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In our analytical articles on the Festivals this year of the Boys' and Girls' Schools it was stated—and the statement has been allowed to pass unquestioned—that a conspicuous feature of the returns was the comparative paucity of the represented London lodges, the same paucity being almost, if not quite, as conspicuous in the returns of last year. We have recently had some figures transmitted which corroborate this remark even to a greater extent than we had imagined at the time it was made. From these figures it appears that according to the Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year there were at the date of its publication 340 lodges meeting within the Metropolitan area. Of these 116 lodges sent up Stewards at the Benevolent Festival in February, 83 lodges were represented at the Girls' School Festival in May, and 87 lodges at the Boys' School Festival last month. On the assumption that each of these 286 lodges was only represented at one anniversary, there would still remain 54 lodges in London which had had no part in the Festivals of the current year, or, in plain English, had contributed nothing towards the funds of our great Charities. But the facts, unfortunately, are considerably less favourable. There were as many as 24 lodges which sent up Stewards to all three anniversaries, and 35 more which assisted at two, while a third group of 144 lodges sent Stewards to one of the three events. It results from this that only 203 out of 340 lodges on the roll in the present Grand Lodge Calendar have given any help to our Institutions during this year of grace 1886, leaving the very formidable array of 137 lodges which have done nothing whatever towards their maintenance and support. Now, this is a point to which, though it has been again and again referred to in our columns, we are desirous of drawing the attention both of the Secretaries of our Institutions and of the London lodges generally. It is ungenerous, to say the least, that the burden of supporting our Charities should be allowed to devolve principally on certain lodges. All are interested in maintaining them in a state of efficiency, and therefore all should render assistance to the extent of their ability. Of course, we know there are many young lodges, which are not sufficiently consolidated to feel justified in bestowing gifts in aid of these Institutions or any one of them. There are likewise others, the majority of whose members are already enrolled among the Governors and Subscribers, and who may therefore claim exemption from further service. But when these and other allowances have been made, there will still remain a very large number of Metropolitan lodges which give little or no help whatever, leaving their sister lodges to bear all the burden of providing the requisite funds for supporting our Charities. We know very well that London, as a whole, does its duty splendidly. Of the £40,660—in round figures—which the Festivals of the current year have yielded, as much as £19,593 has been raised by London, or, in other words, the London complement of lodges has contributed only £1000 less than all the provinces put together, while the lodges of the two sections of the Craft are in the proportion of about one to three. But this is beside the question we are considering. We are not suggesting that London has not done its share of the good work as compared with the provinces, but that the London share of the work is not equally distributed among the lodges comprised within its limits; and, as in consequence of this unequal distribution, many of the lodges have thrust upon them more than their part of the general responsibility, while others escape or shirk it altogether, we think it high time some attempt at a re-adjustment of the burden should be made.

We sympathise deeply with our Cambridgeshire brethren in the severe loss they have just sustained through the death of Bro. J. NEAL YORK, their D.P.G.M. Bro. YORK was a most earnest and excellent Mason, and was universally beloved and respected, not only by his brother Masons, but by everyone in Cambridgeshire, and especially in Newmarket, and his death is all the more to be regretted because it has occurred so unexpectedly and just when the Fraternity was becoming accustomed to his ways and wishes in the responsible position of D.P.G.M., to which, shortly after the death, about two years since, of Bro. DEIGHTON, P.G.D., he had been appointed by the Prov. Grand Master. Bro. YORK, too, was Prov. Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in the province, and though he had held these two important posts for only a brief period, he had had both time and opportunities for showing the kind of stuff that was in him, and that, under his auspices, there was every likelihood of Cambridgeshire Freemasonry making for itself a very considerable reputation. However, let us hope that the brethren have acquired under him sufficient energy and enthusiasm for the Craft to maintain the

high standard they had reached while he was among and over them. It is only a few weeks we since paid them certain well-deserved encomiums for their generous support of our Institutions, and they will no doubt feel it incumbent on them to continue in the same desirable path with all the greater fervour because he who encouraged them to such good work is no longer with them, though the memory of his encouragement remains for ever. We give elsewhere a brief record of Bro. YORK's Masonic career, and will only add that, such was the respect in which he was held in Newmarket, that during the time of the funeral every shop in the town was closed, and there was not a blind that was not drawn down. In the words of a contemporary, "it is no stretch of the imagination to say that he was the most popular man in the county, and every honour that could be heaped upon him by his fellow-men was his."

THE Board of Stewards for the 18th Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday next, is an unusually strong one, being composed of 114 brethren, of whom 29 act for London and Unattached, and the remaining for 23 Mark Provinces, the Royal Ark Mariner and Allied Degrees, and the Red Cross of Constantine. This shows an increase of 27 over the Board of last year, and justifies the hope that under the genial auspices of Bro. A. F. GONSON, M.P., P.G.M.M. Worcestershire, the total of the returns will be very largely in excess of the total then realised. The Festival has our best wishes for its success.

THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States of America will visit Saint Louis, Missouri, on September 21st. M.W. Bro. CHARLES ROOME, D.G.M., is to be the acting Grand Master, and the arrangements for the enormous gathering of the Masonic knights are now so far completed as to enable the Grand Recorder, M.W. T. S. PARVIN, P.G.M. of Iowa, to issue the invitation summonses. This is to be the 23rd triennial convocation, the 22nd having been held in the city of San Francisco on August 21st, 1883, when it was decided by a unanimous vote to favour Saint Louis. There are a few amendments proposed to the constitution and code of statutes; but one, which is not inserted in the list, should be that all the members are loyally bound to obey the regulations, *whether they like them or not*. We have noticed from time to time a divergence of views as respects regalia, and a disinclination in some Grand Commanderies (States) to abide by the rules. Members should either respect the laws or leave the Society, for disobedience, especially among knights, should be unknown. A firm hand is wanted, for unless the statutes are rigorously enforced, insubordination will quickly increase, and the "small cloud" will soon change to setting at naught more important matters.

KNIGHT Templary in America is an enormous power Masonically. Some 50,000 members are enrolled, well trained and enthusiastic, and ever increasing in numbers. In this country we are simply nowhere in such matters, whilst in the Republic of the United States, knighthood seems to be the great charm with many of the Frates. In round numbers there are 600,000 subscribing Master Masons in North America, 130,000 Royal Arch Masons, and over 50,000 Knights Templars. The "Ancient and Accepted Rite," is also very popular, and is also numerically strong. But the palm, for organisation and public display, goes to the Knights Templar Organization, doubtless because of the drill, the military style of costume, and the popularity of the various public displays. Saint Louis, in September, will be one vast fair; tens of thousands will visit the Encampments of the Knights, their handsome tents being objects of interest to the visitors who will literally fill every available spot in the city and suburbs, and eagerly witness the peculiar movements and evolutions of the specially trained bands of Masonic Knight Templars; who, at least, in numbers and influence, are no mean rivals to the ancient Order, though their direct succession has yet to be proven.

THE Grand Master of Maryland, the M.W. Bro. THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, is not only the youngest of the Masonic chiefs in the United States, but he is, undoubtedly, one of the most active, and has already done so much and so well, on behalf of his Grand Lodge, that his Rule will be a memorable one.

WE have been favoured with advance sheets of his address, delivered at the 199th semi-annual communication, and find that it proves the accuracy of our prognostication respecting the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, under his genial rule. His management of the debt has been able and most salutary; by an arrangement with the Eutaw Savings Bank, the GRAND MASTER aided by his brother, W. H. SHRYOCK, P.M., &c., advanced 9000 dollars, by which means the interest annually has been reduced £125, the net indebtedness being lessened by 4000 dollars paid by the Grand Lodge. "Slow, but surely," the debt is thus moving off, and by rigid economy, we doubt not, the Temple will soon be wholly and solely the property of the Maryland Fraternity.

BRO. SHRYOCK states that the ability of the Grand Lodge to pay its indebtedness is based upon the prosperity of the Institution. Exactly so; but would it not be well also to recognise the fact that economy during the period of indebtedness would do much to get rid of the debt. All delegates should

attend Grand Lodge at their own expenses meanwhile, and surely out of such a Masonic body, and under such an able Grand Master, there should be found many brethren who would lend sums of 100 dollars, or more, without interest, the principal being returned by annual instalments.

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An excellent lodge of instruction has been established in Baltimore, under the same auspices, which is numerously attended, and proving of good help to the brethren who desire an official "working" and authoritative information. The Grand Master has a just cause of complaint in the number of decisions he has had to give, because, at least, 90 per cent. could have been answered by a study of the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge. The Masonic library has also been galvanised into life again, and bids fair in time to be worthy of Maryland. The Grand Master concludes his address by expressing his indebtedness to Grand Secretary MEDAIRE for his readiness at all times and seasons to support his efforts for the advancement of the Craft in Maryland.

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We hasten to assure the editor of our worthy Masonic contemporary, the *Freemasons' Repository*, of Rhode Island, U.S.A., that we had no other object in view in drawing attention to the error made in the columns of its May number *re* the celebration of the Centenary Festival of our Tyrian Lodge than to correct what was obviously a slip of the pen on the part of the writer. Our contemporary is always well informed, and, as a rule, very carefully edited, and it not unfrequently happens, as in the case cited by its editor in his personal communication to us, that we are able to derive from its columns something useful and instructive in the way of news.

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We are pleased to note that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland has authorised the publication of a new and revised edition of its Regulations, now ready for issue. Our readers will be glad to read an article on the subject by Bro. HUGHAN, especially as it treats upon the origin of the Grand Chapter, of which so little is known; and we hope that his thoughtful contribution will lead to the discovery and publication of the Old Records of 1743, at Stirling; especially, as by some brethren it is looked upon as another of the Apocryphal MSS.

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THE Grand Lodge of Scotland is also having a new edition of its Regulations prepared, which will be ready for sale in the following month. Students of the Craft will be glad to hear that the Grand Secretary, Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, is engaged in writing the History of the Scottish Grand Lodge. The work is in excellent hands, and will, we hope, lead to the publication of a similar work for England.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MAKERFIELD LODGE, No. 2155, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., one of these comparatively rare but interesting ceremonies in connection with the Craft took place at the Town Hall, Newton, when a numerous and highly representative gathering of brethren assembled to inaugurate the Makerfield Lodge, No. 2155. The silent but persistent growth of Masonry under the constitutions of England can be appreciated in some measure when it is considered that nine years ago the highest number of lodges was 1620. Some six years since the members of the Order in Newton finding themselves in a very isolated position, having to go to Ashton, tried to form a local habitation, but were unsuccessful. Lately, however, with the sanction of the Prov. G. Authorities, they have obtained a warrant for a new lodge, as an offshoot of the Faith, No. 484, and with the cordial co-operation of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.

On this occasion representatives were present from Wigan, Manchester, and St. Helens, and a strong local contingent of the brethren. At 2 p.m. a procession of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, with the members of the new lodge, was formed, and Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.S.W., took charge of the proceedings, in the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Lathom.

There were present—

Bros. J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.D.; R. Foote, P.G.T.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Ed. Pierpoint, P.G.J.W.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.R., P.G. Sec.; John Cobham, P.G.S.D.; W. Franks, G.A. Sec. (Bengal); J. D. Murray, P.G.D.C.; J. Beesley, P.G.J.D.; Spencer Wallhead, P.G.S.; H. H. Smith, P.G.A.D.C.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. W. H. Marsden, P.M. 1070 (acting P.G.C.); George Morgan, P.G.J.D.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; James Jackson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and others. Among the W.M.'s and P.M.'s and brethren generally were Bros. E. Greenall, W.M. 148; S. Parkes, W.M. 410; T. E. Rigby, W.M. 287; Thomas Grime, P.M. 148; H. Archer, W.M. 1502; W. S. Hawkins, P.M. 1250; W. Hall, W.M. 1387; Wm. Amery, W.M. 1588; John Tunstall, I.P.M. 1035; J. J. Savage, P.M. 1086; G. N. Mort, W.M. 1354; R. Brierley, P.M. 148; W. Daniel, P.M. 484; John J. Tickle, W.M. 897; W. Dean, I.P.M. 178; J. E. Purdey, P.M. 680; John Hesketh, J.W. 148; Walter Biggs, J.W. 1496; John Leatherbarrow, S.W. 86; C. Burchall, J.W. 1035; Isaac Evans, J.W. 1086; R. Rankin, 667; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; and others.

The lodge was opened as follows: Bros. R. Wylie, P.G.S.W., W.M.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.J.W., S.W.; R. Foote, P.G.T., J.W.; H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., Sec.; J. Cobham, P.G.S.D., S.D.; J. Beesley, P.G.J.D., J.D.; G. Morgan, P.G.J.D., I.G.; and others.

After the usual preliminaries, the acting R.W.P.G.M., Bro. WYLIE, gave a short address to those present, expressing the pleasure he felt in being able to participate in the opening of a new lodge in the Province of West Lancashire.

The petition and warrant having been read by the P.G. Sec., the acting P.G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. W. H. MARSDEN, M.A., St. Luke's, Southport, P.M., addressed the brethren. He said:

When the history of this age comes to be written, it will undoubtedly be described as the age of "Progress" and "Activity." There is no such word in our vocabulary at the present time as "standing still." Whether the work in which a man is engaged is for the benefit of himself or his fellow-creatures, you will find, as a rule, that his utmost energies are exerted, and his most earnest zeal is displayed in bringing his labours to a successful issue, and not only so, but in trying to extend his influence for good to the utmost goal of his ambition. Masonry is no exception to the rule; nay, it may be questioned whether there be any institution where at the present time more zeal is displayed by its members, or more success has attended its efforts, than in the case of our grand and glorious Order. An outcome of that zeal and a proof of that success is the consecration of another lodge in this Province of West Lancashire to-day. Highly gratifying

must it be to those brethren who have been instrumental in the foundation of this lodge to take part in to-day's festival, and to feel that they have added another link in that Masonic chain which binds the nations of the world together; equally gratifying must it be to the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge to come over and perform (what we must all acknowledge to be) one of the most sublime and highest acts of our Masonic ritual; while none the less pleasing will it be to all of us to call to mind (amongst Masonic reminiscences) the ceremony of to-day when we implore the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe on our undertaking and breathe the prayer—

To this Temple, where we call Thee,  
Come, O Architect Divine, to-day,  
With Thy wonted loving kindness,  
Hear Thy servants as they pray;  
And Thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls alway.

But this present age besides being one of progress and activity, is characterised by "strong opinions"—opinions, which, unless held in the spirit of forbearance and Charity, often tend to those feelings of bitterness and intolerance which we see pervading almost all classes of society. We find theological dogmas, political creeds severing the closest friendships, and keeping apart those whose truest interest it would be to walk the path of life hand in hand together. No place, no pursuit seems to be wholly free from the clamour of religious discord and the bitterness of political strife. But stay! I know of one "oasis" in the desert—the sanctum of a Masonic lodge. Here I can come and clasp the hand of a brother and feel that here, at any rate, the world's differences are forgotten, and that Charity reigns supreme. Here I can come and clasp the hand of a brother, and feel that I have found a friend, one who will guard my honour as he would his own, one who will give me his sympathy, his council, and his help. Surely then amongst the sweeping winds and the blinding storms of the busy world around us, it is a good thing for me to have this harbour of refuge to flee to, where no storm can enter; where all is stillness and peace; and where brotherly love, relief, and truth cheer the passing traveller on his way. Again, not only are we living in an age characterised in many cases by bitterness and a want of tolerance between man and man, but it is an age when class is pitted against class and social distinction is carried to the verge of absurdity. When our status in Society is measured by the length of the purse, when recognition depends sometimes upon the cut of a man's coat and the style of his dress, it is refreshing to turn into a Masonic lodge and learn a useful lesson. Here man gives his brother man the hand of welcome. Here king and peasant, peer and workman, acknowledge themselves to be "brothers," equal in the sight of the Great Architect and Creator of the Universe; and though distinctions there are "even here," yet they are not such as described as existing in the world outside, but are the direct result of work, and merit, and excellence in the Craft. One thought more and I have done; it is this—the "bond of union" that exists between members of the Craft throughout the world. A most beautiful thought it is. Wherever I go over the habitable globe, from the rising to the setting sun, I have the feeling within me that I am not a "stranger," that though I cannot understand the speech of those with whom I sojourn yet I understand that universal language which is known only to our Order, and which will last as long as the earth endures, that language which has given and which will continue to give "true nobility of soul" to everyone who has mastered it. You and I will ere long have passed away to render to the Great Architect of the Universe an account of the structure that we have helped to raise to His honour here below, and if we have done our best to impart and to hand on to others a knowledge of that glorious language which we have learnt ourselves, we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done something to strengthen that structure for generations to come.

The service was full (Skeaf in C), with anthem "Behold how good" (Bryan), and was effectively rendered by Bros. J. Busfield, 2042; D. Williams, 2042; T. C. Fargher, 2042; and J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. R. Wylie for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and to the Rev. W. H. Marsden for his oration.

The following were installed and invested officers of the new lodge: Bros. Richard Brierley, P.M. 148, W.M.; W. Daniel, I.P.M.; Henry Stones, S.W.; James Blundel, J.W.; S. Hewitt, Treas.; James Adams, Sec.; F. Harwood, S.D.; H. Houghton, J.D.; James Lambert, I.G.; E. L. Bent, Stwd.; and John Devereux, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Pied Bull, where dinner was served and a pleasant evening spent.

The lodge is furnished throughout by Bro. George Kenning, of 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

### THE FIRST GRAND STEWARDS AND THEIR LODGES.

By Bro. H. SADLER.

I.

Although the names of the Grand Stewards are printed in the "Freemasons' Calendar" from its first appearance in 1774 down to the Union in 1813, we have no conclusive evidence as to the lodges they represented until 1816, when, in the printed Report of the Grand Festival, the numbers of the various lodges are given, with names of the Grand Stewards for the year, and as these lodges, with two exceptions, still enjoy the distinctive and highly-valued honour then conferred, it is not my intention in this paper to make further reference to them, but merely to endeavour to throw some light on the Grand Stewards and their different lodges at a period when Masonic affairs generally were in a very different condition to what they are in the present day. In so doing I shall avoid wherever I can repeating anything on this subject which I know has already appeared in print, and here I may direct attention to a very able article by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, under the title of "The Red Apron Lodges," which appeared in the *Freemason* for 1884, page 605, in which the writer gives some interesting extracts from the Old Constitutions and other sources, bearing on the origin and privileges of the Grand Stewards, and the formation of the Grand Stewards Lodge, but does not enlighten us as to what lodges were entitled to the distinction of the Red Apron previous to 1816. I have no doubt he will readily permit me, as far as possible, to supplement his paper with the information required. I presume the only reason this has not hitherto been attempted is on account of the considerable amount of time and patience required in searching the early registers of Grand Lodge, and identifying the names in the printed Lists of Stewards, a task of no little difficulty, considering the frequent changes made by many of the lodges, both in the character of their members and in the places of meeting, rendered more so by the fact of the lodges in the early days having neither names nor numbers, being merely designated by the names of the taverns at which they were held. As an example I may mention one lodge, now defunct, which was regularly held at fourteen different taverns in London and various parts of the country within a period of fifty years. Moreover, registration of members in the Grand Lodge books was not made compulsory before the year 1768, and many of the lodges omitted to register until several years after that.

