes. That was not a solitary example, for we have encountered in other places the public installation of officers. Not only in the chapter, but even in the lodge this unfortunate innovation is being practised, and an Institution whose genius it is to celebrate its ceremonies and mysteries within Tyled doors is made to contribute to the entertainment of a curious public. The natural result of this is to loosen the bond of secrecy which has done so much to hold the Fraternity together as a unit. It begets freedom of expression, not only in speech but in writing. It is by no means rare to find in report and addresses, words and phrases printed in bold character that should be used only with the greatest caution.

"In searching for the cause of this desire to air Masonry before the world we are able to discover none so much responsible for it as the commandery. Its dazzling banners, its waving plumes, and glittering sword have done much to force it before the public that our admiring friends may see how well we look in our Templar uniform. We make our annual and triennial conclaves gala days in the different cities and towns in which they are held, and our installations are made occasions when our new Grand Master and Grand Commander may ventilate their oratory for the delectation of the masses. In making these remarks we do not spare our own jurisdiction—the Templars of Pennsylvania are as reprehensible as any in the land, and if it were possible more so, for their Masonic training is at war with such practices. Companions of Pennsylvania, who are Knights Templar, will you not think of these things?"

At the public examination of the pupils of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, and at the distribution of prizes which follows, the chair will be taken by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and the prizes distributed by Mrs. Evans. The programme of proceedings will include also a cricket match, lawn tennis on the terraces, luncheon at 2 p.m., and tea and coffee at 5 p.m. It is to be hoped therefore, that those to whom special invitations had been sent will return answer on or before Thursday next, the 1st prox.

Bro. the Lord Mayor gave a grand banquet at the Mansion House on Tuesday to the Mayors and Provosts of the United Kingdom, the principal guests including Bros. Aldermen Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Savory, Sir H. E. Knight, DeKeyser, Gray, and Cowan, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sheriff Clarke, Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), T. Beard, Under-Sheriff Rose-Innes, G. Shaw, Loveridge, W. H. Pannell, Under-Sheriff Baxter, and others.

KENTUCKY.—Speculative Freemasonry, Mackey tells us, was introduced into Kentucky in 1788, when the Grand Lodge of Virginia granted a warrant to Lexington Lodge, No. 25, at Lexington. Three other lodges were warranted by the Virginian Grand Lodge at Paris, Georgetown, and Frankfort, and a fifth received a dispensation in Shelbyville. In 1800 these lodges met at Lexington, and form the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, W. Murray being the first Grand Master. Kentucky now has 586 lodges, and 21,594 members of the Order. A Grand Chapter was formed in 1816, a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1827, and a Grand Encampment in 1847. A Grand Consistory of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite was formed in 1852 by Bro. Albert Mackey, the distinguished cyclopaedist, as Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for the southern jurisdiction.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia.*

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, FRIVOLI.

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.

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.

Closed. Re-open July 3 with THE FOOL'S REVENGE.

GAIETY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.45, ADONIS; at 8, Farce.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.

Closed. Re-open with HAND AND HEART and HERN THE HUNTER.

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, ERMINIE.

GRAND THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, THE FAMINE.

STANDARD THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, CONFUSION.

SURREY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 7.30, THE RING OF IRON.

ROYAL AQUARIUM.

Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.

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Open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission one shilling; Wednesdays half-a-crown.

ALBERT PALACE.

Open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Amusements all day.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.

Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.

CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.

Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Company, &c., &c.

PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES.

Every Evening at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.

Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.



Bro. Under-Sheriff Baxter has been elected on the Committee of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans has been invited to contest Glamorganshire at the approaching General Election.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has consented to distribute the prizes at the Freeman's Orphan School, on Thursday, the 15th proximo.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight presided at the 5th annual meeting, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 16th inst., of the City of London Fire Insurance Company.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 26th inst. :—Tuesday—Society of Architects. Wednesday—Staff College.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey will entertain a further party of our visitors from the Colonies and India at their seat, Normanhurst Court, Battle, near Hastings, to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Kirby, who is one of the candidates for the Shrievalty of London and Middlesex, has been nominated a Justice of the Peace for Kent by the Lord Lieutenant of the county.

President Cleveland has accepted the honorary presidency of the American Exhibition to be held in London in 1887, and will perform the opening ceremony by telegraph from the White House.

Bro. Spiegel, P.M., has accepted the invitation from the Ranelagh Lodge to deliver his lecture on the Origin of Freemasonry this day (Friday) at the Seven Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith.

