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THE Mark Benevolent Festival on Wednesday, like others of our greater Festivals this year, may have been somewhat disappointing in its general result. It was only natural to expect that a more numerous Board of Stewards than has ever been previously organised should have produced a larger total. But, for ourselves, we are inclined to regard the decrease of about £200 from last year's return as one of those fluctuations in the wrong direction to which all anniversary gatherings of this description are occasionally liable. It means, in fact, just this and nothing more—that the presiding spirit of Charity was confronted on this occasion with a less favourable conjunction of circumstances than in 1885. There was a lower total because there were smaller means from which to obtain subscriptions and donations. But except in this one particular of a lesser amount having been yielded than we had had reason to expect, we consider the gathering in the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday a most satisfactory one and lose no time in offering our hearty congratulations to the Chairman, Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., the Board of Stewards which so cordially supported him, and the Mark brethren and their friends who contributed what after all is the very handsome total of £1524. The Mark Benevolent Fund deserves a liberal measure of support, because it is both well and economically administered, and does a large amount of good in the more limited sphere in which it conducts its operations. The Mark organisation is eminently and justly popular, and whatever affects its members beneficially must be the subject of general rejoicing among the Brotherhood of Masons. And it is for these reasons we are pleased on the whole with the result of Wednesday's gathering. Of course, we should have been better pleased had there been a bigger total; but the reduced figures are of comparatively little moment, if we realise the fact that the anniversary celebrations of the Mark Benevolent Fund have now assumed a position of importance, which is in all respects worthy of the increased dignity achieved by the Mark Grand Lodge. Such a position, when it has been once secured, will remain always, or for so long, at least, as the Mark organisation shall continue in its present honourable career. The ample details we give elsewhere of the Festival will fully bear out these views.

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AMONG the toasts to which exceptional honours were accorded at the banquet given at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on the 13th inst., by Bro. Major LAMBERT, P.G.S.B., to celebrate his election for the fifth time to the Mastership of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, was that to "The Health of Bro. EDWARDS," a distinguished member of the Scottish Fraternity, and in proposing it Bro. Major LAMBERT not only paid some well-deserved compliments to that brother personally, but took the opportunity of pointing out that our Scotch brethren were actuated by precisely "the same feeling and spirit" as ourselves, their main object being, as with us, to do "all the good in their power." Bro. EDWARDS, in his reply, to a certain extent, endorsed this view, but he was fain to admit that this will to do any good, though it had always existed among the brethren north of the Tweed, had, unfortunately, not been so capably directed as in England. He trusted however, that in time, and with the valuable information which Bro. TERRY had placed at his disposal, the efforts that were being made to place the Scottish Fund of Benevolence on a firm and enduring basis would in the end prove successful. We trust so, too, and we have no doubt that, if our Scottish brethren will bring their native powers of organisation to bear on the subject, as we have done in England, the result will be eminently satisfactory. What is needed in establishing funds of this kind is that the efforts of the promoters should be conducted systematically, vigorously, and continuously. A number of disjointed efforts mostly result in failure. If we remember rightly, a grand attempt was made some years since in Scotland, under the auspices of Bro. Captain Harriott, Prov. G. Master of Wigtownshire and Kirkcudbrightshire, to set up a Fund of Benevolence such as we have in connection with our United Grand Lodge of England, but in those days the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Scotland were themselves somewhat disorganised. Of late, however, under a succession of able Grand Masters, and with the executive ability of Bro. MURRAY LYON, Grand

Secretary, to assist them, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been able to set its house in order, and a scheme for organising a Fund of Benevolence, with a fixed capital of £10,000, has been progressing slowly, but in the main, satisfactorily, and we must now hope that Bro. EDWARDS, with the increased knowledge he has taken back with him to Scotland, as to how such plans are worked out in this country, will be able to ensure its success at an early period. We shall probably find something further to say on the subject in a future article. At present it is enough for us to be in a position to confirm the remarks of Bro. Major LAMBERT at the banquet referred to, that English and Scotch Masons are "imbued with the same feeling and spirit," and alike have in view the laudable ambition of "doing all the good in their power."

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WE were agreeably surprised on opening the "Freemasons' Repository" (Rhode Island) for June to find an excellent article on "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." By whom it is not said; but the author is not only conversant with his subject, but evidently warmly and rightly appreciates the good feeling and hearty co-operation of the brethren which resulted in the building being reared in which now some 250 lads are domiciled, and which annually provides so many thousands of pounds for their education and support. The history of the School is briefly traced on the lines laid down in these pages quite recently, and the writer declares that the Institution is excellent as respects its educational status, and its home culture and ministries are of the best character. "Its usefulness was never more pronounced than now. Well does such an Institution deserve the fostering care and generous support that has been accorded to it. We rejoice, with all the Craft, on its growth and prosperity." The Editor presents "a view of the commodious and well-appointed building that constitutes the home of the Boys' School, a cut of the same having been specially engraved for our use." The engraving is certainly a most pleasing one, and does justice to the architectural features of the building.

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WE have been favoured with an early copy of the "Allocution," as it is termed, of the veteran Mason and Templar, Col. W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T. As Grand Master of the Canadian Knights Templars, Bro. MOORE has annually unfolded his views on Masonic Knighthood in relation to the Craft, and has ably defended his particular theories on the subject, when they have been called in question by other students. He is, without doubt, one of the ablest writers on Knight Templary, and is such an enthusiast in the study that, though now far advanced in years, he is as eager and competent as ever to prepare and deliver his annual addresses to the fratres, who are proud to acknowledge his rule and delight to receive his fraternal instruction.

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COL. MOORE agrees with many in this country when he declares that had a little more time been taken for consideration of the New Brunswick Knight Templar difficulty, and less eagerness shown to precipitate matters, much of the present trouble might have been avoided. So we say. Of the rituals of the Knights Templars he observes that they were "framed on the traditional belief in the connection of Templary and Freemasonry, without any research into historical facts, plainly showing that they were but the fabrication of Masonic enthusiasts of the last century, who had given but little thought to the assertions that they made." He objects to the prefix *Masonic* in relation to the Knights Templars, as it creates a false impression. We do not take this view ourselves, as the justification for its existence as an Order appears to us to depend upon its connection with the Freemasons, though, of course, it must be conceded that its Christian basis at once debars the Knight Templars from direct union with our cosmopolitan Fraternity.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:—  
The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.  
The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April to the 20th July, 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter ...	£220 10 0	By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	£466 5 4
„ „ Unappropriated Account ...	198 3 10	„ Balance ...	109 8 11
„ Subsequent Receipts ...	348 3 9	„ „ Unappropriated Account ...	191 3 4
	£766 17 7		£766 17 7

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. George Francis Travers-Drapes, as Z.; Newton Edward Jennings, as H.; Clavell F. Filliter, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Rangoon Lodge, No. 1268, Rangoon, to be called the Pegu Chapter, and to meet at Rangoon, Burma.

2nd. From Comps. Andrew Lawson, as Z.; George Thomas Alenson, as H.; William Joseph Rogerson, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, Nottingham, to be called the Annesley Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

3rd. From Comps. John Tricks Spalding, as Z.; Julius Marx, as H.; William Phelps, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1909, Nottingham, to be called the Carnarvon Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

4th. From Comps. Richard Carter, as Z.; Thomas Riley, as H.; John Richardson, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate, to be called the Harrogate and Claro Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Avenue-road, Yorkshire (Western Division).

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, on removal of the undermentioned chapters:—

The St. Mary's Chapter, No. 63, Kew Bridge, Ealing, for permission to remove to Freemasons' Hall, London.

The Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, Southwark, for permission to remove to the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

The Committee, being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
21st July, 1886.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

On Wednesday evening, the annual festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to Mark Grand Lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the chairmanship of Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire. About 150 ladies and brethren supported the Chairman, and among the brethren present were

Bros. C. H. Driver, P.G.I. of W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., P. Dep. Prov. G.M. Lancs.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; J. Moon, G. Treas.; R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; F. Crouch, G.J.D.; Dr. Mickley, P.G.D.; G. Graveley, P.G.I.G.; J. Brook-Smith, P.G. M.O.; P. Wallis, P.G.D.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; G. P. Festa, A.G.D. of C.; A. McDowall, A.G.D. of C.; A. Williams, P.G.D.; Col. Newton, D.P.G.M. Nottinghamshire; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br.; Rev. Dr. Morris, A. Woodiwiss, G. T. Hardman, P.P.G.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.O.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; C. Quennell, W.M. 144; J. Church, G. Stwd.; J. S. Holliday, P.P.G.S.B.; W. T. Rickwood, W. J. Freer, W.M. 21; J. Terry, G. Stwd.; J. T. Briggs, W.M. 181; H. S. Goodall, W.M. 239; W. Whittaker, W.M. 302; A. G. Bauke, T. Pargeter, P.M. 251; J. D. Birkin, W.M. 284; H. C. Heard, S.W. 366; A. H. Bateman, W.M. 309; H. Stone, P.M. 54; W. Maple, J. T. Tweedale, P.G.O.; C. Belton, W. A. Scurrah, J. M. Collins, W. Corder, L. Ellis, W. J. Tomson, M. Wheeler, H. Venn, E. Letchworth, W.M. 363; and others.

Among the ladies present were:—

Mrs. C. H. Driver, Mrs. Berridge, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. and Miss Maple, Mrs. and Miss Matier, Miss Mildred, Miss Henriques, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Palmer, and Mrs. Brook-Smith and party.

The banquet was magnificently provided, under the superintendence of Bro. Hamp, and during the dinner some lovely music was performed by the artists provided by Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.

At the conclusion of the dinner, grace was sung by the choir, and the toasts were proposed.

The first toast was "The Queen and Mark Masonry," which was most enthusiastically drunk, and the National Anthem was sung.

In giving the next toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M.M.," Bro. GODSON said, in reference to the Prince of Wales becoming Grand Master of that Degree, that the circumstance was an augury of the great prosperity of the Order. They all knew that what the Prince of Wales undertook he did thoroughly well. Let them hope that when the Great Overseer came to mark His work He might say of the Prince of Wales that he had marked well.

The next toast was that of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore; and the Past Grand Masters, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the Right Hon. Lord Henniker."