The first Lists of Members in the books of the Grand Lodge appear under date 25th November, 1723. The register is thus headed: "A List of the Regular Constituted Lodges, together with the names of the Masters, Wardens, and Members of each Lodge," and was doubtless the result of

an order from the Grand Master, similar to the following, which appears in the Grand Lodge minutes, 19th February, 1724.

"It is the Grand Master's Order that every Master or Warden bring with them the List of every member belonging to his Lodge at the next Quarterly meeting."

This List comprises 32 lodges, only 36 of which had returned the names of their members.

The next Register has a similar heading, under date 27th November, 1725, and the third, and last, return prior to 1768 was made in 1730.

The 1725 List is, by far, the most complete, and is simply invaluable, comprising 77 lodges, only four of which are without the names of the members.

Out of 104 lodges in the 1730 List it is much to be regretted that only 55 returned the names of their members, and from that period to 1768 is an absolute blank, as far as registration of members is concerned, a fact which I can only characterise as most unaccountable and extraordinary.

The first name in the printed List of Stewards is that of Josiah Villeneau, Grand Steward in 1721, and, most appropriately, his name, although spelt "Josias Villenau," heads the first list of members of what was then, and is now in point of age, the senior lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge, then held at the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's Churchyard, now the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2.

Bro. Villeneau must have been a person of considerable importance in the Fraternity, for the same year that he served the office of Grand Steward he was appointed S.G.W., probably as a reward or recognition of his generosity in having undertaken the whole responsibility of the Grand Feast for that year.

Anderson, in the Constitutions 1738, p. 112, refers to him thus: "But the Grand Officers not finding a proper number of Stewards, our Brother Mr. Josiah Villenau, Upholder in the Burrough Southwark, generously undertook the whole himself attended by some Waiters, Thomas Morrice, Francis Bailey, &c."

Although Villeneau stands alone as Grand Steward for 1721, his two assistants, Morrice and Bailey, were evidently Masons of distinction, the former having served the office of J.G.W. three years, viz., in 1718, 1719, and 1721, being the second person on record who filled that office; he is described by Anderson as a Stone-cutter, but whether he was a sculptor or what we now call a stone-mason I am unable to say. He also was a member of the old lodge at the "Goose and Gridiron."

Francis Bailey was a member of a lodge at Ben's Coffee House, New Bond-street, in 1723, and of No. 46 in 1730, then held at Mount Coffee House, Grosvenor-square; this lodge was erased in 1748 for not attending the Quarterly Communication.

I find in the Grand Lodge minutes 25th November, 1729, an item which, in my opinion, sheds still greater lustre on our old Bro. Villeneau and the lodge which he so worthily represented.

The Fund of Benevolence—or, as it was called in the old days, "The Publick Charity"—was first suggested to Grand Lodge by the Earl of Dalkeith in 1724, and regulations for its distribution were passed in the following year. Previous to this the mode of relieving distressed brethren was to make a collection in Grand Lodge, or "send round the hat," as we say. When the new scheme was promulgated it met with but a cold reception, and, as the subscriptions were to be voluntary on the part of the lodges, the result for several years was nil.

The first payment was made on the above date, and is thus recorded:—

"Then the Deputy Grand Master earnestly recommended the Publick Charity, and ordered a second call of the Lodges, and that each Lodge should come up when called, and pay into the Treasurer's hands what money they had collected from the members of each Lodge, and the several sums underwritten were accordingly paid in as set down against their respective names."

	£	s.	d.
Present No. 2, King's Arms, Paul's Churchyard, pr. Jos. Villeneau	4	10	0
Rose and Rummer, in Holborn, pr. Will. Perkins	1	1	0
" 16, One Tun, in Noble Street, pr. John Kirk	0	5	6
" 12, Queen's Head, in Knaves Acre, pr. Robt. Cale	1	10	0
Paul's Head, in Ludgate Street, pr. Hen. Stowsten	2	2	0
	£9	8	6

Three out of the above named five old lodges are still in existence, and may be known by their present numbers.\* The members will no doubt feel some little pardonable gratification in belonging to lodges that first contributed to the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of England. No mention is made in the records of either Stewards or Festival in 1722. This was rather a critical period for the newly formed Grand Lodge, and an incident occurred which nearly wrecked the whole concern. Anderson on page 114 Constitutions, 1738, says of it:—

"Grand Master MONTAGU's good Government inclin'd the better Sort to continue him in the Chair another Year; and therefore they delay'd to prepare the Feast."

"But Philip Duke of Wharton lately made a Brother, tho' not the Master of a Lodge, being ambitious of the Chair, got a Number of Others to meet him at Stationers-Hall 24 June 1722, and having no Grand Officers, they put in the Chair the oldest Master Mason (who was not the present Master of a Lodge also irregular) and without the usual decent Ceremonials, the said old Mason proclaim'd aloud

"Philip Wharton Duke of Wharton Grand Master of Masons, and Mr. Joshua Timson, Blacksmith, Mr. William Hawkins, Mason, Grand Wardens; but his Grace appointed no Deputy, nor was the Lodge opened and closed in due form."

"Therefore the noble Brothers, and all those that would not countenance Irregularities, disown'd Wharton's Authority, till worthy Brother MONTAGU heal'd the Breach of Harmony, by summoning the Grand Lodge to meet 17 January, 1723, at the King's Arms foresaid, where the Duke of Wharton promising to be True and Faithful, Deputy Grand Master Beal proclaim'd aloud the most noble Prince and our Brother PHILIP WHARTON Duke of Wharton GRAND MASTER of Masons."

Wharton only filled the office of Grand Master till the following June, when some further trouble arose in Grand Lodge on account of his erratic conduct and peculiar ruling. He seems to have well merited the name afterwards applied to him, "The Mad Duke of Wharton," for after running

through a considerable fortune he died at an early age, utterly destitute, an outcast from his country, and was buried by the Fathers of a Bernardine Convent at Poblet, who had received him into their house out of charity, Pope, himself a Mason, refers to him in his moral essays as—

A Tyrant to the wife his heart approves,  
A rebel to the very King he loves."

The Stewards for 1723 were—

Henry Prude.  
Giles Clutterbuck.  
John Shepherd.  
Capt. Benjn. Hodges.  
Edwd. Lambert.  
Charles Kent.

Henry Prude was Master in 1723 of a lodge which met at that time, and for many years afterwards, at the Queen's Head, Great Queen-street. Through the various alterations of the numbers this lodge became No. 21 at the Union, and then met at the King's Arms, Wandsworth. It disappeared from the list before 1832, having made no return since 1813. Giles Clutterbuck was a member of the Ship in Bartholomew-lane in 1723; this lodge, which became No. 24 at the Union, and then met at Deal, was erased in 1822. John Shepherd was a member of the 12th lodge in the 1723 List, held at the Greyhound, Fleet-street, and in 1725 at the Globe Tavern, Fleet-street. I cannot trace this lodge farther, but I find Shepherd registered as Master of No. 65 in the same List, the Blew Posts in Devereux Court, erased in 1797. Capt. Hodges was a member of the above mentioned Ship in Bartholomew-lane, Edward Lambert was Master of a lodge held at the Busie Body, Charing Cross, in 1723, and was a member of two other lodges, No. 39 of 1723, and No. 64 of 1730, which I am unable to trace, although I believe the latter was erased in 1735. Charles Kent was Master of the Baptist Head Lodge in Chancery-lane, the 24th on the 1723 List, and filled the same office in 1725. In consequence of the gaps in the 1730 List I am unable to trace this lodge, but as only eleven names were returned in 1725 I am inclined to think it was erased before 1730.

Having disposed of the first List of Stewards, though not quite to my satisfaction, for I should have been glad to have found that more of the lodges were still in existence, I will now give a few extracts from the Grand Lodge minutes relating to the Stewards as a body.

## GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

The publication of the new edition of the "Laws and Constitutions of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Freemasons of Scotland" appears an appropriate opportunity of taking a glance at the early history and origin of the governing body of Scottish Royal Arch Masonry.

When the Degree was first worked in Scotland it is now quite impossible to decide; but, accepting the introduction to the edition of the Regulations published in 1845 as our faithful guide, the minutes of the "Ancient Stirling Lodge," which was formed in 1708, contain references to the Royal Arch so early as 1743. I have never succeeded in tracing this precious volume, and though it seems to me to be too early, by several years, for the Degree being worked in North Britain, I must not be very sceptical under the circumstances. It is to be hoped that renewed search will be made for the records, as the next in point of antiquity, as respects the "Arch," is the lodge at Banff, which is dated 1765. As the first reference to Royal Arch Masonry in England is of the year 1752, it will be seen that 1743 introduces us to a period separated from the origin of the "Ancients," or "Atholl Masons," by some eight years, the latter body not having been organised until 1751, as Bro. John Lane has proved in the *Freemason*.

The matter is of considerable importance, and so I beg to draw the attention of the courteous and energetic Grand Scribe E. (Bro. William Edwards, of Edinburgh) to the subject, in the hope that, with his special facilities, he will succeed in bringing to the light the evidence of the Degree having been known to a Scottish lodge so many years prior to the advent of the great secession.

As respects Mark Masonry, so far, the earliest date of its appearance in Scotland is at Banff in 1778, whereas in England it is noted at Durham so early as 1773. The value, however, of the former record consists in the recital of the Mark Man and Mark Master in the minutes, the former being conferred on Fellow Crafts, whereas the latter was restricted to Master Masons.

There were many chapters in Scotland independent of any controlling authority early this century, some also working in connection with the Templar Encampments, and many were held under the protecting wings of lodges, though not legally so.

On July 12th, 1816, members of the Degree decided to form a Grand Chapter for the better regulation of the ceremonies, &c., the present body being the outcome of that meeting, the inauguration of the Supreme Grand Chapter taking place on August 28th, 1817, being just a century, singularly enough, after the premier Grand Lodge was constituted in England, at London (1717).

Sir William Drummond was the First Grand Principal, who was succeeded by the Earl of Moray, March 21st, 1818, on which day the seniority of forty-one chapters was adjusted, and charters of confirmation granted. Twenty-four of these are happily still on the roll, their dates, when they proved that the Degree was first worked by themselves or predecessors (members), ranging from 1743 down to March 21st, 1818, two being of the latter, and therefore newly-warranted then. Twenty-four dated from the last century, and down to 1845, when the "Regulations" were issued (which are now before me), twenty more were chartered, eight only being now on the roll.

The Duke of Atholl became Grand Z. in 1820, Sir Patrick Walker, of Coates, succeeding in 1822, the Earl of Aboyne being the Chief in 1825, the Earl of Elgin in 1827, the former nobleman taking the chair again in 1835. The Marquis of Huntly became Grand Z. in 1837, Lord Robert Kerr in 1838, Earl of Buchan in 1839, Earl of Dalhousie in 1841, Earl of Strathmore in 1843, followed by Lord Glenlyon in 1844 (afterwards Duke of Athole), and other distinguished and noble members of the Craft, generally holding the rank of "Grand Master Mason" of Scotland, at the time of being Grand Z., or soon afterwards. The present First Grand Principal is Colonel Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., who is also Grand Master, the Past Grand Z.'s being the Earl of Rosslyn, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., and the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past Grand Master Masons of Scotland, so that although the Degree is not recognised by the Grand Lodge, and thus is not so favourably situated as in England, the fact of the highest

\* The names of the lodges given above as being at present in existence are, Antiquity, No. 2; Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12; and Royal Alpha, No. 16.



dignitaries of the Scottish Craft, accepting the same corresponding positions in Royal Arch Masonry, confers at least virtual, if not actual, recognition, and a most friendly feeling now exists between the two Bodies. Soon after the Grand Chapter was started, the Grand Lodge opposed it for some years, and would not permit officers of their organisation to take any part in the conduct of the other Institution. Of late years, however, everything goes on between the two Grand Bodies as smoothly as can be, and under the genial and able management of Bros. D. Murray Lyon and William Edwards, the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe E., respectively, the relationship is both intimate and mutually helpful.

In Scotland, no one can take the Royal Arch unless he has previously obtained the *Mark* and *Excellent Master* Degrees, these being worked in the chapters by virtue of the R.A. Warrants. Until recently what is known as the "Past Masters Degree" was also a *sine qua non* for exaltation. As, however, the Grand Lodge now recognises the ceremony of installation, esoterically, as well as ritualistically, as worked in England, the P.M. has been omitted from the preliminary series, though it is still required in the North American Grand Chapters.

The *Mark* and P.M. were wrought in what was called "Chair Master Lodges," some years since, separate warrants being granted therefor, if needs be. In 1845 there were three, viz., 1, Kinross (of 1842), 2, Edinburgh (of 1842), and "St. John's," Manchester (of 1845.) These were subsequently altered to *Mark* Lodges only, some twenty being granted in England and Wales alone, from 1856 to 1871. These have either become absorbed in the exceedingly prosperous *Mark* Grand Lodge of England (with which the Scottish Grand Chapter is now on the most friendly terms) or have become extinct, the only active and separate *Mark* Lodge on the roll apparently being No. O, "Keystone," Melbourne, of A.D. 1864.

By an arrangement with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, its subordinate lodges may legally confer the *Mark* Degree in their lodges, such *Mark* Masters being recognized by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the *Mark* Grand Lodge of England, so long as the ceremony is not conferred on any brother below the rank of a Master Mason, as all the Regulations of the three Bodies provide.

Companions joining chapters hailing from jurisdictions not recognising the *Mark* and *Excellent Master*, have those degrees conferred upon them prior to affiliation, a special obligation being provided for such occasions.

Chapters holding charters from the Scottish Grand Chapter are entitled to give the "Royal Ark Mariners'" ceremony, provided the candidate is a R.A. companion; the minutes and accounts of such being kept distinct from those of the Royal Arch. Chapters are also empowered to work the "Red Cross Degrees," including Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the West, commonly known as the "Babylonish Pass," provided companions only are so advanced; and a similar ceremony is observed at the installation of the Principals of the chapters as in England.

The new Regulations are most explicit as to the privileges, duties, and obligations of companions, being beyond question by far the best code yet issued by the Grand Chapter. Being also issued in a handy form, as with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, the handsome little volumes will doubtless be more consulted than the large size of years gone by. There are about 180 chapters on the register, the numbers varying from 1 to 213. There has been no change in the numeration from the origin of the Grand Chapter, the chapters being arranged in consecutive order, as the warrants are issued, and do not take the numbers of the lodges as in England.

Financially, the Grand Chapter is strong and healthy, having some £4000 in hand, and an income of about £600 annually. Its "Reporter," issued officially, is a most interesting record, and I am pleased to see in its pages, a list of 18 Grand Chapters with whom it exchanges Representatives, and that for the *Mark* Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Kintore, and Lord Henniker, have been appointed Representatives at and from the Grand Chapter respectively.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

No. CCCCLXI.—SIR JOHN MONCKTON, F.S.A., AT THE GUILDHALL.

The following effective sketch of one of the leaders of English Freemasonry, derived from the columns of the *World*, and emanating, apparently, from the pen that so vividly portrayed our Grand Secretary some weeks since, will, no doubt, be read with interest by the brethren generally.

Every trace of recent festivities and the last civic contest has already disappeared from the venerable abode of the Corporation of London. The great Colonial Ball and the well-fought election of Sheriffs which followed it are alike matters of history; the pigeons which inhabit the tower of St. Michael's, Bassishaw, and flutter fearlessly over the festooned façade of St. Lawrence, Jewry, are again in undisputed possession of Guildhall-yard; King-street has recovered its wonted equanimity, and Gog and Magog look down once more complacently on the brass plates which indicate the standard of measurement in the floor beneath them. You have, in all probability, seen many times before the allegorical cenotaphs of the dead and gone warriors and statesmen, so you pass rapidly beneath the Elcho Shield, leave the gilded gates of the new Council Chamber behind you, and enter by a glass door at the side of the bust of John, first Earl Russell, a bewildering labyrinth of corridors. The Committee of Markets happens just now to be in solemn session; a crowd of applicants for its favours throng the passages, and seem to eye you with the suspicion of possible rivalry, while you wend your way to the lobby guarded by four iron doors of ponderous thickness which divide the territory of Mr. Hallkeeper from the domain of the Town Clerk. Abundance of light comes through the glass roof; the spacious room is divided and sub-divided into pews and pens; the sober paint and Georgian panelling seem to protest against the modern electric bells, and the speaking tube through which your arrival is announced in the realms below. A messenger in uniform promptly appears: Sir John Monckton will see you presently, and you plunge down by the narrowest of lead-covered staircases into an atmosphere of subterranean gloom. Although the July sun shines brightly out of doors, the gas burns perpetually in these hidden precincts of the Corporation, and the mysterious receptacles for records which line the walls give them the appearance of a catacomb. A few paces only divide you from Basinghall-street, when your guide suddenly opens a door which admits you somewhat abruptly to the presence of the Customary Officer of the Corporation. A flight of half a dozen steps, flanked by polished hand-rails, takes you to the floor, which is covered by a well-worn and much-faded Turkey carpet. The "sanctum sanctorum" of the keeper of the Lord Mayor's conscience is long and lofty; tall windows, partly filled with ground-glass, give it a brightness which contrasts strikingly with the darkness you have traversed, and softens the depressing effect of the massive and monumental bookcases which half hide the gray-green walls, and enshrine the Public General Statutes in calf and gold, the Minutes of the Courts of Alderman and Common Council in red morocco, and the Reports of Royal Commissions in sober black. The ledge which divides them into two portions is completely occupied by a framed picture of the new

Tower Bridge, some newly-arrived boxes of cartridges, cards of invitation to long-since forgotten civic feasts, piles of paper neatly tied up with red tape, and a wig box of formidable proportions. By the window opposite hangs a chart of the Thames, which serves to remind its owner of his pleasant Sundays "up river," and close by is an engraving of one of the meetings of the Corporation in the old Council Chamber, in which (notwithstanding his official attire) you readily recognise the stalwart figure of the man who now rises from behind the great table at the end of the room to welcome you to the Guildhall. Magog, the famous black cat who wages war relentlessly against the feline pets of half a dozen other departments, and checks effectually the increase of rats in the Record Room, evidently resents your intrusion, and rubs his back nervously against the legs of one of the angular chairs, standing on the homeliest of hearthrugs, in the neighbourhood of the solid white marble chimney-piece, which forms a convenient resting-place for an imposing collection of invitation cards, and a series of neatly bound volumes, which, at first sight, may be possibly taken for breviaries, but are in reality the official Pocket-books of the Corporation, destined (as an inscription informs you) for the special use of "Mr. Town Clerk."

