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WE are authoritatively informed that the dual luncheon at the Mark Installation was necessitated by the want of a second hall sufficiently spacious for the accomodation of the large number who originally intimated their intention to attend. The restriction at the ceremony to the qualified members of Grand Lodge—compulsorily rectified *only* three days before the meeting—led to the withdrawal of the large majority of those who had signified their intention to partake of the luncheon at Freemasons' Tavern, and when it was found that not more than forty brethren were there present, it was deemed advisable to regard the luncheon as an informal one, without stated lists of toasts, or a specially appointed chairman; and this, as being more conducive to the comfort and enjoyment of those who attended. There was, and is, the strongest feeling of regret that circumstances, absolutely beyond control, compelled an arrangement which has, unhappily, been the cause of dissatisfaction.

WE must take the opportunity of reminding our readers that the 18th Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund is arranged to take place at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 28th inst. R.W. Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., Prov. G.M.M. of Worcestershire, has kindly undertaken to preside, and as there is a strong Board of Stewards, and the brethren have been putting their shoulders to the wheel right loyally, there is every reason to hope that the celebration will be an even greater success than it was last year, when upwards of £1700, or more than double the proceeds of the highest previous total, was raised for the purposes of the Fund. We trust these anticipations will prove correct. The Fund, though it has been in existence only 18 years, has latterly enlarged its field of operations; there are more applicants for its benefits than there were formerly, and therefore the need for a larger aggregate of contributions is more obvious.

THE scheme for the presentation of a testimonial to Miss DAVIS, the head governess of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will commend itself almost naturally to the members of the English Craft. Miss DAVIS has discharged the very arduous and responsible duties of her office with exemplary ability and success during a period of 25 years. When she entered upon those duties the education bestowed upon the girls was of the most elementary character, comprising, as Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON pointed out in his address at the distribution of prizes the other day, Alderman CURTIS'S "three R's—reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic—with a little sewing thrown in." Under her auspices it has been developed amazingly, and now there is not in all England a school of a similar character, and consisting of girls of a middle-class status in society, which is more successful in turning out pupils who are thoroughly well-instructed in all the branches of a sound, serviceable education. Indeed, many far more pretentious establishments, which obtain most of their support from opulent people, are far less successful as regards both the quality and extent of the training they afford. Moreover, our girls are not only good scholars, as is shown by the series of successes they have latterly achieved at our public Middle-Class Examinations, but they are also well-versed in the home duties of everyday life. It is by no means an uncommon experience for the same children to be awarded prizes in cookery and composition, or for a knowledge of thorough bass and skill in plain and fancy needlework, and the lady who presides over an institution which annually produces such results as we have described, must have fulfilled her duties both ably and conscientiously, and in a manner deserving of the highest possible commendation. Thus the testimonial it is in contemplation to present her with will be both gratifying as a recognition of her past services and encouraging as to the future, and on these grounds we hope and believe that the response of the members of the Craft to the appeal now on the point of being addressed to them will be commensurate with the value and extent of the services which Miss DAVIS has rendered. We publish elsewhere a list of the Committee which has been formed for the purpose of giving effect to the proposal.

CONSIDERING the progress that has been made of late years in the study of Masonic history, and that much of what past generations of brethren accepted as gospel has been shown to be the fabrications of visionaries and enthusiasts, it is not a little amusing and perhaps also somewhat disappointing to meet every now and then with evidence that the imaginative faculty still plays a conspicuous part in the manufacture of new or the repetition of old historic shams. The other day, for instance, a provincial contemporary, whose duty it is to enlighten the inhabitants of one of our northern seaports, gravely told its readers among other things that Freemasonry was "first established in Great Britain" in "674, A.D.," adding that it "was interdicted in England in 1424, but the Grand Lodge was re-established in 1717, about which time interest in the Society began to be revived, and lodges were extended over Europe beyond all previous experience." We have no particular objection to the latter statements. An Act was passed about the time stated against the Freemasons by the Government of HENRY VI., and our present Grand Lodge was established, if not exactly "re-established," in the year 1717. But we confess we do not see our way clear to accepting the earlier statement as to the first introduction of Freemasonry into Great Britain in "674, A.D." The writer has ignored altogether the St. Alban tradition, which is pretty and attractive, if not capable of strict proof, and assigns the origin of our Society in Britain to a very much later date, without offering any particular reason and with no advantage that we can think of to our mythical history. The introduction of Christianity into the island towards the close of the sixth century must have given a great impetus to ecclesiastical architecture. The conversion of the people to that form of religious faith would necessitate the erection of Christian churches, and employment would thus have been found for the Masons and associate Crafts; but why have selected 674, A.D., when 50 years earlier or 50 years later—we all know that a century or two more or less in tracing the early history of our Society is of no great account—would have done as well, or possibly even better. Our legends indicate a great gap between ST. ALBAN'S time and that of ATHELSTAN, and it may be the author of the paragraph we are quoting from may have selected the year in question, because, speaking very roughly, it was about half-way between the martyrdom of the saint and the date assigned to the ATHELSTAN charter. Possibly, some of our readers who have made this portion of our history their especial study may be more successful in suggesting a reason for the selection of this particular date; but, in any circumstances, we feel it our duty to protest in the first place against the indignity offered by this unknown professor of Masonic history to the memory of ST. ALBAN, whom he has thus summarily deposed from the honourable position of the founder of the first lodge of Masons in England—see ANDERSON—and, in the next, to his revival of those interesting fables, which have been the theme of admiration among the unlearned, and the ridicule of the learned members of our Society during a whole series of generations.

It is to be regretted that Bro. H. MASSEY did not see his way to permitting the compliment proposed at the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to Bro. G. B. ABBOTT for his "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" to pass unchallenged. It was in questionable taste to oppose a motion to do a simple act of courtesy towards that brother for the pains he had bestowed upon his work, and Bro. MASSEY did not improve matters by placing his skill in the art of reporting speeches on a level with Bro. ABBOTT'S ability as a writer and compiler of history. The two classes of labour are so distinct from each other, that it is impossible to place them side by side for the purposes of comparison, and, as it was stated by Bro. BINCKES that the History had been of service to the Institution, Bro. MASSEY would have been better advised had he allowed the motion to pass without cavil, or, at all events, without mixing up his own claims to merit as a reporter with those of Bro. ABBOTT as a writer.

A VERY gratifying piece of evidence was furnished at the annual meeting last week of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, Plumstead, that the efforts of this journal to enlighten the Craft generally as to the proceedings of the different lodges were very highly appreciated by the brethren of our Colonial, as well as of our home, lodges, and that the *Freemason* had come to be regarded almost in the light of a necessary part of the paraphernalia of every lodge. Bro. Quartermaster DEEVES, P.M., P.D.G.D.C. Natal, whose name was associated with the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and who has just returned from service in Natal, in the course of his reply, said that "he and all the Masons in Natal looked eagerly every week for their *Freemason*, and that he did not know how he should have got

on without it." A remark like this is very kind and very encouraging. Those who are engaged on the paper recognise that their labours have not been undertaken in vain, and the work that is before them is entered upon with, if possible, increased zeal, energy, and ability. Friendly testimony of this kind often reaches us from abroad, but it does not often come upon us quite so conspicuously as in this instance. Hence this recognition of Bro. DEEVES's compliment and our thanks to him for having expressed them so publicly.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Annual Moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held at Norwich on Wednesday, when it was expected that there would be a very large attendance of the brethren on account of the Royal Agricultural Show being held in the same city at the same time. The expectation, however, was disappointed, the very fact of the existence of the Agricultural Show keeping away many brethren who would otherwise probably have attended. The Parliamentary elections no doubt also exercised some important influence on the meeting, and prevented many of the Mark Degree participating in the reception of the cordial welcome which the East Anglian Mark Masons had prepared for them. The Grand Lodge was opened in Noverre's Assembly Rooms, Theatre-street, when the following brethren took part in the proceedings of the day.

Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, as G.M.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, as D.G.M.; Col. Bignold, as G.S.W.; Dr. T. Trollope, as G.J.W.; Col. Addison Potter, G.M.O.; Controller S. G. Bake, as G.S.O.; B. R. Bryant, as G.J.O.; F. Binckes, G.S.; N. Tracy, G.S.D.; G. P. Festa, as G.D.C.; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br., as G. Std. Br.; Wm. Vincent, G.I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.G.S.O.; G. Yaxley, P.G.S.; A. C. Durrant, G. Swd. Br.; James Dunsford, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. R. Anness, Prov. G.J.W.; C. A. B. Bignold, Prov. G.S.D.; J. B. Levien, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Abbott, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Edwin Baldwin, W.M. 92; James Dunsford, S.W. 92; J. O. Chittoch, J.W. 92; James Bond, W.M. 317; W. Cholmeley, 92; H. G. Barwell, P.M. 92; G. Baxter, Sec. 92; A. King, I.G. 92; W. T. Stratford, 92; 54; A. W. Bate-man, W.M. 309; Henry Surrand, 92; S. A. Anness, P.M. 70; W. H. Moss, 92; C. M. Montzomerie, 92; Geo. G. Barnard, 92; A. J. Berry; P. C. R. King, 29; G. E. Theobald, 92; A. H. Moyes, W.M. 334; W. Purchas, I.G. 334; the Rev. Richard Peek, Prov. G. Chap.; and H. Massey.

After the formal opening of the Grand Lodge,

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN rose and welcomed the Grand Lodge to the Province of East Anglia, and he apologised for the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, and deeply regretted the circumstance—a death in the family—which was the cause of his absence. There was not, he admitted, a large attendance of the brethren at this lodge, and this he also very much regretted, but it arose from a variety of causes, which were unavoidable. The Grand Master of the Order, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was also not present, and this he was also sorry for, but the Grand Master had been telegraphed to at Sandringham and an answer had been received from him to the effect that his engagements were so numerous that it was impossible for him to spare even a short time to come to this Grand Lodge. Bro. Martyn then apologised for being himself obliged to leave on account of an important Masonic engagement in London at a lodge with which he had been connected for some years, and which could not get on unless he was there with the books.

Bro. Major WOODALL acknowledged, on behalf of the Moveable Grand Lodge, the welcome which had been extended to the Grand Lodge and its officers by Bro. Martyn, and trusted that their meeting would ever be remembered as one of the noted days in the annals of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

A delightful cold collation was afterwards provided by the Walpole Lodge at the Masonic Club Rooms, St. Giles'-street, at which Bro. Woodall presided.

At the conclusion of the repast the following toast and music list was gone through:—Grace "Non Nobis Domini"; "The Queen and Mark Masonry"; "National Anthem," solo, Bro. Brookes; "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales," solo, Bro. Brookes; "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore," song, "Hybrias, the Cretan," Bro. Brockbank; "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," part song, "The three Cnifers"; "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Anglia, Lord Henniker, and the Prov. Grand Lodge," song, "Across the far blue hills, Marie," Bro. S. Hewson; "The Visitors," duet, "Love and War," Bros. Brookes and Brockbank; "The Mark Benevolent Fund," song, "Big Ben," Bro. Brockbank.

Bro. WOODALL first gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry."

In giving the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said that this was a toast they would all drink with the greatest enthusiasm, and he regretted very much that H.R.H. was not present to grace the board. It had been one of the crowning acts of Mark Masonry that the Prince of Wales had condescended to accept the position of Grand Master of this Order, an Order, the Grand Lodge of which, began a good many years ago in a small way, but now, through the excellency and efficiency of its officers had attained a more than respectable place in the Masonic Order. He felt quite sure the brethren would all join with him in drinking the health of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, wishing him good health and happiness in the office he had taken in connection with Grand Mark Lodge.

The toast having been most enthusiastically drunk, the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Kintore," was proposed and drunk.

Bro. BARWELL, Senior P.M. of the Walpole Lodge, proposed "The Health of the Deputy G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." On behalf of the brethren of the Province of East Anglia he was very pleased and happy to see those Grand Officers who had been able to attend that day, not only at lodge, but at the banquet or cold collation. The brethren of the Province of East Anglia had been exceedingly pleased to entertain the Grand Lodge of England, and they hoped that an opportunity would be afforded them of doing so again. They had hoped it would be to the convenience of the Grand Officers to attend, because of the Agricultural Show now being celebrated at Norwich, when the East Anglian Masons would have been glad to exhibit their hospitality to a large number of brethren visiting this ancient city. But circumstances had been somewhat against them. Nevertheless they had had a very pleasant social gathering of earnest and thorough Masons, and the brethren of East Anglia had been very glad to see them. With these few words he

proposed "The Health of the Deputy G.M.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and with this toast he begged to couple the name of Col. Potter, Grand Master Overseer of Newcastle, who had honoured this Grand Lodge with his presence.

Col. POTTER, who was received with loud cheers, said he regretted with the Past Master of the Walpole Lodge that so few of the members of the Grand Mark Lodge had attended this meeting, but there had been a combination of circumstances against it. In the first place the great Agricultural Show did not conduce to a Masonic meeting, and in the next the elections had tendered to keep a number of Mark Masons away. There was another combination of circumstances which caused the Grand Lodge to be opened sooner than was intended, and this prevented himself being present in his place—though he had come 10 minutes before he was asked to come—and he found that the business was finished. He regretted it because he had come from Newcastle almost entirely to attend this Grand Lodge. It was a great disappointment to him that he was not able to be present in lodge, but he thanked the brethren for giving him the opportunity of attending the post prandial ceremony. The Mark Masons of Norfolk would have liked to see a large gathering, and, had the circumstances been different, there would have been. They could only hope that when those who were not present found what a splendid entertainment had been given by the Norwich brethren they would exceedingly regret not having attended.

Dr. TROLLOPE proposed "The M.W. Prov. G. Master of East Anglia, Lord Henniker, and the Prov. G. Lodge." They could not forget, wherever they hailed from, the able and efficient manner in which Lord Henniker discharged the duties of Grand Master of the Order. During his tenure of the office he endeared himself to every Mark Master. They all sincerely regretted the cause of his absence that day, and certainly no one regretted his absence more than his lordship himself. Although he (Dr. Trollope) was only a visitor, he was an East Anglian, although, like Bro. Baldwin, the Master of the Walpole Lodge, he hailed now from Sussex. He first saw the light at Halstead, and he first saw Masonic light in a now extinct lodge, the North East Lodge, 817. He wished for Lord Henniker a happy period while he was Provincial G. Master. He hoped the day was not far distant when the Order of Mark Masters would so far advance that the Province of East Anglia would be divided into the Provinces of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire; but until then let them hope that the East Anglian Province would go on and prosper in the same way as at present. As the toast was very comprehensive, he could refer to the Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, whose name was a household word in Masonry in every Degree whether orthodox or heterodox. That brother had done a world of good for every one of the Charities, and it was only an important Masonic engagement which prevented him staying to the banquet. With the toast he would couple the name of the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Tracy.

Bro. TRACY, in reply, said he did not know that he could say more on behalf of the Prov. G.M. than Bro. Trollope had said, except that Lord Henniker had given him his earnest assurance of his deep regret at being absent. From a correspondence he had had with the Prov. G.M., he knew how anxious he was that this meeting should be a complete success, and he knew it was a great disappointment to Lord Henniker that he was not able to be present. As regarded the D.P.G.M., the brethren knew almost as much as, perhaps more than, he (Bro. Tracy) knew. A more capable or excellent Mason or man he never came across in his capacity of Prov. G. Sec. The greatest spirit and thoroughness was thrown into all the work in contact with which he brought himself; and he asked him (Bro. Tracy) to express to the Walpole Lodge his deep regret at leaving without expressing his strong feelings on the hearty reception given by that lodge to Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Tracy) wished he possessed the power of Bro. Martyn to give full force to the feelings which Bro. Martyn had. With regard to the Prov. Grand Officers, they had at their head a man who had made his mark so strongly in the Grand Lodge of England, and shown his interest so earnestly in the province, that if they did not try to do their work as Prov. Grand Officers, they would be almost less than men. For himself and them, he could assure the brethren that they would do their best to bring the Province of East Anglia to the foremost rank among the provinces. In conclusion, he had been asked to propose the next toast—that of the worthy brother who had presided. He wished he was better acquainted with Bro. Woodall; but all the brethren must feel that he took a thorough interest in his work in Grand Lodge, and must acknowledge the geniality he had displayed at the banquet.