In proposing the toast Bro. BROOK SMITH, to whom the toast was entrusted, said the Chairman belonged to the Province of Worcestershire, but he (Bro. Brook Smith) came from the Province of Gloucestershire, and he was rather sorry that some other more eminent and worthy brother had not been called upon to propose it, though coming from the west he must be very far west indeed if he did not know that the name of every brother embraced by this toast was held in the highest esteem and gratitude by Mark Masons. It was due to their exertions that Mark Masonry now occupied the position it did. The best wishes that every Mark Mason could have was that brethren of equal eminence and standard might succeed to these brethren, and that in ages to come they would have brethren who would do their work as nobly and worthily as these brethren. Under such auspices Mark Masonry would go on and prosper.

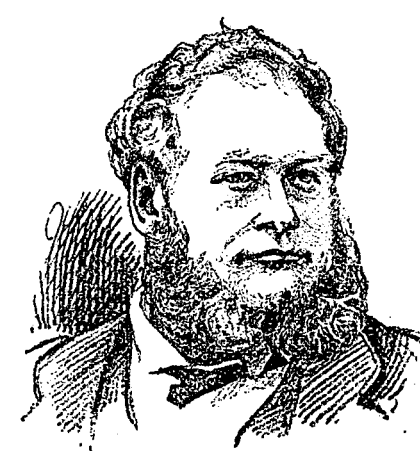
Bro. E. LETCHWORTH proposed "The Deputy G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that during the past few years Mark Masonry had made great, even gigantic strides, and the brethren knew that this extraordinary progress was due in no small degree to the zeal, ability, and energy of those in a similar position to that of the brother whose health he asked them to drink. It was a peculiar pleasure to him to propose this toast, because he had to associate with it the name of a brother who worked hard with him on behalf of one of the Institutions of Masonry—Bro. James Moon, Grand Treasurer, who was an active member of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. JAMES MOON, in reply, said that the Grand Officers received at the hands of the Prince of Wales their appointments for the year, and he

was confident that they would fulfil the duties appertaining to those appointments to the best of their ability. They were all very grateful for the position they held, knowing that they served under a Grand Master who performed his duties with ability, and in a way which met with the satisfaction of every member of the Order. They all recognised that H.R.H., as M.W.G.M., was one to whom they would pay the most dutiful respect. For the Grand Officers he might say they would fulfil the duties of their office to the best of their ability.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.W., proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who had come at great inconvenience to himself to preside over this Festival. Probably every Mason in the room knew Bro. Godson, and was aware of the services he had performed in every rank of Masonry. In the Mark Degree he had been especially favoured, because he at present held the highest office of Prov. Grand Master. In that position he had already given ample promise, and in every branch of Masonry he had shown the greatest skill and ability. In obtaining Bro. Godson's services that evening the Mark Degree had been exceedingly fortunate. The brethren ought not to overlook the fact that Bro. Godson had recently obtained the very high honour of being returned as a Member of Parliament, and the brethren welcomed him on his accession to the high Degree, as a representative of the people in that august assembly. They might safely predict that he would honourably fulfil the duties he owed to his Queen and country. Personally aware that Bro. Godson was a very modest man, he would not say more of him than recommending this toast to their warm reception. He did so with the firm conviction that he was an honour to society, to the Commons House of Parliament, and to Masonry, to which he was a devoted adherent.

Bro. GODSON, who was received with enthusiastic applause, in replying to the toast, said he asked the brethren to take the will for the deed, and if he had failed in his duties as chairman he had yet done his best in the very trying position in which he was placed. If at a future time he should be called upon to perform similar duties he would strive to do better. There were certain difficulties in the way of a chairman, and first of all a chairman had not the power of appointing a time for his presidency. Certain brethren met together and said they wanted a chairman for a fixed day, and they chose him. He considered it a great honour, and he hoped at that time that he would be able to devote some period to his duties. But, unfortunately, other circumstances occurred which took him away from this particular object, and his time had not been at his own disposal. Nevertheless, there was no brother who desired more to do his duty to Mark Masonry, and he, having tried his utmost to perform his duties to Mark Masonry, was glad to find that his endeavours had been recognised. Mark Masonry was now a great power, and he was proud to belong to it, and with these few words he



THE CHAIRMAN.

show any of the brethren his banker's book, which would probably dissipate that delusion. He had no doubt that this had a great effect on the amount which would be announced that evening. There was another point on which he would wish to enlighten the brethren. It was somewhat broadly scattered about that the funds of Mark Masonry did not require any assistance, but he well knew, and he believed others should be told, that they should know better. It was quite a mistake to think that no help was wanted for the Mark Benevolent Fund. Whatever the funds might be now, there was no knowing what they would want tomorrow. Canon Portal had said that if they could depend on a thousand a year they would be all right. But that average must be kept up or very shortly they would find their funds would not be sufficient. Times were not better than they were before, and it might be that they would be worse. They had to find a certain sum for the Educational Fund, which now had to provide the education for several children—he believed as many as 19. One great recommendation to the Mark Educational Fund was that the children educated under it were educated near their own homes, which was altogether different to the education afforded by the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools, where they were educated away from their own homes. The brethren were asked by their subscriptions that evening to support a Fund which educated children near their own homes, and he put the claims of the fund to the brethren on that ground, and asked the brethren to support it as a fund worthy of their consideration in that particular respect. He was sure that no worthier object could be placed before them, and while he could add much more to induce the brethren to support the Fund, he would nevertheless refrain from doing so because the reports which were before the brethren would give them fuller information as to the good the fund was doing.

The toast having been drunk enthusiastically,

Bro. C. F. MATIER read a list of subscriptions amounting to £1529 5s. 6d., with 12 returns still outstanding.

Bro. GODSON, in proposing "The Stewards," said that without the Stewards the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund could not hope to attain the success it had already achieved. The brethren had had a proof that night of the devotion and attention of the Stewards to the interests of this fund, which had resulted in such a magnificent total of subscriptions. As regarded the catering for the dinner, nothing was left forgotten, but everything had been reduced to such a system that the Stewards had not had the trouble which they had had on former occasions.

Bro. DRIVER responded. The Stewards had done their best to make the festival a great success, and so great had been the success that many of

the Stewards had already put their names down for the ensuing year. What they had done this year they would continue to do in the next.

Bro. GROSVENOR also replied. The Stewards had tried to get up a good list, and he certainly had not been very much behind the brethren in getting a good list to support the Chairman. In Worcestershire they were very proud of Bro. Godson, and in the Parliamentary election they were prouder to get Bro. Godson elected.

Bro. STONE said that in Hants and the Isle of Wight the brethren were ready to do all they could to further the interests of Mark Masonry, and he hoped they would continue in the same course and swell the lists of the Benevolent Fund more and more.

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. BRIDGE "The Visitors."

Bro. STRACHAN responded for "The Visitors," though he had been a Steward, and when the result was only £82, brought up as much as £12. But whether as a visitor or as a Steward he was proud to be present. Although sorry the total sum this year was a trifle less than last year, he could not help feeling that these events happened in cycle, and that next year the subscriptions would be greater. It was no want of interest in the fund which made the subscriptions less this year than they were last year, and he felt sure the brethren need not be downhearted, as from what he had seen the future of the Mark Benevolent Fund would be a great one.

Bro. SILLITOE also replied, and hoped next year that he would also be amongst the list of Stewards.

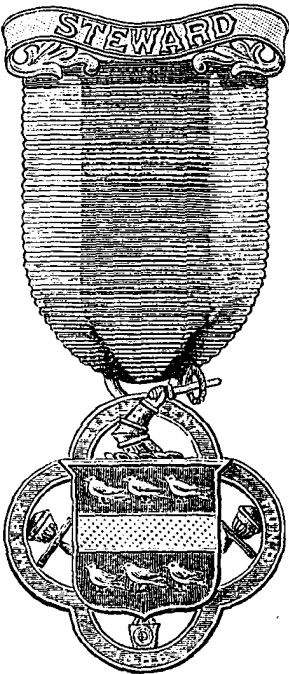
Bro. GODSON proposed "The Honorary Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier," than whom no brother could have done better for the success of a festival.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, in reply, said that his labour, such as it had been, had been a labour of love, and had he not been so well directed as he had

been by the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, the Honorary Treasurer, and the Sub-Committee he did not think that the success of that night would have been so great. Although they were sorry that the amount was not so good as last year, being £200 less than it was in 1885, they had the gratification of knowing that they had 102 more Stewards, and a collection of £1423 5s. 6d. more than they had ten years ago. What this fund would be in ten years' time was unknown to any one present, but he trusted the fund would increase in the same proportion as it had increased, and that every one now present would be there in ten years to see the progress it had made.

This concluded the business of the evening, which was enlivened by some charming singing by Miss Madeline Hardy, Miss Minnie Kirton, Bro. Reginald Groome, and Bro. Stanley Smith, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Past Grand Organist, to whom the highest praise is due for the great success of the musical portion of the treat provided for the brethren and ladies.

The jewel worn by the Stewards was designed by Bro. C. F. Matier, and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. It contained the arms and crest of the Chairman and Mark emblems. On a quatrefoil band, "Mark Benevolent Fund, 1886."



STEWARDS' LISTS.

Table listing Stewards by province and lodge, including names and amounts. Categories include LONDON, CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND, EAST ANGLIA, HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GIBRALTAR, HERTFORDSHIRE, KENT, PROVINCIALS, BERKS AND OXON, BRISTOL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, CHESHIRE, and CORNWALL AND DEVON.

Table listing Stewards by province and lodge, including names and amounts. Categories include LINCOLNSHIRE, MIDDLESEX AND SURREY, NOTTINGHAM, SUSSEX, WARWICKSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE, NEW SOUTH WALES, NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM, and RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

Summary table showing the total amount raised by Stewards in each province, such as Berks and Oxon (£47 3 6), Buckinghamshire (£12 12 0), and London (£363 5 0).

GRAND TOTAL ... £1529 5 6

With 12 Lists to come in.

RESULT OF THE FESTIVAL.