The brethren of East Cowes, Isle of Wight, have forwarded a petition praying for the granting of a new lodge to be called the Osborne. The P.G.M., we believe, has strongly recommended the same.

Mr. Horace B. Marshall, jun., son of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer, has presented a handsome silver challenge cup for competition among the members of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute Swimming Club.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., will preside at the first dinner in aid of the funds of the National Dental Hospital, 149, Great Portland-street, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday next, the 29th instant.

Sunday last was the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, her Majesty having succeeded her uncle, William IV., on the 20th June, 1837; while Monday next, the 28th inst., is the 49th Anniversary of her coronation.

Bro. Edwin Woodman, P.M. 1950, will be installed W.M. of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 26th inst. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Deputy Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice are expected to reach Windsor from Balmoral early this (Friday) morning. In the afternoon Her Majesty will hold a Council for the prorogation of Parliament, and on Saturday (to-morrow) the dissolution will take place, and the writs for the new Parliament will in all probability be issued.

The Pattenmakers' Company held a Court and Ladies' dinner in the Queen's Salon of the Holborn Restaurant on the 16th inst. Bro. R. Clout, the Master, presided, and among those present were Mrs. Clout, Bro. Barron Emanuel, M.A., Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Bywater, Bro. A. F. Godson, Bro. C. and Mrs. Lambert, Bro. J. and Mrs. Terry, and Bro. and Mrs. Youle. The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. A. F. Godson.

The Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Marlborough House on Monday from their visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke at Easton Lodge, Dunmow. Among the numerous guests invited by his lordship to meet their Royal Highnesses were Bro. the Earl of Fife, the Duchess of Manchester and her eldest son, Bro. Viscount Mandeville, Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford, Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., the Earl of Longford, and Lord Algernon Lennox.

There was a very large attendance of our Colonial and Indian visitors at the afternoon service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday last, Bro. Lord Mayor Staples and the Lady Mayoress, attended by the City Marshal and the Sword and Mace Bearers, being present, as well as Bros. Aldermen Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Gray, and Waterlow, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sheriff Clarke, the Under-Sheriffs—Rose-Innes and Baxter—and others.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor on their return from Brighton, attended the annual Fancy Dress Ball, held for the benefit of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and the Royal Scottish Hospital at the New Club, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, their Royal Highnesses being both in Highland costume. Among the principal guests were Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Atholl, Bro. the Earl of Fife, Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., the Countesses of March and Dalhousie, Lady Claud Hamilton, and Bro. the Earl of Arran.

Bro. William Davis, P.M., was the guest of the W.M., P.Ms., and officers of the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Bro. Davis is about leaving Hereford to take the management of the Gas Works at Poole, and Bro. John Barnes, W.M. of the Palladian Lodge, very effectively expressed the gratification of the brethren at the appointment of their much-esteemed brother, and their regret in parting with a friend and Mason so good and true. Bro. Davis acknowledged the kindness and congratulations in very feeling terms.

It is understood that no opposition will be offered to the return of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington for the Rossendale Division of Lancashire.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress visited the Royal Military Tournament at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Saturday last.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, Secretary for Scotland, entertained a number of guests at the Scottish offices, Dover House, Whitehall, on Friday, the 18th inst.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, at the installation of the W.M. of the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, Aldershot, in October, is to have the S.W. collar.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and other members of the Royal Family are expected to be present at the opening, on Wednesday next, by the Queen, of the Royal Holloway College for Women.

Bro. H. Squire, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Corporation of London, has presented to the Guildhall Art Gallery an engraving from the celebrated picture by Opie, of the murder of David Rizzio.

The annual collection, known as the Hospital Sunday Fund, for the hospitals and dispensaries of the Metropolis, of which Bro. the Lord Mayor is president, will take place on Sunday next, the 27th inst.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., will preside at the 14th anniversary dinner of the Westminster and Pimlico Licensed Victuallers' and Beer Sellers' Trade Association, to be held at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, the 15th proximo.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., presided at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Commercial Travellers' Schools, Pinner, on Saturday last, a cold collation being served in the dining hall of the Institution after the proceedings.

The annual dinners of the employés in the different departments of Messrs. Waterlow and Sons' business took place on Saturday last, that of the Managers and Clerks being held at the Star and Garter, Richmond, under the presidency of Bro. H. P. Waterlow, with Bro. M. Maybrick as one of the principal guests.