Bro. Major WOODALL, in reply, said he had not had the pleasure of being among the brethren of East Anglia previously, but he could not forget the visit of Lord Henniker to York. Having been called upon unexpectedly to preside on this occasion he had not prepared a speech, but he was not the less earnest or sincere in his thanks to the brethren for their reception. Known to them in another character he had also to thank them for what they did for him at that time.

Bro. F. BINCKES, Grand Sec., proposed "The Walpole Lodge and its W.M., Bro. E. Baldwin." After alluding to the claim of Dr. Trollope to the character of an East Anglian Mason he (Bro. Binckes) also claimed to be an "Essex Calf." Without fear of contradiction, noticing the word "Walpole" on the wall, he could not hesitate to say that that was an honoured name. Bro. Walpole had been Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk and the first W.M. of the Walpole Lodge of Mark Masons. He (Bro. Binckes) had the honour of consecrating the lodge and installing Bro. Walpole, on which occasion he had a very interesting conversation with him. No one more than he regretted the loss the province had sustained by his death. However, it had been compensated for by those who succeeded him. The Walpole Lodge was the entertaining lodge that night, and Bro. Baldwin was its W.M. When he first knew Bro. Baldwin a few years past in the province of Sussex, Bro. Baldwin was discharging other Masonic duties with the esteem and admiration of all. Bro. Baldwin had made no change in his Masonic mind though he had come to another province, but brought to bear on Norfolk the same zeal as he had in Sussex. From a correspondence with Bro. Baldwin as to the reception of that day he could testify to his desire as representing his supreme Chief that this meeting should be a great success, and that under the hospitable roof provided that evening there should be a very large gathering. Various causes had prevented more brethren attending, but those who were not present would regret that they had not been there. The toast now proposed had through the modesty of Bro. Baldwin been kept out of the list, but nevertheless he (Bro. Binckes) had obtained the permission of the Grand Master to propose it, being perfectly certain that there was no one present who, if he had left the room without it being proposed would have considered there had been a great dereliction

of duty on the part of some one. He therefore was now discharging a pleasurable duty in proposing Bro. Baldwin's health, wishing him a happy career, health, wealth, and strength, to conduct his Masonic business with zeal and ability, and to promote the great cause of Mark Masonry.

Bro. E. BALDWIN, who was received with hearty applause, said the manner in which Bro. Binckes had proposed his health had completely taken the wind out of his sails. He had said so much in his favour which he felt he did not deserve, that he could not adequately return thanks for it. So long as he was connected with Freemasonry, no matter in what degree, he hoped he should ever do all in his power to enable that Degree, whatever it might be, to prosper to his entire satisfaction. With the Mark Degree he was very pleased to be associated. He had made many, many friends since he had been connected with it, and long might the day be distant when he should be disassociated from Mark Masons. Bro. Binckes had rightly said his mother province was Sussex, and that in that province he had been received in a manner throughout its length and breadth as cordially as in the province of Norfolk, and as he thought he did not deserve. He had been received in Craft, Arch, and Mark in a way he felt he never deserved; but he hoped to live to deserve the phrases used in his favour in connection with these Degrees. For the cordial and kind expressions which had been so thoroughly endorsed by the brethren's reception of this toast, he thanked the brethren sincerely, and when the Grand Lodge came again to Norwich, he hoped it would not be during an agricultural show.

Bro. Rev. RICHARD PEEK, P.G. Chap., proposed "The Visitors," alluding first to the circumstances under which he (Bro. Peek) became a Mason.

Bro. F. BINCKES, who was called upon to reply, said he had in years gone by experienced Norfolk hospitality, friendly support and sympathy, energetically put forward in the cause of Charity which he had so much at heart. He had not been able of late years on account of increasing duties to come so frequently among the Norfolk brethren, but the names of Bros. Morgan and Barwell were always to the fore. Whether those brethren remained or were taken from us, he hoped that their names and their kindly feelings would be remembered as long as memory held its seat. After 28 years of active ministration, and coming among the Norfolk brethren, he was pleased to find that, between 60 and 70 years of age, he was welcome. Without egotism he would say he had endeavoured to do his duties faithfully, and to no great extent had he failed. As an active man, and taking his own views on many questions, it was not possible to obtain universal approbation, and while making a large number of friends he encountered some little hostile feeling. As long as they had the same interests at heart there must be a large amount of consideration. When he pleaded for Charity his welcome was never diminished. He had heard the word "condescended" used in connection with the Prince of Wales's acceptance of the office of Grand Mark Master. He did not think the Grand Master for a moment thought he made a condescension, he believed he regarded it as an honour to be the head of a body like theirs. No doubt Mark Masons reciprocated the feeling. The step the Prince of Wales had taken was not to be construed into the idea that the Mark Degree would ever be recognised by United Grand Lodge of England, but it must be an intense satisfaction to Mark Masons that the supreme Ruler of the Grand Lodge of the Craft thought so highly of Mark Masonry that he did not esteem it derogatory to become its head. Grand Mark Lodge ran in parallel lines with United Grand Lodge in works of Charity, brotherly love, and truth, loyalty and hospitality, and every other virtue. Bro. Binckes then dwelt on the work of education which had been pursued by Mark and Craft Masonry, and particularly mentioned what the Benevolent and Educational Funds of Grand Mark Lodge had accomplished, which he proposed as a toast, and called upon Bro. Baxter to reply.

Bro. BAXTER said it had always given him the greatest pleasure to assist in Masonic Charity. At the Boys' Festival he carried up the largest amount—£400—ever sent up from Norfolk. He hoped his efforts last year would be an incentive to others to do the same. Bro. Lewin had advocated the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Major WOODALL proposed "The Musical Artistes."

Bro. BROCKBANK responded, and said that all the musical brethren at the Cathedral were only too happy to assist in the harmony of Masonry.

Bro. Controller BAKE proposed the Cornish motto, "One and all," as the Prince of Wales was Duke of Cornwall.

The proceedings then closed.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Brockbank. The names of the artistes are given above, but it would be unfair to close this notice without adding that the performances were excellent and gave the greatest satisfaction.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

At this season of the year when all who have the means and the opportunity flock away from the "stuffy" City into the invigorating atmosphere of the country side, a tripe to the seaside, involving a combination of pleasure with duty, presents an attraction of no ordinary character. Thus on Wednesday, the 7th inst., a large number of the brethren not only resident in "the fairest county of England," but in the metropolis also, gladly welcomed the invitation of the Province of Kent to participate in the interesting proceedings set down on their annual agenda. Folkestone was the place selected, and never in the history of Freemasonry in Kent has Provincial Grand Lodge been held under more brilliant and successful auspices than it was under the banner of the Temple Lodge, No. 558.

The Provincial Festival Entertainment Committee consisted of Bros. P.M.'s H. Stock, J. Hoad, W. Boutcher, W. L. Earnshaw, S. Penfold, J. Sherwood, J. Kennett, F. Klatt, A. H. Holbein, W. Francis, G. L. Hart, John English, R. White, O. H. Wagner, and S. Joseph; A. Pelts, W.M.; A. J. Crane, S.W.; J. G. Robinson, J.W.; F. Francis, S.D.; G. Spurgeon, J.D.; H. S. Roberts, Org.; H. Clements, Asst. Org.; W. Griffin, Std. Br.; W. Dunk and L. Banks, Stwds.; F. Hall, J. G. Cheyney, and J. Sherwood, jun. All that skill, tact, and taste could devise was brought to bear by these brethren on the arrangements for the day, and it is paying them no empty compliment when we say that the triumphant success which attended their efforts was most richly deserved.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall, at half-past twelve o'clock, when the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Amherst (Viscount Holmesdale) was supported by a brilliant array of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, including

Bros. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M.; A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec.; B. D. Thorpe, Prov. G. Treas.; H. Ward, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Harrison, P.P.G.J.W.; Frederick Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; James Willing, jun.; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Penfold, F. W. Prescott, J. G. Henning, T. S. Warne, T. H. Simmond, Emmerson, P.P.G.S.D.; Elgar, G. Blackburn, G. Page, P.P.G.

S.D.; J. T. Usher, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.P.G. Chap.; G. Band, P.P.G.A.P.; H. Chambers, S. Bird, P.P.G.S.; J. M. Browning, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Edward Hire, P.P.G.S.B.; F. I. C. May, P.P.G.P.; C. G. Long, G. L. Hart, S. Elers, Rev. P. J. Syree, Rev. T. S. Curteis, G. Kea, P.P.G.J.D.; G. Adamson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Page, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Wimple, J. Aillud, J. Welsh, R. Derry, J. Plant, E. J. Penney, S. Gore, H. H. Green, H. Chambers, A. W. Duret, H. Bond, A. F. Johnstone, E. Monckton, and about 350 representatives of the 54 Kentish lodges, including the Invicta, 709, Ashford; Prince Edwin, 125, Hythe; Peace and Harmony, 193, Dover; St. Augustine's, 972, Canterbury; Temple, 558, Folkestone; Sandgate, 1436; Cinque Ports, 1206, Sandwich; Gravesend, 77; Sittingbourne, 1273; Plumstead, 912; Bromley, 1314; Dartford, 299; Maidstone, 503; Riverhead, 1223; Tonbridge, 1678; Chatham, 1174; Sheerness, 1089; Sevenoaks, 1414; Canterbury, 31; and others.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, after which the roll of the lodges in the province was called, the brethren present answering to their names. The reports of the Finance and Audit Committees were presented, showing a prosperous condition of affairs in every respect, and showing a steady progress of the Craft in this part of the kingdom, which must have been eminently satisfactory to the Prov. G.M. and the brethren generally.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. S. Eastes	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Thomas S. Warne, P.M. 20	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. Lanson Hart, P.M. 558	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. P. J. Syree, P.M. 709	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., P.M. 1414	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" B. D. Thorpe	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Alfred Spencer	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Charles Grey Long, P.M. 503	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Abel Penfold, P.M. 913	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Francis W. Prescott, P.M. 199	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Shrub Elers, P.M. 874	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Wm. Wimple, P.M. 1464	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Wm. Watson, P.M. 1050	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. G. Henning, P.M. 127	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" John Aillud, P.M. 615	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" John Welsh, P.M. 972	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Edward Hire, P.M. 125	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. H. Simmond, P.M. 1107	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Robert Derry, P.M. 158	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Joseph Plant, P.M. 31	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. J. Penney, P.M. 1089	...	...	Prov. G.A. Org.
" G. Blackburn, P.M. 429	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Sydney Gore, P.M. 829	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
Bros. H. H. Green, P.M. 709; H. Chambers, P.M. 1096; A. W. Duret, P.M. 1223; H. Bond, P.M. 1314; A. F. Johnstone, P.M. 1424; E. Monckton, P.M. 1678;	} Prov. G. Stwds.		

After the transaction of some formal business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren attended the Parish Church, which had been kindly placed at their disposal by the Rev. M. Woodward, Vicar, and where a shortened evening service was held, followed by an eloquent sermon by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. P. J. Syree.

After church, the brethren returned to the Town Hall, when votes of thanks were accorded to the Mayor (Bro. Banks) for the use of the hall, and to the Vicar for having placed the church at the disposal of Prov. Grand Lodge for the occasion. Thanks were also tendered to the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his admirable and appropriate discourse.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and a move was made to the site of the new Masonic Hall, where, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, the memorial stone of the intended structure was laid by the Prov. G.M. After prayer, offered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the ceremony of lowering the stone into its position was performed, Earl Amherst declaring it to have been "well and truly laid." The stone bears the following inscription: "This memorial stone of the Folkestone Masonic Hall was laid by R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Wednesday, 7th July, 1886."

Bro. G. L. HART, Prov. G.J.W., then introduced to his lordship the directors of the company, and the architect of the new building; and the Prov. G. MASTER delivered a brief address, expressing the hope that the undertaking upon which they had that day entered might prove successful, satisfactory to the promoters, and valuable to the Craft.

Later in the afternoon a sumptuous banquet was provided in the Winter Garden of the Royal Pavilion Hotel, the pleasures of the occasion being materially enhanced by the performance during dinner of a choice selection of music by the band of the 1st Battalion Manchester Regiment, under the direction of Mr. E. T. Quinn, bandmaster. At dessert, the PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with the utmost enthusiasm.

Reference was made to the interest manifested by her Majesty in the Craft, of which she is patron, and his lordship observed that during the past year it had been his good fortune to be present on two very interesting occasions on which our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had taken a prominent part in Masonic proceedings. One was the installation of his brother, the Duke of Connaught, as Prov. G. Master of the neighbouring Province of Sussex, when there was such a magnificent assemblage of Freemasons at Brighton, from all parts of the kingdom, and from the Colonies as well, as had never been equalled since 1875, when his Royal Highness was installed as Grand Master, in the Albert Hall, which many of those present would remember. (Cheers.) The other occasion was when his Royal Highness took his obligation as Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England. (Renewed cheers.) Besides that, his Royal Highness only a few days previously invested his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, as Senior Warden of the Royal Alpha Lodge. During the year his Royal Highness had taken part in many interesting functions connected with Masonry; and they were all grateful to him, considering the many claims upon his time, for having devoted so much of his attention to the interests of the Craft. His solicitude for the well being of Freemasonry was well known to all the members of it, and the Prince had shown himself to be a thorough Mason, not only in name, but in word and deed. (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the Rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," associating with the toast the name of their esteemed Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, who on rising to respond was received with hearty applause, after acknowledging in suitable terms the kindly recognition which had been made for the services rendered by the

officers of Grand Lodge, proposed "The Health of the R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master," the toast being received with acclamation. He rejoiced to find that toast so heartily received, though he had not had an atom of doubt that it would be so, because he knew the loyalty of the brethren of the Province of Kent. He reminded them that the last Prov. Grand Lodge held in Folkestone was so far back as 1867, and it was a curious coincidence that that was the only one on which their Prov. G. Master was absent from the festival. That absence was caused by unavoidable circumstances. But if they wanted any proof of the deep and active interest which the noble Earl took in matters concerning Freemasonry, he pointed to the fact that only once in 26 years had Earl Amherst been away from the Annual Festivals of the Province of Kent. (Loud cheers.) His lordship was appointed Prov. Grand Master in 1860, at Gravesend, and at that time the province could only boast of 17 lodges, with something like 600 or 700 members. That was very unlike the return they had made that day, when there were 54 lodges, and 2800 members. (Cheers.) About eighty joined in the course of last year. But although the lodges had so vastly increased in strength, it must be borne in mind that they had by no means deteriorated in quality, and they looked forward to having as good members in the future, as they were fortunate enough now to number in their ranks. One reason why he congratulated their esteemed Prov. G.M. upon the increase of the Craft was that, whereas in times past it was only a spasmodic £50 or £100 that they were enabled to transmit to the Masonic Charities, on this occasion, for instance, they had voted £65 to cases of necessity in their own province, and £400 towards the funds of the great Institutions of which they were all so justly proud. (Loud cheers.)

The toast having been received with many demonstrations of welcome, the PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks for the cordial reception with which he had been greeted on this interesting occasion. During the many years he had ruled over this province he had been so favoured with health and strength that he had only once been absent on the occasion of Prov. Grand Lodge. He held that no man ought to undertake an office unless he was prepared and willing to carry out his duties. (Hear, hear.) Supposing he had many votes to dispose of that day, he did not know which would come uppermost in his mind, his love for politics or Freemasonry; but, having given Freemasonry his vote that day, they had it all their own way. (Laughter and applause.) Nothing but the pressure of imperative duty would ever keep him away from them. (Cheers.) They had had a very successful year in Kent. It had been his pleasurable duty to preside at the consecration of two new lodges, which he hoped would add very considerably to the lustre of the Province of Kent, and result in an accession to their strength. They were now deliberating as to the issue of a warrant for the 55th lodge, whether there was sufficient room in the place in which it was proposed to found it. All they desired was the assurance of its continued success. (Hear, hear.) That day too, they had had a very interesting ceremony—that of laying the foundation-stone of what he hoped would become the home of Freemasonry in the town of Folkestone. He was afraid, however, that the ladies who were present would believe he had deliberately laid himself out to "sell" them, by reason of the extraordinary brevity of the performance. (Laughter.) He hoped the province would go on in prosperity and success; and so long as he was permitted to rule over them they would receive the toast of his health with no less cordiality than they had that day.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The V.W. Bro. J. Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M.," to whom he passed a warm encomium for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties entrusted to him. He (the speaker) did not know what he should have done without Bro. Eastes.