There can be no doubt that the same causes have operated unfavourably on the Returns of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival as on those of the Festivals held in aid of our great Central Institutions. Therefore, though a sense of disappointment at the result not being larger, seeing the Board of Stewards was considerably more numerous than last year, is legitimate enough, we think there is every reason to be satisfied with the total which Bro. Matier was in a position to announce on Wednesday. As a matter of arithmetic, it is clear that, if in 1885 the Chairman and 88 Stewards raised a grand total of close on £1722, then in 1886 a Board of 114 Stewards should have made up amongst them about £2250. The result, however, was only £1529, and there are still 12 Lists still to be returned, so that the ultimate total may be estimated, perhaps, at about £1650. Here, then, we have a very appreciable difference amounting to some £600 between what ought to have been, arithmetically, and the sum actually contributed, which difference we are justified in ascribing to the hard times and the General Election. But having made due allowance for these unfavourable circumstances, we see no reason for anything like discouragement because the figures for this 1886 Festival do not compare so well with those of last year as one could have wished. On the contrary, we are inclined to look upon Wednesday's achievement as a good augury for the future. We have it in evidence that the same excellent system of organisation as regards the Board of Stewards was adopted on this occasion as proved so beneficial in 1885. London was more numerously represented, and as many provinces sent up Stewards as last year. There was also a most genial Chairman, in the person of R.W. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G. Mark Master of Worcestershire, who is not only himself a generous contributor on these festive occasions, but the cause of all others contributing as liberally according to their ability who come within the magic circle of his persuasive advocacy. The one drawback from all these auspicious surroundings—and there is no denying it was an important one—is that the moneys available to be charmed into the coffers of the fund were not quite so considerable as they were last year. However, with a little more steadiness in the political and commercial worlds, we may look to this drawback becoming less operative in its effects, and then we shall expect that a stronger body of Stewards will, commensurately with its strength, be more productive.

Let us now glance briefly through the details of the list. London, with 26 Stewards, of whom 17 were Unattached, made up a total of £363 5s., the nine representatives of eight lodges being responsible for £187 18s. of this sum, and the balance of £175 7s., the product of the efforts of the 17 Unattached.

Of the Mark Provinces 24 sent up Stewards, the most formidable returns coming from MIDDLESEX AND SURREY, which had one Steward (Bro. P. A. Scratchley) doing duty for the whole province and 19 of its lodges represented by 20 Stewards. The sum of their efforts is represented by £297 11s. 6d. while in 1885 almost the same number of Stewards, representing the Province and about the same number of lodges, had the satisfaction of compiling the heavier total of £504 2s. This, of course, bears out what we have stated already, namely, that the workers were as numerous and as willing as last year, but the ground on which they had to work was less favourable. There is no overcoming the difficulty that it is impossible to extract as much in subscriptions from a small as from a large capital, and this year the capital has been comparatively small.

But, undoubtedly, the better plan will be to take the Provinces in their alphabetical order, the list being headed by that of BERKS AND OXON, whose four Stewards—one for the Province and three for as many lodges—make up a total of £47 3s. 6d. BRISTOL had for its representative Bro. Col. J. R. Bramble, whose list, however, is still outstanding, while Bro. A. McDowall did duty for BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, and sent in £12 12s. CHESHIRE

had four Stewards, the sum of their contributions being £26 5s., and Bro. F. Crouch acted for the adjacent Provinces of CORNWALL and DEVONSHIRE, the amount of his list being £30 10s. 6d. Bro. T. Atkinson, as Steward for CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND, contributed 35 guineas (£36 15s.), while EAST ANGLIA and three of its lodges compiled the sum of £56 15s., Bro. Graveley's list, as Steward for the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205, being included, however, in the Middlesex and Surrey total. Bro. Sir H. Burford Hancock, Prov. G.M., was Steward for the Province of GIBRALTAR, and GLOUCESTERSHIRE had three Stewards, whose aggregate amounted to £39 5s.

Three of the lodges in HANTS and ISLE of WIGHT, were represented, the total being £39 0s. 6d., and HERTFORDSHIRE, with four Stewards for as many lodges, raised £44 5s. KENT did admirably, its Dep. P.G.M.M., Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, P.G. Chaplain and President of the Board of Stewards, giving in the largest individual Steward's list—£105—while the four brethren who represented lodges Nos. 226, 309, 322, and 332, supplemented this handsome sum with a further £60 6s. 6d., making the total for the province of just over £165. LANCASHIRE had five of its lodges represented, the total, so far as the returns have been made, being £15 15s. The Province of LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHANTS, and DERBYSHIRE, of which Bro. W. Kelly is the respected Chief, had seven Stewards, one—Bro. Freer—doing duty for the whole province, three—W. Whittaker, A. Woodiwiss, and R. L. Homer Mole—for the Derby Lodge, No. 302, two—Bros. Percy Wallis and G. Fletcher—for the Dove Valley Lodge, No. 353, and Bro. W. L. Ball for the William Kelly Lodge, No. 339. These seven raised amongst them £86. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M., did duty for LINCOLNSHIRE, but the amount of his contribution is not stated.

We need not say more than has been said already as to the Province of MIDDLESEX and SURREY. NEW SOUTH WALES, however, notwithstanding its distance from the old country, lent a helping hand to the extent of ten guineas per Bro. Norman Selfe, and NORTHUMBERLAND and DURHAM contributed five guineas per Bro. Thomas Bradley. Bro. J. Toplis for the Province of NOTTINGHAM generally, with the aid of Bro. Col. Newton, D.P.G.M., as Steward of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, in particular, raised between them £61, Col. Newton's share being £40., and Bro. J. Harrison acted as Steward for the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, and so upheld the fame of the Province of SUSSEX, though, unfortunately, the extent to which he has done this has yet to be disclosed, his list not having been forwarded in time to be accounted for in these returns. The Athol Lodge, No. 174, Birmingham, per Bro. W. Corder, gave £10 10s., while WORCESTERSHIRE, which furnished the Chairman of the day, made up a total of £70 17s. 6d., the province itself being represented by Bro. Godson, M.P., P.G.M.M., and Bro. W. B. P. Williamson, the former's contribution being 50 guineas (£52 10s.), and the latter's £13 2s. 6d. These two brethren acted in the same capacity on last year's Board of Stewards. Lastly we have YORKSHIRE (Town of Hull), represented by Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, P.G.D., the amount of his list being £8 6s.

These several amounts give a total for the 24 represented Provinces of £1063 13s., but there are also to be taken into the account a sum of five guineas (£5 5s.) from the De Irwin Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; 14 guineas (£14 14s.) contributed by the County Palatine Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; and £82 8s. 6d., being the sum of the amounts subscribed by six Councils of the Allied Degrees, one of which was represented by two Stewards. These raise the total for the Provinces and other contributing bodies not included under London to £1166 0s. 6d., and the grand total from all sources to £1529 5s. 6d., as against £1721 16s. 6d. in 1885.

We cannot conclude this survey without offering our congratulations to Bro. C. F. Matier, who, as Honorary Secretary to the Board of Stewards, had the lion's share of the arduous duties necessarily devolving on that hard working body of brethren. Bro. Matier, like ourselves, may have hoped for a fuller return, but he has his reward in the appreciation of his fellow workers, and in the knowledge that had more been possible, more would have been achieved. Let us hope that next year Fortune will be more lavish in her favours.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of this province was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., under the banner of the Faithfull Lodge, No. 229, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cocker-mouth, when the several lodges in the province, with the exception of Lodge 195, were well represented. In the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the W. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, D.P.G.M.M., presided.

The following were also present:—

Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., as W.D.P.G.M.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.J.D. Eng., as P.G.S.W.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Treas., as P.G.J.W.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.G.M.O.; H. Peacock, P.M. 229, P.G.S.O.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 213, P.G.J.O.; Rev. J. Anderson, Chap. 213, P.G. Chap.; J. C. Thompson, W.M. elect 282, P.G. Reg. of M.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G.A.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; W. Shilton, W.M. 229, P.G.S.D.; J. Dickinson, P.M. 151, P.G.J.D.; Thos. Mason, W.M. elect 229, P.G.D.C.; A. Bunyan, 60, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Smith, I.G. 151, P.G. Org.; G. Ryrrie, S.W. 213; J. Paterson, W.M. 282, and J. Eden, J.W. 282, P.G. Stwds.; T. Richardson, Tyler 213, P.G. Tyler; and the following Past Provincial Grand Officers and members of lodges: Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 282, P.P.G.C.; B. Craig, P.M. 216, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Wilson, P.M. 216, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Routledge, 216; R. Robinson, P.M. 229, P.P.C.J.W.; J. Abbott, 151, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; R. L. Court, W.M. 60; Sergeant-Major S. Lockyer, 60; J. Lowthain, 60; E. B. Penrice, S.W. 151; J. O. Scott, Sec. 151; J. Kendall, S.O. 151; H. Carruthers, S.W. 229; J. Towers, S.D. 229; T. Atkinson, J.D. 229; C. Gowan, S.W. 216; J. J. Robinson, 216; T. Brackenridge, M.O. 213; W. J. Tyson, J.O. and Org. 213; W. Clarke, 213; P. Podmore, M.O. 282; G. H. S. Smith, Sec. 282; J. Hewson, Tyler 229, P.P. G. Tyler; W. H. Lenthwaite, P.M. 229, P.P.G. Org.; and others.

The Faithfull Lodge was opened at 12.45, when, at 1 p.m. prompt, the D.P.G. Mark Master and his Grand Officers were reported by Bro. Mason, P.G.D.C., admitted and saluted.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form. The P.G. Reg. of Marks, Bro. Thompson, was then called upon to call the roll of lodges, and report the state of the province, which showed a considerable increase from the former year; also that the Kent Dale Lodge, No. 195, Kendal, had been resuscitated and was in full working order.

The minutes of the last annual Prov. G. Lodge, held at Whitehaven, 15th July, 1885, were read and confirmed. Bro. James Gardiner next read a statement of accounts for the current year, ending the 31st December, 1885, which showed a balance to the credit of the province of nearly sixty pounds. Bro. COLLIN moved, and Bro. NICHOLSON seconded, that the

accounts be passed as read, and a copy be sent to each member of the province, which received a unanimous vote. The same brethren also moved and seconded, and it was carried by a unanimous vote, that Bro. Gardiner be Prov. G. Treasurer for the fifth time.