There is something unmistakably martial in the bearing of Sir John Monckton. His black alpaca working-jacket is eminently suited to his present occupation; but you cannot help thinking that he should be in uniform, and once more at the head of his mounted battery of Middlesex Artillery Volunteers. He has, however, long since exchanged the sword for the pruning-hook; but some thirty silver cups in his pleasant house in Cromwell-road still serve to remind him of the joys and triumphs of soldiering. Business happens to be particularly brisk just now; and while he affixes his signature to a pile of papers which a clerk places on the slope before him, you have ample leisure to indulge in further contemplation of his characteristic surroundings. An old Chippendale clock ticks sonorously on a mahogany bracket over the arms of the Moncktons and the singularly appropriate device, "Famam extendere factis;" the photographs of her Majesty's judges (how many of them have passed away since they sat for them in 1880!) look down gravely on a heap of papers in the corner; the bookcase with the green calico curtains, before which Sir John now sits and writes, was once sacred to the affairs of the "Watermen," "Ballastage," and "the Courts of Hustings;" but in its old age contains nothing better than miscellaneous rubbish; the second table near the door still bears the literary debris of the Colonial Ball; over the abiding-place of the Public General Statutes are to be seen a couple of rolled spring maps of the City of London in wards and the borough of Southwark, just by the Town Clerk's serviceable writing-chair the red and black calendar of the Corporation, in which the eccentric spelling of "Plow Monday" and other kindred terms is consistently preserved, is placed beneath an engraving of the first of the three Woodthorpes, and above the fireplace hang coloured lithographic views of the new Library and the Central and Billingsgate Markets.

By this time the documents awaiting signature have received due attention; the heavily-laden clerk takes his departure, and the ever active "Clericus Communis" is ready for a brief talk about his avocations and himself. The contents of the table before him help you amazingly. Beneath the goodly collection of summonses which call him to the meetings of half-a-score committees and sub-committees peeps out furtively Mr. James Purdey's annual reminder of the approach of September. The sarcophagus-like black inkstand with the nest of little drawers and quaint taper-stand was once probably used by the elder Woodthorpe himself. This paper-weight came from a French battle-field; this square of marble was picked up in the quarry of Baveno; the pebble which helps to keep the next set of letters in order was found by the falls of Trümlenbach at Lauterbrünnen. You have talked of sport, war, and travel before you come to the long row of books which fringes the opposite side of the table. Here we find "Riley's Memorials," the "Liber Albus," and "Loftie's London," to remind you of the history of the Corporation, in which Sir John, as becomes a zealous Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, takes the deepest interest; "Pulling's Laws and Customs of London," "Municipal Law and Practice at Elections," "Norton's Franchises of the City," and "May's Law of Parliament," lead to a pleasant discussion on the functions appertaining to the Secretary of the City; "The Rugby Calendar" takes you back to the time when John Monckton was the companion of George Goschen, William Henry Waddington, and Lewis Cave, and affords an excuse for some cheerful talk about the "Close," the "Big School," and the "Quads," long ago immortalised in "Tom Brown," while the "Consuetudines Kantiæ" turns the conversation to the old county of which Sir John Monckton is so justly proud, and induces him to tell you something of his life.

The Town Clerk of London is "a man of Kent." He was born at Maidstone, educated at Rugby and King's College, London, and for many years followed his father's profession as a solicitor in Lincoln's Inn Fields. In 1873 he relinquished his practice to become the trusted adviser of the Corporation. He had already found more than one congenial sphere for his constitutional energy and remarkable power of organisation. For many years he discharged with conspicuous ability the onerous duties of President of the Board of General Purposes—the principal executive officer of the Masonic Fraternity. As a Volunteer he was equally successful. The jurisdiction of the Municipality of London is by no means limited to the traditional square mile. It comprehends the vast markets from Islington to Deptford; the "open spaces" from Burnham Beeches to Epping Forest; the Port of London, and the supervision of sanitation from the City down to the Nore. The correspondence of the Town Clerk's office is ever increasing; it involves constant communication with every Government Department, and occasional letters to nearly every municipality in the world. Sir John Monckton's native force of character, coolness in argument, and clearness of thought have won for him considerable power in the Civic Parliament. The influence he has gained is never unduly pushed, and is always exercised with scrupulous honesty. The multifarious duties of his office have come to engross almost the whole of his time, and his "home" in many senses of the word is literally at the Guildhall. His autumn shooting is his one surviving recreation. The signal triumph of the great ball, which will for months to come excite the wonderment of our Colonial visitors, is only a specimen of the administrative achievement of the popular Town Clerk. Sir John Monckton married long ago. His accomplished wife has won name and fame as an actress of undisputed merit. His eldest son—a Charterhouse boy—is already doing well at the Bar, and distinguished himself at Oxford as a skilful musician. One of the last official acts of Lord Beaconsfield was to procure for the most diligent servant of the Corporation the honour of knighthood, and several foreign ribbons and stars have also fallen to his lot, but Sir John Monckton has never been spoiled by success.

Although another batch of pressing papers has arrived, your host will not suffer you to depart without a visit to the fireproof crypt, over which he rules as custodian, of the muniments and charters of the City. Under his care, you are soon deep in "Hustings' Rolls," the "Repertories" of the Court of Aldermen, and the "Journals" of the Court of Common Council, and you venture to examine with due respect the enormous volume lettered "Fowler," bound in white vellum, with bands of red russia leather, which is the latest addition to its treasures. You pause a moment in the adjacent room, where Dr. Sharpe is patiently deciphering the will of some worthy fourteenth-century burgess in the interests of his coming work. By this time, however, you have well-nigh outstayed your welcome. The messenger in uniform informs Sir John that Mr. Horace Jones wishes to see him on urgent business. You accordingly postpone to a more convenient season your proposed visit to the City Museum, under the auspices of so expert a numismatist and so ardent an antiquary as the Town Clerk of London; apologise hastily for the unwarrantable extent of your intrusion, and pass out once more from the great Hall of the Corporation, with its unrivalled historical associations, into busy and prosaic Cheapside.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Board, took the chair of President; Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the chair assigned to that officer. The other brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; E. R. Spaul, P.M. 1768; Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; D. D. Mercer, P.M.; W. H. Perryman, G.A.P.; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205; George Read, P.M. 311; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; Sidney Gore, P.M. 829; P. M. Bishop, W.M. 1; Walter Wood, P.M. 193; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; A. M. Cohen, P.M. 205; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; John Aldis, P.M. 1288; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; John L. Mather, W.M. 1910; Robert Bradley, Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks, P.M. 414; G. J. Wood, P.M. 1028; W. H. Harris, W.M. 1076; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 2128; Ebenezer Skelt, P.M. 1685; John James Pitt, W.M. 147; Joseph Clever, P.M. 171; Harry Pollock, W.M. 5; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £315. The new list contained the names of 30 petitioners from London, Wareham, Folkestone, Birkenhead, Leeds, Gloucester, Liverpool, Manchester, Plympton, Hitchen, Chesterfield, Shanghai, Cabul, Montego Bay, Hyde, Barnet, Budleigh Salterton, Rocking, France, New York, Sandhurst, Victoria, and Calcutta.

Out of these cases two were dismissed, and seven were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £760, which was composed of one recommendation of £150; five of £50 each; two of £40 each; five of £30 each; four grants for £20 each; one of £15; three of £10 each; and one of £5.

## THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additional sums have been received since last week, namely:

LONDON.		£	s.	d.
Lodge.				
198 Bro. Col. North	...	52	10	0
1158 " W. Holloway (additional)	...	10	0	6
2020 " The Lord Mayor	...	10	10	0
PROVINCES.				
ESSEX.				
650 Bro. R. Clowes (additional)	...	5	5	0
LANCASHIRE (WEST).				
1730 Bro. John Slyman	...	26	5	0
WILTSHIRE.				
Bro. John MacLean (additional)	...	5	5	0

## THE ANNUAL SUMMER BANQUET AND LADIES' DAY OF THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

The sixth annual summer banquet and ladies' day took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, under the presidency of Bro. G. T. Holdom, W.M.; Bro. J. G. Twinn, S.W., and Bro. J. Loftus, J.W., occupying the vice-chairs. Amongst those present, in addition to the above, were Miss Holdom, Mrs. Twinn, Mrs. Loftus, Bro. C. Veal, P.M., Mrs. and Miss Veal; Bro. J. Magrath, P.M., Mrs. and Master Magrath; Bro. T. Wooding, P.M., and Mrs. Wooding; Bro. W. McCreddie, Sec., and Mrs. McCreddie; Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820, and Mrs. Myers; Bro. and Miss Dawe; Bro. Hansmann, Bro. and Mrs. Joslin; Bro. F. H. Dale, Miss Quail, Bro. Piper, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson; Miss Conner, Miss Gill, and others to the number of about 40.

The banquet, which was served in first-rate style, and did great credit to the host, Bro. Beningfield, seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by every one present, at the finish of which grace was said, and the usual loyal and other toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Bro. JOSLIN responded for "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present on this and similar previous occasions.

Bro. F. H. DALE, in responding to the toast of "The Ladies," remarked that it was the third time he had had the pleasure and honour of doing so at the summer banquet at that lodge.

The CHAIRMAN said he would not detain them longer, as the weather was very fine, and he knew they were all anxious to get out in the gardens.

The company then dispersed, some to the gardens and others to the river for boating. In the evening tea and coffee was served, and the remainder of the day spent in dancing, a quadrille band having been specially engaged. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, and the party returned to town by the last train, declaring that this had been one of the most successful of their summer outings.

## SUMMER BANQUET.

The summer banquet and "Ladies' day" of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 14th inst., by a trip to Eastbourne, when some 38 ladies and brethren attended to participate in the outing. The company started from London Bridge in two saloon carriages, and on arriving at Eastbourne, were conveyed in carriages especially provided, to the Queen's Hotel, where an elegantly appointed lunch awaited them. The next move was a drive to Beachy Head, where it was blowing half a gale, but which was nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed, the beauty and grandeur of "Old Oceans" as its white caps came racing in and breaking in thunder on the shore, having something sublime and fascinating about it that held the spectators entranced, and made them utterly regardless of "Old Boreas" rather too boisterous attentions. The return journey to the town was happily accomplished, and after an hour's stroll on the sands the party adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a *recherché* and splendidly served banquet was partaken of. Dessert was served in one of the elegant drawing rooms of the hotel, where, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. C. Jolly, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. A. T. Ives,

I.P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. and Mrs. Jolly" in eloquent terms, and Bro. Jolly feelingly returned thanks; Bros. Ives, P.M., and A. Manning, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Essex, responded for "The Past Masters;" Bros. I. Paul, S.W., and J. Elder, P.M., for "The Ladies;" Bro. R. J. Warren, P.M. Liberty of Havinging Lodge, C. Munyard, P.M. Pythagorean Lodge, and Capt. Phillips, responded for "The Visitors;" Bro. C. Canning, S.D., responded for "The Officers;" and Bro. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts, returned thanks for "The Dinner Committee."

Bro. Richardson presided at the piano, and some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings.

The return journey was rendered most enjoyable by the careful thought of Bros. West, Wood, and Canning, who well looked after the creature comforts, and courteously attended to every want. London was reached all safe and well soon after 10 p.m., where the company separated, each going their devious ways, after many congratulations on such a memorable and happy festival.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Lewis, P.M.; S. Woodland, C. J. Powling, J. J. Delo, G. Sutcliffe, T. Naseby, and J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076. The ladies included Mesdames Jolly, A. T. Ives, J. Ives, West, Manning, Canning, Canning, sen., Wood, Woodland, Sutcliffe, Naseby, Warren, Munyard, Phillips, and the Misses Ives and Woodland.

## FIRST SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

The above lodge held its first summer festival on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Medwin. There were also present Mrs. Medwin, Mr. H. Medwin, Bro. Stevenson, P.M.; Mrs. and the Misses Stevenson, Mr. Bradsell, and the Misses Bradsell, Bro. Marsh, P.M.; Bro. Fisher, J.W.; Mrs. Fisher, Bro. Bates, Mrs. Bates, Bro. Jay and Mrs. Jay, Bro. Reid, Bro. Potts and Mrs. Potts, Bro. Dart and Mrs. Settre, Bro. Dr. Humphreys and Mrs. Humphreys, Bro. Gibbs, W.M. 1613; Mrs. Gibbs, Bro. Geo. Abbott, P.M. and Secretary; Mrs. and Miss Abbott, Bro. Marke, and others.

The company assembled at the Waterloo Terminus for the 11 a.m. train, to which were attached luxurious saloon carriages, and, upon arrival at Teddington, carriages were provided for a most enjoyable drive through Bushey Park, Hampton Court, Esher, Sandown, Kingston, and back through Bushey Park to the Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Hosts Messrs. Hall, when, after partaking of which, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were observed and responded to, Bro. Potts being entrusted with that of "The Ladies," which was proposed in felicitous terms, and most harmoniously responded to by Bro. Marke.

The company afterwards adjourned to the beautiful grounds attached to the Hotel. Singing and dancing was indulged in to its fullest extent till 9 o'clock, when a reluctant return was made homewards. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bro. Marke, Mr. Bradsell, Bro. Tremere, and Miss Lillie Abbott, who also played some lively dance music. The whole of the arrangements were made and carried out by Bro. George Abbott much to the satisfaction of all present.

## FREEMASONRY IN YORK.

For some time past, several prominent brethren in York have been anxious to establish in that ancient centre of English Freemasonry a working body in connection with the Royal Order of Scotland; but it was not until quite lately that the way became clear for the consummation of their wishes. A few months ago, however, application was made to the ruling body of the Order at Edinburgh, and the result was that a regular petition was forwarded to the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Order, praying him to constitute a Provincial Grand Lodge for Yorkshire, and nominating Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, M.A., Rector of Whitley, near York, as the Provincial Grand Master. The petition was signed by members of the Order residing at York, Hull, Scarbro', Bedale, and Richmond, and, in due course, the request was granted, and the warrant was issued. The York brethren were very anxious to secure the presence of the Deputy Grand Master on the occasion of the ceremony of constitution, and, after some delay, the 10th July was named by his lordship for the date of his official visitation.

Several members of the Grand Lodge of the Order in Edinburgh were anxious to take the chance of visiting York, and expressed a desire to have an opportunity of meeting some of their brethren in the Craft. Accordingly arrangements were made for an emergency meeting on the 9th July of Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, for the purpose of welcoming the visitors from the Northern kingdom. The lodge was opened at 7 p.m. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., who was supported by Bros. C. G. Padel, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; Wm. Brown, S.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; W. Stephenson, I.G.; W. Storey, J. D. Irving, J. W. Blenkin, W. Sharp, H. Mennell, J. E. Wilkinson, J. L. Spetch, and others. The visitors from Edinburgh consisted of Bros. J. T. S. Elliot, Grand Junior Warden; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; J. Crichton, P.M. 1; W. Edwards, P.M. 36, V.P.G.S.; R. S. Brown, P.M. 145, G.S.; and J. Taylor, P.M. 349; and there were also present Bros. D. Scott, 219 (S.C.); J. Webster, 160 (S.C.); and W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304 (Leeds). The acting W.M. welcomed the visitors to York, and expressed the pleasure it afforded the Eboracum Lodge to greet so many distinguished brethren upon classic ground; and Bro. Elliot responded on behalf of the visitors. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and a candidate was conducted through the ceremony. The lodge having been lowered, Bro. Whytehead presented to the lodge three valuable Masonic engraved portraits of Bros. Thomas Dundas, Prov. Grand Master; Bishop Wykeham, of Winchester; and Thomas Locke, which had been framed by Bros. Balmford and Halliwell; and, after interchange of good wishes, the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was made to the supper-room, where the brethren entertained their visitors, and subsequently in the smoke-room there was speech making and harmony, and a most agreeable evening was passed.

On Saturday morning the Northern brethren were conducted by Bro. Whytehead to the gardens of the Philosophical Society, to the Merchants' Hall, and to other places of interest, and at 3 p.m. they once more found themselves in the St. Saviourgate Hall, where preparations had been made for the ceremony of the Royal Order. Here were assembled the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Order; Bros. W. Mann, Deputy Grand Governor; Alexander Hay, G.S. Warden; Wm. Hay, G.J. Warden; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; C. S. Dickson, G. Treas.; Wm. Edwards, G.G. of the T.; J. T. S. Elliot, G. Std. Br.; R. S. Brown, G. Ex.; James Crichton, C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M. Lancashire and Cheshire; G. P. Brockbank, P.D.G.M.; C. Fendelow (Wolverhampton); G. J. McKay, Dep. Prov. G.M. Lancashire and Cheshire.

By dispensation a Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, who was supported by Bros. J. W. Woodall, T. B. Whytehead, W. H. Cowper, Wm. Brown, Donald Grant, George Simpson, and others, and thereafter the Grand Lodge was received and saluted. The throne was then taken by the Earl of Rosslyn, and several brethren were advanced to this ancient Order.

The Patent of Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine as Prov. Grand Master was read, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Yorkshire was constituted, and the Prov. Grand Master installed.

The office bearers were then presented, after which the Earl of ROSSLYN congratulated the York brethren upon the formation of the body and wished them all success, and the Prov. Grand Master replied on behalf of his brethren.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER also thanked the Deputy Grand Master and the officers of Grand Lodge for the compliment paid to York Masonry in their attendance on this important occasion, and the Earl of Rosslyn, attended by his officers, retired. The following are the officers appointed by Bro. Valentine: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. H. Cowper (Middlesborough), S. Warden; Lieut. Donald Grant (19th Regiment), J. Warden; W. H. B. Atkinson (Pontefract), Standard Bearer; Wm. Watson (Leeds), Examiner; Wm. B. Dyson (York), Marischal; Wm. Fraser (Scarborough), Guard. A telegram was read from Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, from Storen, in Norway, congratulating the brethren, also one from Bro. J. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Sec. for Lancashire and Cheshire, giving "Hearty good wishes" from his Provincial Grand Lodge, and other letters and telegrams of a similar nature were read, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire was closed.

An adjournment was then made to Harker's York Hotel, where the Prov. Grand Master presided at an excellent banquet, being supported by Lord Rosslyn and about 24 of the brethren. At its conclusion, Bro. Valentine having to leave York for Scotland, the chair was taken by Bro. Whytehead, who proceeded to give the usual toasts, and the health of the Deputy Grand Master of the Order.

The Earl of ROSSLYN replied, and in the course of his speech informed the brethren that he had every reason to believe that he should soon have the honour of admitting the Prince of Wales, who would become the Hereditary Grand Master of the Order in the natural course of events. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine," complimenting the York brethren upon the event of the day.