The toast was heartily received, and

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the course of his response, said he had occupied the proud position he now filled for 10 or 11 years, and that time had been very agreeable to himself. He admitted there were certain difficulties connected with the office; but he had always felt such a deep love for Freemasonry, that he could not neglect anything it was in his power to do for the benefit of the Craft. He referred at some length to the gratifying increase in their Masonic strength since Prov. Grand Lodge last assembled in Folkestone, and to the efficiency of the members of the Temple Lodge, under whose banner they had met that day. Many of the brethren of that lodge could now perform the work much better than he (the speaker) could do at the time he alluded to, and he had initiated many members into the Temple Lodge. It was a matter of great gratification to him to see the way in which they had entertained Prov. Grand Lodge, and there could be no one present who would feel that he could be more heartily welcomed elsewhere. (Cheers.)

In proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," Earl AMHERST observed that there was now no difficulty in finding eligible recipients of the purple; the difficulty was rather to choose from so many. That day he had invested several brethren whose services to Freemasonry deserved that honour. (Hear, hear.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hart, Prov. G.J.W., whose geniality and useful services to the Craft had won for him a very high place in Masonry, and had endeared him to all his brethren in the Temple Lodge. (Cheers.) He (the speaker) was glad to recognise the services of the Grand Officers, and looked forward with pleasant anticipations to co-operation with them in the future.

Bro. G. L. HART, Prov. G.J.W., said it was utterly impossible for him to find words adequately to express his sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him that day. It would be false delicacy on his part if he did not say he was very proud of the position which by their kindness he now occupied. It would ever remain in his memory as one of the greatest "red-letter" days of his life. It was his privilege to represent the Temple Lodge at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and it was with feelings of exultation that he found Kent came out first in the list of subscriptions. (Cheers.) He referred to the great kindness of the noble Earl in laying the memorial stone of the new Masonic Hall, and said the promotion of that company had been actuated by one motive only, the advancement of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent. He hoped the province would occupy the high position it now enjoyed in the estimation of the noble Earl during the many years they all trusted he would be spared to rule over them. (Cheers.)

Bro. ALFRED SPENCER, Prov. G. Sec., then proposed "The Masonic Charities," with a few appropriate remarks concerning each of the three Institutions. A large number of boys and girls had been educated, maintained, and fed at the homes at Wood Green and Battersea, where they had been trained to the discharge of their duties in after life, whilst at the Old People's home at Croydon, every comfort was provided for the aged and decayed so as to enable them peacefully to spend their declining days.

He spoke of the latter Institution somewhat feelingly, because at the last festival he occupied the proud position of sending in the largest return of any province. (Cheers.) He concluded by earnestly appealing to them to support the Institutions which had been the means of doing so much good to the Craft in past years.

Bro. F. BINCKES, in responding, said as a constant attendant at the anniversary Festival of the Province of Kent for many years, it was utterly impossible for him to find any new words in which to acknowledge their cordial reception of this toast. He thanked Bro. Spencer for endeavouring to enlist the sympathies of the brethren on behalf of the great Institutions of the Craft, with one of which he had had the honour of being associated since the year 1861. He also alluded to the successful Festival of the Boys' School held four years ago at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of their Prov. Grand Master, then Lord Holmesdale. Kent still maintained the blue ribbon of the Order, and he hoped it would continue to do so and that the White Horse of Kent would maintain its title of "Invicta."

Bro. J. TERRY also responded on behalf of the Royal Benevolent Institution, of which he is the Secretary. He thanked the province for the vote it annually made, and Bro. Spencer for the magnificent total of £400 sent up in the course of last year. He also thanked Bro. Warne, their Prov. G.S.W. for bringing in a total of £260, and Bro. Hart for his admirable list of £46. He spoke of the liberal and consistent support always given by Kent to the Charities and which he hoped would be long sustained.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Visitors," said the list included many distinguished brethren from London and elsewhere whom they were all proud and delighted to welcome. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. James Willing, jun., a well-known Past Master and ardent supporter of Freemasonry in London and the provinces also.

Bro. WILLING replied in a few well chosen sentences, thanking the brethren of Kent for the magnificent hospitality they had shown the visitors on that auspicious occasion. (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Committee of the Temple Lodge," and in doing so said the present gathering had been the most successful ever held in the province. For this they were indebted to the admirable arrangements made by the brethren of the Temple Lodge, to whom he wished every success in the enterprise they had just entered upon. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. H. Stock, the oldest Past Master, and father of the lodge, and Bro. Alfred Pelts, the present W.M.

These brethren having responded, the list was fittingly concluded by the Tyler, and the brethren repaired to the gardens and promenade to enjoy the evening breezes from the sea, which proved delightfully refreshing after the oppressive heat of the day. A majority of the visitors left Folkestone by the last train for their respective homes, but not a few remained and tested the excellent arrangements of the popular Pavilion Hotel, with which they expressed themselves abundantly satisfied.

The proceedings at the banquet were enlivened by a choice selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Theodore Distin, assisted by Miss Louisa Distin, Bros. Arthur Thompson, and Fred. Cozens. Bro. H. S. Roberts lending efficient aid as accompanist at the pianoforte.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of the above province was held at the Masonic Hall, Basingstoke, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., under the banner of the Wyndham Mark Lodge, No. 37. In consequence of a similar meeting being holden at the same time in the Province of Berks and Oxon, there was not a very large attendance. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M.M., presiding; Rev. G. N. Palmer, 320, P.G. S.W.; T. W. Faulkner, P.M. 140, P.P.G.S.W., acting P.G.J.W.; R. J. Rastrick, P.M. 62, P.G. Treas.; G. J. Tilling, P.M. 63, P.G. Sec.; P. H. Emanuel, 62, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. J. Rix, P.M. 54, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Pigeon, jun., 320, acting P.O. Org.; A. S. Blackman, 63, P.G.I.G.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 63, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.M.O. of England; F. W. Thoys, 37, P.P.G. Chap., P.G. Chap. of England; F. Sanders, J.W., and W. H. C. St. Clair, 2; Rev. C. S. Ward, W.M.; J. Dew, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Lear, P.P.G.J.O.; A. J. Thatcher, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Rev. J. Scott Ramsay, J.W.; and A. G. Barker, J.O. 37; J. B. Harrison, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Lehmann, M.O.; and C. Reynold, J.O. 54; S. Clarke, J.W.; R. W. Lees, J.O.; Rev. W. C. Browne, Chap.; and A. J. Blackman, I.G. 63; H. C. Manner, J.W. 140; W. Green, P.P. G.A.D.C., 305; A. Knight Prescott, 349, P.D.G.J.W. Bengal; J. Mead, S.W. 349; J. Gibson, S.W. 37; D. Errington Loveland, 320; G. Carter, Tyler 2; J. Exell, Tyler 17; and J. Hall, Tyler 37.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Prov. Grand Officers entered in procession, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. After reading and confirming the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at Southampton,

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, D.P.G.M.M., said that before proceeding to any other business he felt it incumbent upon him to propose a vote of condolence to the R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, on the loss he had sustained by the death of his son. He was sure that all the brethren regretted his absence, but he did not feel able to come amongst them that day.

Bro. Rev. THOYTS, P.P.G. Chaplain, seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and passed.

On the proposition of Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, and seconded by Bro. Rev. J. N. PALMER, P.G.S.W., a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. R. Rastrick, P.G. Treas., who was again unanimously re-elected.

Bro. TILLING, P.G. Sec., gave a statement as to the business of the province, showing it contained 310 members; 56 meetings had taken place, and 39 advancements.

Letters of apology were read from Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, and several other brethren.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND proposed, and Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE seconded, that the sum of £5 5s. be voted to the Mark Benevolent Institution Fund, and was carried unanimously.

The sum of £4 4s. was also voted to the Wyndham Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining the Prov. Grand Lodge that day.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" C. S. Ward, 37	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" A. Knight Prescott, 349	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" F. Powell, 305...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. B. Atkinson, 125	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" R. Robertson, 140	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" A. G. Barker, 37	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Scott Ramsey, 37	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.

Bro. J. R. Rastrick, 62	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Taylor, 54	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. G. Tilling, 63	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. C. St. Clair, 2	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. W. Lees, 63	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. W. Painter, 125	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Durrant, 320	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Sanders, 2...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" C. Reynolds, 54	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Jenkins, 62	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Pigeon, jun., 320	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. E. Loader, 17	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Lakeman, 54	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Mannors, 140	...	...
" Col. Mead, 349	...	...	...
" J. Exell	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND said that Mark Masonry during the past year had made some wonderful progress, and now that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been installed Mark Grand Master he was sure it would flourish still more. During the past twelve months 1461 certificates had been issued, making the total number of Mark Master Masons to 21,657. Eleven new Mark lodges had been constituted, and a new province—Hertfordshire—added.

No other business being brought forward, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form.

About twenty-four of the brethren then adjourned to the Drill Hall adjoining the lodge, and partook of a cold repast, to which ample justice was done.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry" being duly honoured,

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND proposed "The Health of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was received with great enthusiasm, as was that of "The R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Kintore, and the D.G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, and Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. LE FEUVRE, P.G.M.O., responded, and said that all who heard Lord Kintore address the Prince of Wales at the installation were impressed that he had wonderful ability and the clear resumé of the past and present of the Mark Degree was such as one would never forget, and must have impressed the G.M.M. with a very high opinion of the Mark Degree. It was to the Earl of Kintore they owed the allegiance of England and Scotland together. The present Grand Officers would do for the Degree what those of the past had done in promoting the interest of the Order in the highest possible manner.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND said he was about to propose a toast that brought them nearer home, he meant that of "The M.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Canon Portal." (Applause.) In an assembly like the present it was hardly necessary for him to say much about the worthy brother, as he was in the heart of every good Mark Mason. (Applause.) He was ever ready to do any Masonic duties, and was a pattern Prov. G. M.M. to any in England. He (Bro. Loveland) regretted the Prov. G.M.M. was absent that day under circumstances which they were all sorry for. He hoped soon to have him amongst them again, and that time, the healer of all things, would soon allow him to forget the affliction. (Applause.)

"The Healths of the Dep. P.G.M., and Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," and "The W.M. of the Wyndham Lodge" concluded the toast list.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

The annual gathering of the Mark Masons of this province was held under the banner of the Porchester Lodge, at Newbury, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., under auspicious circumstances, the weather being delightful, and the programme including a visit to Highclere Castle, the picturesque and beautifully wooded seat of the Earl of Carnarvon, Past Grand Master, who manifested an unusual amount of interest in connection with the event. Notwithstanding the fact of some London brethren missing the train at Paddington through an alteration in the train service, there was a good attendance, numbering about sixty. The Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, presided, supported by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Charles Stephens; Bro. Thomas J. Pulley, P.G. Secretary; and other Prov. Grand Officers. The lodge business commenced shortly before one o'clock, and included the reception of the usual reports, which were of a satisfactory character. Bro. E. J. Trendell, who had held the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer for several years, having resigned in consequence of age, Bro. Tomkins was unanimously appointed to succeed him.

The Provincial Grand Master re-appointed Bro. Charles Stephens as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. STEPHENS briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. W. MORRIS, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, Officers, and brethren of the Jersey Lodge, invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble next year at Maidenhead, and the PROV. GRAND MASTER, speaking on behalf of the brethren generally, said he accepted the invitation with great pleasure.

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

Bro. S. Knight, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" F. J. Ferguson, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" R. E. Baynes, 55	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" E. J. Shrewsbury, 257	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" M. Wheeler, 225	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. J. Atkins, M.A., 27	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. Manley Power, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. Horne, 247	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" T. J. Pulley, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. W. Lindars, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" W. T. Toms, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. A. Bacon, 247	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. E. Loveland, 55	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. T. Nundy, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. C.
" C. B. Tubbs, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" R. Puttick, 257	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. Arrowsmith, 257	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Newbery, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Burns, 27	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" B. W. Bennett, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" W. Hemmings, 235	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" G. Norwood, 55	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed shortly afterwards, and the brethren on the invitation of the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, Bro. Stephen Knight, who is also W.M. of the Porchester Lodge, partook of light refreshments served in a recherche style in the ante-rooms.

The brethren were subsequently driven in a number of pair horse breaks to Highclere Park, where a circuitous route was taken through the lovely grounds skirting the expansive lake, the Castle being reached, after a most delightful drive, about half-past three. On alighting at the principal entrance to the stately pile, the visitors were received in a very hearty and cordial manner by Lord Carnarvon, who was accompanied by the Countess and Lady Margaret Herbert. The noble Earl led the way through the various apartments, describing the chief of the valuable paintings and other works of art; after which there was an adjournment to the velvet-like lawn, where Bro. Hamlen, of the Queen's Hotel, Newbury, had prepared luncheon in a very creditable manner. The Earl of Jersey presided, and, on his lordship's invitation, the Countess of Carnarvon and Lady Margaret Herbert honoured the brethren with their presence at luncheon. There were also present the Earl of Carnarvon and the Rev. Canon Portal, Past Grand Masters of the Mark Masons; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stephens; the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Bros. Stephen Knight and Francis J. Ferguson; the Provincial Grand Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. J. Atkins and Manley Power; the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins; the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Pulley; Bros. Shepherd, Morris, Margrett, Glasspool, D'Almaine, Simpson, Wheeler, Nicholson, Hall, Cosburn, Boyer, Ridley, Ravenscroft, Horne, Toms, Tubbs, Nundy, Newbery, Burns, Harrold, G. M. Knight, Shepherd, W. Knight, E. Head, Graham, Maychurch, Palmer, Dodd, Canning, Nicholson, Arrowsmith, Adker, King, Jenkin, Thompson, Lewis, Creed, James, Strausom, Hickie, Hemmings, Legg, and others.

Grace before luncheon was said by the Rev. J. Atkins, and after by the Rev. Manley Power.

Dessert having been introduced, the PROV. G. MASTER ably proposed the first toast, "The Queen and Mark Masonry."

The brethren, led by Bro. Newbery, sang the National Anthem.

The P.G.M., in proposing "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said this was undoubtedly a most eventful year in the annals of Mark Masonry. After some years of difficulty, not to say opposition, the Mark Masons had this year the honour of having as their G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—(cheers)—which they might regard as the crowning point of the edifice. (Cheers.) They now looked forward with feelings of pride and satisfaction to Mark Masonry holding its own, not rivalling, but progressing, side by side, with Craft Masonry, and doing all that was possible in the promotion of good works. (Cheers.)

The toast was drank with loyal enthusiasm, and Bro. Pulley sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The P.G. MASTER next proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and having borne testimony to the great ability and zeal shown by Lord Kintore during his term of office, referred to the presence on this auspicious occasion of two Past Grand Masters—Lord Carnarvon and Canon Portal—dwelling on the eminent services they had rendered to Mark Masonry, and acknowledging the great kindness and courtesy which Lord Carnarvon had extended towards the brethren of Berks and Oxon by receiving them at the Castle and conducting them through it. (Cheers.)

Lord JERSEY regretted they had not had time to see all the beauties of Highclere, but expressed his hope that they would have the opportunity of doing so on some future occasion. (Loud cheers and laughter.) The noble Earl associated with the toast the names of Past Grand Masters Lord Carnarvon and Canon Portal. (Cheers.)

Lord CARNARVON, in the course of an eloquent and interesting reply of some length, remarked that his first connection with Mark Masonry dated many years ago, more years, indeed, than he liked to count up, but when he looked back on the progress of Mark Masonry during the interval, he felt that the retrospect was a very satisfactory one. (Cheers.) When he had the honour of holding office in 1863, Mark Masonry was prosperous and flourishing, and they thought themselves fortunate in the possession of 40 lodges; now, however, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had under his rule no less than 380 lodges. (Cheers.) They also possessed a Benevolent Fund, an Annuity Fund, and an Education Fund, and these were in fact, the pillars and columns upon which their Order ought to rest. (Cheers.) There had been prosperity in the past, and there was progress in the present, and they had a very good augury for the future of Mark Masonry in the acceptance by the Prince of Wales of the office of Grand Master. (Cheers.) His Lordship went on to speak of the great debt which Mark Masons owed to Past Grand Master Canon Portal, to whose energy, vigour, and ability the success that had attended Mark Masonry was largely due. (Cheers.) Many years had rolled by since the time when Bro. Portal and himself commenced Masonry together, when, in fact, Bro. Portal taught him his Masonic duties, Bro. Portal being Master, and he (Lord Carnarvon) an undergraduate, at Oxford. (Cheers.) He assured the brethren that they were most heartily welcomed at Highclere, and he felt that Highclere had been honoured by this gathering. He accepted the half promise made by Lord Jersey that they would visit Highclere again on some future occasion. (Cheers.) Masonry and Highclere were not altogether strange and foreign words. There once lived in that very pile of buildings—Highclere Castle—one of the most illustrious Masons that the history of English Masonry, or English history generally, bore record of. For a certain time the Great William of Wykeham lived within those walls. He was one of an illustrious band of men who built for the service of God and the use of man those great and magnificent buildings which subsist to this day—(cheers)—whose venerable faces spoke to them of the faith in God, and the reverence that dictated their erection. (Cheers.) We in our day were not called upon to erect such stately edifices, they were the work of a by-gone generation, and we were no longer Operative Masons in that sense; but, on the other hand, they had works of Charity to carry out—(cheers)—and whether they met as Craft Masons or Mark Masons they always recognised that the fundamental rule and practice of their Order consisted of the fulfilment of the great Masonic duty of Charity. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Canon PORTAL, Past Grand Master, also replied in an able speech.