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

Bro. Henry Peacock, P.M. 229	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Thomas Atkinson, P.M. 213	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" William Bewlay, W.M. 213	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John Paterson, W.M. 282	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Thomas Mason, W.M. elect 229	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. James Anderson, Chap. 213	(re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" James Gardiner, P.M. 151	(re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. C. Thompson, W.M. elect 282	(re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216	(re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" James Dickinson, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" James H. Hogg, W.M. 195	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Joseph Eden, J.W. 282	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" George Ryrrie, S.W. 213	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Wm. Stoddart, 151	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" R. L. Court, W.M. 60	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Charles Gowan, S.W. 216	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. J. Tyson, Org., J.O. 213	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thomas Brackenridge, M.O. 213	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" E. B. Penrice, S.W. 151	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. O. Scott, Sec. 151	...	...	
" John Mills, 213	...	...	
" Sergt.-Major S. Lockyer, 60	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" P. Podmore, 282	...	...	

On the motion of the W.D.P.G.M. in the chair, seconded by Bro. GARDINER, and supported by a unanimous vote, the following members were elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year, namely, Bros. J. Nicholson, P. de E. Collin, William Bewlay, and J. Paterson.

Bro. THOMPSON, W.M. elect 282, then moved as a recommendation to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. PATTERSON, W.M. 282, supported the motion, for the Annual Prov. Grand Mark Lodge to be held at Workington next year.

Bro. P. de E. COLLIN then moved on behalf of Bro. George J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.G.S.D. England, "That the sum of 25 guineas be voted to the Preparatory School Fund." Bro. Collin ably showed the great necessity there was for the different Degrees of the province to be united in supporting this laudable object of Bro. McKay's to place the province in a good position.

Bro. J. C. THOMPSON seconded the motion, and it was supported by Bros. DICKINSON, RYRIE, and PATERSON.

Bro. J. NICHOLSON then moved an amendment as follows, namely: "That there be nothing whatever voted from this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge to the Preparatory School Fund."

Bro. the Rev. E. M. RICE seconded the amendment at length, and it was supported by Bros. ATKINSON, MASON, and several others. On being submitted to the vote, Bro. Collin's motion was carried by a large majority.

Bro. T. ATKINSON, P.G.J.W., next moved, as per notice of motion, "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted on behalf of his Stewards' list."

Bro. COLLIN seconded the motion, and it received a unanimous vote.

With the general routine business appertaining to the Provincial Grand Lodge, it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent spread awaited them, as usual, worthy of the Globe.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given by the Chairman, W. Bro. Col. F. R. SEWELL, D.P.G.M.M.,

Bro. NICHOLSON next proposed the toast of "The D.P.G.M.M.," which was well received by the brethren; as Bro. Nicholson said he was always with them, and, like a good general, always ready.

"The Prov. Grand Officers for the Year" was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and all responded.

With other toasts and a few grand auld songs, a very pleasant evening was spent.

### THE FIRST GRAND STEWARDS AND THEIR LODGES.

By BRO. H. SADLER.  
II.

(Continued from page 349.)

1724, 28th April.

"It is the Grand Master's order that the following Regulations be observed at the next Annual Meeting:—

"1st.—That no wine be opened till dinner be laid on the Table.

"2nd.—That the money or Ticketts be returned to the Stewards about 14 days before midsummer.

"3rd.—That the members of each Lodge sitt together as much as possible at the Grand Feast.

"4th.—That the price of each Tickett shall be ten shillings.

"5th.—That the Company shall have no wine from the Stewards after eight of the clock at night."

These Regulations continued in force for many years after the above date.

"1724, 24th June.

"Ordered

"That the Stewards do prepare a List for the Grand Master's perusal of twelve fit Persons to serve as Stewards at the next Grand Feast, and that they do make up their accounts with all convenient speed, that the same may be audited."

Grand Stewards for 1724—

Capt. Saml. Tuffnell.

Giles Taylor.

Capt. Nathl. Smith.

Richard Crofts.

Peter Paul Kemp.

North Stainer.

Capt. Tuffnell was a member of the "Crown," at Acton, 1723, and Master in 1725; he was also S.W. of the Lodge at the "Bell" Tavern, Westminster, in 1723 and 1725. I cannot identify either of these lodges in 1730 List, and shall be glad if any brother can assist me in so doing.

Giles Taylor was Master of the last-mentioned lodge in 1725. I cannot find that he was a member of any other.

Capt. Smith was Master of the 15th lodge in the 1723 List, then held at the "Half Moon," in the Strand. As only 10 members were returned in 1725, I fear this lodge also dropped out before 1730.

There is a Major Smith in No. 10 of 1730 (now No. 14); but as the Christian name is not given, and the Smiths are rather a numerous family, it is doubtful.

Richard Crofts was a member of the "Rummer" Lodge, 14th in the 1723 List, and this lodge I am unable to identify after 1725.

Kemp is returned as a member of "Half Moon" in 1723 and 1725; but I cannot find his name afterwards.

North Stainer was a member of the "Crown," at Acton, in 1723 and 1725, and was also Master of No. 28, the "Queen's Head," in Great Queen-street, in the latter year; erased before 1832.

We may fairly presume that there was some difficulty in getting Stewards in 1725, for none appear to have been appointed, and the only mention made of them in that year is at the end of the Grand Lodge minutes on the 27th December—

"After the Generall healths were over, one was drank to the Grand Steward, viz., John James Heidegger, and his two Deputies, viz., John Potter and Mr. Lambert, with thanks for their handsome and elegant entertainment."

On looking through the Lists again, I find that North Stainer was a member of the "Anchor" Lodge, in Dutchy-lane, in 1723, now the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, and that Charles Kent was a member of the same lodge 1725, and of the "King's Arms Lodge," St. Paul's, No. 27 in the List. The last-named lodge I am unable to identify after 1730.

I cannot find the names of Bros. Heidegger and Potter in any of the lists, but Mr. Lambert, I presume is the brother who was Grand Steward in 1723, and who prepared the feast for 1726-7. On the 19th December, 1727, a special Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of arranging matters for the ensuing Festival, and the Deputy Grand Master addressed the brethren at great length on the propriety of taking the tickets before the day of the feast, and ensuring due preparation for their comfort.

The following extract will, no doubt, suffice:

"And Brethren that they may be able to do that, I must beg of you to desire your lodges not to think of taking 'em at the Door of the Hall, you cannot but be sensible what a hardship it must be upon your Officers, to be under so great an uncertainty as that must produce.

"If you take that method, give me leave to say you will be Egyptian Task Masters to them; you will set them to make Brick without Straw, and perhaps punish 'em for falling short in their work.

"This should move you upon this point, besides the consideration how much the Reputation and Dignity of the Craft is concerned in having a decent, regular, and orderly Entertainment."

"The Grand Wardens accordingly delivered out tickets to such lodges as were not provided, and they were desired to return what should not be disposed of by Saturday next at furthest to Mr. Lambert at his house in Pall Mall."

It was ultimately agreed to consider at the next meeting how to prevent such irregularities in future. Accordingly, on the 26th November, 1728, after the election of Lord Kingston as Grand Master for the ensuing year, it was decided to have a grand feast at Stationers' Hall on next St. John's Day.

"And Dr. Desaguliers proposed (that in order to have the same conducted in the best manner), a certain number of Stewards should be chosen, who should have the entire care and direction of the said feast (together with the Grand Wardens), pursuant to the printed Regulations, which being seconded by Mr. Collis.

"The Deputy Grand Master desired that all those who were willing to accept the said office of Steward would advance to the Table and declare the same by signing their names before the Chair."

The brethren were evidently in no great hurry to avail themselves of a privilege which is now an object of ambition to many, and is considered a very distinguished honour, for the record says:

"The Earl of Inchiquin was thereupon pleased to offer himself, in a very obliging manner, to be one of the Stewards on that occasion, But his lordship having been so lately Grand Master, the Lodge thought it would be too great a trouble to, as well as too great a condescension in his Lordship to accept of that Office, therefore would not suffer it, But at the same time exprest their utmost gratitude for the great Honour and Love his Lord's had shown for the Brotherhood and the Craft.

"Then the several Brethren hereafter named advanced to the Table and signed their Names respectively, to be Stewards at the next Grand Feast, in number twelve, and in the order following, viz.:

- 1.—Mr. Cæsar Collys of the Lodge at the Rose in Mary la Bone.
- 2.—Mr. John Revis, Master of the "Globe" in the Strand.
- 3.—Mr. Samuel Stead, Master of the St. Paul's Head, in Ludgate Street.
- 4.—Mr. William Benn, Master of the Mag Pye, without Bishopgate.
- 5.—William Tew Do. Do.
- 6.—Mr. Gerard Hatley, of Bishopsgate Coffee House.
- 7.—Mr. Thomas Alford, Master of the Rose and Rummer, in Holbourn.
- 8.—Mr. H. Smart, of the Cross Keys, in Henrietta-street.
- 9.—Mr. Thos. Reason, of Tottenham High Cross.
- 10.—Mr. William Hopkins, Rummer, Paternoster Row.
- 11.—Mr. William Wilson, Ship, Fish Street Hill.
- 12.—Mr. Theodore Chariholme, St. Paul's Head, Ludgate Street.

"The Healths of the twelve Stewards was proposed and drank with twelve, alluding to the twelve signs of the Zodiack, as well as to their number, which they returned jointly in like manner.

The Stewards likewise propos'd Dr. Desaguliers' Health for reviving the office of Stewards (which appeared to be agreeable to the lodge in general) and the same was drank accordingly.

"Then the Deputy Grand Master informed the Stewards he had brought with him 200 tickets ready seal'd, &c., to deliver to such Masters or Wardens of lodges present, as were willing to take them, and several Motions being made concerning the disposal of the tickets, the twelve Stewards elect desired leave to withdraw in order to consider thereof, which being granted them, they accordingly withdrew for some time and being returned,"

"Mr. Collys (whom they had chose for their speaker) reported that it was the desire of the Steward That the Masters of the Lodges present

should take as many tickets now as they thought they could dispose of, and they themselves would take the rest, and be accountable for them on the 18th of December next, and they would meet together next Tuesday to consult further on this affair."