Among the principal guests at the dinner, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., in aid of the Funds of the Jews' Free School, Spitalfields, were Bros. Aldermen Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Isaacs, and Cowan. In the course of the evening subscriptions were announced to the amount of £3100.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. J. E. Leuvre, has been presented by the members of his mother lodge—Royal Gloucester, Southampton—with a Grand Deacon's jewel, as a mark of their gratification on his appointment to office in the Grand Lodge of England.

The Dublin Garrison Lodge, No. 730, presented to Bro. Capt. A. J. Lindsay, R.A., on his transfer from Dublin to Liverpool, a handsome tea and coffee service, also a beautiful Founders' jewel, as a reward of their high esteem and appreciation of his services in the lodge. The presentation was made in Lodge 736, the Croxteth United Service Lodge, Liverpool, recently.

Among the Stewards for the 59th anniversary festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, which was arranged to be held on Thursday, and at which Prince Albert Victor of Wales had kindly consented to preside, were Bros. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Alderman De Keyser, W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and Horace B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge of the State of New York in their just-ended session decided to wipe out at once the half million still owed for the Temple in New York city. Of this debt 400,000 dollars are in first mortgage 7 per cent. bonds, which do not mature until 1891, but the Trustees have contained a decision in a test case that the holders must accept prepayment.

Bro. Alfred Ayden, who was on Thursday, the 17th inst., elected Worshipful Master of the Beckenham Lodge, No. 2047, has appointed the following officers:—Bros. Dr. E. A. Carpenter, S.W.; G. V. A. Schofield, J.W.; A. Wilkie, S.D.; R. Millburn, J.D.; T. E. Garrard, I.G.; R. S. Archbold, I.P.M.; C. R. Pilcher, Treas.; G. T. Rait, Sec.; R. Boyce, D.C.; Pelham Bullivant, Stwd.; and J. Waddington, Org.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught, laid the foundation-stone of St. Andrew's Church, Leytonstone, on Thursday, the 17th instant. Their Royal Highnesses met with the most enthusiastic reception from the crowds congregated along the route traversed and about the site of the new church, while Leytonstone itself was most profusely decorated. Among the principal personages present on the occasion were Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and Miss Staples, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Mrs. Evans.

Bro. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., Treasurer, and the Benchers of the Inner Temple gave a special entertainment in their Hall at midnight on Saturday last, in commemoration of the anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the throne, the entertainment being followed by a short service in the Temple Church. The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne honoured the Society with their presence, among the guests who were in attendance being Bros. Sir F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Past G. Registrar, Buszard, Q.C., Horton Smith, Q.C., and Sir P. Colquhoun.

Tobaccoists 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.—Nervousness and Want of Energy.—When first the nerves feel unstrung, and listlessness supplants energy, it is the right time to make some alternative as Holloway's Pills to prevent disorder running into disease. These excellent Pills correct all irregularities and weaknesses. They act so kindly, yet so energetically on the functions of digestion and assimilation, that the whole body is revived, the blood is rendered richer and purer, the muscles become firmer and stronger, and the nervous and absorbent systems are invigorated. These Pills are suitable for all classes and all ages. They have a most marvellous effect on persons who are out of condition; they soon rectify whatever is in fault, restore strength to the body, and confidence to the mind.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper have returned to town from their seat, Penshanger Park.

Bro. G. A. Sala has arranged with Messrs. Bentley for the publication of his autobiography in the autumn.

Bro. H. Rymell, of the Repository, Barbican, was among the purchasers at the sale of the Queen's yearlings at Hampton Court on Saturday last.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Metropolitan Counties, Royal Order of Scotland, will meet at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday next, the 3rd prox., at 2.30 for 3 p.m.

Her Majesty's Judges will attend divine service in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday next, the 27th inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor and other members of the Corporation being present on the occasion.

A numerous meeting was held in the Rink Hall, Blackheath, on Tuesday, in order to promote the Hospital Sunday Fund, Bros. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., and Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., being among the many friends of the movement who were present.

Members of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, at their regular meeting held on the 15th inst., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, unanimously elected Bro. Chas. Fred. Dunsterville as their W.M. for the ensuing year, and re-elected Bro. T. S. Bayly, as their Treasurer. It was also resolved to abandon their usual summer banquet for a wagonette excursion to Princetown, brethren to be allowed to invite lady friends as well as brother Masons.

Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P. Prov. G.D. of Devon, kindly promised to give a lecture on the "Great Pyramid," in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. His address will be delivered on the 23rd of this month, and will doubtless prove a great success, as he is fully competent to speak on that intricate subject. Bro. C. E. Meyer has made all the arrangements, and in the most fraternal manner met Bro. Chapman at New York, so as to give him a friendly greeting on his arrival in America, as a pilgrim from the "old country."