Bro. W. MANN, Deputy Grand Governor, proposed "Success to the Newly Constituted Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire," which was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who said it would be the object of the Yorkshire brethren to make their lodge a great success and a model of good working.

Bro. W. H. COWPER gave "The Healths of the Members of the Deputation from Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. ALEXANDER HAY, Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. W. BROWN proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. C. F. MATIER (London) and G. MCKAY (Lancashire and Cheshire) responded.

Later in the evening the Northern visitors were conducted by Bro. Whytehead to view the old Merchants' Hall in York, which possesses many interesting Masonic associations, and when night fell the party once more drew together and spent some time in fraternal interchange of ideas.

On Sunday morning most of the visitors attended the service in the Cathedral, where Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey Cust so worthily and kindly ruled, and after lunch, with Bro. Whytehead, they paid a visit to the hall belonging to the York Lodge, 236, and were shown by Bro. J. Todd, Treasurer, the ancient Records of the Grand Lodge of All England, and other notable curiosities. The new adornments of the hall were greatly admired, and during their visit Bro. Whytehead played a selection of Scotch airs on the beautiful organ lately erected. The party next bent their steps to the gardens of the Philosophical Society, and had a delightful ramble amongst the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey, the old Roman fortifications, and the Norman Hospital of St. Leonard's, and thence to dinner. In the gloaming another sally forth was made, and the city walls were circumambulated, all assembling once more about 10 p.m. for a farewell chat, most of the Scotch brethren returning by the midnight train to modern Athens, having spent a most pleasant and improving time in York, and leaving behind them a most agreeable and enduring impression upon the minds of their York entertainers, who are looking forward to an early opportunity of making a Masonic descent upon the City of Edinburgh.

On Monday the regular monthly meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, was held, Bro. A. T. B. Turner, W.M., occupying the chair, the visitors being Bros. J. W. Marshall, P.M. 600, and Major McCachin, P.M. 1991. The business consisted of the raising of Bros. J. Smith and J. L. Spetch to the Third Degree, the ceremonial being performed by Bro. Whytehead. The W.M., Bro. Turner, was heartily congratulated upon his restoration to health, and a most pleasant evening was subsequently spent in the smoke room, where songs and toasts were agreeably interspersed, and a right good Masonic evening was enjoyed.

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LEWIS AND PRIORITY.

"Lex Scripta" will find particulars respecting the special privileges granted to the sons of Freemasons in the Laws of the "Aberdeen" Lodge, Scotland (1853). By-law 11 provides "That the eldest son of a member, and the person marrying the eldest daughter of a member, shall be entered and admitted to that rank in the Society, which the father has attained, free of all admission dues, except the contribution to the Mortification Fund; and the other sons, and those marrying the other daughters of members shall be admitted in like manner, on payment of half of the ordinary dues of admission, except the contribution to the Mortification Fund." There are two classes in this Lodge—"Geomatic and Domatic Masons,"

the Master, D.M., J.W., and Secretary being elected from the former, and the S.W. from the Operatives, according to the understanding existing between the members. There is an extensive benefit fund in connection with the lodge. Relative to the minimum age of a candidate for initiation, let me warn "Lex Scripta" against accepting any authority but the *Constitutions*, which in Ireland, as in England, fixes twenty-one (save by dispensation) as the legal period, no word being said as to Lewises, though doubtless such would-be candidates, *under age*, might stand a better chance of obtaining the favour. The minimum age in Scotland is 18, which appears to me a pity, as the three Grand Lodges should adopt 21, especially as it used to be 25. I can assure my brother that in England, whatever the Historians, of the class of Dr. Oliver may say, no Lewis can claim to be initiated at 18, neither can he in Ireland. Such a privilege is dependent on a dispensation being obtained, as in the case of *non* Lewises. "Kenning's Cyclopædia" is quite correct as to this point. I hope English Freemasonry will never be disfigured with the French ceremonies of Masonic Baptism and Adoption, &c. The enquiry is a curious one, but it is not likely to be settled, save as to the fact that Lewises have really no privileges beyond being "made" Masons *before* any one, however worthy, who is also a candidate for initiation during the same evening a case in point being cited in last week's *Freemason*. We sadly want an authoritative work on English Masonic jurisprudence, based upon the present Book of *Constitutions*, and the numerous decisions of the Board of General Purposes. Cannot such a work be prepared by some competent brethren? The need of it is obvious, and I feel assured that its circulation could not fail to be a large one, provided the author was conversant with the subject. Unless thoroughly well done, we had better be without the work. CHISHOLM.



### Craft Masonry.

**PANMURE LODGE** (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. John Daniel Arnold, W.M.; A. Leonard, S.W.; F. Purkiss, J.W.; G. Treves, I.P.M.; T. Poore, P.M.; Secretary; Lewis Jones, S.D.; A. C. Wood, J.D.; A. Barnett, I.G.; S. Ash, W.S.; G. Allen, P.M. 144; D.C.; James Stevens, P.M.; E. Mitchell, P.M.; G. Lilley, P.M. 1632; C. H. Richmond, G. Mulley, J. Finch, J. L. Ball, C. Thomas, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. G. S. Graham, P.M. 1851, P.P.G. Org.; S. W. Bowen, 1851; and W. Powell, 1531.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, a letter from the Grand Secretary approving of the desired alteration in number of meetings was read, and, in accordance with which, the future meetings of this lodge will be held on the third Mondays in the months of January, March, May (installation), July, September, and November respectively. There being two candidates for initiation, Messrs. Samuel Bullen and George Goodge, they were balloted for, and approved of. The ceremony of initiation was very ably performed by the W.M., who gave proofs in this, his first work as the presiding officer, of considerable ability. It was announced that the Treasurer of the lodge, invested at the previous meeting, was desirous of tendering his resignation of that office, and his resignation being unanimously accepted, the I.P.M., Bro. G. Treves, was nominated for election, and received the favourable votes of the brethren without exception. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., referred to an unpleasant matter affecting the character of this lodge in the action of the late Treasurer, on two recent occasions, and which had been made the subject of public comment in the pages of one of the Masonic journals, and subsequent discussion by members of the Craft. He expressed himself, as the senior P.M. of the lodge, as above all things, jealous for its good repute, and the reflection upon it that it was in the slightest measure wanting in loyalty to the sovereign and the Grand Master of the Order was unendurable to the general body of its members as well as to himself. It was out of their power to undo what had been done, but they could mark their sense of strong disapproval of the behaviour of the individual in question by refusing the usual close Masonic association with him until he had purged himself of his grave offence by an ample apology to the lodge. In the meanwhile, and lest the absolute ignoring of his disloyal action might be misconstrued into sympathy therewith, he suggested that the minutes of this meeting should bear a record of the indignation of all present that any one of their number could so far forget his obligations to the Craft.

Bro. Steven's remarks were received with much earnestness, and were immediately followed by a unanimous vote in terms of the strongest condemnation of the offending brother's most disloyal act, and it was ordered that the same be recorded in the lodge minutes. A few matters of routine business concluded the work of this meeting, and the lodge was then closed in due form.

An excellent repast had been provided by Bro. Lilley, P.M., the worthy Host of the Balham Hotel, whom we were glad to see present, and nearly recovered from his late severe accident, and to this the brethren gave due attention.

Subsequently the usual toasts were given, that of "The Queen" being on this occasion unanimously honoured, and the singing of the National Anthem, most demonstratively joined in by all present. Bro. G. S. Graham presided at the pianoforte, and some excellent songs and recitations were interspersed with the remaining toasts, the company separating at a reasonable hour, pleased with, and encouraged by, the entire proceedings of the evening.

**STONEHOUSE**.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on the 12th inst., at St. George's Hall. The W.M. elect, Bro. Chas. F. Dunsterville, was installed by Bros. C. Croydon and R. H. Rae, P.P.G.D., 189, with an efficient Board of W.M.'s. The following officers were invested: Bros.

E. Prout, I.P.M.; John Chapman, P.P.G.S.D., S.W.; J. Ward, J.W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, Chap.; T. S. Bayly, Treas.; R. H. Rae, Sec.; Frank R. Thomas, S.D.; J. B. Moulder, J.D.; C. Croydon, D.C.; R. Pike, Org.; E. L. Maunsell, I.G.; A. S. Hendry and C. F. Hocking, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon has been appointed to represent the lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. R. H. Rae was chosen the Charity Steward.

In the evening the brethren and visitors dined together at St. George's Hall. Bro. Bosworthick was the caterer.

**MANCHESTER**.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—The installation of Bro. Fredk. H. Davidson took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. Wm. Hughes, W.M.; F. H. Davidson, S.W.; J. Lees Aspland, P.M., P.G. Reg., Treas.; W. Cartwright, Sec.; J. B. Broadbent, S.D.; J. H. Andrews, J. D.; E. S. Titmas, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Geo. Smedley, J. F. Stallon, E. Nathan, S. Witton, P. Williams, T. Dalziel, and T. Glover. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Watts, 539; E. Pike, P.M. 633; Wm. Lee, 163; and R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Aspland, P.G. Reg., to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Cartwright, and inducted with all due right and ceremony into the chair of K.S., Bro. F. H. Davidson was subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.M.'s on their re-entry to the lodge. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year, and were invested, with one or two exception, by Bro. Aspland, P.M.: Bros. John Duncan, S.W.; S. B. Broadbent, J.W.; J. L. Aspland, P.M., P.G. Reg., Treas.; W. Cartwright, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Andrews, S.D.; Edgar Titmas, J.D.; W. G. Watson, D. of Cers.; T. R. Glover, I.G.; Jno. Saynon, Org.; J. Sly, Tyler. The addresses were subsequently given, and there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John by dining together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured by the brethren.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. W. Hughes, P.M., in eulogistic terms, and drunk with evident pleasure by all present.

Bro. Davidson returned thanks in appropriate words.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed by Bro. Davidson, who commented upon the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Hughes had fulfilled the various duties connected with his honourable position, and in the name of the members of the lodge presented him with a Past Master's gold jewel, to mark their appreciation of his services.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, and was much admired.

Bro. Hughes afterwards returned thanks for the present.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Aspland, P.M., P.G. Registrar, as well as several other toasts during the remainder of the evening.

**PRINCETOWN**.—Lodge of Benevolence (No. 666).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., and in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters Bro. Joseph Adams was duly installed as the Master. The ceremony was well performed by Bro. W. Holdstock, P.M., P.P.G.P., assisted by Bros. J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. D. Westcott, P.M. 70, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. A. Alexander, P.M. 666, P.P.G.O.; I. Delaney, I.P.M.; Captain O. W. Every, P.M.; J. Stapleton, P.M.; J. Harris, P.M.; John H. Tonkin, P.M. 282, P.P.G.D.C.; George Roseveare, P.M. 970 and 1255, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. D. Thomas, P.M. 159; and Byron Elliott, P.M. 1247.

The officers invested were Bros. John Delaney, I.P.M.; W. Johns, S.W.; E. Ellis, J.W.; E. Alexander, Treas.; W. Holdstock, Sec.; J. Geake, S.D.; C. Whiter, J.D.; J. H. Weekes, I.G.; and R. Baker, Tyler. Bro. G. E. Alexander was unanimously chosen as the representative on the Committee of Petitions.

The brethren and visitors adjourned to the Duchy Hotel for the banquet. The W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

**RUNCORN**.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).—The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. and officers for the year took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the lodge room, Devonshire-square. The retiring W.M., Bro. George Bell, was supported by Past Masters Bros. W. R. Wass, J. Coxhill, E. Marwood, and G. Moss; Bros. Mellor, P.M., P.G.J.D.; J. H. Salkeld, George Summerfield, L. Rosenberg, the Rev. R. Edwards, T. H. Annett, Cooper, Phillips, T. D. Timmins, Le Couteur, J. S. Davies, Peter Davies, James Littler, J. J. Waterworth, J. Torkington, W.M. elect; and others. The visiting brethren were Bros. Webster Williams, 1609; J. Matthews, W.M. 1384; and J. Tunstall, I.P.M. 1035.

Bro. Torkington was presented by Bro. G. Bell, retiring W.M., and Bro. Coxhill, P.M., and installed by Bro. Wm. Mellor, assisted by Bro. J. Coxhill. The following officers were then invested by the new W.M.: Bros. Bell, I.P.M.; J. H. Salkeld, S.W.; George Summerfield, J.W.; W. Mellor, Treasurer; George Moss, Secretary; Rev. R. Edwards, Chaplain; L. Rosenberg, S.D.; T. H. Annett, J.D.; Cooper, I.G.; James Littler, Organist; J. Le Couteur, Almoner; and George Hayes, Tyler. During the evening Bro. Bell, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, along with the Life-Governorship of the Cheshire Educational Institution.

The brethren afterwards had the customary banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

**WESTON**.—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown and Anchor Inn, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., to instal Bro. William Holland Young as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present Bros. J. Knight, W.M.; W. H. Young, S.W.; G. H. Bartlett, J.W.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., Treasurer; Charles Beckett, P.M., Sec.; Robert Bull, S.D.; W. H. Baker, J.D.; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M., Org.; W. Gayner, Steward; A. Wadoux,

I.G.; C. Pinkett and S. Bigwood, Tylers; F. W. Dingle, P.M.; Lawson Howes, P.M.; E. L. Hill, P.M.; J. Stuckey, P.M.; W. A. Scott, P.M.; and about 16 members of the lodge; and the following visitors were also present: Bros. A. C. Else, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Somerset, P.G.J. Deacon of England; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 41; J. A. Timmins, W.M. 53; Isaac Smirson, P.M. 53; William Rice, P.M. 1755; J. Kendrick Pyne, 53, P.P.G. Org. Somerset; and T. E. Wilton, S.W. 41.

The lodge having been opened, the summons convening the meeting and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The V.W. the D.P.G.M. and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were announced and admitted. The V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, having taken the Eastern chair, proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Young, into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. After the W.M. had been proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom, he proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers: Bros. Geo. H. Bartlett, S.W.; R. Bull, J.W.; T. D. Moutrie, P.M., Treas.; C. Beckett, P.M., Sec.; Walter H. Baker, S.D.; A. A. Wadoux, J.D.; G. Strange, I.G.; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M., Org.; W. Gayner and W. H. Fisher, Stwds.; C. Pinkett and S. Bigwood, Tylers.

Upon the motion of the W.M., a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the V.W.D.P.G.M. for his attendance and the very excellent manner in which he had carried out the work of Installing Master.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet which had been prepared, at which, in addition to the brethren already named, there were present Bros. W. Peach, W.M. 41; P. Braham, P.M. 41; C. Wilkinson, P.G.S.W. 41; and F. Glover, P.M. 906. The usual toast list was gone through, and the pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the musical entertainment contributed by some of the members and visitors.

**LIVERPOOL**.—Royal Victoria Lodge (No. 1013).—A numerous company of Freemasons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., to do honour to the new W.M., Bro. W. H. Cooke. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; John Cobham, P.G.S.D.; Dr. A. Samuels, P.P.G.J.D.; R. Martin, P.P.G.T.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; W. C. Erwin, P.P.G.A. Sec.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Warriner, P.M. Liverpool Lodge; James Pendleton, P.M. Merchants Lodge; J. M. King, P.M. Everton Lodge; J. R. Tomlinson, P.M. Sandbach Lodge; F. Ewart, W.M. Walton Lodge; G. H. Taylor, S.W. Skelmersdale Lodge; J. Galley, W.M. elect Everton Lodge; J. B. Kirkland, S.W. Duke of Edinburgh Lodge; W. H. Edwards, S.D. Skelmersdale Lodge; F. W. Keen, 1st Lodge of Light; Linaker, Royal Preston Lodge; and others.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. W. Longbottom, P.P.G.A.P., and Col. C. A. Whitney, P.M., and was installed with full Masonic ritual by Bro. T. K. Hughes, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. S. Howard, I.P.M.; T. W. Edwards, S.W.; W. F. McDonnell, J.W.; W. H. Thornton, S.D.; W. M. William, J.D.; J. W. Napton, I.G.; W. Longbottom, P.M., P.P.G.A.P., Treas.; F. Evans, Sec.; T. K. Hughes, P.M., D.C.; W. Warburton, J. W. Glendinning, and G. Broadbent, Stwds.; J. Jones, Org.; and P. Ball, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently partook of a sumptuous banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In presenting, on behalf of the lodge, to the retiring W.M., Bro. S. Howard, a massive P.M. jewel set with large diamonds, the W.M. evoked much enthusiasm by references to his predecessor's amiable and genial conduct both in the chair and in all his intercourse with the brethren. In numerous speeches delivered during the evening congratulations were offered to the lodge on the era of increased prosperity which is likely to follow Bro. Cooke's advent to the chair. He has evinced abilities of a high order in the positions he has already filled, and perfect knowledge of the ritual, combined with his well-known elocutionary attainments, justify the expectation of an attractive and successful year for the Royal Victoria Lodge.

A capital selection of music was rendered during the evening by the Victoria Quartette (Bros. Stephen, Broadbent, Howard, and Jack), Bros. Edwards, T. P. Bethell, W. F. McDonnell, Jones, and Cockerton.

**PLYMOUTH**.—Huyshe Lodge (No. 1099).—The annual installation banquet was held on the 6th inst. at the Newmarket Hotel, Cornwall-street. This was the 21st annual banquet of the lodge, and the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. H. Rogers, is the 21st installed Master. Large and handsome assembly rooms have just been added to the accommodation of this hotel, and in the principal of these rooms the banquet was held. A capital menu was supplied. Bro. Rogers presided, and among those present were also Bros. Wm. Derry, P.P.G.S.W.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.D.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; John Du Pre, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Willoughby, P.P.G.S.B.; Joseph Austin, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Gillman, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B.; E. J. Knight, P.P.G. Purst.; J. H. Blackell, W. T. Walter, T. S. May, W. J. Stanbury, T. May, E. Roseveare, and T. Panter, P.M.'s 1099; J. Elliott, W.M. 1212; J. Elliott, W.M. 1247; B. Elliott, P.M. 1247; R. P. Culley, P.M. 70; O. Knowles, P.M. 159; W. H. W. Macey, W.M. 1847; J. V. Avery, P.M. 156 and 1550; A. S. Hendry, P.M. 189; J. Sercombe, W.M. 70; A. Tout, P.M. 70; W. Lavers, P.M. 1255; A. White, P.M. 1136; R. C. Uglow, 1247; and J. Holland, 1205.

During the dinner Bro. Miller's band, which numbered a dozen performers, played in the vestibule. After the cloth was removed the further music supplied by the band, together with Bro. Elford's performance on the cornet, Bro. Roseveare's ventriloquism, and songs and recitations by various brethren, afforded an excellent entertainment between and after the usual round of loyal and Masonic toasts, which were given and warmly drank.