Thanks to Bro. Wm. Reid, the Grand Secretary in 1728, we are for the first time made acquainted with the lodges to which the Grand Stewards belong, and from this period may be dated the present system of selecting Grand Stewards from certain lodges, and of regulating the affairs of the Grand Festival.

The first lodge mentioned, the Rose, at Mary la Bone, is numbered 43 in the official list, for 1728 up to 1740, when it became No. 38, and is now the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28. Bro. Collys was also Master of No. 29, in 1725—the "Lyon," in Brewer Street, now the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14.

The "Globe," in the Strand, I am unable to identify with certainty, but I believe it was erased in 1838.

The Engraved List for 1729 gives the St. Paul's Head as No. 18. I believe the lodge removed to the Crown and Cushion, on Ludgate Hill, before 1730, and was erased in 1744.

I find the name of "Mr. Benn" in a list of 1723 at "Benns Coffee House, New Bond Street, probably his mother lodge. The lodge at the "Magpie," No. 45, in 1728, removed to the "White Hart," Bishopsgate, before 1730, and was erased from the list in 1736.

The lodge at the Bishopgate Coffee House also had but a short life, having been struck off in 1744.

The Rose and Rummer was No. 2 in 1728, and, if I am not mistaken, was one of the lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of England.

The Cross Keys, Henrietta-street, is No. 37 in the List for 1729; it became No. 33 in 1740, and was erased in 1745.

The next lodge mentioned is still in existence; it removed from Tottenham to Cheapside in 1730, and is now the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, the dual name being derived from an union, in 1776, of the Castle Lodge, No. 21, and the Lodge of Harmony, No. 389.

Williams Hopkins, the next on the List, I find returned as a member of several lodges, viz., No. 27, the Crown, behind the Royal Exchange, in 1723, which is No. 22 in 1725, and No. 7 in 1730, now the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10; No. 5 of 1730, erased before 1744; No. 23 of 1730, "Half Moon," in Cheapside, now the Globe Lodge, No. 23.

The "Rummer," Paternoster-row, in 1728 is No. 40 in the Engraved List, which was struck off the roll in 1832.

The "Ship," on Fish-street Hill, was No. 22 of 1728-30. William Wilson is returned as a member in 1725-30. This lodge was erased in 1822.

I cannot find the name of the last brother in any List of 1723 or 1725, and the lodge he is said to have belonged to (the "St. Paul's Head") made no return of members in 1730.

I hope the above analysis will be generally understood; but rather fear that the numerals necessarily employed may render it somewhat complex to the ordinary reader; for this reason I have omitted the different numbers the lodges took at each alteration, and will refer those who desire further information under this head to a most exhaustive and comprehensive work, now in the press, which has been compiled by Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, at an enormous expenditure of time and patience, and which, under the title of "Masonic Records," will give the name, number, place of meeting, and date of constitution of every lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England from its formation to the present time.

(To be continued.)

BRO. SAMUEL POPE, Q.C.

We reproduce from the *World* another sketch of a "Celebrity at Home." This time it is our genial and learned Bro. Samuel Pope, G.D. The same facile pen, we think, has limned him, and those of our readers who have the privilege of his acquaintance, will not fail to recognise the "portrait."

"The history of Parliament Street has been an eventful one since it arose in the early days of the Georges on the site of the "Privy Garden" and "Bowling Green," and superseded gloomy and muddy King Street as the principal thoroughfare between Westminster and Whitehall. Charles James Fox lived there once, and it was there that the *Gentleman's Magazine* was edited, and the luckless Mr. Drummond was murdered by mistake. At present it is almost entirely sacred to the various branches of Parliamentary practice, to engineers and specialists, and to the numerous clients who need their services. The opening of the great temple of British Justice in the Strand marked an epoch in its annals. The migration of the lawyers eastwards compelled the leaders of the Parliamentary Bar to seek a *pièce-à-terre* of their own in close and convenient proximity to the scene of their labours; the lofty pile of chambers, with the sombre and awe-inspiring façade, which Mr. Frederick Haynes had just completed, afforded the most appropriate of sites, and it is here that Mr. Samuel Pope holds his daily consultations during the continuance of the Session. Promoters and opposers, mayors, and town clerks, zealous country solicitors, and voluble witnesses from the north, no longer seek him in the venerable precincts of King's Bench Walk. It is in Parliament-street that they come to claim the traditional quarter of an hour which is always too short for their requirements.

It was at the end of June, and the eleventh Parliament of Queen Victoria was on the eve of dissolution. The parties to the Oldham Corporation Gas and Water Bill, however, did not seem to feel the deep concern which might naturally be expected in Mr. Gladstone's great appeal to the constituencies; the local officials, who had perhaps tempered the severity of their more serious occupations by occasional visits to the "Colonies," the British Museum, the Alhambra, and Drury Lane, thought only of the fate of the Bill and of the disquieting fact that unless the Lords "reported" it in the course of the afternoon there would be no third reading and no Royal assent, and that months of labour and the pleasant trip to London would be alike thrown away. It is certainly to be regretted that you have selected this particular morning to pay a visit to Mr. Pope. Half-an-hour has elapsed since his neat brougham brought him down swiftly from Holland Park. His assistant has already given him—wet and steaming from the printers—the voluminous minutes of the previous day's proceedings, and he is now deep in the perusal of the papers behind the great glass screen which divides the inner sanctuary of Parliamentary practice from the spacious room, which an inscription on the door informs you belongs "Mr. S. Pope's Clerk."

The interest of the various objects around you atone in a measure for the angularity of the chair on which you await the permission to enter which you hardly expect to obtain. A much-trodden-on red tapestry carpet covers the floor; a smoke-begrimed bust of Brougham perched on the top of a cupboard seems much dissatisfied with the companionship of a dusty pile of last year's Parliamentary papers; over the door a faded photograph of the Assize Courts at Manchester (the scene of many of Mr. Pope's early triumphs) faces an engraving of the Bench of the Middle Temple above the mantelshelf, and you are agreeably surprised to see

that eminent juriconsult the Prince of Wales, clad in his robes, and presiding genially over the councils of the grave and reverend signiors of the Bar. A ponderous tin case, devoted to the requirements of Mr. Pope's full-bottomed wig, and a heap of well-marked briefs, almost conceal the features of Sir Theodore Martin and Mr. Bidder, Q.C., on which the face of Mr. Benjamin seems to gaze in affectionate and fraternal regard, while the portrait of Sir Wilfrid Lawson reminds you of the time when Mr. Pope as an apostle of Local Option bade defiance to Lord Derby. Mr. Pope has now mastered the contents of the formidable array of blue papers before him, and Mr. Barlow leaves for a moment the well-marked briefs he is busily engaged in inspecting, to usher you into the presence of the leader of the Parliamentary Bar.

As you enter, your attention is at once arrested by the portly form of the Recorder of Bolton, which amply fills the massive writing-chair behind the desk standing in the opposite corner of the room, and is shrouded by the ground glass in the lower portions of the windows from the inquisitive gaze of the experts and engineers who live on the opposite side of the way. As becomes a consistent Liberal and Home Ruler, Mr. Samuel Pope wears incipient Gladstone collars; his House of Lords attire is kept in the press at the Westminster robing-room, and his working suit is of rough dark tweed. The bulky Oldham brief, the "proceedings," and two or three calf-bound law-books nearly cover the slope on which he writes, and you look furtively around you, while with evident satisfaction he puts a finishing touch to his notes of the argument by which he hopes to induce his Grace of Richmond to place municipal corporations, in the matter of gas supply and profits, under the restrictions which Mr. Forster's committee ten years since imposed on public companies.

The centre of the room is occupied by a long leather-covered table surrounded by rows of serviceable mahogany chairs. A Turkey carpet, somewhat past its prime, is spread over the floor; the solid ledge of the great bookcase, faced with metal lattice-work, and filled with legal lore, affords a resting place for one of Miss Dorothy Tennant's delightful sketches of English ragamuffins, who seem bewildered at the sight of the roomy presidential seat beneath them; near the entrance is a proof of Oules's picture of William Sale, of Manchester, Samuel Pope's earliest and best friend, hung over a portrait of Mrs. Fitzherbert, and in the midst of half a dozen artistic engravings from *L'Art*; a series of Phiz's characteristic illustrations of some forgotten Irish poem hang above the monumental red marble mantelpiece, between two of Hawkins' water-colour sketches of Westminster Hall, and Mr. G. H. Boughton's pretty pen-and-ink drawing of Priscilla; the remaining portions of the gray-green walls are well-nigh hidden from view by the votive-offerings which have come from the studios of Hubert Herkomer, F. R. Stocks, Vicat Cole, Frank Holl, Tristram Ellis, Frederick Goodall, James MacWhirter, Charles Green, and A. C. Gow.