Lord CARNARVON, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Lord Jersey, P.G.M.," who briefly responded.

The remaining toasts included "The Health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Stephens;" "The Provincial Grand Officers," for whom the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. TOMKINS, responded; "The W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Porchester Lodge," replied to by Bro. STEPHEN KNIGHT, W.M., P.G.S.W.; "The Mark Benevolent Fund," proposed by Rev. Canon PORTAL, and replied to by Bro. PULLEY, P.G. Secretary; "The Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. the Rev. A. H. ETTY, P.P.G. Chaplain of Bengal, replied.

Loud and repeated cheers having been given for "Lord and Lady Carnarvon, Lord Porchester, and other members of their family," the noble Earl expressed his warmest thanks, and added his best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Porchester Lodge.

The visitors then took leave of the noble Earl and Lady Carnarvon, and amidst loud cheers, the return journey to Newbury was commenced at seven o'clock, Newbury being reached shortly before eight. The brethren of the Porchester Lodge were heartily thanked for the great hospitality and kindness they had shown, and warmly congratulated on the unqualified success that had attended the excellent arrangements, one and all confessing that this had proved the most enjoyable day spent in connection with this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge.

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SATURDAY, JULY 17, 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.]

LEWIS AND PRIORITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Let me mention, as bearing out the statement that a Lewis, when presenting himself with other candidates for initiation, can claim priority, that at the banquet following the installation of Bro. G. S. Recknell as W.M. of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, Bro. Bush, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," stated that at the first meeting of the lodge after its consecration Bro. Recknell was a candidate for initiation, and that he (Bro. Bush) "acted on that occasion as J.W.," when "Bro. Recknell, being the son of a Mason, claimed priority of the other four candidates, and was thus the first initiate in the lodge." Here, then, we have a case derived from the present time, in which a Lewis claimed and was allowed priority in initiation over the other candidates, while in the report in the Freemason of the 24th January, 1885, from which I have quoted the circumstances as above, Bro. Recknell is described as "the son of a Mason"—that is, a "Lewis"—but without any qualification as to the rank of his father in Masonry—Master Mason or not—or whether he himself was born before or subsequent to his father's initiation.

Let me add that Bro. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, was present at the meeting referred to, and, so far as your report goes, does not seem to have questioned the justice or propriety of Bro. Bush's description.—Yours fraternally, L. L.



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ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Henry Wright. In the course of the evening the several ceremonies connected with the Order were admirably performed by the W.M., and two brethren were passed and raised for the convenience of the W.M. of another lodge. The W.M., who is an enthusiastic worker in Masonry, gave the explanations and lectures connected with the several Degrees in a most efficient and instructive manner. This is the first occasion on which these explanations have been given in the lodge, and they were listened to with extreme interest and pleasure by the members. The S.W., Bro. J. Perkins, C.C., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and a handsome Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., Bro. Henry Wright, for the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties during the year. Bro. Pawley was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lovell was appointed Tyler.

Subsequently the members and guests dined together, and these included Bros. J. Perkins, S.W.; Pawley, Treas.; J. C. Whiddington, F. A. Jewson, L. F. Littell, Col. Sewell, C. W. Bowley, W. Roberts, E. T. R. Wylde, H. C. Ewer, P. F. Wallace, T. Minstrel, J. Sawyer, E. T. Terry, W. Matthews, W. Haynes, E. Stilwell, Oscar Timme, Lieut.-Col. Godfrey, and many others.

The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given, and the W.M., in giving "The Grand Officers," remarked upon the extraordinary manner in which that lodge was favoured by the large number of Grand Officers which they numbered among the members of the lodge. It was with very great pleasure indeed, that he associated with the toast the name of their dear old friend, Bro. Littell, who ably followed their good and great friend, the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, who was their first Master in the chair.

Bro. L. F. Littell replied in suitable terms, stating the great amount of interest which was shown by the Grand Officers. Before he sat down it was his privilege to propose "The Health of their Worshipful Master," and referred to the great services of their Worshipful Master. That evening they had heard in their lodge that which they had never heard before—a lecture upon many things which interested them exceedingly in the lodge. The Worshipful Master deserved their thanks for the admirable manner in which he had served the office of Master.

The Worshipful Master, responding, thanked the members for the kind and cordial reception they had given to the toast. He had tried to uphold the prestige which the lodge had gained by his predecessors, and he was pleased to think that he had in some way succeeded. He had always taken an independent position, and he was glad to find that he was so well supported, not only by the officers he had chosen at the commencement of his year of office, but by the members generally. Before he sat down he should ask them to drink "The Health of the Past Masters," and he should couple with the toast the name of their friend, Col. Sewell, who was distinguished above all their Past Masters in having served the office of W.M. for 18 months, instead of 12 months. A great number of members joined during that period, and Col. Sewell well performed the duties of his office.

Col. Sewell said that when he reflected upon the number and influence of the Past Masters of the Alliance Lodge, men who were so well and so highly distinguished in the Craft, he felt quite unable to reply properly to that toast. He was, however, quite sure that they would be pleased to hear that they had been so kindly remembered. The many avocations in which they were engaged did not enable them to attend the lodge constantly and regularly. They were most hard-working members of the Craft—they

had made and sustained the reputation of the lodge, and this their W.M. had kept up during the year in a truly Masonic manner. He congratulated the W.M. upon the eloquent manner in which he had delivered the charges to the lodge. This was the first occasion upon which these had been performed, and the lodge must be very proud to have such a Master. The Past Masters in their time had done their best to establish and extend the reputation of the lodge, and they all had but the one object in view—of seeing it prosper.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master Elect," said he had neither to express surprise or regret at the choice which the lodge had made in electing Bro. James Perkins to preside over them for the ensuing year, as that brother would on all occasions carry out the dictates of the brethren in the manner they wished. Bro. Perkins had been associated with the lodge work in all the different capacities, and had gone, like himself, through every grade, and every Degree he had held he had filled in a proper and satisfactory manner. The office of Master would not be new to him, because he had passed through the chair in the Mornington Lodge; and, besides this, he was a Past Master of the Shipwrights' Company, so that he would well know how to carry out, not only the duties of the lodge, but of entertainment, and he was quite sure they would all join with him in drinking Bro. Perkins' hearty good health, wishing him every success. He hoped for his own part in the course of a few months to hand over to him the warrant as unsullied as he had received it from his predecessors.

The Worshipful Master Elect suitably replied, hoping to be able to perform the duties which he had been elected to carry out with the same dignity with which their present Master had discharged them.

"The Health of the Visitors" was most cordially given by the W.M., and was replied to by Bros. Edward Terry, W. Matthews (from Paramatta, Australia), E. Stillwell, W. Haynes, and Minstrell.

In proposing "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. remarked upon the unavoidable absence of Bro. Henry Squire, C.C., the J.W., the Chairman of the Library Committee, and also Bro. Henry Clarke, C.C. Bro. Bowley, the acting J.W., congratulated the lodge upon its past success and its future prospects, and especially upon the progress it had made during the last year.

Bro. J. C. Whiddington, who also replied, said the officers appreciated deeply the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. They were all burning to occupy the chair of W.M., and they only hoped that they might be able to discharge the duties with as much dignity and hospitality as the present W.M. had done.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

WILSON ILES LODGE (No. 2054).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. Stephen Henry Moore, F.R.C.S.E., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. It will be remembered that this lodge was established two years ago to commemorate the memory of the late Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Herts, and his profession has ably supported it, as will be seen by the list of officers appointed on this occasion. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Mackie, supported by Bros. S. H. Moore, S.W. and W.M. elect; Isaac C. McLearn, J.W.; H. J. Moxon, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Galt Fisher, P.M., P.G.J.D. Middx., Sec.; H. Tipper, J.D.; A. Phillips Hills, I.G.; R. M. Bruce, D.C.; and R. W. Wilson, Stwd.; also Bros. F. S. Pilkington and the Rev. J. Farrington Downes, together with the following visitors: Bros. Col. Henry Radcliffe, P.G.S.; H. H. Room, P.M.; R. D. Cummings, A. J. Hills, W. G. McVicker, R. H. Holt, and Arthur Mathey.

The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Moore, W.M. elect, was presented, and subsequently installed into the chair of King Solomon in a most faultless manner by the retiring Master, Bro. Mackie, whose zeal and ability while in the chair have been rewarded by the unanimous expression of high approval by the brethren, accompanied by a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which was presented to him at a later period of the evening.

Bro. Dr. Moore, W.M., having been duly saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Mackie, I.P.M.; Isaac C. McLearn, M.D., S.W.; F. Milburn, M.R.C.S., J.W.; Rev. J. Farrington Downes, M.A., Chaplain; H. J. Moxon, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Galt Fisher, P.M., P.G.J.D. Middx., Sec.; Harry Tipper, W.M. 2090, S.D.; A. Phillips Hills, M.R.C.S., J.D.; R. M. Bruce, M.R.C.S., I.G.; R. W. Wilson, M.R.C.S., D.C.; F. S. Pilkington, M.R.C.S., and O. B. Shelswell, M.R.C.S., Stwds.; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

Bro. Mackie then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a most impressive manner. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Messrs. H. S. Shelswell and Dr. Cliff, which proved unanimous, and the former being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by Bro. Moore, in a style reflecting the greatest credit on himself, and, although it was necessarily his maiden effort, yet his rendering of the ceremony was of a practised hand.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren subsequently sat down to a most recherché banquet, provided by Bro. Tydeman, P.P.G.P. Essex, the host, the table being profusely decorated with lovely flowers and the choicest fruits that could be obtained.

Full justice having been done to the good things, the W.M. rose to propose the first toast, which he said we, as loyal subjects and good Masons always honoured, "The Queen and Craft." The toast having been drunk in bumpers "The Grand and Prov. Grand Officers" were similarly honoured.

Bro. Mackie I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was ably responded to; the W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Initiate," which was responded to by Bro. H. T. Shelswell; then followed the toasts of "The Immediate and Past Masters," after which Bro. Mackie, I.P.M., was presented with a P.M.'s jewel; Bro. Mackie having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Col. Radcliffe, Past Grand Steward, H. H. Room, P.M., and R. D. Holt; "The toast of 'The Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge,'" came next, and

was responded to by Bro. Fisher, Secretary, and Bro. McLearn, S.W.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The evening was enlivened by some capital songs and recitations rendered by Bros. Tipper, Wilson, Moxon, Holt and Mathey.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).

The annual installation gathering of the members of this lodge—established 1783, the centenary of its establishment being celebrated three years ago—took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was an attendance of upwards of 100 members and visitors. Bro. R. G. Bradley, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair, and amongst his chief supporters were Bros. D. W. Cangle, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; J. Whalley, P.M.; W. Corbett, P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. White, S.W., W.M. elect; and others. The visitors included Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; P. B. Gee, P.G.S.B.; J. Beesley, P.G.J.D.; R. G. Leslie, P.G.C.; J. B. M'Kenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Archer, W.M. 1502; Dr. Clarke, W.M. 673; T. Wright, W.M. 1182; G. Mitchell, W.M. 1035; W. H. Veevers, P.M. 594; W. Franks, P.M. 1100; R. J. Wishart, I.P.M. 1789; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; F. H. Boulding, W.M. 1004; T. White, P.M. 219 (Ireland); W. Blunsum, W.M. 594; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; J. Tunstall, I.P.M. 1035; J. Croxton, Treas. 1756; and others.

After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. R. G. Bradley concluded a successful and popular year's occupancy of the chief chair by installing Bro. J. White as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bros. Past Masters Dr. J. K. Smith and Morris Davies. The ceremony was most effectively performed by Bro. Bradley, who well merited the cordial vote of thanks which was passed at the close of the proceedings, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The W.M. subsequently installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. G. Bradley, I.P.M.; H. J. Pye, S.W.; J. C. Spurr, J.W.; J. Hayes, Treasurer (re-elected); R. Collings, Secretary (re-appointed); D. W. Cangle, P.M., D.C.; W. Hewson, S.D.; D. C. Davidson, J.D.; W. B. Bridge, I.G.; R. Shacklady, S.S.; Henry F. Neale, J.S.; T. Bush, A.S.; P. Evans, J.S.; and W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Casey, and during the evening Bro. R. G. Bradley, I.P.M., was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, a gold watch and chain, and a suite of jewellery, the latter gifts being subscribed for by the members and presented by Bro. H. F. Neale.

An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Kirkham, Sewell, Pugmire, Fargher, and Ewart.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).

The members of this long-established lodge held their annual installation meeting on the 6th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a very numerous attendance both of members and visitors. Bro. Dr. T. Clarke, the W.M., whose year of office has been singularly successful, occupied the chair at the opening of the proceedings, supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; Thos. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; Thomas Roberts, P.M.; G. Godfrey, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; J. Ball, P.M.; L. Herman, P.M.; C. B. Robeson, S.W.; Charles Cockbain, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., Treas.; R. Owen, Sec.; J. B. Parker, S.D.; J. H. Stillings, J.D.; Jas. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., P.M., D.C.; J. O. Mallabar, I.G.; R. Rawlinson, Stwd.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

Among the many visitors present were Bros. R. Foote, Prov. G. Treas.; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; Harold Wycett, Prov. G. A. Sec., P.M. 1473; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 786; Rev. R. F. Leslie, P.G.C., P.M. 1713; J. B. M'Kenzie, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1609; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; R. Jones, W.M. 1276; H. Archer, W.M. 1502; David W. Caugley, P.M. 249; W. Blunsum, W.M. 594; John Johnstone, P.M. 785; J. M. King, P.M. 823; T. Wright, W.M. 1182; J. Bailey, I.P.M. 667; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened and a candidate initiated, Bro. C. Robeson, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas., and T. Roberts, P.M., the installation ceremony being afterwards most impressively and efficiently performed by Bro. Dr. Clarke, the retiring W.M., after which Bro. Robeson invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. T. Clarke, I.P.M.; C. Cockbain, S.W.; J. B. Parker, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. O. Mallabar, Sec.; J. H. Stillings, S.D.; Wm. Ormsby, J.D.; A. E. Workman, Org.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., D.C.; R. Rawlinson, I.G.; A. Stewart, E. H. Roberts, and W. G. de Silva, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

Subsequently the members and visitors, to the number of over 100, sat down to an excellent dinner upstairs, provided by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and cordially responded to, and in the course of the evening Bro. Dr. Clarke was presented, on behalf of the lodge, with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services in the chair during the past year. A capital musical entertainment was given during the proceedings by a large number of brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.

SHEERNESS.—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).

The adjourned meeting for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Fountain Hotel on Tuesday, the 15th ult. Bro. J. Tower, W.M., duly resumed the lodge. There were present Bros. J. Tower, W.M.; Norrington, I.P.M.; Pannell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Penney, P.M.; R. H. Platin, W.M. 158; R. Derry, P.M., Sec. 158; G. Green, 158; and several brethren and officers of De Shurland and Adam's Lodges. Bro. Filer was installed in the chair of K.S., in a most efficient manner by Bro. E. J. Penney, P.M., after which Bro. J. Tower was invested as I.P.M. Previous to investing his officers for the year the W.M. stated that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.M., Bro. Tower, with a gold jewel, unanimously voted to him by the lodge as a recognition for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during the previous year. He hoped he would be spared many years to wear it.

Bro. Tower responded in suitable terms. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing

year as follows: Bros. Greenstreet, S.W.; Filley, J.W.; Penney, P.M., Treas.; Pannell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; H. Pannell, S.D.; Highwood, J.D.; Mathewson, I.G.; J. E. Hooker, Stwd.; and Parsons, Tyler.