**FELTHAM**.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Railway Hotel. The chair was taken by Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., who was supported by the following: Bros. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.W., P.G.M. Middx.; W. R. Vassila, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., S.W.; J. Laurence, J.W.



F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; E. A. Smith, S.D.; C. W. Baker, J.D.; S. Page, Org.; W. Walters, I.G.; J. A. Wilson, J. C. Goslin, and S. Wheeler, Stwds.; E. Gilbert, P.G.P. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.A. Sec. Middx.; F. Dunstan, J. Cox, C. Whelan, H. Forse, A. Lawlin, W. Dachtler, J. Weiss, W. White Talbot, F. Smith, A. J. Morley, and others. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. H. W. Mayes, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1897; J. W. Briggs, P.G. Stwd. Middx., P.M. 1503; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; J. Sims, P.M. 834; J. W. Hethersick, 548; R. W. Edgeley, J.D. 1446; J. H. Butt, 1269; A. Ferrar, W.M. 1524; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Bro. Whelan was next raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Marsh, P.M., after which Bro. W. Robert Vassila, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., S.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and installed into the chair by Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. G.A. Sec. Middx. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Jas. Laurence, S.W.; Edwin Arthur Smith, J.W.; Rev. Reuben Seddon, Chap.; S. Page, Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; C. Wm. Baker, S.D.; W. Walters, J.D.; W. H. Walters, I.G.; J. Alfred Wilson, D.C.; J. Clark Goslin, A.D.C.; R. J. Morley, Org.; S. Wheeler, F. Dunstan, G. H. Eaton, Henry Forse, and A. Lawton, Stewards; J. Rowles Cox, Asst. Sec.; and John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler.

The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer, Bro. W. H. Lee, in his well-known masterly manner. Bro. Vassila, W.M., then initiated Mr. Frank Smith into Freemasonry, and special praise is due to the W.M. for his impressive rendering of this ceremony, this being his first attempt. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. H. Lee for his kindness in performing the installation ceremony that day.

Bro. Lee briefly returned thanks, and assured the brethren that he was at all times willing to do his utmost for the welfare of the Lebanon Lodge.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Marsh, P.M., who had generously undertaken the duties of W.M. during the past year. Propositions and notices of motion having been received for the next meeting, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured. "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been heartily received.

Bro. Vassila, W.M., proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing a Grand Officer among them, and added that his pleasure was considerably increased by the fact that the Grand Officers were represented on that occasion by their esteemed P.G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., P.G.M. Middx., said it always gave him great pleasure to respond to that toast, but on the present occasion it afforded him unusual pleasure, as the brethren had received it with hearty enthusiasm. The Grand Officers hailed with pleasure those W.M.'s and Wardens who attended Grand Lodge, and supported the Grand Officers so cordially. He had watched with interest the progress made in the Masonic world, and he was convinced that there had been progress made in the choice of Grand Officers, for they consisted of the most eminent men in the country. He thanked them for the hearty reception accorded the toast and assured them of the interest taken by the Grand Officers in everything connected with the welfare of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx." In submitting this toast the W.M. remarked that as he was confident it would be warmly received he would content himself by saying that their Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, had by his kind and genial manner endeared himself to every Mason in the province.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middx., in reply, said his first duty was to thank the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He assured them that it always gave him the greatest pleasure to visit them in the province, but on account of the number of lodges he was not able to visit them as often as he might wish. Seventeen years ago, before there was a Prov. Grand Master appointed, the idea was not entertained that he would be presiding over a province which numbered 35 lodges. He had now the pleasure of addressing the members of one of the largest lodges in the province and one that had rendered valuable service in the cause of Masonic Charity. Through the excellence of the P.M.'s and the indefatigable energies of the Secretary, the Lebanon Lodge had been progressing since its consecration, until it had arrived at its present prosperous condition which few lodges could surpass. It afforded him considerable pleasure to preside over a province that had made such progress. He had to thank them for the kind support that was always given him and for the cordial welcome he invariably received.

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers" was given by Bro. Forss, who asked the brethren to give the P.G. Officers a hearty welcome. They had each earned their distinction, and had contributed by their energy to the present prosperous condition of the province.

Bros. Vassila, P.G. Std. Br.; Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and Briggs, P.G. Stwd. Middx., returned thanks on behalf of the Prov. G. Officers. They thanked the P.G.M. for the honour he had conferred upon the lodge, and assured him of the hearty co-operation and support of the Prov. G. Officers.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Marsh, P.M., who remarked that this toast was one that was always received with pleasure, and the present instance would be no exception to that rule. Bro. Vassila had proved himself worthy of the position of W.M., and equal to the task of satisfactorily performing the duties of the chair.

Bro. Vassila, W.M., returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him by electing him to the chair, and assured the brethren of his intention to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

"The Initiate" having been given, and responded to by Bro. Smith.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing Officer," and observed that the admirable manner in which Bro. Lee had performed the ceremony had impressed all who had heard him.

Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx., returned thanks and said it had given him considerable pleasure to be present on that occasion, and to install Bro. Vassila into the chair. He thanked them for the hearty welcome he always received.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Mayes, P.P. G.P. Middx., who congratulated the members on the flourishing condition of the lodge.

Bro. Briggs also responded.

Bro. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., replied for "The Past Masters," after which the Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close.

**LIVERPOOL.—Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).**—The members of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, North Hill-street, and was of a thoroughly representative character. The W.M., Bro. John Lees, who has had a very prosperous year, took the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Ashley, I.P.M.; E. George, P.M.; E. Paull, P.M.; J. Keet, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. Arden, P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; E. C. Rothwell, P.M.; and B. Holgate, S.W. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P., P.G. Sec.; R. Foote, P.P. G.T.; T. Evans, P.P.G.S.D.; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; J. Williams, 1675; T. H. W. Walker, I.P.M. 1675; W. E. Coxon, P.M. 1675; J. M. King, P.M. 823; R. E. Milton, P.M. 1756; J. Hughes, P.M. 1675; T. Wright, P.M. 1182; J. W. Glendinning, J.S. 1013; H. Ellis, S.W. 1570; J. Galley, S.W. 823; and others.

Bro. Holgate, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bros. Lees, P.M., and J. Beli, P.M., and the ceremony was most admirably performed by Bro. C. Arden, P.M. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. John Lees, I.P.M.; Hartley Wilson, S.W.; H. H. Hughes, J.W.; J. W. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; L. Phillips, Secretary; D. M'Farlane, S.D.; R. W. Chatham, J.D.; J. Rankin, I.G.; J. B. Blair, S.S.; P. Lloyd, J.S.; J. Glover, A.S.; J. Du Chemin, Tyler; Cowell, Organist; and J. Ashley, P.M., D.C. During the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Lees, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, accompanied by a gold bracelet set with diamonds for Mrs. Lees.

A musical programme was provided by Bros. H. H. Hughes, L. Phillips, J. Pugmire, T. C. Farjher, R. Holland, E. B. Ironsides, J. Greenlees, Rice Williams, J. Godington, B. L. Longbottom, and Cowell, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

**LANDPORT.—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).**

—There was a large gathering of brethren on Friday, the 9th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Edwin Pratt, W.M. elect of the above lodge, which took place at the Masonic Club, Commercial-road. The ceremony was duly and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Jackson. The new-elected W.M. having duly invested the various officers, the retiring W.M. was presented with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge and to the Craft in general. An elegant and costly jewel was also presented to Bro. Williams, in recognition of his five years' service as Treasurer of the lodge, during which time he had given the greatest satisfaction to every member of the lodge, and a Past Secretary's jewel was given to Bro. Laverty, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., on his retiring from office as Secretary, and for his four years' service in other offices. The three jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

After the business of the lodge was over, the brethren and visitors partook of a splendid banquet, served in the banquetting room of the lodge by Bro. Baybour, of Portsea.

**LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).**

—This lodge on the 14th inst. celebrated its annual festival, and a very numerous attended gathering took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Hignett, supported by Bros. Dr. A. Soldat, I.P.M.; Councillor John Duncan, jun., P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Warriner, P.M.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.T.; W. Ladyman, P.M.; C. J. Caddock, S.W.; J. Parry, Sec.; John Jessop, S.D.; H. Isaac, I.G.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.R., P.G. Sec.; J. Marshall, P.M., late 1547; D. Jones, P.M. 155; Thos. Parker, P.M. 613; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Morgan, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Brown, P.P.G.T.; W. H. Jewett, P.M. 1393; Dr. T. Clarke, I.P.M. 673; R. Foote, P.G.T.; H. J. Nicholls, J.W. 2042; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.D.C.; John Beesley, P.G.J.D.; and John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Chas. J. Caddock, S.W., was presented by Bros. R. Warriner and Dr. A. Soldat, and very efficiently installed by Bro. W. Goodacre, Bro. J. Duncan, jun., being unfortunately prevented from performing the ceremony through a vocal affection. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. H. Hignett, I.P.M.; Malcolm Guthrie, S.W.; Jonathan Parry, J.W.; John H. Parker, P.M., Treasurer; John Jessop, Secretary; Henry Isaac, S.D.; R. E. W. Stephenson, J.D.; J. C. M'Guire, P.M., D.C.; W. Montgomery, I.G.; T. M. Stephenson, R. Kaiser, and H. E. Mayer, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. A. Benedict, 2042. During the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge.

**CHESTER.—Dee Lodge (No. 1576).**

—This eminent lodge held their annual meeting on the 15th inst. at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, in the handsome room that has been fitted up and appropriated for their accommodation. The installation of the Worshipful Master (Lieut. J. Morris) for the ensuing year took place with the usual solemn ceremonies, and the address was impressively rendered by Bro. William Taylor, I.P.M. The new W.M. then invested the officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Taylor, I.P.M.; G. F. Bird, S.W.; G. B. Richmond, J.W.; Thomas Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; John Leay, Secretary; William Jones, D.C.; Joseph Clarke, S.D.; W. F. Richardson, J.D.; M. P. Helsby, I.G.; J. Evens, Org.; J. Craft, Tyler. There was a very numerous assemblage of the brotherhood from Birkenhead, Chester, and Liverpool, amongst whom were the

following:—Bros. Rev. J. B. Meredith, Prov. G. Chap. Shropshire; White, P.M. Merchants Lodge; Bottomley, Ancient Britons; Brown, Zetland Lodge; R. Jones, Warren Lodge; Gass, Mersey Lodge; Sims, Combermere, and others. At the close of the installation ceremony the Worshipful Master presented, on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the very able manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year. Two noteworthy speeches were delivered in the course of the evening, one by Bro. Ramsden, P.M., on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Charities, and very ably responded to by Bro. Thos. Chesworth, P.M., who explained in a lucid manner the workings of this beneficent Institution. The other speech was from the Prov. G. Chaplain, Shropshire, who enlarged upon the fraternal feelings exhibited by the Craft to their visiting brethren. Both these speeches were honoured with great applause.

After the customary business of the day had concluded, and the lodge closed, the members sat down to a very handsomely provided banquet. The loyal and other general toasts were given and responded to. The music and singing comprised duets by Bros. Rowlands and Jones, of the Cambrian quartette, and songs by Bros. Shepperd, Smith, and others. Bro. A. J. Phipps contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening by his masterly performance.

**HALIFAX.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1736).**

—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Bull Green. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Bolton, occupied the chair. He was supported by several Provincial Grand 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 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. Bro. Terrell then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Bolton, I.P.M.; R. Oates, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; J. Green, P.M., Treas.; R. Riley Sec.; Pole Sunderland, S.D.; James Davies, J.D.; James Mackie, D.C.; J. Hitchen, I.G.; W. H. Sykes, Org.; H. Jenkinson, Stwd.; Greenwood Howarth, S. Stwd.; Newton Brooke, J. Stwd.; George Hanson, Asst. Stwd.; and 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. Rickard, Buckland, Gawkrodder, and several other brethren.

**ALDERSHOT.—Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1971).**

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Imperial Hall, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. of Hants, occupied the chair; Bro. W. E. Foster, S.W., and in the absence of Bro. Col. A. H. W. Williams, Royal Artillery, Dr. Barker acted as J.W. There were also present Bros. Col. Mead, Surgeon-Major Prescott, Surgeons Haywood, Scott, Roche, and Barker, Lieut. Paget, Royal Artillery, and the Rev. F. B. Norman-Lee, Chaplain. Five brethren were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. Le Feuvre. Bro. Surgeon-Major Prescott was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Dr. Barker was elected Secretary, in the place of Bro. Surgeon Lecky, who is leaving Aldershot, the other officers being elected in rotation.

After lodge business, the members adjourned to a banquet at the Imperial Hotel, when Bro. Host Stone's excellent catering gave very general satisfaction.

## INSTRUCTION.

**FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Darnbury. Bro. Ross occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. J. Ferguson, Preceptor; Silvester, Treas.; Dimsdale, Sec.; Bleakley, Gregory, Ament, and others.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Ross rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in good style, Bro. Silvester acting as candidate. On the W.M. rising in due course, Bro. Bleakley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. No further Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; W. C. Williams, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; W. H. Wadham, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. Crutenden, J. Smith, W. Anderson, and T. Curry. Bro. Henry Weir, Antiquity Lodge, No. 11, New York, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Chalfont being candidate. Bro. Weir having retired, the lodge was closed down. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner Bro. Battley had presided during the evening, was carried. A donation from the funds of the lodge of instruction was voted to a distressed brother to assist him to return to his native country. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—A meeting took place on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, W.M.; J. C. Smith, S.W.; W. H. Burgess, J.W.; A. Scurrah, S.D.; R. W. Fraser, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; E. Storr, Sec., and Saunders, Assist. Sec.; C. J. Scales, Treas.; and W. M. Stiles, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and then resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. G. W. Knight was presented by Bro. W. M. Stiles for the benefit of installation, who was obligated and installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, who, after investing his officers, vacated the chair. Bro. Hemming worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lewis, of the Henry Lavender Lodge, was proposed by Bro. W. H. Burgess, and seconded by Bro. Dickey, as a joining member—carried unanimously. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was proposed by Bro. W. M. Stiles, and seconded by Bro. Knight, to the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, for the excellent rendering of the

ceremony of installation he had performed—carried unanimously. In thanking the brethren, Bro. Scurreh remarked he had to install his successor, Bro. Axford, at Harrow, on Saturday next, and he thanked them all for their kind attention and assistance that evening. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, the brethren having spent a very pleasant and instructive evening.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Restell, W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Badderly, J.W.; Wray, P.M.; Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Mims, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Bowen, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Pellatt, Smates, and Harris.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Smates being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Smates was duly raised to the Degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history. The lodge was closed down. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously directed to be recorded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. 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 15th inst., when the Fifteen Sections were worked, and there were present Bros. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; W.M.; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; I.P.M.; J. Hemming, S.D. 1287; S.W.; E. Chamberlain, J.D. 87; J.W.; J. Rowe, 1559, S.D.; R. Etheridge, 858, J.D.; H. Crookes, 2087, I.G.; A. Clark, P.M. 1227, D.C.; G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, 1205, Tyler; and a very numerous gathering of brethren from other lodges.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren of this lodge of instruction:—First Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614; 2nd Section, Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, A.M.D. 107; 3rd Section, Bro. G. W. Restell, 1681; 4th Section, Bro. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; 5th Section, Bro. John Paul, J.W. 1472; 6th Section, Bro. E. C. Mulvey, S.D. 179; and 7th Section, Bro. J. Hemming, S.D. 1287. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Second Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. R. J. Harnell, 2021; 2nd Section, Bro. J. Skinner, P.M. 538; 3rd Section, Bro. I. Pinder, P.M. 15; 4th Section, Bro. C. Corby, W.M. 957; and 5th Section, Bro. J. Docker, P.M. 1687. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Third Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. A. Clark, P.M. 1227; 2nd Section, Bro. E. Chamberlain, J.D. 87; and 3rd Section, Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bros. E. W. Nightingale, 87; H. F. Mitchell, 957; P. C. Fort, 25; J. L. Culpin, 749; W. Groves, 749; and G. W. Restell, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. A. Clark; Bros. C. A. Wetzler and T. W. A. Neech, proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, seconded by Bro. F. Kedge; Bros. W. Cleghorn and A. E. Gladwell, proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. J. Paul.

Bro. A. E. Gladwell, on behalf of the new members, thanked the brethren of the lodge for their kindness in electing them. On rising for the second time, the W.M. and officers for the ensuing week were appointed as at the meeting on the 8th inst. On rising for the third time, Bro. Capt. A. Nicols proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of that lodge of instruction to Bro. W. C. Smith, the W.M. and Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, for the able and clear manner in which he had put the questions in the sections, and also for his efficient working of the same. Bro. W. Cleghorn seconded, and said that great credit was due to Bro. W. C. Smith for his excellent working, and showed great application on his part. The sectional work had seldom been surpassed. Carried unanimously.

Bro. W. C. Smith, in reply, thanked the brethren for their confidence, and felt pleased to know he had given them satisfaction. He was proud of being Preceptor to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and was much encouraged by their regular attendance. He also thanked the brethren who had so kindly assisted him in the working of the Fifteen Sections that evening, and trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to be amongst them for many years to come.

Bro. A. Clark proposed that a most cordial vote of thanks be also recorded on the minutes to Bro. G. Reynolds, their indefatigable Secretary, for his energy and perseverance in bringing such a number of brethren together that evening. Bro. C. Corby said it gave him great pleasure to second the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. G. Reynolds thanked the brethren, and said their attendance always encouraged him to persevere in getting a good meeting. The great number of brethren present quite repaid him for any little extra exertion he might have had. He was much delighted to see some of the brethren of the Belgrave Lodge amongst them, that being the lodge in which he was initiated. He felt sure that in time to come many of the brethren would look back with pleasure to the pleasant and instructive hours spent at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. F. Kedge also proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had so ably worked the Fifteen Sections that evening. Bro. G. H. Reynolds seconded. Carried unanimously.