Samuel Pope rises from his place near the window, sinks resignedly into the depths of the roomy seat at the head of the table, banishes for the nonce all recollection of Oldham and its concerns, and talks to you pleasantly of his past life. He confesses cheerily to the sixty years which have frosted his hair; tells you frankly that his father, a well-known Lancashire calico printer, originally destined him for commercial pursuits, and found him a berth in the office of his maternal uncle, a Brazilian merchant in Manchester, where he developed a strong taste for private theatricals and a wholesome admiration for the stage. He relates with undisguised glee the story of his obtaining leave from John Knowles to "go on" amongst the supers at the Theatre Royal, to accustom himself to the glare of the footlights, and of his being on one occasion compelled by an accident to offer his arm to Taglioni as a "pose" during one of her final performances of *La Gitana*. He resisted, however, the strong temptation to adopt the stage as a profession, and by Mr. Sale's advice went to London, to eat his dinners at the Middle Temple and study law. He was "called" in 1858, joined the Northern Circuit, attracted the favourable notice of Chief Baron Pollock, and soon obtained a considerable success. As a defender of prisoners and jury advocate, the traditions of the Circuit regard him as a not unworthy successor of Wilkins and Overend. The defence of Taylor, who was accused of murdering his children at Manchester, and the tact with which he fought the once famous *Porcupine* libel case, were amongst his earlier efforts. In 1869 he "took silk," became a bencher of his Inn, and effectually consoled himself for failing to obtain a seat in the House of Commons by coming suddenly to the front as a Parliamentary lawyer. Mr. Pope owed his introduction to the particular line of practice in which he has become famous to the goodwill of Mr. George Wilson, who was at the same time chairman of the Anti-Corn Law League, and Vice-Chairman of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. The other great companies were not slow in recognising the abilities of Samuel Pope. General retainers rained upon him from all sides; and when Mr. Hope Scott, Mr. Burke, Mr. Venables, and other veterans left the arena, and Sir Edmund Beckett was transformed into Lord Grimthorpe, the favourite of the Northern Circuit mess rose slowly but surely to the foremost position at the Parliamentary Bar. Mr. Pope's native modesty declines to admit as much, but of late years no case before the Committee has been complete without him. In the mighty battle of the Manchester Ship Canal he represented the opposition of the railway companies, and succeeded twice in the Sessions of 1883 and 1884 in procuring the rejection of the scheme. It was only on the third occasion that the promoters, by adopting plans which had been suggested by previous contests, secured the reward of their unexampled perseverance, by obtaining the sanction they so ardently sought for. For obvious reasons, Mr. Pope has not again essayed to enter Parliament, and so misses the ordinary rewards of his profession. He is, however, reconciled to his fate. As the Recorder of Bolton, he has given ample proof of his powers on the bench; as the honorary secretary and moving spirit of the United Kingdom Alliance we recognise his indomitable energy, his power of organisation, and the force of his persuasive oratory. In private life he is the gayest of companions and the most genial of hosts. He is much given to hospitality, the rigid austerity of the "Alliance" notwithstanding, and nothing can be pleasanter to his many friends than a visit to the cosy house amongst the mountains of Merionethshire, which he has named facetiously Hafod-y-bryn, or the Tabernacle on the Hill, where he is to be seen in the character of a model country squire. In spite of a weight of some three-and-twenty stone (which he lately playfully described as "a certain exuberance of charms"), he passes his long vacation in shooting, fishing, farming, and competing for local prizes as an eminent breeder of black Welsh cattle. In London he delights in the society of painters, poets, actors, and the votaries of art and literature. The more favoured of his clients vastly enjoy his luncheons at the Whitehall Club, and his intimate friends delight to dine with him at the Garrick, or at his house in Holland Park. As a hard-working Freemason, and one of the Grand Officers of the current year, he often appears at the convivial banquets of the mystic Brotherhood, where his after-dinner speeches are much appreciated. One shadow alone rests on his otherwise happy life. The talented wife, whose society exercised so considerable an influence on his career, has passed away, and he has never married again.

Mr. Barlow now knocks impatiently at the door; your interview has been most unjustifiably prolonged, and as he calls out abruptly the "Oldham Corporation," the Mayors and Town Clerks of Ashton, Stalybridge, and Mosley, the clerk to the Local Board of Failsforth, and a strong contingent of gas experts troop tumultuously into the room; Mr. Barlow's subordinate removes hastily the books and papers from the desk in the corner to the end of the great table nearest Mr. Pope's chair; Mr. Cripps and Mr. Meysiey Thompson, who both enter simultaneously in a hurry, drop mechanically into their places on either side of their leader; the experts commence to expound vociferously and at once the mysterious figures of their calling; Mr. Pope listens to them with profound attention; and you leave the solemn conclave, on which the whole fate and future of Oldham apparently depends, to the undisturbed enjoyment of its serious deliberations.

## FREEMASONRY IN BENGAL, 1740—1813, &c.

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Dedicated to the W. Bro. Prosonno Coomar Dutt.

Bro. P. C. Dutt (P.M. 234, E.C., &c., &c.), a zealous Craftsman of Calcutta, has kindly sent me, for my friend and Brother John Lane's "Masonic Records" (now preparing), copies of warrants of certain old lodges, for which I have often asked, but without avail, until now. These transcripts (or rather one of them) open up a curious question or point for decision, for if the particulars the present warrant recites be correct, my "Masonic Register" of 1878 is wrong, which is based upon Grand Lodge Calendars, so they are wrong also. To put it clearly, there were 17 lodges granted for Bengal by the regular Grand Lodge known as the "Moderns" from 1740 to 1793, they being numbered respectively 1 to 13 in Bengal, four being excepted from such a renumeration.

They were as follows, with numbers as noted, and as altered—

Warranted.	Numbers from					Town.	In Bengal.	
	1781	1792	1814	1832	1863		To 1792	After 1793
1740	77	70	93	80	67	Calcutta ...	1	1
1752	101	...	...	...	...	Chardanagore ...	...	...
1761	167	143	174	126	109	Calcutta ...	2	2
1768	273	...	...	...	...	Patna ...	3	...
1768	280	...	...	...	...	Burdwan ...	4	...
1772	349	...	...	...	...	Dacca ...	5	...
1772	350	288	365	...	...	Calcutta ...	6	3
1772	351	...	...	...	...	1st Brigade ...	7	...
1772	352	...	...	...	...	3rd do. ...	8	...
1772	353	...	...	...	...	2nd do. ...	9	...
1773	360	292	371	...	...	Muxadavad (Cawnpore)	10	6
1773	361	293	373	...	...	Calcutta ...	11	5
1775	388	316	...	...	...	3rd Brigade ...	12	4
1786	489	399	...	...	...	Futtyghur ...	...	...
1789	555	464	...	...	...	Fredericksnagore ...	13	7
1793	...	528	...	...	...	Chunar ...	...	8
1793	...	529	...	...	...	Cawnpore ...	...	9

A curious local change occurred in 1793, as several lodges had died out; the No. 10 at Cawnpore, so the Return stated to our Grand Lodge, (Bro. Lane tells me) was not in existence, but another Lodge not previously registered, but working apparently from 1793, was put in its place as No. 292, and was numbered 292 in like manner, but locally in the re-arrangement it took No. 6, old eleven becoming 5, and old twelve becoming 4, old No. 6 taking the third position; Nos. 1 and 2 being undisturbed, 7 to 9 falling in as indicated. The new 6 was called "Anchor and Hope." At the Union of the two rival Grand Lodges in December, 1813, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were numbered locally as before (according to my researches) on the revised Roll, but the new 6 of 1793 became 4, and the new 5 of 1793 remained 5, the others being erased.

The "Atholl" Grand Lodge (Seceders) had warranted four lodges, all for Calcutta, viz.—

Warranted.	Numbers from			Name.	No. in Bengal.	
	1814	1832	1863			
1797	315	383	265	218	True Friendship	3
1798	317	402	279	229	Humility, &c.	4
1801	323	410	283	232	Marine	5
1801	325	413	284	234	Anchor and Hope	6

The local numbers, 3 to 6, were taken after the removal from the Roll of 365, 371, and 373 of the regular Grand Lodge, which occurred in 1817.

I have a copy of 218 warrant, but it lacks the original number. This I want badly, for although it was 315 before the "Union" of 1813, it took the place of 301 immediately afterwards. Will some brother kindly examine the document to discover the original number? The warrant of 229 Bro. Dutt has kindly sent me, and also that of 232, both of which accord with my "Masonic Register," and Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," at least fairly, so. But, the real point is as to No. 234, the warrant sent me by Bro. Dutt, or rather copy, printed in the By-laws of A.D. 1885 (being one of confirmation), recites that it was a Modern Lodge, not an "Atholl" Lodge, as all our Calendars state from 1815, (published a year in advance, as now) dating really from 1773, and bearing the numbers of 360 and 292 in 1781 and 1792, as original No. 10, and afterwards 6 of Bengal, also called the "Anchor and Hope," as original 325 of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge! The singular thing also is that in 1814, it is given the number 413, and in 1832, numbered 284, as presumed to be taken by original 325, "Atholl," and thus is now 234, dating from 1801, not 1773. Now, either the recital of the warrant of confirmation is wrong, or, all our Calendars are wrong from 1815. To discover which, I should like to know what light any of the earlier records throw on the subject, prior to December, 1813, for according to our Registers, 292 (in 1792) became 371 in 1814, and died out in 1817. I await particulars with much interest, and hope that some competent brother will find a solution, and that speedily, in time for Bro. Lane's new work.—*Masonic Record of Western India.*

**PATRIARCHAL MASONRY.**—The view of Oliver that Freemasonry represents the teaching of the Patriarchs, in opposition to the unsound teaching of spurious idolatrous Freemasonry, though once widely accepted, is now, in our more critical times, hardly the view of the majority of educated Anglo-Saxon Masons. History and archaeology, criticism and correctness, are all against it. Oliver's theory, strictly carried out, would result in this—that the Hebrew Masonry alone preserved the patriarchal religion. But as Phœnicians and Hebrews worked together, it seems difficult to establish this proposition. It is the difficulty of the theory per se which, no doubt, led Oliver later to take up the Christian derivation of Masonry, which he thought he perceived in the "Disciplina Arcani" and Hermetic Masonry. But both these suggestions also have difficulties of their own, which we confess are to us insuperable. We think that it is safer to assert that Freemasonry, as a secret sodality, preserved much of the primæval teaching of the mysteries, and that the Hebrew colouring, which is very marked, comes through the guilds. It is also just possible that the Tyrian mysteries were more purely primæval than others. That Hermeticism may have preserved some portion of the Masonic Legends, we do not think needful to dispute. But what that Hermeticism is we have yet to learn, if ever we shall clearly be able to master its mysteries.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

**THE MASONIC EXHIBITION AT SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT.**

At a meeting of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, held at the Masonic Hall, Shanklin, on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst., the following were present: Bros. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; John Bailey, I.P.M.; F. Cooper, acting S.W.; F. Rayner, J.W.; L. Colenutt, Sec.; C. H. Moorman, S.D.; A. F. Swayne, J.D.; W. Deeks, D.C.; J. W. Cantelow, I.G.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; Mark Linfield, P.M.; Middleton, Org.; Boehme, A. H. Brown, and T. H. I. Petherick, P.M. 551.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. Richard Young and Mr. G. H. Matthews were introduced separately and initiated by the W.M. according to ancient form. The charge was given by Bro. M. Linfield, P.M., after which the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where, after the banquet, the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair.