After the remaining business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed in the usual manner, when the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Cox, who gave great satisfaction to the brethren present. Bro. E. J. Penney, P.M., carried out the duties of Wine Steward for the evening.

DOVER.—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on Monday, the 25th ult., Bro. Potter, I.P.M., being in the chair, in the absence of Bro. Kennett, W.M. After the usual business of the lodge had been transacted, the members, to the numbers of over thirty, were entertained at the expense of the Host, Bro. Oldfield, to an excellent repast.

On Bro. and Mrs. Oldfield's health being proposed, the former acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms, and expressed his regret that the lodge would not meet again at his establishment, but as the change was for the benefit of the Order he wished them every success, the fact of having a Masonic Temple devoted to their use proved the continued progress and prosperity of the Dover lodges.

In the course of the evening a presentation was made to Bro. and Mrs. Oldfield, of a beautifully illuminated address, containing the copy of a resolution, thanking both for their great courtesy and kindness to the members of the lodge during the period—ten years—that the meetings have been held in the Royal Hotel.

The address is in the following terms:—"Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, of Ancient Free and accepted Masons. The members of the lodge, on its removal from the Royal Hotel to the Masonic Temple in Snargate-street, have much pleasure in testifying to the high appreciation entertained by them of the unvarying kindness and attention of Bro. and Mrs. Oldfield, which have so much conduced to the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren during the past ten years; and that an illuminated copy of this resolution, signed by the officers of the lodge, be presented to Bro. Oldfield at the regular meeting in June next.—Signed and sealed by Bros. W. O. Kennett, W.M.; Ernest Marsh, S.W.; John James Wright, J.W.; Henry A. Wellard, S.D.; Charles L. Adams, J.D.; P. Owen Potter, P.M., Organist; William Wood Burkett, I.G.; Clement Walter, P.M., Treasurer; and W. A. Smeeth, P.M., Secretary. Dover, May 17th, 1886."

During the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Winterbon, Souter, Wright, and Vincent. Among others present were Bros. Potter, Smeeth, Burkett, Marsh, Wellard, and others.

REDCAR.—Marwood Lodge (No. 1244).

On Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., the annual festival of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, when the installation of Bro. W. P. Ingham as W.M. for the ensuing year took place. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. James Hogg, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The following officers were also appointed by the W.M.: Bros. Bardett, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; J. C. Davison, Sec.; George Hood, S.D.; J. Patton, J.D.; and Herbert, Tyler.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Coatham Hotel, at which there were present several visiting brethren from Middlesborough, Stockton, and Darlington, including the Mayor of the latter town. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given.

HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).

A very successful meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when a considerable number of brethren assembled to witness the installation of the highly respected S.W., Bro. Pritchard, as W.M. of his mother lodge. The brethren present were Bros. E. M. Lott, P.G.O., W.M.; H. Pritchard, S.W.; J. W. J. Oswald, M.D., J.W.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P., Treas.; F. W. Levander, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; J. Tatlock, J.D.; J. Hutchison, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; C. J. Wallis, P.M.; Rev. W. S. Moses, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; R. M. Jones, P.M.; J. L. Thomas, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., P.P.G.J.W.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P. G.M.; W. Hicklin, A. Hicklin, G. Sawyer, and others.

The visitors comprised Bros. T. Fenn, Pres. B.G.P.; A. A. Richards, W.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; F. G. Gordon, 534; G. Kennaby, 1420; J. Greening, 1426; W. Lake, P.M. 131; H. G. Cubitt, 2020; C. Bassano, P.M. 66; W. H. Ingham, 453; P. Saillard, W.M. 2020; A. Madell, 1201; J. E. Terry, 1964; J. Terry, P.M. 228; W. D. Hollis, W.M. 1311; S. W. Shaw, P.M. 709; E. M. Money, P.M. 28; W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768; F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124; C. M. Matthew, P.M. 263; C. E. Cassal, 1974; W. E. Dawes, P.M. 619; W. J. Morris, 72; W. J. Kennaby, 1420; R. C. Sudlow, W.M. 263; and A. Combes, 1471.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. R. M. Jones, P.M., no less than twenty-five brethren being present at the Board of Installed Masters. It was incidentally mentioned in open lodge that it was only four years ago that the W.M. was initiated; he has, however, proved himself a most enthusiastic Mason, and high testimony was borne as to the way in which Bro. Pritchard had at various times performed the ceremonies in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement by the best authority on the subject—Bro. Fenn. The W.M. is Secretary and Treasurer of the Gavel Club, and many of his brother Gavers were present to greet him and wish him, as he is sure to have, a very prosperous year.

The first duty of the W.M., after his installation, was to appoint as his I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org., and to present that brother with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge in recognition of his services, and as a mark of the respect and regard the members bore him.

The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Dr. Oswald, S.W.; Tatlock, J.W.; Rev. W. S. Moses, Chaplain; Cubitt, Treasurer; Levander, Secretary; Hutchison, S.D.; W. Hicklin, J.D.; A. Hicklin, I.G.; Sawyer, D.C.; Dr. Lott, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Propositions for initiation and joining were made, and the lodge was closed, after which a very enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W. Grand Master" having been duly honoured, Bro. Thomas Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes,

responded on behalf of "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers." They had, he said, some good specimens of Grand Officers present in the persons of Bros. Raymond Thrupp, Thomas, Lott, and Cubitt. He could not allow that occasion to pass without expressing the pleasure he felt at assisting at the installation of Bro. Pritchard, who had learnt his Masonry in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in which, as they knew, he took a deep interest. He congratulated the W.M. on attaining the summit of his ambition, which was a very proper one for every true Mason. Those who had not heard him would, he ventured to say, be surprised at the way in which he would do his work when the opportunity came.

The next toast was that of "The R.W.P.G. Master, Sir Francis Burdett; the Dep. G.M., Bro. Raymond Thrupp; and the Prov. G. Officers." The P.G.M. had excused himself from attending on account of having to be present at Marlborough House on that afternoon, but they had the Deputy Grand Master present, as well as Bros. Cubitt, J. Lewis Thomas, and Dr. Lott, who were also members of the lodge.

Bro. Raymond Thrupp, in responding, said he was glad that they had installed such a good worker in the chair of the Campbell Lodge as Bro. Pritchard. The W.M. had received a certificate from the first of working Masons, and he felt sure he would not fail to honour that certificate. Bro. Pritchard he felt sure would do his best to keep up the credit of the Campbell Lodge, in doing which he would be maintaining the reputation of the province.

Bro. Lott then proposed "The Health of the W.M." It gave him, he said, great pleasure to do this. For a long time he had been looking forward to the time when they should have him in the chair, and the encomiums that had been passed on him were not beyond his merits.

The W.M., in reply, said he had come there with no set speeches, but he thanked them very heartily for the good opinion they had formed of him. It was true as they had heard that four years ago that day he was sitting at the right of the W.M. as the newest initiate, and now he occupied the highest position which it was in the power of the lodge to confer on him. He may have exhibited over-enthusiasm, but he could assure the brethren that he had the welfare of the Campbell Lodge at heart. He desired to thank Bro. Lott most heartily for proposing the toast in the kindly way in which he had done so.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and expressed the pleasure he felt at having several personal friends present.

Bro. Hollis, who had come purposely from Leeds to attend the installation, responded.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of the Campbell Lodge." They had all performed their duties thoroughly and stuck to the lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Jones for installing him that evening. They had another worthy P.M. in their Chaplain, Bro. Moses, who, it was gratifying to find, was coming back to them.

Bros. Lott and Moses responded on behalf of the Past Masters.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast, and was replied to by Bros. Cubitt and Levander.

"The Officers of the lodge," and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The pleasure of the brethren was much enhanced by some excellent songs by members and visitors.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Burrage-road, when Bro. W. Maule, S.W., W.M. elect, was, with the usual honour, placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Moulds, W.M., and the usual business having been transacted, Bro. Lee was passed. Bro. Maule was then presented, and having been duly installed was proclaimed and saluted. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Gooding, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treasurer; A. Ware, Secretary; A. Murdoch, S.D.; R. F. Robertson, J.D.; H. Frouch, I.G.; J. Miles, D.C.; W. Seager, A.D.C.; T. Couper, Stwd.; and W. Musquin, A.S. Bro. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent, then gave the addresses eloquently and impressively, for which he was congratulated on all sides. Bro. Weston was then re-elected by acclamation to represent the lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee, and returned thanks. Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.M. 913, P.G.S.D. Kent, and J. Aillud, P.M. 615, P.G.A.D.C., were then accorded grand honours, and returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which did Bro. H. Vallom great credit.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Quartermaster G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; H. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; Quartermaster D. Deeves, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Natal; G. Kennedy, P.M.; Capt. W. Richey, P.M.; Rev. C. Solbe, P.M., and P.M. 1789; T. Ovenden, P.M., and P.M. 700; T. D. Hayes, P.M., and P.M. 913; Quartermaster W. Willmott, T. Spackman, S. W. Webkin, A. Hill, R. Haynes, W. Wilde, J. Griffiths, H. Collins, T. Cornerford, W. Edwards, T. Hopper, T. Rose, A. Green, J. Hayward, C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, all of the lodge; Col. T. Richardson, P.M. 1331, P.P.G.S.D. Hants; T. R. Richardson, W.M. 913; W. Akers, W.M. 12; G. B. Chapman, W.M. 298; J. Etheridge, W.M. 829; G. Mason, W.M. 1789; W. D. Livesay, 706; G. W. Mitchell, W.M. 615; W. H. Hedge, W.M. 77; E. Palmer, P.M. 915; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; J. Taylor, S.W. 1331; F. Nichols, S.W. 706; J. Sanderson, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; W. Keeble, J.W. 913; R. J. Naylor, J.W. 700; J. G. Milbourne, J.W. 13; T. Murray, 1043; W. Glover, 1331; R. Lord, 1483; W. Rex, W.M. 1331; Quartermaster J. McCaffery, 1789; Quartermaster J. Rowan, 1789; W. Sanders, 913; W. A. Anson, 13; W. C. Taylor, 913; W. Wray, 700; A. Deans, 13; and W. Hancock, 700 (the latter acted as Organist).

The cloth having been cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts eloquently, and right loyally were they responded to by these gallant servants of her most gracious Majesty the Queen.

The toast of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of Kent," was received and drank with enthusiasm.

The toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the names of Bros. Penfold and Aillud.

Bro. Penfold, whose reception was of the warmest, said, in response, that he had had to respond to the toast upon several occasions during the past 12 months; but that night he stood upon firmer ground. Formerly he was only a Steward, but now it had pleased his lordship their Prov. Grand Master to make him Prov. G.S.D., and by so doing had reflected great honour upon the Pattison Lodge and also the United Military Lodge, of which he (Bro. Penfold) was an honorary member. When they considered that there were 54 lodges and 2800 brethren in the province, and only some 11 or 12 collars to give away, they could easily understand the difficulty their D.G.M. had in making a selection from among so many good and true brethren. Therefore, to be so selected made the prize more valuable; but there was another cause which made it valuable—their W.M. had told them that he was struck with the urbanity with which their Prov. Grand Master presided over Provincial Grand Lodge. Now, he (Bro. Penfold) had been a constant attendant at Provincial Grand Lodge for nearly 20 years, and well knew the great impression made by Earl Amherst during the now nearly a quarter of a century that he had presided over the Province of Kent, where, if possible, he was more respected, and the attachment to him was stronger than ever, that gave the zest to the receiving and wearing a collar under such a Grand Master in such a province. On behalf of himself and his colleague, Bro. Aillud, he thanked them, and they might depend upon it that he and Bro. Aillud would do their duty. At present he did not know what the duties were, but whatever they were, onerous or light, they would do them to the best of their ability. His sympathies were, next to the Pattison, with the United Military Lodge, in which he felt it a great honour to have his name coupled with so important a toast.

Bro. Aillud could only say "ditto" to Bro. Penfold's remarks. He was not connected with the district lodges, but some years ago he was a member of the Pattison Lodge. The collar of the Province of Kent was next to that of the Grand Lodge of England, and as such he looked upon it. He was proud of such a colleague as Bro. Penfold, and proud of having his name coupled with the toast, for which he heartily thanked them.

The I.P.M., Bro. Moulds, then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said that he knew they would receive it with acclamation, and drink it in bumpers, for in Bro. Maule they had a Master who would well and ably sustain the integrity of the lodge, and discharge the duties of his office with honour to himself, and credit to the brethren. He congratulated the lodge on its choice of such a Master, and asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. Maule, who was heartily cheered as he rose to respond, said he could hardly find words to thank them for their hearty reception of his name. All he could say was, that if the brethren would only give him plenty of work, he would so devote his best energies to the welfare of the lodge, that it warrant would, at the end of his year of office, be handed to his successor as he had received it—pure and unadulterated.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" having been honoured, and Bro. Moulds having responded, that of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bro. Moulds was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, for which he feelingly returned thanks.

Bro. Deeves, who has just returned from service in Natal, responded for the Past Masters. He said he thanked them kindly for coupling his name with the toast, as it gave him an opportunity of saying something about himself. There were a good many Past Masters, officers, and brethren, who were members when he left to go to South Africa, some of them were getting sere and grey in the service of the lodge, and others who were then in it were gone, one never to return, he alluded to their esteemed and lamented Bro. Holleyman, while Past Masters Pownall, Picken, Welding, and Saunders were gone, he trusted yet to return. Those who were left had done their duty well, and all would agree with him when he said that they had made the lodge one of the foremost in the province of Kent, and as they had done in the past so they would do in the future. He was one of the founders of the lodge, and when Bro. Bates placed the first collar on his neck as an officer, that of D.C., he did not know what the duties were, but before the year was out he had filled every office temporarily from S.W. to I.G. He had been away five years, but had not been idle all that time, for he had been working very hard for Freemasonry at Natal, where he had achieved great honours, and gone up to the 18th. He could not sit down without publicly thanking Bro. Spinks for sending him every week the *Freemason*, in which he saw month after month how they were getting on at their meetings, and year after year who was put into the chair, and who got office. He and all the Masons in Natal looked eagerly every week for their *Freemason*, and he did not know how he should have got on without it. He then resumed his seat amid applause.

Bro. Ovenden and Sparks also responded. "The Visitors," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were interspersed by some good singing by Bros. Nichols, Anson, Deans, and Sanderson. Bro. Hancock presiding at the piano.

PLYMOUTH.—Prudence Lodge (No. 1550).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 3rd instant, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, to instal Bro. J. Maton as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Dimier, assisted by Bros. J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, 1530, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.D.; G. Sellick, P.M.; R. G. Bird, P.M.; and the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. C. Phelps, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; L. D. Westcott, P.M. 70, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Goodall, P.M., 954, P.P.G. Org.; S. Jeur, P.M. 105, 1847, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, 2025, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Trevena, P.M. 159, P.P.G.D.C.; George Roseveare, P.M. 1255, P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall; J. G. Keverne, P.M. 1255; M. Lakeman, P.M.; J. Y. Avery, P.M., 156; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; J. R. Dugdale, P.M. 954; C. Watson, P.M. 954; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M. 1247; B. Elliott, P.M. 1247; R. P. Cully, P.M. 1247; J. Elliott, W.M. 1247; and J. Wallis, W.M. 1255. The officers invested were Bros. George Dimiers, I.P.M.; G. Watson, S.W.; J. Edgcombe, J.W.; C. Phelps, P.M., Treasurer; Thos. Goodall, P.M., Secretary; C. Bovey, S.D.; A. Goodman, J.D.; J. Davis, I.G.; A. C. Titherly, D.C.; J. Cridge, A.D.C.; F. Barron, Org.;

N. Reed, S.S.; L. H. Pellow, J.S.; W. Penhale, A.S.; and W. Phillips, Tyler. Bro. J. G. Keverne, P.M., was elected as Representative Committee Petitions and as Charity Steward.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, on the 9th inst., Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden North and East Yorkshire, presiding. The lodge was honoured on the occasion by the visit of the following members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: Bros. J. T. S. Elliott, Grand Junior Warden; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; J. Crichton, P.M.; W. Edwards, P.M., V.P.G.S.; R. Smith Brown, P.M. 124; J. Taylor, 349, P.N.S.C.; D. Scott, 219, S.C.; and J. Webster, J.W. 160. The visitors received a cordial welcome in the name of the lodge from the acting Worshipful Master, and afterwards had an opportunity of witnessing the working of the lodge. After supper a lengthy toast list was submitted, including "Prosperity to the Grand Lodge of Scotland," which was acknowledged in an excellent speech by the Grand Secretary. Musical contributions were given by Bros. Wilkinson, Mennell, and others.