Bro. John Paul, in replying, thanked the brethren, on behalf of the brethren who had worked the Fifteen Sections, and said he was pleased to see that they were so well supported by so large an attendance of brethren. All regretted much that their worthy Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., was not able to be with them, on account of illness, and also that Bro. J. Hemming had been compelled to leave them through indisposition.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley kindly welcomed the brethren in the ante-room on their arrival, and on parting the brethren expressed themselves delighted with the pleasant and instructive evening they had spent.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 20th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; Hubbard, Secretary and S.W.; Rayner, J.W.; Cochrane, S.D.; Arlett, J.D.; W. B. Neville, I.G.; J. H. Neville, R. H. Williams, and Walter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Arlett having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed in due form and perfect harmony.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, junr., W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Green, P.M.; J.W.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Musson, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Mason, Newby, and Harris.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Harris, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Harris being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-

road, W. Present: Bros. Austin, W.M.; Briethart, S.W.; Sims, P.M.; J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; W. W. Williams, S.D.; A. Cavers, J.D.; Colwill, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; John Davies, Preceptor; Jennings, Head, and Craggs.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and Bro. Jennings having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and Bro. P. M. Cubitt having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Briethart was elected W.M. for the next meeting and the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street, on Monday last. The M.E.Z., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, was unavoidably absent, and the chapter was opened by E. Comp. J. D. Allcroft, P.Z. The following companions and visitors were also present: Comps. A. Brookman, H.; J. Crockford, J.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.E.; J. Larkin, 1st A.S.; A. B. Hudson, 2nd A.S.; J. Renals, J. Shotter, H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; P. Saillard, G. Rowlinson, E. Anderton, Dr. A. Greatrex, J. L. Mather, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. Visitors: Comps. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.P.S.; Sir R. N. Fowler, J. No. 1; F. West, P.Z. Surrey, 463; E. A. Baylis, P.Z. 1591; Ralph Gooding, M.D. P.A.G.S.; Bradshaw Brown, Aldermen T. Layton, and Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart. Letters were received from the following companions regretting their inability to attend: Comps. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Francis Truscott, and George Kenning.

The minutes of the last convocation were duly read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., then occupied the chair, and installed the Three Principals as follows: Comps. A. Brookman, Z.; F. Crockford, H.; and E. Y. Jolliffe, J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. J. Larkin, P.S.; A. B. Hudson, 1st Asst. Soj.; and G. Rawlinson, 2nd Asst. Soj.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions dined together under the presidency of the M.E.Z. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Charles Stevens, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

**BODMIN.**—St. Petrock's Chapter (No. 330).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 13th inst. The chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Comp. W. Rowe, P.Z., opened a Board of Installed Principals and proceeded to install Comps. B. G. Derry, Z.; T. H. Spear, H.; and W. T. Davey, J. The companions were then admitted, and the officers were invested as follows: Comps. G. E. Liddell, S.E.; T. Fellow, S.N.; B. F. Edyevean, P.S.; F. Page, 1st A.S.; R. P. Edyevean, 2nd A.S.; W. Rowe, P.Z., Treas.; Rev. W. R. Gilbert, Chap.; and J. Dennis, P.Z., Janitor.

At the close of the chapter the companions met at a banquet at the Royal Hotel and spent a pleasant evening.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above chapter, which has been by a high provincial authority justly styled the "premier chapter of the Province of Kent," took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill. There was a goodly gathering of the companions, and when we say that the ceremony was performed by Comp. the Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.Z. 1837, P.P.G. Chap. Kent., we have said enough on that score to show that nothing was wanted to ensure a perfect and impressive rendering of the sublime ritual incidental to the occasion.

The chapter was opened by Comp. R. Edmonds, Z.; W. Rees, H.; and E. B. Hobson, J.; and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. Morris and W. C. Taylor, both of the Pattison Lodge, and proving unanimous, those brethren were exalted with all that elaborate perfectness that is characteristic of this important chapter.

Comp. Jamblin then assumed the chair of Z., and proceeded to the ceremony of installing the three Principals, viz., Comps. Rees as Z.; Hobson as H.; and R. J. Cook as J.; and on the companions being admitted, he invested the officers as follows: Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent, S.E.; J. H. Roberts, S.N.; E. Palmer, P.S.; Sidney Clarke, 1st A.S.; T. R. Richardson, 2nd A.S.; and A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Kent, Treas. The Installing Officer finished a splendid service by extempore addresses to the Principals, officers, and companions, which, by their eloquent exposition of the duties and obligations essential to the several of the officers and companions so addressed, evidently greatly impressed his hearers.

A handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning), of the value of 10 guineas, was then presented to Comp. Edmonds, and he returned thanks. It was then unanimously resolved that Comps. Jamblin and T. S. Warne, P.Z. 20, P.G.S.E. Kent, who was present, should become Hon. Members of the chapter, and they were elected by acclamation, and severally retired. The annual guinea was then voted as a prize for competition among the students of the High School for Girls, and the chapter was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the newly-installed M.E.Z., and among the companions present, and not above enumerated, were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G. J. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S. Kent; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z.; Captain Eugene Sweeney, P.Z. 13; H. Mason, P.Z.; E. Hughes, M.P.; Dr. H. Bernays, J. Farrier, H. G. F. Taylor, W. Busbridge, G. H. Porter, W. Harris, W. G. Lloyd, G. H. Letton, J. Hooton, R. Hewitson, W. Tucker, E. B. Saunders, D. C. Capon, G. R. Nichols, E. Tappenden, C. Clapham, G. Frost, H. Wilson, J. Topp, R. Hewitson, and C. Jolly, S.N. 1472; all of the chapter. Among the visitors were Comps. G. Kennedy, M.E.Z. 13; T. Ovenden, H. 13; G. Spinks, J. 13; H. De Gray, 13; A. Willmott, 13; and G. E. Smith, 1507.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been honoured, that of "Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Supt. Kent,"

was then drunk with enthusiasm, and was followed by that of "The Prov. G.H., Comp. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," with which the name of Comp. Warne was coupled.

Comp. Warne, in response, said if there was one thing more than another that eminently displayed the business qualifications of the M.E.Z., it was the commendable brevity of his speeches in proposing the toasts; an example that he should certainly follow in responding, especially as he should have to leave directly afterwards to catch the train to Rochester. Therefore, on behalf of their most excellent G.H., himself, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, present and past, he begged to tender his most grateful thanks for their kind reception of the toast. He was but re-echoing the sentiments of every companion, in fact he might say of every Mason in the Province of Kent, when he said that they were proud of having such a splendid Mascn at their head as Earl Amherst, and also of his earnest and zealous coadjutor Comp. Eastes, who most ably seconded the efforts of their Grand Superintendent for the welfare and prosperity of the province, especially in its Royal Arch Masonry. Individually he should always remember that day as a very proud and happy one. It was a most pleasurable one because, in the first place, it was a re-union with old friends; and secondly, because of the honour conferred on him by the companions by making him an honorary member of their excellent chapter. It was a pleasure for him, by every means in his power, to foster and encourage Masonry in the province, and he was exceedingly pleased to see such a flourishing chapter as the Pattison; for which, and its excellent Z., he wished a happy and prosperous year. He then, with Comp. Jamblin, retired, amid the hearty farewells and good wishes of the companions.

The I.P.Z. then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and in so doing, spoke highly of the manner in which Comp. Rees had carried out his duties, both in the lodge and chapter, which, he held, was a good augury for the continued good working of the chapter. After saying so much he would imitate the brevity of both the Z. and Comp. Warne, and conclude by asking them to drink the toast most heartily.

The M.E.Z., in response, thanked the companions for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. Their I.P.Z. had commented favourably on the work done by him in lodge and chapter, which gratified him exceedingly. He could assure them that his continued endeavours would be to maintain their favourable opinion, and render himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

Comp. Hobson, in response for "The Second and Third Principals," said the only trouble he had was to grapple with the task of responding suitably for the honour done him. As Second Principal he promised to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him. There had been a good system laid down in the chapter, which it was incumbent on every Principal to follow, and that system would be their guide, and he should follow it as arduously, and he trusted as successfully, as his predecessors had done.

Comp. Cook, as Third Principal, also responded, and in the course of a lengthy address strenuously advocated the claims of their proposed Masonic Temple to the attention of the companions.

Comp. Edmonds responded for "The Past Z.'s of the Chapter." He said it was a wise ordination of Nature that there should be constant changes; night followed day, and day night. Light and darkness, spring and summer, autumn and winter, followed one another in regular order, and thus Nature carried on her ordained course; and so it was in sublunary affairs, as the governors of nations or communities died out, others took their places; so that while there were constant changes the work went on orderly and regularly; and thus, in that chapter, he had had to make way for his successor, as his successor would, in his turn, have to make way for his. During his year of office he had had to make a good many speeches; now that he was out of office he should only have to make two per meeting, and those he trusted would not weary them. The Past Principals had been said to be the "back bone" of the chapter; at any rate, they were the mentors for the time being, and advised the M.E.Z. in everything he did. That being the case, he trusted he should not be different from the other P.Z.'s, who had done, as he certainly would do, all in their power for the benefit of the chapter and the happiness of the companions.

The next toast was that of "The Exaltees," and Comps. Morris and Taylor suitably responded.

Comp. Kennedy returned thanks for "The Visitors," and then a special toast to Comp. Hughes was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Comp. Hughes, in response, said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to be with them that night, after spending a day hard at work at the School Board, especially as it led to meeting so many old friends and companions who he then saw around him. The song just sung by Comp. Saunders—"My old friend John"—was one that appealed to their hearts, and made them feel that true friendship, like pity, "made the whole world kin." He did not know whether Shakespeare was a Mason; but Shakespeare certainly felt the bond that bound them, as Masons, in ties of brotherly love, for in the "Merchant of Venice," act 3, scene 4, he said or wrote, "For in companions that do converse and waste the time together, whose souls do bear an equal yoke of love, there must be needs a like proportion of lineaments, of manners, and of spirits." Now, he was very glad to say that there was a likeness between Masons in that friendship for one another, which certainly was not too often found among those who were not Masons. After slightly touching upon outside matters, he said he felt thankful for the honour given him by the people of Woolwich and Plumstead, for which he would ever be thankful, and endeavour to be worthy of those honours, and concluded by hoping every companion might live long to celebrate year by year the true Masonic friendship and brotherly love they felt for each other.

"The Officers," for which Comp. Palmer responded, and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Tyler, of the Pattison Lodge, accompanied the singing, which was ably sustained by Comps. Edmonds, Palmer, Hobson, Lloyd, Roberts, Cook, Tyler, and Saunders, the latter of whom sang "My old friend John," as he has done at that chapter for many years past, Comp. Wilson acting as "John," in the unavoidable absence of the original "John," our esteemed and respected Comp. W. Musto, P.Z., whose genial presence and hearty kindness as the "Prince of Wine Stewards" was sadly missed.

## INSTRUCTION.

**CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).**—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Painsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Present: Comps. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z.; Jenkins, H.; Edmonds, J.; H. Slyman, S.E.; Gregory, S.N.; and Whiting, P.S.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ives being the candidate. After rising for the first time, Comp. Ives, of the Henley Chapter, No. 1472, was proposed by Comp. Edmonds, seconded by Comp. Jenkins, as a joining member. Carried unanimously. Comp. Edmonds, Preceptor, then said he had a pleasing duty to perform—that was to thank the companions of the Henry Levarder Chapter for electing him honorary member of their chapter on Saturday last, the 17th inst. He was proud of being Preceptor of Camden Chapter, where most of the founders of the new chapter had received their instruction, and carried out their duties in a most admirable manner. He then proposed at their next meeting a five guineas subscribership for one of the Charities should take place, that amount being in hand. This was carried, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 16th inst. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, Z. 890, M.E.Z.; J. T. Mickelburgh, Z. 733, H.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, J. and Treas.; H. Dehane, J. 890, 862, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N.; A. R. Rudall, P.S. 890, P.S.; E. Mallett, J. 1623, Janitor; W. H. Wadham, J. Crutenden, and G. Churchouse.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wadham being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the ballot was taken. On its proving unanimous, Comp. E. Mallett was elected a member. The M.E.Z. rose for the second and third times. On rising for the fourth time, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed. An American companion, who wished for assistance to return to his own country, was assisted with a donation.

## Scotland.

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT DUNBLANE.

An interesting Masonic ceremony took place at Dunblane on Saturday afternoon, the 26th ult., when Col. Stirling, of Kippendavie, R.W.M. of the recently-resuscitated Lodge No. 9, Dunblane, laid the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall for the use of the lodge. The proceedings commenced with the opening of Lodge No. 9 in the Public Reading-room shortly after two o'clock. This formal business having been performed, a procession of the brethren of other lodges who had been invited to attend was formed in the Perth-road by Bro. A. J. Stephenson, acting Marshal, the following being the lodges that were represented: No. 3, Scoon and Perth; No. 9, Dunblane; No. 14, St. John, Dunkel; No. 16, Falkirk; No. 30, Ancient, Stirling; No. 38, St. Michael's, Crieff; No. 74, St. Andrew, Perth; No. 131, Abercrombie, Bridge of Allan; No. 152, Operative, Dunkel; No. 171, St. James, Doune; No. 192, St. John, Muthill; No. 269, St. Keswick, Comrie; and No. 614, Ben Ledi, Callander.

On arriving at the site, the brethren were drawn up on the platform which had been erected for the convenient performance of the ceremony, and the National Anthem was then sung by the Dunblane Choral Union, under the leadership of Mr. J. Lascelles Graham. "Hail Masonry" was next performed by the band, and prayer having been offered by the Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Maitland, the Right Worshipful Master deposited in the stone a jar containing the charter of confirmation in favour of Lodge No. 9, Dunblane, from the Grand Lodge, along with a short account of the history of the lodge, from its foundation to the present time, a roll of members as at present existing, a copy of the rules and regulations, several daily papers, and also a collection of the smaller coins of the realm. The foundation stone was then laid in due Masonic fashion.

Col. STIRLING afterwards said—To the office-bearers and members of No. 9 this is a most especial day that you brethren from afar have assisted us to lay the foundation-stone of what we all consider one of the first and most important things in Masonry—a good lodge wherein we may work, and I trust that upon this foundation we may raise the superstructure of a lodge in which those who succeed us in No. 9 will work as faithfully as those who have gone before. In the name of the office-bearers and members of No. 9 I have again to thank you for coming here to assist us to-day.

Dr. STIRLING, P.M. 9, presented the R.W. Master with the trowel that has done duty. The trowel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Colonel Stirling of Kippendavie, Right Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 9, Dunblane, by the Wardens and brethren, on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of Masonic Hall, Dunblane, 26th June, 1886."

Col. STIRLING, in reply, I have to return you most sincere thanks for your kindness in presenting me with this tribute, which I can assure you I shall long look upon with great pleasure in remembrance of this day.

The band then played "Rule Britannia," and the procession, having been reformed, marched back to the reading-room, where dinner was served to a large company. Col. Stirling occupied the chair, and the croupiers were Bros. Dr. Stirling and R. Cameron, D.M.

**GLASGOW.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 31).—The regular meeting of this ancient lodge was held in their hall on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst. Bro. Thomas Johnston, R.W.M., occupied the chair, Bros. J. R. Paton, S.W., and John Waddell, acting J.W. There were also present Bros. W. H. Smith, P.M. 108; George J. Edward, 108; R. Lumsden, 405; James Menzies, P.M. 34, and a large number of the brethren of the lodge. In the course of the evening the Masonic Trophy, won at Darnley on Friday, the 18th ult., by the team of six men from the above lodge, was presented by Bro. R. Lumsden. In doing so Bro. Lumsden referred to the success of this old Lodge St. John four years ago, when they previously held the trophy. Since then the trophy had been held by Lodge No. 10, Dalkeith, in 1883, and by Lodge Rifle, No. 405, Edinburgh, in 1884 and 1885, and on behalf of that lodge he had pleasure in again placing this valued prize in the custody of the St. John's Lodge.

Bro. T. Johnston, R.W.M., in taking possession of the

trophy, thanked Bro. Lumsden for coming all the way from Edinburgh in order to be with them that night, and the St. John's Lodge would take every care of the prize entrusted to their keeping until another competition, and as long thereafter as possible. The R.W.M. also presented gold charms, with copy of the trophy stamped thereon, to Bros. Lieut. Dalglish, 3rd Lanark; A. McGregor, 1st Lanark; Lieut. Brown, 3rd Lanark; Capt. McCoy, 3rd Lanark; Capt. Stewart, 3rd Lanark; and Capt. Pulteney, 7th Lanark; members of the winning team.

In acknowledging the same Bro. Capt. Stewart stated that it was to Bro. Johnston the lodge was indebted, as the captain of the team, for the interest manifested by him in this competition.

The brethren spent a very pleasant evening together, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

**CROFTHEAD.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 374).—This lodge met on Friday, the 25th ult., for the election of office bearers for the ensuing year, and for the celebration of the annual festival of St. John the Baptist. The lodge was declared open by the R.W.M., Bro. Jas. Kennedy. After the general business had been gone through, the election of office bearers was then proceeded with. The following is a list of the office bearers elected: Bros. Murray Dick, R.W.M.; Jas. Kennedy, P.M.; T. Kennedy, D.M.; Robert Wilson, S.W.; R. McKinnon, J.W.; Adam Greenhorn, Treas.; A. P. Brown, Sec.; R. Whitfield, Chap.; James Y. Campbell, S.D.; Alex. Brown, J.D.; James Burt, Stwd.; John King, I.G.; and W. Steel, Tyler.

Deputations and visiting brethren were received at 3.30, when an hour later the company was formed into processional order and marched through the village to the inspiring strains of the Crofthead Brass Band. On returning to the lodge rooms the company partook of a hearty repast. Song and sentiment was then freely indulged in for a short time, after which a most harmonious meeting was brought to a successful close.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Clyde (No. 408).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Bro. James Leitch, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. McInnes, D.M.; J. A. Hendrich, S.M.; T. Gordon, P.M.; W. Bilsland, P.M.; J. Hart, P.M.; A. McShee, S.W.; W. Reynolds, J.W.; D. C. Thomson, Treasurer; Charles J. Dunn, Treas. B.F.; J. M. Campbell, Secretary; James Bracken, Chas. Stewart, P.M. 4; A. M. McLeod, P.M. 73; D. S. Mitchell, R.W.M. 332; and others.

The lodge being opened, and the usual preliminary business being disposed of, the proposed new by laws were read for the second time and passed. Mr. Simon Jenkins, of Aberporth, Wales, was then admitted, and initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. C. Stewart, P.M. 4. Bro. Jenkins received the F.C. Degree from Bro. McLeod, P.M. 73. Bros. Jenkins and J. Court, F.C. 332, were raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. Leitch, R.W.M., after which the lodge was closed in the customary manner.