The W.M., Bro. ALFRED GREENHAM, rose and said:—Brethren, in proposing "The Health of the Two Initiates this Evening," I do so with great pleasure, independent of being the Master of the lodge and their proposer. What the immediate effect of their initiation is I will leave them to express; but I will dwell for a few moments on the future impressions Masonry will have on them. Some are introduced into its mysteries, and are for a time impressed with the beauty of its ritual, and the lofty conception of its language. These impressions are, however, generally of a superficial character, and fail entirely to grasp or comprehend the great principles on which it is founded, and their identification with Masonry is but of a nominal character, seeing that such members never join a lodge, and cease to belong to the one in which they were initiated. Others I have seen, and I am proud to recall them to my memory, on whom the influence has been great and progressive. Thoroughly imbuing themselves with the spirit of Masonry and catching up with enthusiasm the hidden mysteries of fraternal feeling, which makes strangers akin to us in a moment, they develop the very essence of Masonry, which is working with such beneficial results throughout the civilised world, and what is felt and appreciated by the community at large, finds a more emphasised application in the limited sphere of our own locality. Wherever this is fully felt and appreciated, it largely conduces to the success of a lodge by promoting harmony, and ripening the broad feeling of fraternal regard into personal friendships, which, I trust, will ever be valued by us all, and not weakened by any of us forgetting the elementary principles of our Order—acting on the Square. We have to drink to the health of two initiates whom we are proud to welcome amongst us, and whose associations with intellectual pursuits will develop, I trust, in them an interest to extend their researches into the science of Freemasonry. It speaks well for the future of this lodge that, amid the many difficulties we have had to contend with, there has been a slow accession of strength, and this year it has been so rapid that it is likely to equal the year when most of us were initiated. I know that I have trespassed on the time of the members since my installation by the large amount of work to transact, and that you were fairly entitled to a vacation. In calling this special lodge, it has been with the motive of having two more members on whom I could rely for a large amount of help in arranging for our exhibition. I am sure that some of you have failed to appreciate the immense amount of work there is in connection with it. The last similar exhibition, at Worcester, was undertaken by the province and restricted to Masons and their friends, and I have it on the authority of the Provincial Grand Secretary of Worcester, that had it been open to the public, as ours will be, thousands of shillings could have been taken. I am proud of the help I have received in many quarters. I am proud that I have at my disposal the services of the largest exhibitors in the world, and the greatest archaeological talent in England to illustrate the catalogue. We shall have an exhibition that Shanklin may well be proud of when we consider that the most ancient, the most valuable, and the rarest of articles of Masonry will be open to public view. To ladies and gentlemen of culture, this will be a splendid opportunity of studying some of the exoteric portions of Masonry; it will be an intellectual treat never equalled in the Isle of Wight, and, perhaps, never again to occur. It will afford to the close observer some idea of the peculiarities connected with Masonry, in times gone by, in other countries than our own. I know this is regarded as a very ambitious undertaking, but, whatever my personal ambitious dreams may be, they are buried in the cradle of their birth—the innermost recesses of my own mind; but my ambitious ideas for this lodge being of a somewhat public character—though, perhaps, not inseparable from my Masonic career—requiring the co-operation of others, I feel no hesitation, nor have I ever done so, in placing them fully before you, and if the full measure of success of those designs fall short in the end, we shall, at least, attain it in a greater degree from the higher altitude of our aim. I look forward with a confident hope to a magnificent success, which will redound to the honour of every member who takes part in it; for, recollect, the exhibition will form part of the history of Freemasonry, and our catalogues as a text book for years to come. The name of the Chine Lodge will live in the annals of Masonry and gain a world-wide reputation, and, I trust, when the time for actual work approaches, I shall be joyfully supported by all.

The Loving Cup was then passed round, and "The Health of the Initiates" was drunk with much enthusiasm. Bro. R. YOUNG, in an eloquent reply, alluded to the desire he had always felt to become a Mason, and, however new the mysteries of Masonry might be, Masonry itself was old to him; for generations back his family had been connected with it. The principles of Freemasonry had developed in his heart a deep and religious feeling, which had much to do with developing those kindly fraternal feelings so characteristic of Masonry, and he hoped to become a useful member of the Craft, helping the Master in his approaching undertaking, and promoting hereafter the interests of the lodge.

Bro. MATTHEWS also responded to the toast of "The Newly-Initiated," and remarked that Bro. Young's elaborate speech had left him very little to say. With regard to his initiation, he felt he was only cementing old ties, as his most immediate friends were members of the lodge, and he had, through his relation with them in connection with his particular business, always maintained an interest in their welfare. He hoped he should be a useful member,

and be able, in his present position, more ably to assist the W.M. in his arduous duties in getting out the catalogue for the forthcoming exhibition. Speaking Masonically, he hoped to be able to "compass" some of the great mysteries of Freemasonry, and, although at present a rough stone, by the use of the "mallet and chisel," he hoped they would be able to smooth off some of the rough exterior, and place him somewhat on the "square." He thanked them very much for their kind expressions of fellowship.

**MASONIC PIC-NIC OF THE EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.**

The members of the above lodge, with their lady friends, numbering about 200, left Lime-street Station for Overton Hills, Frodsham, at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The weather at starting was not very promising, owing to a downfall of rain and the threatening appearance of the weather, but the party, nothing daunted, and determined to rally round their newly-installed and much esteemed W.M., Bro. John Galley, assembled in the numbers indicated. Shortly after the arrival of the party at Overton Hills, the weather cleared up and remained beautifully fine all day. Frodsham was reached about half-past eleven o'clock, and the party, as is their custom, at once repaired to the village church, by permission of the vicar, and were addressed by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1886, on their profession as Freemasons, and more especially on the "building of the Temple of old."

Afterwards the brethren left for "Bell Mont," where all arrangements had been made for the comfort of the party by the proprietor, Mr. Rigby. Amongst those present to assist the W.M. were Bros. Councillor John Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R.; John Beesley, P.M., P.G.J.D.; R. H. Webster, I.P.M.; John M. King, P.M., D.C.; J. Boyle, P.M.; Thomas H. Carefull, P.M.; W. Brassey, P.M.; W. Maddox, J.W.; H. M. Molyneux, P.M.; R. S. Milne, Secretary; R. T. Britten, S.D.; Scurr, J.S.; Kite, J.S.; Guilbert, J.S.; and others.

A very interesting programme had been arranged by Bro. R. S. Milne, the indefatigable Pic-nic Secretary, consisting of songs, dances, and other entertainments, which were carried out most successfully under the direction of Bro. Middleton, some of the brethren enjoying themselves rambling about the hills and visiting the various objects of interest, that part of the country abounding in most beautiful scenery. Bros. Webster, P.M., and Carefull, P.M., acted as Masters of the Ceremonies. An efficient band accompanied the party, and contributed much to the day's pleasure, which was reluctantly brought to a close at nine p.m., when the party left for home, arriving at Lime-street at ten p.m. The catering of Mr. Rigby was perfect, a plentiful supply being skillfully served out, under the direction of Bros. Casey, Scurr, and Kite, who were ably assisted by about 20 of the brethren, and some of the ladies, under the direction of Mrs. W. Brassey. The installation and its customary pic-nic have proved most successful.

**SCARBOROUGH FREEMASONS' PICNIC.**

The members of the three Masonic lodges at Scarborough—the Old Globe, No. 200; the Denison, No. 1428; and the Leopold, No. 1760—on Saturday, the 24th inst., held their annual picnic. Ganton, the interesting and picturesque seat of Bro. Sir C. Legard, Bart., was chosen as the rendezvous, and thither the brethren, their wives, children, and friends repaired (owing to some occult reason) in but sparse numbers. The weather was beautifully fine, the arrangements devised and carried out by an experienced Committee (of whom Bros. J. R. Dippie and the Rev. D. Amos were the ruling spirits) were most complete, and it must be a source of mutual reproach and recrimination among the absentees that the attendance was not larger. Nevertheless, those who had embraced the opportunity of spending an afternoon under such happy and hospitable auspices were well rewarded. Various field and rural games were indulged in with hearty zest, the leading feature perhaps of the "outing" being a cricket match played between teams selected by Bros. Dippie and the Rev. D. Amos respectively. The worthy host was included in the latter's eleven, and his well-played score of 74 secured for his side a one-innings victory. In one or two instances it must be recorded that the participants were absolute tyros at the game, and their gyrations in the field added considerably, if not to the enlightenment, at least to the amusement, of the onlookers. A capital tea was provided on the ground by Bro. J. J. Bishop, of the Star Hotel.

**ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE CANDOUR LODGE, No. 337.**

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the members of this lodge held their annual picnic, the place selected being the Dukeries. The party—81 in number—were conveyed from Saddleworth Station in three saloon carriages, starting at half-past seven in the morning. At Salybridge they were taken in hand by the M. S. and L. Railway, and they went round by Guide Bridge and through Woodhead on to Worksop, which they reached at half-past ten, having been three hours on the journey. At Worksop they alighted, and were then conveyed in waggonettes to the Dukeries. This entailed an hour or two's further riding, for the distance was 30 miles. At Welbeck Park the party lunched, and after taking a hurried survey of the beautiful scenery, they started again in waggonettes for Worksop, and on arrival they sat down to an excellent repast, provided at the Lion Hotel. They left Worksop by train at eight o'clock, and arrived at Saddleworth Station at half-past eleven. The day was fine throughout, the company was pleasant, and the scenery grand, and the out was therefore thoroughly enjoyed. The party were riding in the train and waggonettes altogether about nine hours.

**West Indies.**

**TRINIDAD.**—Hervey Lodge (No. 1788). Presentation to Bro. P. A. Inniss, I.P.M.—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held in the lodge rooms, St. Ann's-road, 17th June, Bro. Inniss was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London) in token of the appreciation felt by the brethren for his useful services to the lodge, and his

zeal for Freemasonry in general. A letter from Bro. W. R. Prizgar, the senior P.M. of the lodge, was read by the Secretary, Bro. C. B. Loreille, regretting his inability to attend the meeting on account of suffering from a rheumatic attack, which confined him to his bed. He congratulated the brethren on their generosity and gratitude to Bro. P. A. Inniss, I.P.M., and expatiated at great length on the merits of that brother.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. A. B. Warner, in presenting the jewel, said that in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Prizgar, the senior P.M. of the lodge, who was deputed to present it, it devolved on him to perform the pleasant office. He felt very great pleasure in saying that from his early connection with the Order, fourteen years ago, he found Bro. Inniss a M.M., and from that time until now he could testify to the untiring zeal with which that brother devoted his attention, and the readiness with which he always acquiesced when called upon to do his part for the good of the Order. In pinning on the jewel to the left breast of the brother, in the name of the brethren, he wished him long life to wear it, with honour to himself and credit to the Craft.