HALIFAX.—St. John's Lodge (No 1736).—The annual meeting of the above lodge took place on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Bull Green. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Bolton, occupied the chair, and was supported by several P.G. Officers, as well as the W.M.'s of Halifax lodges, and visiting brethren from many parts of the province and Lancashire. Bro. A. E. Dalzell was passed to the second degree by the W.M.

Bro. W. J. Terrell, S.W., was then installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Bolton, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. Bro. Buckland then sang "Be thou faithful unto death" in his usual pleasing and skilful manner. W. Bro. Terrell then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. H. Bolton, I.P.M.; Rd. Oates, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; J. Green, P.M., Treas.; R. Riley, P.M., Sec.; P. Sunderland, S.D.; J. Davies, J.D.; Jas. Mackie, D.C.; J. Hitchen, I.G.; W. H. Dykes, Org.; H. Jenkinson, G. Howarth, N. Brooke, and G. Hanson, Stwds.; Hodgson, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the White Swan Hotel and partook of a splendid banquet provided by Bro. Fletcher. During the intervals loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened with songs and music by Bros. Richard Buckland, Gawkrödger, and several other brethren.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Ferguson. Bro. Messer occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Ross, Bleakley, Ament, Fraser, Gregory, Dimsdale, Sec; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Messer, the candidate being Bro. Gregory. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, then worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1445).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Williams, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; J. S. Henry, I.G.; J. Cruttenden, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, J. H. Wood, W. H. Wadhams, and E. G. Van Tromp. M. Wadhams, S.W. 338, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wood being candidate. Bro. Cruttenden gave the First Lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Wadhams was elected a member. A letter from Bro. Jos. H. Taylor was read, thanking the brethren for their vote of condolence. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, until Monday, the 19th inst., at 8 p.m., when the brethren of the Canadian Volunteer team have been invited to attend.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mims, W.M.; Satter, S.W.; Restell, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Brindley, P.M., J.D.; Baddley, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; C. White, P.M.; Neech, Holland, C. Pugh, and Harris.

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. Neech being the candidate. Bro. Holland answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Holland duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was closed down. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; H. G. Marsden, S.D.; J. W. Tacon, J.D.; W. Hancock, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Howard Sammons, W. Lincoln, H. J. Pellatt, H. S. Hunter, E. Chamberlain, W. Brindley, J. D. Graham, R. J. Harnell, F. Izant, James Rowe, A. Clark, C. A. Itter, E. C. Mulvey, W. H. Toten, W. H. Maguire, L. Gunzel, J. Skinner, Capt. A. Nicols, James Woodward, Frank Gulliford, H. J. Weise, James Watts, G. F. Swan, G. Gardiner, J. Rayner, and W. Guiverhouse.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture with Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary. Bro. J. D. Graham having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 7th Section of the First Lecture with Bro. E. Chamberlain. Bro. Howard Sammons, 1541, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. H. G. Marsden, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. O. W. Battley, S.W., be W.M. on the evening of the 22nd inst., he himself having been elected 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. Capt. A. Nicols, in response to Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, stated he was pleased to see the prominent position the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction was taking in diffusing Masonic knowledge. They might rely on him using his best influence to bring up members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction in force on the occasion of the working of

the Fifteen Sections on Thursday evening next. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 13th inst. at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. Cochran, W.M.; Pidcock, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; Hubbard, Secretary and S.D.; Keene, J.D.; Neville, I.G.; Ravner, and Walter. Visitor: Bro. Hughes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hughes being the candidate. Bro. Ravner having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed, and Bro. Pidcock was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

BRITANNIC CHAPTER (No. 33).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 9th inst. Comp. Charles Herbert Shoppee was installed as M.E.Z. by Comp. W. Sugg, P.Z., after which Bro. A. Charles was exalted.

The summer meeting took place on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Crystal Palace, where a very pleasant afternoon was spent, thanks to the excellency of the arrangements. The party, which numbered about 40, included Comps. Ricks, P.Z.; Browning, P.Z.; Ackland, P.Z.; Sugg, P.Z.; Stropp, P.Z.; Pendered, P.Z.; Batty, P.Z.; Reed, P.Z.; Turner, Bateman, Tanqueray, Bennett, Charles, Charles J. Shoppee, P.Z.; Dawson, Mrs. Shoppee, Mrs. Ackland, Miss Henriques, the Misses Mortimore, &c., &c. The musical arrangements, which considerably enhanced the enjoyment, were under the direction of Comp. Lawler. The usual toasts were given, Comp. C. J. Shoppee (father of the M.E.Z.) returned thanks for "The Visitors," and Comp. Tanqueray for "The Ladies."

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Chapter of Industry (No. 48).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Friday evening, the 9th inst., when there was an excellent programme of work. Amongst those present were Comps. D. Sinclair, Z.; John Wood, P.Z., as H.; John Page, as J.; John Duckett, S.E.; Robt. Whitfield, S.N.; Alfred Simpson, P.S.; W. F. Carmon, as 1st A.S.; and M. Corbitt, P.Z. The ballot was taken for Bros. H. F. Dryden and Wm. Richardson of Lodge 48, who were duly elected. Bro. Dryden was exalted by Comp. D. Sinclair, and Bro. Richardson by Comp. John Wood, who also delivered the mystical lecture in good style. The following members were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. G. Smith, Z.; John Moul, H.; J. Duckett, J.; Robert Whitfield, S.E.; James McCullough, S.N.; A. Simpson, P.S.; Wm. Brown, 1st A.S.; and H. F. Dryden, 2nd A.S.

It was also unanimously resolved that the regular meetings be held hereafter on the second Thursday in October, December, February, and April, leaving a vacation of six months in the summer season.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 10th inst. Comp. W. Bewlay, P.P.G. Swd. Br., M.E.Z., presided, there being present Comps. J. J. Robinson, P.G.A.S., H.; W. Cowman, P.P.G. Swd. Br., J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; C. Gowan, S.N.; John Paterson, P.S.; J. Casson, Janitor; John Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; Thos. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; D. Kece, G. Starkey, and W. J. Tyson.

The minutes of the former chapter were read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for the officers for the ensuing year, when the following were duly elected: Comps. J. J. Robinson, Z.; Wm. Cowman, H.; John Paterson, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; W. C. Johns, S.N.; and Chas. Gowan, P.S. Three candidates were balloted for, accepted, and exalted. Comp. T. Atkinson gave notice of motion for five guineas to his Steward's list, which was unanimously approved. Comp. W. Bewlay, Z. and Treas., next read a statement of accounts, which showed a balance to the credit of the chapter of about £26. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed in form.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 9th inst. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z., H.; W. H. Wadhams, J.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, Treas.; H. E. Dehane, S.E.; J. Crutenden, S.N.; H. Elwell, P.S.; and W. Smith, Janitor. Comp. W. C. Williams, 733, was a visitor.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Williams being candidate. On the ballot proving unanimous, Comp. Williams was duly elected a member. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried, to be entered in the minutes, to Comps. Williams and Mickelburgh, each companion having presented a banner to the chapter of improvement. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

WINSHILL.—William Kelly Lodge (No. 339).—The second annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bridge End, when Bro. Edgar Horne, P.G. Std. Br., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. R. Cain, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.G.J.D. The usual business having been transacted the ceremony of installing Bro. Horne as W.M., was very impressively performed by Bro. W. L. Bail, P.M., P.G.J.W., assisted by Bro. Percy Wallis, P.M. 246, 302, 353, P.G.J.D. of England, P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Horne then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. R. Cain, P.G.S.D., P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; R. Roberts, S.W.; J. Webb, J.W.; R. B. Barratt, M.O.; C. J. Whitehurst, S.O.; J. Worsnop, J.O.; W. L. Ball, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treas.; E. Hodson, R. of M.; G. Tarver, Sec.; J. Fisher, P.G.S., S.D.; E. Smith, J.D.; R. Hunt, J.G.; and J. Johnson, Tyler.

Bro. Horne, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, then presented Bro. Cane with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Cane suitably replied.

The following distinguished brethren were present: Bros. Thos. Cox, R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M.M. of Leicester, Northampton, and Derbyshire; S. Cleaver, P.M. (Simon De Mountfort Lodge) P.G. Treas.; J. H. Marshall, 19; J. Walker, Sec. 302; C. Webster, M.O. 302; T. Oldham, 302; C. Collings, J.W. 302; A. Fraser, 302; and H. Henderson, 615 (I.C.)

After the lodge the brethren dined together, the banquet being served in Bro. Spooner's usual excellent manner. The table was decorated with some splendid ferns, plants, and cut flowers from the Forge Nurseries. The lodge has only been formed since 1884, and is already one of the best lodges in the provinces.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).—This chapter was opened in due form by Ill. Bro. C. R. Fry, 30°, M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and Inspector General of the North Eastern District, was received in due form and properly saluted. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. John Bailey, was presented to the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Charles Rutter Fry, 30°, who installed his successor most carefully and was highly complimented by the Inspector General of the District. The M.W.S. appointed his officers for the year. The balance in hand is satisfactory. After the chapter was closed, the brethren and visitors dined in the hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. John Bailey. All the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, particularly the Ill. Bros. Luck, Fry, Addison, and Ness, who had taken the 30° since the last meeting of the chapter. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, was obliged to leave very early.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly General Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Charles Frederick Hogard, Edgar Bowyer, Samuel J. Parkhouse, John L. Mather, G. P. Festa, Wm. Roebuck, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, J. S. Cumberland, W. A. Scurrah, and F. Binckes (Sec.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the April Court, and the reading of other minutes for information,

Bro. C. H. WEBB, Life Governor, moved: "That Bro. George Blizard Abbott have the rank of Life Governor with two votes at all election of Boys for life, in recognition of the care and ability with which the recently published 'History of the Institution' has been compiled by him."

Bro. WEBB said this was merely a complimentary motion in recognition of Bro. Abbott's services. The book contained the history of the Institution from the time when there were only six boys in it down to the present time. He was perfectly aware that the writer performed his work in the first instance, if not at the instigation of, at least for, the *Freemason* newspaper, and he had just been informed that he was paid for it; but that was outside the question. He (Bro. Webb) when the articles first appeared, took the cuttings out of the newspaper, but he was happy to find that they had been collected and made into a pamphlet. The book was an excellent foundation for a future history, but in its present form even it gave the brethren such information that if they wished to become Stewards only would be able clearly to give all particulars to those before whom they wished to advocate the interests of the Institution. He looked upon his proposition as simply an empty compliment, which would cost the Institution nothing, and consequently he felt that it was but little necessary to say anything upon the motion. He had brought this forward entirely on his own responsibility, and had not even sought a seconder, and so he left it in the hands of the brethren.

Bro. J. L. MATHER seconded the motion, and quite agreed with everything said by Bro. Webb.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH: This pamphlet, I suppose, is sold.

Bro. BINCKES and other brethren: No, it is given.

Bro. MASSEY: But not by him.

Bro. BINCKES said it was given and published by the Institution, and he could testify to the great amount of good it had done to the Institution.

Bro. MASSEY objected to the motion as it was quite unnecessary. Bro. Abbott had been paid for his work, and the brethren might wish as much justice propose to confer such an honour as this upon him (Bro. Massey) for a Masonic reporting he had done, and for which he had received payment from his newspapers. A similar honour to that proposed had already been paid Bro. Abbott by the Benevolent Institution for another work like this, and which was nothing but a copy of the minutes of the Institution, this, however, was nothing to do with the present motion. The motion was put and carried.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, V.-Patron, P.G. Std. Br., moved "That ten boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court on Monday, 11th October, for admission, over and above the twenty-two boys to be then elected to fill the number of vacancies in the present establishment.

The motion was seconded by Bro. W. ROEBUCK, and carried.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, V.-Patron, moved "That in recognition of the services of Bro. F. Binckes, as Secretary of the Institution, during a period of twenty-five years, the sum of one hundred guineas be presented to him as an honorarium."

Bro. HOGARD said that 25 years was a long portion of a man's life, and when that time had been devoted, as it had been in the case of Bro. Binckes, to the interests of this Institution, he thought it would be found that he had thoroughly deserved this mark of recognition. If they took up the history of the Institution they would find it was the history of long and valuable services rendered by Bro. Binckes to the Institution. In 1861, when Bro. Binckes was elected, there were 50 boys in the building, and 22 were educated out of it, making in all 72. In 1885 there were 215 boys in the School, and after next election there would

be 250. Now, all this had not been effected without great efforts. In 1861 the result of the Festival was £1600; that amount was doubled in 1862. By the great efforts of Bro. Binckes, who went about the country, which had not previously been done by the Secretaries of any of the Institutions, the subscriptions rapidly increased, until, when the Marquis of Ripon took the chair, the amount was £12,500. In 1883, when the present Lord Amherst took the chair, and a special appeal was made to the brethren, the amount was £23,300. The present year's Festival produced £12,300. It must be remembered that Bro. Binckes had not been advocating the interests of this Institution alone. Whenever he went into the country for his own Institution, he did not forget to advocate the cause of the other two Institutions, and it was entirely due to him that the Institution stood on its present basis. Certainly it might be said that if it was not for the Stewards the large subscriptions would not have been obtained; but let them give honour where honour was due. Now that Bro. Binckes had passed 25 years in the service of the Institution, the brethren ought to acknowledge his services, and he did not think the sum he proposed was more than those services were deserving.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER seconded, and most heartily agreed with every observation made by Bro. Hogard.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL opposed the motion. He acknowledged the long term of Bro. Binckes's services, and the value of them; but during that time his services had been amply recognised. He would like to know what his salary was. He believed it was £700 a year. Bro. Binckes did not give the whole of his time to the Institution. He had other offices, and was well paid, and brethren who brought these motions forward should do it in a different manner to this. Let the brethren combine as much they pleased to give Bro. Binckes a testimonial, and dip their hands into their own pockets, and God speed to them; but as to taking the money out of the Institution, he objected to it. He did not subscribe his money for that purpose. The consideration of the subject ought to be adjourned. There were very few members present but members of the House Committee.

Bro. BOWYER said there were only two members of the House Committee present.

The CHAIRMAN said all the brethren had had notice. The meeting had been advertised in the daily London papers. Notice was sent to all Prov. Grand Secretaries, and besides this the meeting had been advertised in the Masonic papers.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND opposed the motion. He quite agreed with all that had been said that a presentation was to be made to Bro. Binckes let the brethren subscribe for it themselves. The brethren knew what a difficulty there was at present in getting money for the Institution, and yet it was proposed deliberately to vote a sum of money like this out of its funds. No doubt Bro. Binckes had been paid sufficient remuneration for his services. If he had not he ought to have been, but to his mind, holding, as Bro. Binckes did, other appointments as well he thought he had been exceedingly well paid. If he had not it was a pity this proposition had not been brought forward under another guise than that of a testimonial. There were only 14 brethren present and they would be doing wrong to the outside brethren and the brethren in the provinces, who were contributors to the Institution to pass this motion now; the brethren should have an opportunity of having a voice in it. His objection was more to it being brought forward now in a court so thinly attended instead of in a court where the country brethren would attend. He did it on principle. They were told from time to time that they had not money enough for the Institution. They were told that the last festival contributions were not sufficient for the Institution's requirements, and that they must have more. And yet in face of all they were asked to give a hundred guineas or four guineas a year for 25 years. Nobody had a greater regard than he for the work which Bro. Binckes had performed; he had been a giant in his work. He (Bro. Cumberland) was connected with a firm who had paid him for what he had done, and if he left them would they think of giving him an honorarium? No, they would think they had paid him sufficiently and he ought to have saved something. Bro. Binckes had been paid for going about the country, the same as he (Bro. Cumberland) had been paid by his firm. He stated this not in opposition to Bro. Binckes personally. He should move that the matter be deferred till the October Quarterly Court.

Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE seconded the amendment, thinking that a larger number of brethren should be present when such a question was discussed. He agreed that Bro. Binckes had done a great deal for this Charity and for the other Masonic Charities.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH said no one had a higher regard for or appreciation of the services of Bro. Binckes than he had, but at the same time he must consider the facts of the case. The money put into this Institution was collected by a certain number of the brethren called Stewards year by year, and when they went round and asked for money they told the brethren they asked for it that it was for the support of the boys in this Institution, and that was what it was collected for. They ought to be very careful how they treasured on these funds for another purpose. They were not in a position, and had no right to give a hundred guineas honorarium out of the Institution's funds. He opposed the motion on the same principles as the other opponents. Let them do what they could out of their own pockets, and give a handsome testimonial. They knew that was on the cards, and they would do their best to give Bro. Binckes a handsome testimonial. He objected to 100 or 50 or 5 guineas for the purpose of an honorarium to Bro. Binckes—not in opposition to him personally for a moment—if it was 500 guineas he would agree that it should be given him if it was not to be out of the funds of the Institution. He should oppose it being given in any of the Institutions. He had spoken to brethren that morning about it, but they said they would not come up. He told them he was going to oppose, and they told him if he did not they would never give him another guinea for the Institution. If it was given to Bro. Binckes it would do the Institution an immense amount of harm. It was to be brought forward at all let the motion come before the next Quarterly Court.

Bro. C. H. WEBB coincided with the remarks made by the brethren around him. He agreed that Bro. Binckes should be properly paid for his services. His perseverance and energy had done everything for the Institution, and he was respected by the Craft at large. He thought, however, that Bro. Hogard had taken a wrong step. If a strong committee was got up for the purpose of getting

together a testimonial the result would be much larger than 100 guineas.

After some other observations the amendment was supported by six brethren and opposed by six, and the Chairman refused to give a casting vote.

The original motion was thereupon put, and lost by seven votes against five.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following sums have been received since our report of last week, viz.—

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
801 Bro. Fred. Hallows (additional)		10	10	0
1704 „ W. D. Milner (additional)		1	1	0
PROVINCES.				
Lo. 76 & Ch. 723	HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.			
	Bro. Richard Glasspool (additional)	10	10	0
Lodge	MIDDLESEX.			
1320 Bro. J. A. Wilson		30	15	0
„ Vassila		5	5	0

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall at noon on Saturday last. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas., Treasurer and Patron of the Institution, occupied the chair, and among the brethren present were Bros. Controller S. G. Bake, J. L. Mather, Chas. Lacey, Thomas Massa, H. Maudsley, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Ralph Clutton, G.S.D.; C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the General and House Committees read for information, the names of 33 approved candidates were ordered to be placed on the list for the October election, and 16 vacancies were declared.

The various motions of which notice had been given were then considered. The recommendation of the General Committee as to the proposal of the District Surveyor respecting the proposed new road between St. John's Hill and Batterssea Rise being accepted in principle, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made as to details, having been approved of, the negotiations were referred to the House Committee, and the Trustees ordered, on the recommendation of that Committee, to execute such deeds as may be necessary.

It was further agreed that, as three of the girls elected in April last were under age for admission in August, the three highest unsuccessful candidates on the poll at the said election be admitted in accordance with the recent addition to law 60.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Bro. Chas. Lacey, duly seconded, that so much of law 28 as rendered null and void the votes of a Subscriber who had signed his voting paper but died before the day of polling, should be erased, and words substituted to the effect that "all votes duly issued to Governors or Subscribers, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current election."

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

TESTIMONIAL TO MISS DAVIS, HEAD GOVERNESS OF THE R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

The following brethren have constituted themselves a Committee, with power to add to their number, for organising a testimonial to be presented to Miss Davis in recognition of her valuable services in the important office of Head Governess to the Girls' School during the last 25 years, namely—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Herbert Dickett; Charles W. Duke; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purps.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. of the Institution; F. Sumner Knyvett; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; J. L. Mather; W. F. Nettleship; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C.; G. Reg.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Henry Smith, D.P.C.M. West Yorkshire; and C. H. Webb.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Patron and Trustee, P.G. Std. Br.; occupied the chair, and among the members present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; F. Adlard, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; W. J. Murhls, A. H. Tattershall, A. Forsyth, J. Bulmer, J. B. Daniell, W. H. Perryman, Albert Fish, John L. Mather, J. A. Farnfield, James Brett, P.G.P.; J. H. Leggott, Joseph Trueman, S. Brooks, C. F. Hogard, E. M. Money, W. Hilton, Jabez James, P.G.D.; H. Cox, Hugh Cotter, Alex. Ridgway, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of three female annuitants. The Warden's Report was read and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the House Committee of the Boys' School for having permitted the band of that Institution to attend on the occasion of the Stewards' visit in June last.

The Report of the Finance Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for payment of the sums therein mentioned.

The Secretary reported that he had been served with notice from the Water Company at Croydon, requesting certain alterations to be made in the fittings throughout the buildings, and that the House Committee had given directions for the same to be made.

A letter was read from one of the candidates whose petition had been rejected at the previous meeting, asking the Committee to reconsider their determination which was not entertained, as by the statement made by her she admitted she was in receipt of £1 per week.

Various letters were read from an annuitant who had been expelled the Institution in December, 1881, reflecting on the House Committee and Secretary. He being in

attendance was called upon to substantiate the charges he had made, which he was unable to do, and the Committee unanimously decided to suspend the payment of his annuity until he had withdrawn the charges made by him and apologised for having made them.

The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the House Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the evening of the 9th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. Brown, P.P.G. Treasurer, for the purpose of choosing schools for three candidates, with the view of being entirely clothed, maintained, and educated. As the officials of the Charity in West Lancashire have been unable to arrange terms with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, it was resolved to send one boy to the Asylum of St. Anne's Society, Gracechurch-street, London; a second to a high-class Institution in the neighbourhood of Liverpool; and a girl candidate to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

BANQUET OF THE PERCY LODGE.

A large and distinguished gathering of brethren, to the number of about 50, accepted the kind invitation of Bro. Major Lambert, W.M. 198, to dine with him at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Bro. Major Lambert having been elected for the fifth time to the chair of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, desired to celebrate that event by meeting those brethren with whom he has been intimately connected for some years past in Masonic work. Bro. Lambert also had the laudable desire to cement the old associations which existed in times past between the Percy Lodge and the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19. The gathering took place under the auspices of the former lodge, there being a numerous attendance of the members. The Royal Athelstan, Queen's Westminster, and Huguenot Lodges were also largely represented, and amongst those who participated in the kind hospitality of Bro. Lambert were the following: Bros. J. Glaisher, P.G.S.D.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Hervé Giraud, P.G.S.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.J.D.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; Major J. S. Peirce, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Edwards, G.S.E. Scotland; W. M. Bywater, P.M. 19; J. Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Dr. G. Cowell, J. C. Cathie, W. Billingham, J. Tuck, E. Baxter, J. Winter, Joyce Murray, Capt. Potter, A. C. Wilks, 1964; Col. J. T. North, H. Clay, E. Morris, Capt. H. C. Lambert, P.M. 198; D. Nicholson, Wm. Penrose, T. Archer, W. W. Morgan, 211; J. J. Caney, Mortimer Davis, W. Grellier, A. Beer, C. H. Driver, G. B. Smallpiece, R. Berridge, T. F. Peacock, P. Godfrey, R. Payne, Dr. R. Cross, W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; T. C. Walls, Col. Mahon, C. H. Shoppee, P.M. 1621; W. W. Lee, 1897; and many others.

The banquet took place in a spacious room overlooking the river, Bro. Major Lambert presiding in his usual kind and genial manner.

The first toast proposed by Bro. Major Lambert was "The Church and Queen," and in introducing it to the brethren he said that there were some who thought the jubilee of her Majesty ought not to be celebrated until the completion of her 50th year's reign. He thought that his taking the Mastership of the Percy Lodge for the fifth time would be a proper occasion to celebrate the jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty. During her illustrious reign science and learning had advanced, and he would leave it to his successor next year to signalise the jubilee in a fitting manner. This year had been specially remarkable for the Colonial Exhibition which had induced a large number of our Colonial brethren to travel from distant climes to see our great city of London, and to remind us that though they live far distant yet they are Englishmen and are proud to be ruled over by her Majesty.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family" was next given and heartily received, after which "The Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. Lambert, who remarked that they were favoured with a large attendance of Grand Officers on that occasion. He heartily thanked them all for their presence at the banquet table, and asked the brethren to give them a hearty welcome.

Bro. J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.J.D., in returning thanks, said the Grand Officers present were well known to all the brethren, and therefore few words would be required from him: He tendered his sincere thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers present, some of whom were his seniors, and trusted that no lodge would ever be able to say that they had not done their duty. Whatever task they might be called upon to perform they would carry out to the best of their ability, and he hoped that those laurels that were in their keeping might never be tarnished.

Bro. Major Lambert then proposed "The Members of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19," and said that the present meeting was the result of a conversation between himself and a few other brethren respecting the close associations that used to exist between the Royal Athelstan and the Percy Lodges. Never was a meeting of one lodge held, but there was a numerous attendance of brethren from the other, and he wished to cement those associations and renew those friendships that had existed for so many years. He asked them to drink cordially to this toast, and trusted that the Royal Athelstan Lodge would continue to flourish and would carry on its prosperous career for many many years.

Bro. Bywater, P.M. 19, replied, and sincerely thanked Bro. Lambert for the very kind terms in which he had introduced the toast. There were times when it was difficult to express ones feelings and he found himself on the present occasion in that predicament. He could only say that the members of the Royal Athelstan Lodge never welcomed a visitor more heartily than they did Bro. Lambert. The members of that lodge were sensible of the honour conferred upon them by this toast and hoped the Percy Lodge would flourish root and branch.

Bro. Major Lambert then said that the last toast had been in honour of a lodge that was so old that it was like digging up relics of the past to speak of it. Having thus honoured the oldest lodge represented in the room, he now desired to give the toast of the youngest—"The Huguenot

Lodge." It had been said that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and he stood before them that evening as an anglicised Frenchman, for he represented the Huguenot proper. The Huguenot Lodge was started in commemoration of the bi-centenary of the revocation of the edict of Nantes. When that edict was repealed, the Huguenots had to leave their native country to find a home where they could adore their God, and where they could practise a handicraft to maintain those dependent upon them. Since their arrival in this country they had assisted the progress of science and art, and had established those industries in which they were so proficient. He had found that whatever was Huguenotic was Masonic, and consisted of doing all the good possible to others, and giving what could be spared to those in need. He hoped that the excellent institution in Bethnal Green founded by the Huguenots would long flourish to succour the poor and aged. He was glad to see the aged Master of the Huguenot Lodge present; but, as he was incapacitated by ill-health to respond, he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Shoppee.

Bro. Shoppee replied, and said that they trusted the Huguenot Lodge would be as successful as the Percy Lodge. The Huguenot Hospital had succeeded for many years, and no one had rendered more valuable service than Bro. Lambert since he had been a Governor of that Institution.

"Prosperity to the Percy Lodge" was next given by Bro. Major Lambert, who said that, as the W.M. of that lodge, he could not do less than ask them to drink to its progress. Many years ago there were no lodges of instruction; but there was one attached to the Percy Lodge nearly a century ago. That lodge had been one of the pioneers of the movement, and he was glad they had thought it wise to teach others and spread the knowledge they possessed.

Bro. Carr, P.M., returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, Bro. Major Lambert," was next proposed by Bro. J. Glaisher, P.G.D., who remarked that he had known the W.M. who was presiding over them that day for many years, and was therefore pleased that he had been permitted to propose this toast. Bro. Lambert had been connected with others in the good work of the hospital at Victoria Park, and had been working as a Mason in act as well as in deed. They all knew him to be one of the most unselfish characters, for if there was any good to be done for his fellow men, Bro. Lambert was always ready to do it. He trusted that Bro. Lambert would be spared in good health for many years to preside over them.

The toast having been received in an enthusiastic manner with musical honours,

Bro. Major George Lambert said he was very much obliged to Bro. Glaisher for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for their hearty reception of it. Having put their hands to the plough they ought not to turn back, but ought, in this age of progression, to go forward and do all the good they possibly could in their generation. He was very glad to see them all there that night, and he hoped in the words of John Gilpin that, "when he next does ride to town, you be there to see."

Bro. Major Lambert then said that there were so many members of the Queen's Westminster Lodge present that it would be unnatural if he did not ask them to drink to the prosperity of that lodge. He was the father of that lodge, which had made a good beginning for a young lodge. There were some good brethren coming on, some of the junior officers being already instructors in Masonry. They had made considerable progress, and had not allowed the grass to grow under their feet.

Capt. Herbert Lambert, having responded on behalf of "The Queen's Westminster Lodge,"

Bro. Major Lambert proposed "The Visitors," and said that he had hoped to have seen several Colonial brethren present, but, unfortunately, owing to other engagements, they were unable to come down. He was, however, pleased to see so many present, especially Bro. Barron, who had rendered valuable service in archaeological matters.

Bro. Barron, having replied, Bro. Lambert proposed "The Health of Bro. Edwards," who he said was a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Scotch Masons were imbued with the same feeling and spirit as they were, and desirous of doing all the good in their power. He asked them to give their Scotch brother a hearty welcome, so that he could carry back with him a favourable impression of his visit amongst them.

Bro. Edwards said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of being in a gathering of English Masons, and hoped it would not be the last. He was very much impressed with the charitable work done in this country. In Scotland they had endeavoured to raise £10,000, but although the effort had been made for some time it had not nearly reached that sum. However, he had received some valuable information from Bro. Terry, and hoped on his return that further progress would be made.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren having spent an enjoyable evening, returned to town by train.

MASONIC JUBILEE OF BRO. H. DOEY

On the evening of the 28th ult., the officers and members of Lodge 609 held a conversation in the Masonic Hall, Belfast, for the purpose of celebrating the 50th year of Bro. Hugh Doey's connection with Freemasonry, and to express their appreciation of his worth by presenting him with a testimonial. The attendance of the members of the Craft was very large, and the proceedings throughout were of a character to justify the words used in the circular announcing the meeting—"The ability displayed by Bro. Doey in connection with all that is good and noble in our Craft, and especially in the department of benevolence and Charity, has caused his name to become a household word not only in Belfast, but throughout Ulster."

Bro. Charles Hutton, W.M., was called to the chair. An address of congratulation was read to Bro. Doey, who replied in suitable terms. Accompanying the address, which was beautifully illuminated, there was a purse of sovereigns. The brethren of the lodge have resolved also to qualify Bro. Doey as a life member of some of the Masonic Charities.



Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon returned to their seat, Highclere Castle, near Newbury, on Saturday evening last.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived in Mount's Bay, Cornwall, on board her Majesty's yacht Osborne on Saturday afternoon last.

Bro. Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, left Ottawa on Saturday last on a tour through the North-Western territories to British Columbia.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., read a paper at the Royal United Service Institution on Monday on the subject of "Naval Organisation for the Defence of our Colonies."

Bro. General Lord Wolseley presided at a conference held at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, on Monday, when Sir R. Biddulph read a highly instructive paper on "Cyprus."

Bro. Sir E. B. and Lady Erymtrude Malet arrived at their residence in Eaton-square from Berlin on Saturday last, Bro. Sir E. Malet having obtained leave of absence from his post.

Bro. W. A. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., presided last week at the fourth annual festival of the Tailors' Benevolent Institution, subscriptions being announced during the evening to the extent of £754.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Earl Granville has so far made satisfactory progress towards recovery from his recent severe illness that he was able to take a carriage drive on Sunday evening for the first time during five weeks.

Bros. Sir W. Clarke, Bart., Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, Lord Cremorne, Admiral Lord Alcester, and Sir Charles Du Cane were among the guests at the banquet given by the members of the Travellers' Club, on Saturday evening last, to the representatives of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke, and Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper were present when the Princess Christian laid the foundation stone of the Finsbury and Shoreditch Polytechnic in Appold-street, Finsbury-square, on Saturday last.

The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Londesborough, the Earl of Radnor, the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Suffield, and W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., were among the exhibitors at the Royal Agricultural Society's Annual Show at Norwich during the present week.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their three daughters, left Marlborough House for Sandringham, where they were to remain during the week and dispense hospitality to a succession of guests in connection with the annual exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society at Norwich. They return to town to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. Lord and Lady Tweedmouth, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Haddington, and the Ladies Baillie-Hamilton, Bro. Lord and Lady Kensington, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn were among those present at the marriage, at the Scottish National Church, Pont-street, Belgravia, of Mr. D. Cooper with Miss Grant-Saltie, daughter of Sir James and Lady Grant-Saltie, and niece of the Duke of Roxburgh.