## LECTURE ON THE GREAT PYRAMID BY BRO. JOHN CHAPMAN AT PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A.

Bro. John Chapman, a Past Master of Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, England, is on a short visit to this country, and was in this city the past week. Among his intimate friends is Bro. William J. Hughan, the prominent Masonic historian, who, knowing Bro. Chapman's contemplated visit to America, put him in correspondence with Bro. Charles E. Meyer. Thus it was learned the time that Bro. Chapman would be in Philadelphia, and Bro. Meyer requested of him to deliver before Melita Lodge, No. 295, his lecture on "The Great Pyramid of Egypt, and its relation to Freemasonry." This he consented to do, and on Wednesday evening last [the 23rd ult.] Corinthian Hall (Grand Lodge room) was filled to repletion by the members of Melita and representatives from every lodge in the city, besides several from the interior of the State. The anticipation created by the notices was fully verified. Upon his subject Bro. Chapman is quite an enthusiast, and the brethren listened with marked attention to the description of the great pyramid, and to the astonishing revelations connected with its parts, exterior and interior, as disclosed by those who have investigated them, in addition to discoveries of Pliny, Herodotus, Piazzi, Smyth, F.R.S., and others. By a diagram he showed how there were two prominent passages in the pyramid, one leading to the King's and the other to the Queen's chamber. He analyzed these various points, their angles, etc., and by means of the pyramidal inch as a unit of measure, which he applied to history as well as to science, made such developments as to fill the mind with astonishment and wonder. In fact, some of the statements were so wonderful as though they bore the stamp of the Great Architect of the Universe; yet each had its own verification. Looking through one passage was as though peering at the North Star through a telescope. Taking the measurement of the passage revealed 2170, and, by examining astronomical theories, it was found that, in the year 2170, A.M., the direction was exactly to the Polar Star, the present slight difference being due to the precision of the equinoxes. The angle at the other side was shown to have been directly towards the Pleiades. Since the year 2170 a like change had been caused by the same effects. From this fact Bro. Chapman fixes the date of building the great pyramid at that year, and this date he further corroborates from other surroundings. Applying his rule further various important incidents in the history of the world as connected with Jewish traditions and the records of the Bible are pointed out and, with these so corroboratively shown, the mind naturally wonders how much of the future might be foretold could all the secrets be so brought under mental grasp as to merit faith and overcome the feeling of invading the Creator's domain.

These were some of Bro. Chapman's disclosures as were brought to the mind by revelations and deduction. His description of the perfectness displayed in the erection of the immense structure agrees with that of every one who has observed it, and is a tribute to the wonderful proficiency of the Masons of old, whose descendants Free-

masons claim to be, and who even surpassed those of our day with their present great claims to invention and skill.

The address was a scholarly treat, and Bro. Chapman was voted a card of thanks at its expiration. He will leave for home on July 10th. He was shown the principal points of interest around the city, and on Thursday, in company with Bros. Charles E. Meyer, Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer; and Dennis F. Dealy, was taken to Girard College and through the Park.

In addition to being P.M. of Torquay Lodge, he is also P.Z. of Chapter 109, Plymouth; P.M.W.S. 18°, Devonport; and Knight Templar.

On Friday evening he visited St. John's Commandery, No. 4, and was deeply interested with the conferring of the Temple Degree, which was in that impressive and perfect manner for which St. John's is noted.—"Sunday Mercury," Philadelphia, U.S.A.

## BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114, IPSWICH.

## FEAST OF ROSES.

The annual "feast of roses" in connection with the British Union Lodge, No. 114, took place at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 8th inst. After the formal lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which was profusely decorated with roses of all shades of colour, and presented a charming appearance. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. V. D. Colchester, presided, the vice-chair being filled by Bro. H. C. Casley, P.P.G.J.W. There were also present Bros. B. P. Grimsey, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Bobby, P.P.G.S.W.; G. S. Elliston, P.M.; Dr. R. K. Casley, P.M.; C. Alexander, P.M.; R. Tidbury, S.D.; S. Gooding, I.G.; Thos. Palmer, P.G. Org.; J. R. Geard, and F. Grimwood, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. J. B. Fraser, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 376; T. J. D. Crampton, P.M. 1024, 276, P.P.G.J.D. Essex; J. M. Franks, W.M. 376; E. Hollis, 81; A. S. Gayford, 81; George Turner, S.S. 376; F. C. Atkinson, J.D. 376; and others.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M.; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

These toasts were drunk with the usual Masonic honours.

The W.M. next proposed "The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. of Suffolk elect." He thought the brethren in the province might congratulate themselves upon the fact that Lord Henniker had been selected by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to fill the honourable position of Grand Master of the province. Wherever Lord Henniker was known he was beloved, and he hoped they would long look up to him as the head of the province. (Applause.)

The W.M. next proposed "The V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Martyn, he said, never came amongst Freemasons without making fresh friends, or without drawing those who were already his friends closer to him, and he was a man whom every Mason would do well to emulate as far as he possibly could, for in that way they would carry out the true spirit of Masonry. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. J. B. Fraser, P.P.G.J.W. (Applause.)

Bro. J. B. FRASER, in response, said he was sure all the Prov. Grand Officers valued highly the honour which had been conferred upon them, especially as it gave them the privilege of serving under so distinguished a chief as the Prov. Grand Master elect, and their most respected Deputy Prov. Grand Master. (Applause.)

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," to which Bros. GAYFORD and J. M. FRANKS responded.

Bro. J. B. FRASER proposed "The Masonic Charities," which he said were a credit to the Freemasons and to the country. They were Institutions they could point to as representing all that was best in the character of Englishmen and highest in their character as Freemasons. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bobby. (Applause.)

Bro. W. BODY, in response, said when 25 or 30 years ago he took up the cause of the Charities they were almost unknown in the province, but he was happy to say that at the present time the brethren responded most nobly to the appeals which were made to them. The Province of Suffolk in proportion to its size now stood in as good a position as any province in England to the Charities. (Applause.)

Bro. H. K. CASLEY, in complimentary terms, proposed "The W.M. of the British Union Lodge, 114," and thanked him for the immense amount of trouble he had taken in connection with that Festival. Such a floral tribute had seldom been put before a body of men at a festive board. (Applause.)

The W.M. responded in a neat speech, in the course of which he suggested that the roses which adorned the tables and other parts of the room should be forwarded half to the Hospital and half to the Workhouse. (Applause.)

Bro. CRAMPTON proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bros. W. BODY and GRIMSBY responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," to whom Bro. S. GOODING, I.G., responded.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

## LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

## LADIES' DAY AT THE ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON.

On the 12th inst., one of the largest lodges—the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65—held its annual grand summer banquet at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The day is called "The Ladies' Day," as numerous ladies, both young and old, grace the tables at the annual banquet, and in their honour ten dances were given. After dinner, yesterday, the tables were arranged in the shape of a horse-shoe, with an additional table running up the centre, and beautifully decorated with flowers and fruits in epergnes. The menu, provided by Bro. Sayers, of 72, Western-road, Brighton, was of the very best.

The toasts proposed were "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "The W.M.," "The Ladies," and "The Visitors."

After the repast, the company adjourned to the music-room, where a grand piano was stationed on the platform, and dancing very soon commenced, the band, which had



been playing various pleasing selections during the dinner, accompanying the numerous dancers. Those ladies and gentlemen who did not indulge in dancing paraded the lawns and the southern drawing-room, the lower suite of rooms and the eastern lawn being at their disposal.

Bro. R. Dyson, W.M., assisted by Bros. Walker and Haller, had the difficult task of directing the proceedings at the banquet, and entertaining those guests who did not dance, whilst the Director of Ceremonies was Bro. C. J. Rich, P.M. of the lodge, who performed the duties of that post admirably. The dancing was personally superintended by Bro. and Mrs. Hayners. After one of the pleasantest days possible—a day to be remembered—the party, of nearly 150 ladies and gentlemen, returned by the S.30 train to London.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

##### THE TESTIMONIAL TO MISS DAVIS.

Since our last issue several names of brethren have been added to the Committee, and we append a complete list: Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., President; Bro. Frank Richardson, Vice-President; Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Hon. Sec. and Treas. The following are the Committee: Bros. William Bailey, Robert Berridge, Edgar Bowyer, J. G. Chancellor, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Ralph Clutton, E. C. Davies, Charles W. Duke, John Faulkner, Thomas Fenn, Robert Grey, Charles Hammerton, F. R. W. Hedges, C. F. Hogard, T. S. Howell, T. A. S. Howell, H. A. Hunt, George Kenning, Thomas Kingston, F. S. Knyvett, Charles Lacey, Edward Letchworth, Peter De Lande Long, Horace Brooks Marshall, E. C. Mather, J. L. Mather, Chas. F. Matier, J. H. Matthews, James Moon, W. F. Nettleship, Joshua Nunn, Col. James Peters, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. N. G. Phillips, William Roebuck, J. A. Rucker, Henry Smith, Raymond H. Thrupp, Henry Venn, and C. H. Webb.

#### THE NEW FURNITURE OF THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

It is just as well, perhaps, that the demands on our space at the time of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Mark Master were such as to preclude our giving any description of the new furniture which has been purchased by the Mark Grand Lodge, and was used for the first time on the occasion of his Royal Highness's induction into the chair of A. We have had leisure to take stock of it—as the familiar phrase is—and are, therefore, in a far better position to give our readers a full and particular account of its character and quality. It is almost enough to say as regards these that it was manufactured specially by Messrs. Gillow and Co., of Oxford-street, whose reputation for artistic work is universally recognised. But our readers will, no doubt, prefer to have some details, and we think the following description will about suffice to meet their wishes:—

"The chairs, pedestals, and footstool are all made of oak, relieved with gold, and covered with purple Utrecht velvet, made expressly, and trimmed with crimson and gold, to match the collars and aprons worn by the brethren. On the back of the M.W.G. Master's chair are the Prince's feathers carved in oak, with motto "Ich Dien," and surmounted with the rose, shamrock, and thistle; above this are his Royal Highness's arms, also richly carved in oak. The two Wardens' chairs are very similar to this, but a little smaller, with the emblems carved on the backs. The pedestals have fluted pilasters, relieved with gold, with the emblems in front, gilt and shaded. The three Overseers' chairs are all ensuite with the others; also the Angle pedestals with their respective emblems. The platforms on which the chairs stand are all covered with crimson velvet-pile carpet."

#### THE QUEEN ELEANOR CROSS AT WALTHAM.

We have previously drawn attention to the steps which are being taken with a view to the restoration of this ancient monument, and we are glad to find that the scheme progresses so satisfactorily. A short time since advantage was taken of a visit paid by the Duke of Cambridge to the Small Arms Factory at Enfield, to invite his Royal Highness's inspection of the Cross, and also to submit to him the plans for the proposed work. The Duke expressed himself in very favourable terms of what was shown and explained to him, and pointed out how great an improvement would be effected if—as, indeed, is contemplated by the architect—the Falcon Hotel, which adjoins the Cross, were set back. The report and plans, which we have had the opportunity of inspecting personally, and which have received the hearty approval of the British Archaeological Association, may be seen at Bro. J. Tydeman's, Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, by whom any further information that may be desired will be most willingly furnished. As to the proposed restoration, it has already found favour with a large number of the brethren, who look upon the Cross not only as an historical monument of exceeding value, but likewise as a relic of the skill of our Operative predecessors, which it cannot be otherwise than desirable to preserve, and hand down in as perfect a state as possible to future generations of Speculative Craftsmen. Some thirty-five lodges have subscribed towards the funds necessary to carry out the design, and we have no doubt that others will be induced to follow so excellent an example, and that many individual brethren will be desirous of lending a helping hand.

#### INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE BARD OF AVON LODGE, No. 778.

The installation meeting of the Bard of Avon Lodge, which was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., was attended by many circumstances which gave it a peculiar interest and importance. Bro. J. E. Fenn (an initiate of the lodge) was inducted into the Master's chair by his father, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the appointment of Bro. Edmund Yates as S.W., and Bro. Dr. W. H. Russell, LL.D., as J.W., presented an additional attraction to many brethren connected with literature and journalism. The Grand Officers were represented by R.W. Bro. Sir

John Monckton, P.G.W.; R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliott, M.P., P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales; W. Bros. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; P. De Lande Long, P.G.D.; Letchworth, P.G.D.; Stewart, P.G.A.D.C.; Harding, P.G.A.D.C.; Samuel Pope, Q.C., G.S.D.; R. G. Glover, G.D. of C.; W. Roebuck, G.S.B.; J. H. Paul, and several others; and Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Augustus Harris; S. B. Bancroft; Robinson, P.M. 259; and Baker, P.M. 83, were amongst the visitors.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Octavius Hansard, who vacated the chair in favour of the Superintendent of the Board of General Purposes, W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, who performed the ceremony of installation in the most impressive manner.

After the investiture of Bros. Edmund Yates, S.W.; W. H. Russell, J.W.; and the other subordinate officers, the brethren adjourned to a banquet which did special credit to the noted *cuisine* of the ancient hostelry in which the lodge meets.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, in a felicitous speech, responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," sketched, with the skill and eloquence of which he is Master, the rise and progress of the lodge from its foundation on the shores of the Avon, and its transfer to the banks of the Thames down to the present day.

Bro. BROADLEY, in answer to the toast of "The Visitors," dwelt on the peculiar interest of the meeting, and the pleasure that had been experienced by all present in witnessing under such auspicious circumstances the masterly rendering of the ceremonial by Bro. Fenn. He sketched briefly the career of Bro. Dr. W. H. Russell, who had been initiated into Masonry under the auspices of the Grand Master himself in the district over which he had himself ruled as Deputy Grand Master, on whom 10 years later he had conferred the Second Degree in the Bulwer Lodge at Cairo, during the memorable trial of Arabi Pasha, and who finally had received the mysteries of the Third Degree at the hands of that illustrious exponent of Masonic ritual, Bro. Parkinson, in the Drury Lane Lodge, of which so many brothers of the Bard of Avon Lodge were members. In conclusion, Bro. Broadley expressed the hope that in the hands of Bros. Yates and Russell, the Bard of Avon Lodge would enjoy a long continuance of its present prosperity, and asked the lodge to accept as a memento of the occasion his "History of Freemasonry in Malta," which was published a few years ago by Bro. Geo. Kenning, and which contained an account of the reception of Bro. Dr. Russell on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to that island during his voyage home from India.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in a few appropriate words, accepted Bro. Broadley's offering; and in answer to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. YATES, with the fluency and fire which has always distinguished him as one of the ablest of after dinner speakers, paid a high tribute to the ability, zeal, and power of organisations displayed by Bro. Parkinson, who had at a critical moment rescued the Bard of Avon Lodge from falling into disuse, and who had by ten years hard work and constant care made it the successful and popular lodge it was to-day. So far as he was concerned no effort should be wanting on his part to carry out the good work which had been begun, and to hand down to a long line of Masons, unsullied, the warrant which was encircled with so many interesting and unique traditions.

Bro. W. H. RUSSELL also expressed his gratitude for the unexpected promotion he had received that evening. It was true as Bro. Broadley had said, that he was initiated into Freemasonry in Malta some ten years ago; but he remembered the memorable day just before the Crimean war, when he and some other officers (only one of whom, Arthur Hardinge, still survived), were assembled in the ante-room of that very lodge at Malta, to receive at the hands of the brethren the Masonic light, when the proceedings were suddenly interrupted by the arrival of a guard, and they were hurried without a moment's delay on board the transport which was to carry them to the seat of war. He had experienced great pleasure in renewing the Masonic tie once again in Egypt, and in completing the cycle of his duties as a Master Mason, under the auspices of the lodge which meets within the venerable precincts of Old Drury. As the J.W. of the Bard of Avon Lodge he would do his utmost to assist the W.M., and his old friend, Bro. Edmund Yates, in supporting and extending the best interests of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, and the brethren started on their return journey to London.

In the course of the speeches many allusions were made to the elaborate work on the Bard of Avon Lodge, which was compiled and privately circulated by Bro. Parkinson, on the occasion of the memorable meeting in 1872, when the lodge was transferred from Stratford-on-Avon to Staines. The book in question is full of Masonic and literary lore, and deserves, for many reasons, to be reprinted for general use, as it would not only be of real historical value from a Masonic point of view, but it would form a fitting memorial of the work of a man who had in his generation done so much for the advancement of London Masonry, and whose life and name was indelibly written in the history of the Masonic Province of Middlesex, of which he was once Deputy G. Master.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. J. NEAL YORK, D.P.G.M. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

There is no doubt the Craft throughout England, but especially in Cambridgeshire, has sustained a very great loss through the death of Bro. J. Neal York, at whose funeral on Thursday, the 15th inst., there was a very large attendance of brethren all anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Bro. York was a Mason of long standing and high position, having been initiated on the 3rd October, 1860, in the Watford Lodge, No. 404. The year following he joined the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, and in 1865 was elected to its chair as W.M. In 1866 he was re-elected, and again in 1883 the honour was conferred upon him for the third time. He was also a joining member of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, and the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds, and was founder and first W.M. of the Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107, Newmarket.

He was exalted in the Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88, Cambridge, on 27th May, 1863, and was its Senior P.Z. These services had been recognised in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and when, on the death, in 1883, of Bro. J. Deighton, D.P.G.M., and Prov. G. Supt., the help of a strong and sterling brother became necessary in order to continue and extend the work of that excellent Mason, the general feeling was that such a man could only be found in Bro. J. Neal York, and Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. Grand Master, showed his appreciation of that feeling by appointing him to the responsible post of D.P.G.M. while the Prince of Wales, Grand Z., conferred on him the office of Prov. Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons. The result has been such that Cambridgeshire, for its size, is one of our most energetic provinces, and the result having been such, it will be understood that the loss sustained through the death of Bro. York is the more grievous to be borne. However, as we remark elsewhere, the example set by our deceased brother will no doubt continue to exert a powerful influence for good throughout Cambridgeshire, and it is no mere figure of speech to say that while Freemasonry exists in the country the name of York will always be remembered with respect.



The Lyceum will be closed after next Saturday, the 31st inst., the occasion of Miss Ellen Terry's benefit, and re-open, on September 11th, with "Faust." During the recess Bro. Irving and Miss Terry will visit America, but not to play.

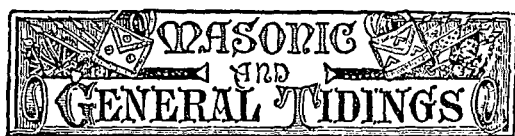
Next is the last week of Mr. Daly's Company at the Strand. Owing to the stir they have made we do not feel sure that seats can be obtained now. We hope this excellent company of comedians will pay another visit to London very soon.

Messrs. Yardley and Stephens having taken Toole's Theatre for a season have produced a new burlesque by Mr. Robert Reece called "Herne the Hunter; or, Windsor Castle reversed." The music though not original, is good, the dialogue droll, owing to Bro. Arthur Williams, who is supported by Miss Harriet Vernon, Miss Coveney, and Miss Emily Spiller. Bro. Williams sings an excellent topical song "Just in the old sweet way," for which he gets vociferously cheered.

We should like to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the Comedy, like most other West-end theatres, passes into other hands for a short space, and next Saturday, the 31st inst., Mr. Willie Edouin will bring to it Mr. Mark Melford's play, "Turned Up," which he has been taking round the provinces. It was originally produced at a matinée in London, which we duly noticed, and expressed a hope that it would be put before the London public. We believe a theatre could not be found at the time. Miss Alice Atherton and Mr. Charles Groves will support Mr. Edouin in this comical play, and Mr. William Greet will be the acting manager, as he has always been with Mr. Edouin in England, who is one of the most courteous managers to the public. We hope "Turned Up" will prove as profitable as did "The Babes" two years ago to the same manager.