PROPOSED CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION FOR SOUTH LONDON.—We are informed that a number of energetic Royal Arch Masons in South London contemplate forming a chapter of instruction, to be held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., on Saturday evenings throughout the year, at 7.30 o'clock. Their system of working will be that for which our highly esteemed Comp. Thos. Poore, P.M., P.Z., &c., has such a well-earned notoriety, and we understand they have obtained the services of one of the most brilliant of his pupils as their Preceptor. This being so, we venture to predict for this new undertaking a very bright future, since the names of those connected with it is quite sufficient to ensure its success. We shall doubtless be in a position to give further particulars in a subsequent issue.

The members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, have arranged to hold their summer festival at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, the day selected for the festivity being Tuesday, the 20th July prox. Tickets for ladies or gentlemen, to include railway fare, drive, dinner, wine, &c., 17s. 6d. each. It is requested that applications for tickets be made to the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. G. Abbott, P.M., Cannon-street Terminus, E.C., on or before the 13th prox., as none received after that date can be attended to. As regards the arrangements, first-class accommodation will be reserved by the train, which leaves Waterloo Terminus at 11 a.m. for Teddington, where carriages for a two or three hours' drive will be provided. Dinner on table at 3 p.m.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the members of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, and their friends, held the annual pic-nic at Buxton. The party numbered about 70, and among those present were Bros. Robert Scott, W.M., to whom the thanks of the lodge are due for such an enjoyable day, as he had made most of the arrangements; I. Platts, I.P.M.; Hartley, P.M.; W. R. Brewster, P.M.; W. Quayle, Vaughan, Hogarth, and Captain Hughes. The party were most satisfactorily catered for by Mr. Blades, of the Royal Hotel, Buxton. Some of the party drove to Teddington, others to the "Cat and Fiddle," in the visitors' book of which, some very amusing scribbles were discovered. The majority of the party visited the wells, all of which were decorated with appropriate scripture texts.

The Prince of Wales, as representative of the Queen, laid the foundation-stone of the Tower Bridge on Monday afternoon. His Royal Highness, who was accompanied by the Princess of Wales, Prince Albert Victor, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud was attended by the Great Officers of her Majesty's household, and escorted by the 2nd Life Guards. On arriving at the Tower the Royal party were received by Field Marshal Sir R. Dacres, the Constable, and other of the Tower officials, by whom they were conducted to the Pavilion, which had been erected for the occasion, and in which were gathered the chief Civic dignitaries, including Bros. Lord Mayor Staples, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sheriff Clarke, Horace Jones (City Architect), Under-Sheriffs Rose-Innes and Baxter, the members of the Bridge House Estates Committee, and others. A procession was at once formed to the stone, in which, in addition to those already named, Bros. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), and G. P. Goldney (Remembrancer) took part, and the site having been reached, the distinguished visitors were seated, and the Recorder read an address, which was briefly acknowledged by the Prince. The ceremony of laying the stone was then duly carried out, and the Bishop of London having offered up a prayer and the Tower guns having fired a Royal salute, the ceremony came to an end. Bros. T. Beard and F. Green, and Bro. Horace Jones with others, were presented to his Royal Highness, and the party then returned to Marlborough House. Amongst the company present were Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.; General Viscount Wolsley, Lady Wolsley, Bros. Sir J. R. Mowbray, Bart., M.P.; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.; Sir W. Clarke, Bart.; Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. Hanson, Savory, Gray, DeKeyser, and Cowan; Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Bros. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.; Captain Shaw, W. Malthouse, G. Shaw, J. S. Lavington, and others.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, July 3, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 26.

Distribution of Prizes and Athletic Sports, Boys' School, Wood Green.
Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.

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 28.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, 8a, Red Lion Square, at 5 o'clock.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury.
Chap. 1745, Farringdon Without, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.
K.I. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Codorn, 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 29.

NO MEETINGS.

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 Blds., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 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.
Uly, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.

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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.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Kavensbourne, 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, JULY 1.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS M.W.G.M.M.M., Freemasons' Tavern, Gt. Queen-st., W.C., at 1 o'clock.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
Chap. 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.
Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
Ebury, 12, 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.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 3.

Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-square, at 2.30.
General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1494, Felix, Vitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1507, Elliott, Railway Hot., Feltham.
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