The probable date of the grand naval review, which will take place off Spithead, in honour of our Colonial and Indian visitors, is Monday, the 26th inst., and a meeting was held at the official residence of Bro. Admiral Sir George Willis at Portsmouth on Monday, when the captains of her Majesty's ships met for the purpose of concerting the arrangements for the occasion.

Bro. H. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, presided at the annual dinner of the employes of Messrs. Hudson and Kearns, manufacturing stationers, held at Bro. Dorling's very spacious hotel, at Walton-on-the-Naze, on Saturday, the 10th instant. The dinner was excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. and Mrs. Dorling, the viands, wines, cigars, &c., being of the very best quality. The whole proceedings passed off with the greatest éclat in charming weather.

Bro. H. Squire, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Corporation of London, presided at the dinner given by that body at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening, to commemorate the inauguration of the Guildhall Art Gallery. The guests included Bros. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, and E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P.

The *Voice of Masonry* for the current month contains a brief biographical sketch, accompanying the portrait, of Bro. E. C. Parmelee, who was elected in November, 1876, and has been annually re-elected ever since, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Bro. Parmelee is also Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of Colorado. His career as a Mason has been a most distinguished one, as may be judged from his having been appointed and re-appointed to these high and responsible offices.

The Provincial Grand Officers and brethren of Berks and Oxon, after the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge at Newbury, on Tuesday, visited Highclere Castle, the seat of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master (Craft) of England, and Past Grand Master of England and Wales, and were conducted by his lordship, the Countess of Carnarvon, and several members of the family over the principal apartments. The visitors were afterwards entertained at lunch, Bro. the Earl of Jersey being in the chair and supported by Bro. Lord and Lady Carnarvon, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past G.M.M., &c.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., returned to Devonshire House for Derby, on Tuesday, and in the course of the afternoon was visited by several members of his party.

Bros. Sir Charles Warren and Captain Shaw dined with the officers of the 2nd Life Guards, at the Regent's Park Barracks, on Monday, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge being the principal guest of the evening.

Bro. Henry Irving has remitted to Bro. Lord Mayor Staples the sum of £111 1s. 9d., being the amount deposited in the collecting boxes at the different London theatres during the week preceding Hospital Sunday.

Bro. Sir C. and Lady Graves-Sawle, Bro. Sir P. and Lady Cunliffe-Owen, and Bro. Sir W. and Lady Clarke dined with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson at Lambeth Palace on Thursday, the 8th instant.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper, the Countess Granville, and Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester were among the guests at the dinner party given at Grosvenor House, on the 9th inst., by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Duchess of Albany, was present at a Garden Party given at Marlborough House, on Saturday last, by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales and some other members of the Royal Family honoured Bro. Sir Algernon and Lady Borthwick with their company at dinner on Monday evening, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharcliffe being also among the guests.

There was to be a performance held at Drury Lane Theatre under the patronage of the Queen and Prince of Wales on Thursday for the benefit of Bro. J. H. Mapleson, among the artistes giving their services being Madame Patti, who was to make her only appearance this season on the London boards.

By command of the Queen, a State Ball was given at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 9th instant. The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by other members of the Royal Family, and attended by the Great Officers of State and members of the Queen's household, entered the Saloon about 11 p.m., shortly after which dancing commenced. The number of invitations issued was very large.

Among those present at the Prince and Princess of Wales's garden party at Marlborough House on Saturday last, were Bro. Lord and Lady Halsbury, Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Bro. Sheriff Clarke, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and the Misses Fowler, and Bro. Sir J. B. and Lady Monckton.

At a quarterly meeting of the Solomon Lodge, No. 197, Fraserburgh, held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, who had been previously elected, was duly installed R.W.M. by Bro. Simpson, P.M. After his installation his lordship addressed the meeting, and then appointed and installed Bro. J. A. Sutor Depute Master, and Bro. A. Malcolm Substitute Master. There was a large and representative number of brethren present.

Messrs. South and Evered have just returned to town after a most successful tour to fulfil their society "at home" engagements, at which they are most popular. Their only public appearance this season takes place at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, the 19th inst., under very distinguished patronage, including the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who takes a great interest in their proceedings. The proceeds of the evening the artists will hand to the Masonic Charities, and this excellent object, in conjunction with their entertainment, should command a crowded attendance.

The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the recommendation of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., has granted a warrant for the Cothele Lodge, Calstock, the number being 2166. This raises the total in the province to thirty lodges, and will enable the Prov. G.M. to appoint four Prov. Grand Deacons, instead of two as heretofore, and also a Deputy Prov. G.D.C. These additional offices are allowed under the new regulations for all provinces consisting of thirty or more lodges, and as there are nearly 1500 subscribing members in Cornwall, the extra appointments will be most acceptable.

A concert was given in the Holborn Town Hall on the evening of Thursday, the 8th inst., by the pupils of the Guilford High School for Girls, 17, Guilford-street, Russell-square, the distribution of prizes to the girls by Mrs. H. L. W. Lawson, wife of Mr. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P., being included in the programme. The selection of pieces, both vocal and instrumental, had been made with great judgment, and the performances evinced great ability and admirable training, a pianoforte duet by two little girls, aged 6 and 4 respectively, a quartette on two pianos, a trio (piano), an organ solo, and a violin solo being the most successful numbers. Among the recipients of prizes was Miss Evelyn Goodinge, a daughter of Bro. J. B. Goodinge, to whom were awarded three, making, with the six she has won in past years, a total of nine awards. Such a continuance of success betokens steady application as well as ability on the part of the young lady, and must be extremely gratifying to Bro. and Mrs. Goodinge.

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The Lord Provost of Edinburgh has been informed that her Majesty will, in all probability, visit Edinburgh on Wednesday, 18th August prox.

Earl Amherst has decided that the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Freemasons of Kent, shall be held at Canterbury, on the 29th inst.

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

Bro. W. C. Borlase, M.P., will preside at the dinner to be given this (Friday) evening to Mr. F. W. Chesson, by the members of the National Liberal Club, and it is expected that Bro. Sir Charles Warren will be one of the guests.

The Society of Arts will hold a *Conversazione* at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, South Kensington, this (Friday) evening, when Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress will be present with other official and distinguished personages.

Bro. Charles Du Val has taken the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, for an autumn season, commencing at the close of the present month. He will probably introduce a musical novelty, secured during his recent travels in the East, in addition to his monologue entertainments.

The Volunteers assembled at Wimbledon this year are a fairly representative company. There are Indians, Australians, Canadians, and Channel Islanders. The New Zealanders and the admirable riflemen of South Africa have not yet been able to come so far to try their skill. The Indians and Colonials at Wimbledon who are Freemasons, are to be invited to a banquet on the Common, by the Royal Arthur Lodge, on the 21st of this month.

The Aldersgate Club held their annual summer festival at the Bickley Arms Hotel, Chislehurst, on Thursday, the 8th inst., a most enjoyable meeting being the result. The party were conveyed to their destination in three drags, the journey being broken at Bro. Brookman's residence at Cheriton, while lunch was partaken of. Among those present were Bro. A. Brookman, A. J. Altman, J. Paget, J. Renals, C.C., and others.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. S. Richardson, W.M. of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, at the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1049, held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., on Tuesday evening next, the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock precisely. It is anticipated that there will be a goodly assemblage of the brethren, and the ceremony will be rehearsed in its entirety if a good Board of Installed Masters can be formed.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters paid a recent visit to the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Norwich, on Wednesday, and were afterwards entertained at lunch in St. Andrew's Hall by the Mayor and Corporation of the City. Among the principal guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses were Bros. the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Onslow, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Fitzhardinge, Earl of Jersey, and Lord Egerton of Tatton, Bro. Lord and Lady Henniker, Bro. Lord and Lady Bury, and Bros. Lord Suffield, Lord Elcho, M.P., and W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., and others.

The following have been returned to the new Parliament as members of the House of Commons since our last report, namely: Bros. Lord Ebrington (Devonshire, Tavistock Division), the Right Hon. D. R. Plunket (Dublin University), Col. King-Harman (Kent, Isle of Thanet Division), W. Pearce (Lanarkshire, Govan Division), Baron F. de Rothschild (Bucks, Aylesbury Division), Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart. (Renfrewshire, West), the Marquis of Hartington (Lancashire, Rossendale Division), Colonel Hambro (South Dorsetshire), Sir B. Samuelson (Oxfordshire, Banbury Division), Egerton Hubbard (North Bucks), Lord Muncaster (Egremont Division of Cumberland), and Viscount Kilcoursie (South Somersetshire).

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters visited the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Norwich on Tuesday. Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Fitzhardinge, the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Faversham, and Sir Francis Knollys accompanied their Royal Highnesses, who were received with hearty cheering on their arrival. The Prince afterwards took the chair as President of the Society at the annual meeting of the members, and at the close of the proceedings received a unanimous vote of thanks for his services during the past year. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton has been elected President of the Society for the coming year in succession to his Royal Highness. Before returning to Sandringham the Royal party visited the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Show.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, attended by the chief City officers and accompanied by Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke, paid their annual visit to the City of London Freeman's Orphan School at Brixton. His Lordship presiding at the distribution of prizes won during the past year by the pupils and being awarded a vote of thanks for his kindness in attending. A luncheon was afterwards served, at which Bro. the Lord Mayor presented a handsome testimonial to Bro. A. Brookman, the late Chairman of the Corporation School Committee, in recognition of the services he had rendered in that capacity both to the School particularly and the Corporation generally. Among the numerous company present were Bros. T. R. Bone, H. H. Lavington, W. H. Liversidge, H. B. Marshall, W. Malthouse, Major H. A. Josephs, R. E. Pixley, &c., &c.

The London and North Western Railway have issued their usual Tourist Programmes for the current season. They contain, as usual, all the necessary information as to the service of trains, the tariff of charges, the arrangements with other Railway systems, and the various Steam Packet and other services which work with them; and, in addition to this, there is a mass of descriptive matter relating to the chief places of resort in the United Kingdom and elsewhere which are accessible by means of the L. & N.W.R. We shall take the opportunity of referring to these at greater length next week, but, in the meantime, it will probably suffice if we state that the Company appears to have laid itself out as usual, so as to minister to the requirements and especially to the comfort and convenience of the travelling public, while the programmes appear to have been compiled with even more than their usual care and accuracy.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, July 24, 1886.

SATURDAY, JULY 17.
Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey, Surrey.
" 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 2048, Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, at 3.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.

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.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, JULY 19.
Lodge 2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-street.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Cecorn, 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, JULY 20.
Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 829, High Cross, Bull Hot., Dartford.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Copper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.
General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
Board of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Lingfield-rd., Wimbledon.

Lodge 1382, Corinthian, George Ho., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hot.

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., Romau-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
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 22.
House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, Surrey.
" 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth, Trafalgar-rd., Greenwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-rd., 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, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.
House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1622, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Islington.

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 24.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hot., Twickenham.
" 2048, Henry Levander, Harrow Station.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Mark 354, Rose and Lily, Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross.

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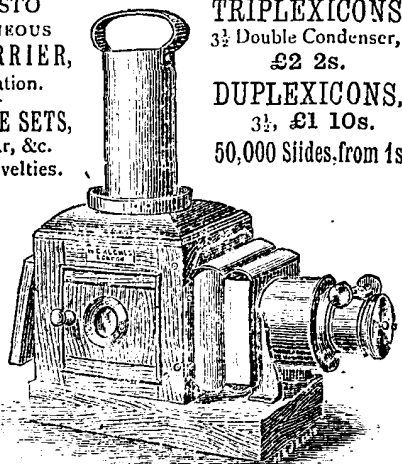
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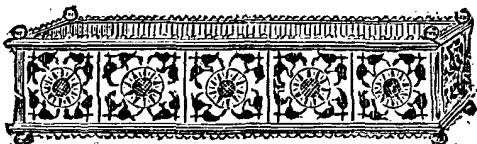
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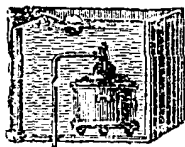
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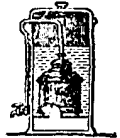
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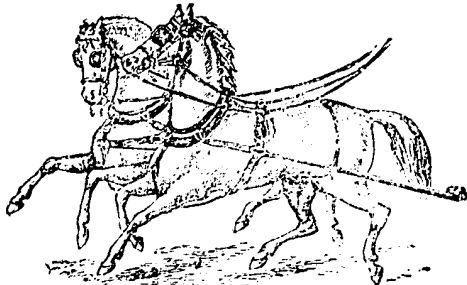


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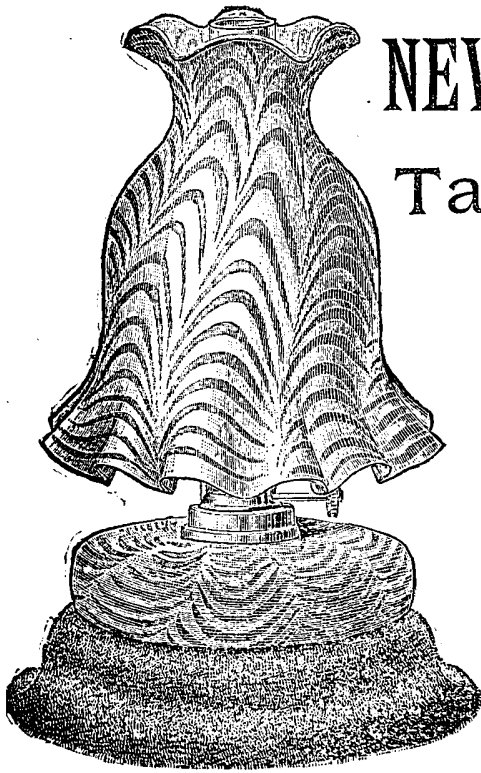
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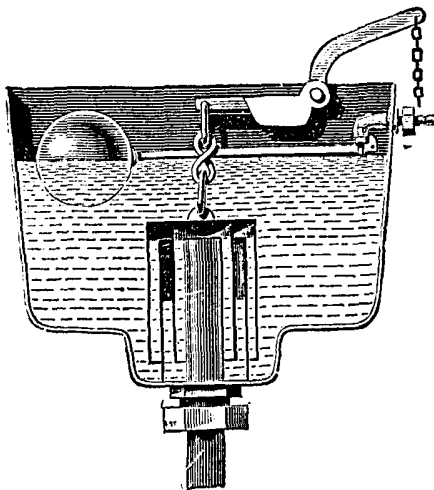
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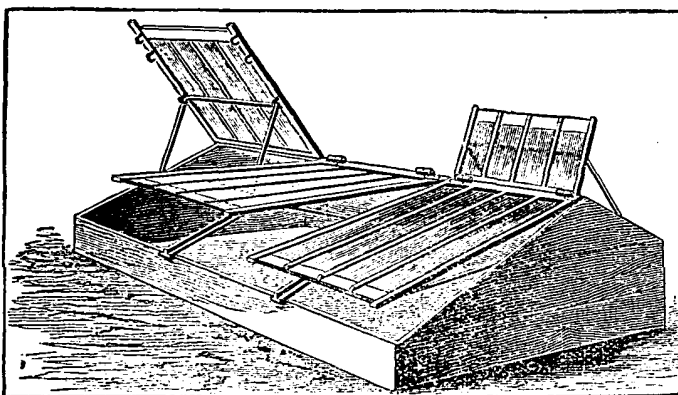
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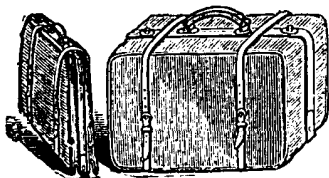
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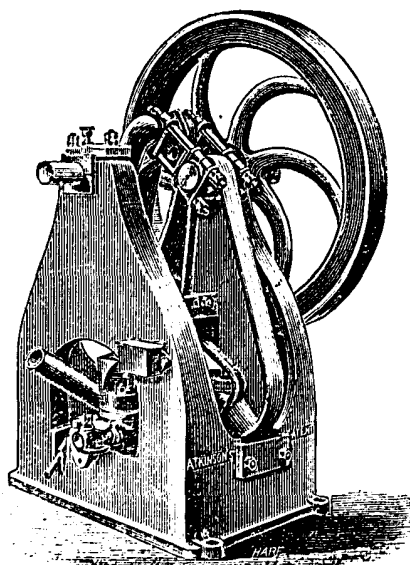
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