The summer season has set in with a vengeance. Nearly all the theatres have closed, or at least the regular companies have left them either for a period of rest or provincial tours, and some of the houses are let for a short summer season to new managers. The St. James's is closed, the company having during the last week paid a visit to the standard, Shoreditch, where "A Wife's Sacrifice" was received with much better favour than at its own home. Mr. and Mrs. Kendal and Mr. Hare will now make their annual visit to Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham, &c., and re-open their own theatre about September. The Haymarket is about to close so far as "Jim the Penman" is concerned. This play, which has met with such singular success, will be renewed in a few weeks. Meanwhile Mr. H. B. Conway and Miss Kate Vaughan will become the managers, and bring out some of the Old English comedies in which they have played lately at the Gaiety and Vaudeville Theatres at matinées. Those performances were so well patronised that it is not surprising even with the hot weather that they should give the public a chance of seeing "The School for Scandal," &c., who are not able to go to theatres in the daytime.

Bro. Wilson Barrett did well in reviving "Hamlet" as one of the pieces in which to take leave of his many friends and admirers at home, before starting on his American tour, and he would be wise in making "Hamlet" his opening piece in America. Among the many Hamlets that have been presented on the stage, Bro. Wilson Barrett stands alone. It is essentially a natural Hamlet, and so admirably does this really great actor "hold the mirror up to nature," that the vexed question of Hamlet's madness, as a vexed question, does not present itself to the spectator. Throughout the whole play the consistency with which Bro. Barrett worked out his ideal is very striking, there is not a weak spot in one of the five acts, though of course some scenes are more powerful than others, notably among the choicest and most delightful is that between Hamlet and Ophelia, beginning "Nymph, in thy visions be all my sins remembered," the feelings of love and tenderness at times so overcoming him that he can hardly sustain his seeming madness. Again, in the closet scene Bro. Barrett is very fine, but where all is so excellent, so original, it is hardly fair to particularize any speech or scene. Although this is only meant to call attention to the character of Hamlet, still it is impossible to withhold a full mead of praise to Miss Eastlake's Ophelia. The mad scene could not be surpassed. The question is, has it ever been equalled? Most cordially we wish Bro. Wilson Barrett a successful and profitable tour in America, and a safe and happy return to the many friends that will be ready to welcome his reappearance at home.



The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Boys' School Festival took place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br. The business was of the usual character, and votes of thanks to the several officers of the Board, as well as Bro. Sayers, of Brighton, for the admirable manner in which he had catered for the guests having been passed, the Board was dissolved.

Bro. Lord Arthur Hill has been returned to the new Parliament as member for the Western Division of the County Down.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight is to be held at Southampton during the second week of August.

Bro. the Marquis of Ailesbury has recovered from his recent indisposition and returned to London, but the Marchioness remains at Savenake Forest.

Bros. Admirals Sir H. Keppel and Lord Alcester were among the guests at the annual dinner, given at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the 15th inst., by the members of the Navy Club to the First Lord of the Admiralty.

A marriage has been arranged between Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, second son of the Duke of Richmond, and Miss Maynard, step-daughter of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, and sister-in-law of Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex.

In our list of the brethren who were present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons on the 1st inst., at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M., the brother given as "W. Morris, P.G. I.G.," should have been described as "William Morris Lowick, P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire, as Grand Steward."

Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, and the Hon. Emily Ormsby-Gore, second daughter of Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M. North Wales, were married at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Thursday, the 15th inst. Bro. Lord Harlech gave away the bride, and Miss Hicks-Beach was one of the bridesmaids.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Athole, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn, Miss Maynard, Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, and Bro. Baron F. de Rothschild were invited to meet the Duke of Cambridge at the dinner party given to the Duke of Cambridge by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, at Grosvenor House, on Monday.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland presided at a numerous and influential meeting, at his lordship's residence in Arlington-street, on Monday afternoon, held for the purpose of bringing more prominently before the public the work of the Country Holidays' Fund, and enlisting aid in giving country air to ailing London children before the summer comes to an end.

Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Lord Mayor of London, and Earl Granville are members of the Committee which has been constituted for the purpose of organising a testimonial to be presented to the Prince of Wales, in recognition of his Royal Highness's valuable services to the Empire in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

On Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., Mr. R. S. Menzies, M.P. for Eastern Perthshire, was initiated into Freemasonry by the Lodge of St. John, No. 105, Coupar Angus, in which ceremony it is expected he will, along with the Marquis of Breadalbane, take part in the laying of the foundation stone of the new public building. Mr. Menzies, along with his brother Mr. John, gave handsome donations to the building fund.

Bro. J. H. Mapleson, who was formerly manager of Her Majesty's Theatre, had a benefit at Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday, the 15th inst., Madame Patti, Signor Foli, Signor Nicolini, and Madame Lablache being the chief among the artists who gave their services. The theatre was crowded, it being the only occasion on which Madame Patti appears on the Metropolitan boards during the current season.

A communication has been received at Hastings from the Duke of Connaught, who is Prov. Grand Master of the Sussex Freemasons, expressing his willingness to lay the memorial-stone of the New Hastings, St. Leonards, and District Hospital, which, built on the circular principle as carried out at Greenwich and elsewhere, is now fast rising at White Rock. His Royal Highness intimates that he is unable to fix a day for the ceremony until after his yacht trip, which began on the 6th inst. Great satisfaction is felt at the promise of the Duke, and fitting arrangements are being made.

In the particulars we furnished of the Masonic career of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, one of the newly-appointed Grand Chaplains of the Mark Grand Lodge, we omitted to state that our reverend brother has qualified as Life Governor and Steward of all our Charitable Institutions during the present year, and that he has already entered his name to serve in the latter capacity at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February, 1887. We are very sorry for the omission, but Bro. Smyth's career as a Mason has been so long and honourable that even an important oversight like this will hardly make any appreciable deduction from its true value.

The grand bazaar held in the concert hall of the Queen's Hotel, Queenstown, under the auspices of Lodge, No. 190, Ireland, towards the end of June proved highly successful. The object was to assist the funds of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin, and we are glad to say the result was a clear profit to those Institutions, after all the expenses had been defrayed, of £160, which, if we bear in mind that Queenstown is not an over populous place, is a result that the members of No. 190 have good reason to be proud of. The list of distinguished Irish brethren who bestowed their patronage on the event included his Grace of Abercorn, Grand Master, and the Earl of Bandon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The installation meeting of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, was held at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. George R. Bolton was installed W.M. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., delivered an address before the St. Philip and St. Barnabas Window Garden Society on the evening of Friday, the 16th inst.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer, has invested £600 in the Kent College and Wesleyan Institution in course of erection at Canterbury, of which he laid the memorial stone.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince Albert Victor and Princess Louise, attended a grand ball given at Grosvenor House, on Tuesday, by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster.

Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P. (in the chair), Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and W. Pearce, M.P., were present at the meeting held on Tuesday of the Royal Commission on the Loss of Life at Sea.

On Tuesday the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who was assisted by Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, and others, went through the formal ceremony of opening a garden, presented by Mr. W. J. Evelyn, M.P., to the people of Deptford.

Bros. A. Brookman, T. W. Loveridge, J. Snowden, H. Squire, and Windybank were among the members of the Orphan School Committee of the Corporation of London who dined at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, on Tuesday.

At a recent meeting of the Temperance Lodge of Instruction, held at the Duke of York Tavern, Deptford, it was resolved, in accordance with the usual custom, to adjourn the weekly meetings till the first Friday in October.

Masonic Students will be interested to learn that a list of rare books, manuscripts, &c., numbering nearly 1000 volumes, will very shortly be issued from the Office of the *Freemason*. Brethren desirous of receiving a copy should send name and address.

Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the Earl of Leven, the Earl of Airlie, the Earl of Northesk, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Lord Polworth are among the sixteen peers recently elected to represent Scotland in the new Parliament.

Bro. Charles Du Val has taken the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, for an autumn season, which will commence towards the close of the present month, and during which he will recount his experiences acquired during his recent tour of the world.

Bros. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), Earl Granville, and the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., attended the Cabinet Council, held at the Prime Minister's residence in Downing-street on Tuesday, when the Ministry resolved on tendering their resignations to the Queen.

Bro. Ald. Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided at the 31st ordinary meeting, held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Monday, of the shareholders of the Alliance Bank. The report was unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

Bro. the Lord Mayor visited the United Westminster Schools on Monday for the purpose of unveiling a memorial window to the founders of the institution by the past and present boys. At the close of the proceedings a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to his lordship for his attendance on this occasion.

The Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360, invited the brethren among our Colonial and Indian visitors to a banquet given in the refreshment tent at Wimbledon, on Wednesday. There was a numerous attendance and the meeting proved a great success. Bro. Wingfield, W.M. of the lodge, presiding and taking every care of his guests.

Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., who is a member of the Court, presented the Glovers' Company, now fully resuscitated, at their first Court meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., with a new badge for the Master's use, admirably executed in 22-carat gold and enamel, and representing the arms of the Company on a golden fleece with the arms of the City of London.

At the last regular meeting of the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, Portsmouth, a letter was read from the W.M., Bro. Lieut. J. Knowles, R.N., who was absent on service duty, enclosing a cheque for £100 to be equally divided between the Aged and Decayed and the Hampshire Educational Fund in the name of the lodge.

**FUNERAL OF A FREEMASON.**—The funeral of the late Bro. Charles Edward Riley, of the Myrke Farm, Slough, took place on Thursday afternoon, the 15th inst., the interment being made in Upton Churchyard. Deceased was a member of the Herschell Lodge, No. 1894, and the following brethren attended as a mark of respect: Bros. W. N. Crowhurst, W.M., Dorian Webb, J. Deverill, jun., G. S. Emanuel, F. Singer, F. A. Herold, J. Harding, and J. Baker. The burial service was read by the Rev. C. A. Monk Smith. As the coffin containing the body of the deceased was borne into the church Mr. A. T. Blanchett played on the organ the Funeral March by Chopin, and as it was taken out of the church the Dead March in "Saul." Deceased, who was in his 52nd year, had for many years past carried on the business of a dairy-farmer at Slough.

**Tobacconists Commencing.**—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.

**[ADVT.]**  
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Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., and W.M. of the John Hervey Lodge, has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Bro. Egerton Hubbard, who has been returned for one of the divisions of Buckinghamshire, is shortly about to make a trip to Switzerland.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt, P.G.A.D.C., who is still travelling in the north of Europe, is expected to return to his residence at Swanage about the middle of next month.

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

The Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Norwich closed on Friday, the 16th inst., the attendance having been considerably in excess of what it was at Preston last year.

Bros. the Lord Mayor (in the chair), and Aldermen Sir F. W. Truscott, De Keyser, Waterlow, Sir R. Hanson, Isaacs, and Gray attended the Court of Aldermen at the Guildhall on Tuesday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will attend a meeting of the Gresham Committee this (Friday) afternoon at 3 p.m., and in the evening will dine with the Honourable Artillery Company at their Armoury House in Finsbury.

Bro. H. G. Holland member of the Eccleston Lodge and Chapter, No. 1624, is, we understand, a candidate for the appointment of rate collector under the St. George's, Hanover-square, Vestry; being an energetic and persevering young man, we heartily wish him success.

The annual inspection of the Tower Hamlets Engineers, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Kirby (Sheriff elect) commanding, took place in Victoria Park on Saturday last, the number of men who mustered on parade being upwards of 500. At the close of the proceedings the inspecting officer, Col. Hamilton, R.E., complimented the corps on their progress and efficiency.

The Prince of Wales has signified to Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., President of the Lake District Association, his regret that the Princess of Wales and himself cannot visit the district this year, but his Royal Highness expresses a hope that they may be able to do so on some future occasion.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., about 40 members of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, held their annual summer banquet at Henley, and passed a very enjoyable day. The party travelled by train from London to Maidenhead, whence they travelled by steam launch to Henley, and, as usual, enjoyed a most recherché banquet at the Catherine Wheel Hotel, the catering being admirably carried out by Mr. Shephard, manager for the proprietress, Mrs. Morgan. The Henley Professional Band was engaged.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., the installation of Bro. H. Newson as W.M. of the Apollo Lodge, 305, took place, the ceremony being performed by Bro. C. F. Crane, of Yarmouth. The new W.M. chose the following officers: Bros. Buckland, S.W.; Driver, J.W.; Bradbury, S.D.; A. Scott, J.D.; T. P. Garrod, I.G.; and R. S. Norman, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren was the Prov. Grand Secretary of Suffolk. The party afterwards proceeded by steam launch to Yarmouth, and had the banquet at the Victoria Hotel.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of Gloucestershire was held under the banner of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 340, at Ye Speech House Hotel, Forest of Dean, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and was attended by a large number of the brethren from the several lodges of the province. The Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Walker, M.A., presided, attended by Bro. W. Forth, D.P.G.M., and other officers. The business was generally of a routine character. The Treasurer presented a very satisfactory financial report, and each of the acting lodges of the province was shown to be in a healthy condition.

Bro. Col. Potter, of Newcastle, was among the brethren who were at Norwich on Wednesday, the 14th inst., on the occasion of holding the Moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, which was presided over by Bro. Major Woodall, of Scarborough, Past Grand Treasurer. Bro. Col. Potter stated that he had come from Newcastle almost entirely for the purpose of attending the meeting, and he was quite sure that when brethren who were not present heard of the grand entertainment which had been given to the visitors they would regret exceedingly not having attended.

The members of the Albion Lodge, No. 667, held a very enjoyable picnic at Llangollen, on the 16th inst. Bro. J. Lees, W.M., was in charge of the party, and was supported by his principal officers, namely, Bros. R. Hudson, S.W.; J. Mason, J.W.; Bowyer, S.D.; Willys, J.D.; L. Peake, P.M., Treas.; and A. Bucknall, P.M., D.C.; The members and friends sat down to lunch at the Grapes Hotel, and then the party visited several places of interest, namely, Chirk Castle and Iron Bridge, and after the return to Llangollen a good substantial tea was partaken of. Subsequently the party held a concert and dance, conducted by Bros. Stott and Willys. Liverpool was reached about half-past eleven, everyone having spent a very happy day. The arrangements for the trip were carried out by Bros. J. Lees, L. Peake, A. Bucknall, Lloyd, and Smith, and gave every satisfaction.

The brethren of the Lodge of St. James, No. 448, held their annual picnic on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Bolton Woods. Between 40 and 50 brethren and their friends left Halifax by the Great Northern Railway in saloon and through carriages to Skipton, were conveyances were in waiting to carry the party to the Devonshire Hotel for breakfast. They afterwards drove to Bolton Abbey and Barden Tower, from thence to Burnsall, where afternoon tea was provided on the banks of the Wharfe adjoining the Red Lion Hotel. The party left Burnsall for Skipton at 4 p.m., arriving at the Devonshire Hotel at 5.50 for dinner at 6 p.m. The catering throughout was most complete. The party left Skipton by the 7.45 p.m. train, arriving at Halifax at 9.40. Great credit is due to the committee for the adequate arrangements made, causing the trip to be thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren and their friends. The committee were composed of the following brethren: Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P. G.D.C.; W. D. Shoebridge, S.W.; R. Hodgson, T. H. Thompson, and W. S. Milligan, Secretaries.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, July 31, 1886.

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

#### SATURDAY, 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.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS 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 26.

Lodge 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 " 2105, Cama, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.  
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
 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 27.

Audit Committee of the Girls' School at 4.  
 Lodge 788, Crescent, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield.  
 Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton 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, S.  
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington, S.E., at 7.30.  
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, 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 28.

Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Lodge 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.  
 " 895, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoynes, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
 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 29.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Chap. 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.  
 Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-st., at 5.30.  
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.  
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.  
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.  
 Tredgwr, 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 30.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 K.T. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

#### 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 31.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Public Hall, Southend-on-Sea, 12.30.

### THE LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN SUMMER TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

We mentioned last week that the authorities of this well-managed railway system had, as usual, made every possible provision for the comfort and convenience of the general public, both as regards the frequency of their train service and the moderation of their charges. There is, indeed, hardly a pleasure resort in the United Kingdom or on the Continent which is not accessible, either directly or indirectly, by means of this railway. Our present concern, however, is with those that can be reached either by the line itself or by those with which it is associated, or over which it has running powers, and in respect of these we have no hesitation in saying that the arrangements for the present tourist season are about as perfect as human ingenuity and thoughtfulness could design. The management has always had a high reputation for the liberality, excellence, and punctuality of its service, so that there was very little room left for improvement as compared with past years; but, wherever a change for the better was possible, it has been made. The chief features of the Tourist Ticket system remain. The period for which the tickets are available is two calendar months, and they are issuable at any time up to the 31st October. Moreover, they can be extended, on a further moderate payment of the difference between the return fare and the sum of two single journey fares; but no extension beyond the 31st December is possible. The journey may be broken at any point, or points, provided for in the tickets, either when going outwards or returning homewards, and the break may be for a long or short time, according to the convenience of the holder, the only restriction being that the return journey must be completed within the time for which the ticket is issued. These tickets are available by the ordinary trains, but not, except under certain special conditions, by the Irish Mails; they are not transferable, and they entitle the holders to carry the same weight of luggage as by ordinary trains. For those who wish to travel to or from places off the London and North Western Line, through tickets are issued, but the liability of the different companies, whose lines, coaches, or steam boats the ticket holders are enabled to use under this plan is strictly limited and governed by their own arrangements, the contract and liability of each being limited to its own lines. As for the districts for which tourist tickets are issued, among the most attractive are Wales and the Lake Country, the South-Western parts of England, the Isle of Man, and Ireland, while Scotland is accessible and can be traversed by means of the Caledonian Railway, which works in unison with the London and North-Western. However, those of our readers who may be going to avail themselves of the facilities offered by these lines will find all the information they can possibly require in the Illustrated Tourist Programmes issued by the management or they can obtain it at the chief booking offices in the metropolis, at the principal stations on the Metropolitan or Metropolitan District Railways, or at the terminus at Euston-square, at any or all of which full particulars will be furnished in reference to the train service, fares, luggage, &c., &c.; and we advise them, if they mean to spend their holiday in visiting any of the districts we have specified, to seek information either of the courteous manager, Mr. George Findlay, at Euston Terminus, or at one or other of the metropolitan stations or booking offices. We must likewise add that the Company have made the usual liberal provision for the holiday makers and excursionists who contemplate setting apart Bank Holiday—Monday, the 2nd August prox.,—to some expedition into the country. Among the chief excursions which have been organised for the benefit of such are those to the Liverpool International Exhibition; to Birmingham in connection with the Grand Fête at the Lower Aston Grounds; and to the Lake Districts. The tickets issued for these excursions are available from Saturday, the 31st inst., to either Monday, the 2nd, or Thursday, the 5th prox., the charges being in each case of the most moderate description. For fuller particulars see bills and programmes as issued by the Company.

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