Bro. Inniss, in response, expressed the great satisfaction he felt in accepting the jewel, and also thanked Bros. Prizgar and Warner for the very kind remarks they made regarding him. He said that from his earliest connection with the Order he felt a love for the Institution, and he always experienced great pleasure when engaged in anything that could benefit the Craft, and that, although he often encountered obstacles, his arduous assisted him easily to surmount them with the aid of T.G.A.O.T.U. He said that he would not tire the brethren with a retrospect of his Masonic career, but would confine his remarks to the Hervey Lodge in particular. He was happy to say that his connection with the Hervey Lodge had been very pleasant and satisfactory, and if he had laboured hard, it was in hope of reward which sweetens labour, and his reward had been manifold. Seven years ago he had the honour of being one of the founders of the lodge, he also had the honour of being its first Treasurer, and managed with the kind aid of zealous brethren to work it up to a prosperous issue. He next had the honour of accepting the seat of Junior Warden for three successive years, and was afterwards unanimously elected to the chair of K.S., the highest office that the lodge could confer, and now came this tangible gift of a Past Master's jewel to crown the whole; a tribute which he hoped to be able with pride to hand down to his posterity. On the whole he must say that it was very pleasing to say that, although the Hervey Lodge was the youngest of her sister lodges in Trinidad, she had behaved so well, and progressed so nicely, that she actually presented an example to her sisters, and she at that moment stood second to none. One feature in particular he would take notice of was that the Hervey Lodge could congratulate herself that she had never had any disputes with which to worry the Grand Secretary, and this spoke volumes in favour of her members. He concluded by thanking the members generally for the kind sentiments they expressed towards him, and expressed his best wishes for their welfare and prosperity.

Bro. W. D. Gray, P.S.W. of the lodge, R.W.M. of Lodge Eastern Star, No. 368, S.R., said that he felt much pleasure in being present to witness the presentation to P.M. Bro. Inniss. He made a resumé of various circumstances during the past history of the lodge in connection with that brother, and he said that if the Hervey Lodge was now in a prominent position it was greatly due to the exertions of Bro. Inniss, and the gift was richly merited by him.

A royal plaudit was then awarded to Bro. Inniss, I.P.M., to which he responded in very appropriate terms.

After the conclusion of the other business of the lodge, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, among whom were many welcome visitors from the various sister lodges, retired to the ante-room, and, after partaking of some refreshments, retired out doors to display some choice fireworks.

All expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the evening's proceedings, and retired to their respective homes gratified. The weather was most favourable to the occasion.

**BERMUDA.**—Broad Arrow Lodge (No. 1890).

—On the 1st inst. a regular meeting of this lodge was held in its lodge rooms at St. George's. There were present Bros. Alexander Smith, W.M.; James Smith, P.M.; Surgeon H. J. Barnes, S.W.; J. H. Robertson, J.W.; Rev. F. J. F. Lightbourn, Chap.; J. Inkerman Smith, Sec. and Org.; G. Switsur, S.D.; T. Bullock, J.D.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed, two candidates were balloted for and accepted, one of whom, being present, was introduced and initiated in the Degree of E.A. by Bro. James Smith, P.M. Bros. H. Guest and W. Daniels, both of H.M. York and Lancaster Regt., were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in excellent style. This being the first meeting in the new half-year, the accounts for the past six months were read, which showed a balance to the credit of the lodge of £67, after all bills had been paid. During that time 12 candidates had been initiated, and two petitions were on the lodge books for acceptance. The W.M. congratulated the lodge on the success of this half-year, which had already proved more successful than any previous year since the formation of the lodge. The lodge had had its difficulties to contend with; but now he thought he could clearly see a prosperous future before it. The consecration of the Royal Edward Chapter, No. 1890, to be attached to the Broad Arrow Lodge—the charter for which had been received—would shortly take place, and from the interest shown in by the members of the lodge, he had no doubt the chapter would meet with the same success which the lodge had done. The W.M. informed them that he was about to leave Bermuda for a three months' tour in Canada, and he trusted to return to them in better health and with increased ability to labour for the Craft.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren sat down to supper, where a very pleasant time was spent. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and to the newly initiated and raised brethren, had been drunk,

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SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1886.

Original Correspondence. (We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.) MASONIC TITLES. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, In the report of the consecration of a new lodge in West Lancashire, I find the brother who presided in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master designated as "acting R.W.P.G.M."

Clause 120, Book of Constitution, says that "Every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted according to ancient usage by the Grand Master and his Wardens, or in the absence of the Grand Master by his Deputy. If the Deputy be absent, the Grand Master may appoint some other Grand Officer or Master, or Past Master of a lodge to act as Deputy pro tempore."

Query—Did the officer presiding at the consecration of the lodge alluded to act as Deputy or Provincial Grand Master, or simply as presiding or Consecrating Officer, deputed by the Provincial Grand Master to do the work for him?

The Book of Constitutions, clause 79, distinctly says that a Deputy performing the functions of a Provincial Grand Master, shall not acquire additional rank. Does not this apply to a Deputy pro tempore also?—I am, yours fraternally, P.M.

A CURIOUS PARAGRAPH. To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, In looking over some files of newspapers of the last century, I have come across the following paragraph in the London Chronicle, for 17th July, 1766, viz., "On Thursday last the explorers escaped from the Free Masons in Kent, and arrived safe in town, to the great joy of their friends here." Can Bro. Hughan, or some other eminent Masonic historian, explain the paragraph?—Yours fraternally, FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY, P.G.D.



FREEMASONRY AS IT IS. Calcutta: 1886. The lecture was delivered by Bro. Nobin C. Bural, P.M. 234 (E.C.), at the 48th meeting of the Calcutta Emulation Lodge of Improvement on March 27th, 1886, and has been printed by request. The object of the author is to induce brethren to explore the history of the Brotherhood of Freemasons, and to trace the origin and erudite meaning of its symbols; not for them to rest content with the sparse information obtained at initiation, but to use the introduction into the Society as a means for progress and knowledge respecting the esoteric character of the Fraternity. He alludes with justifiable pride and congratulation to the number of Hindoos now in the ranks of the Craft, mentioning our esteemed Bro. P. C. Dutt, who "for nine long years sought to get admittance into the Order," and at last was rewarded with the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Dutt was initiated in 1872, and was the first Hindoo Master to preside over a lodge (1874). Bro. Bural supposes "it was not understood that pure Hinduism has nothing in it opposed to Masonic doctrines," but now

he considers as we do in this Country, that their "admission has proved the right of every good man and true—all things being equal—to admission into the ranks of Freemasonry." In conclusion he remarks that "If England, with its political constitution, social institutions and religious establishments, failed within the space of nearly one hundred years to recognize native society, and raise its status on a par with that of England, it was undoubtedly a misfortune, but, brethren, England's mission has been fulfilled at last. . . . Masons should work in securing the solution of that great social problem—the real and cordial union of all races of men on the Continent of India."



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LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 1306).—The sixth annual summer banquet in connection with this lodge took place at Broxbourne Gardens on Thursday, the 15th inst., and was most successful, the weather being all that could be wished. At the banquet Bro. G. T. Holdom occupied the chair, Bros. T. G. Twinn, S.W., and J. Loftus, J.W., in the vice-chairs. Amongst those present, in addition to the above, were Miss Holdom, Mrs. Twinn, Mrs. Loftus, Bro. Veal, P.M., Mrs. Veal, Miss Veal, Bro. Magrath, P.M., Mrs. Magrath, Master Magrath, Bro. Wooding, P.M., Mrs. Wooding, Bro. McCreddie, Secretary of the lodge; Mrs. McCreddie, Bro. Hansmann, Bro. Dawe, Miss Dawe, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. \$20; Mrs. Myers, Bro. Joslin, Mrs. Joslin, Bro. F. H. Dale, Mr. Quail and the Misses Quail, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Connor, Miss Gill, Mr. Bland, Mr. Bayley, Mrs. Bale, and others.

After the banquet, the Chairman gave the loyal toasts and that of "The Lodge of St. John," which were duly honoured.

Bro. Veal, P.M., then proposed "The Chairman's Health" in flattering terms, and it was drunk with musical honours.

The Chairman briefly replied, saying that as the day was fine, he would curtail his remarks, so that the company might get out into the air.

The Chairman then proposed "The Vice-Chairmen," which also received musical honours.

Bro. Loftus suitably replied. Next came the toast of "The Visitors," replied to by Bro. Joslin, who spoke of the enjoyment he had received at previous summer banquets with the lodge.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" were also toasted and accorded musical honours.

The toast was replied to by Bro. Magrath, Sec., and Bro. Twinn, as Hon. Sec.

"The Ladies" were honoured with customary emphasis, and on their behalf, Bro. F. H. Dale replied, and congratulated himself on the fact that this was the third time he had had the honour and pleasure of returning thanks on behalf of the ladies.

This ended the toast list, and the party adjourned to the garden for boating and other outdoor attractions; and gathered again in the evening and kept up dancing until time to catch the last train to London. Miss Veal and Master Magrath played selections on the piano, and Kalisher's Quadrille Band supplied the requisite music.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—On Saturday afternoon, the 17th inst., the brethren of this popular lodge assembled at Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New road, for the purpose of transacting some important business connected with this lodge in particular, and the Order in general. There was a good muster of the members and visitors present. Among the former were Bros. G. Marsden, W.M.; R. J. Voisey, S.W.; J. Hernaman, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; C. Wilson, Sec.; S. H. Goldschmidt, S.D.; D. D. Mercer, J.D.; T. E. Webb, I.G.; F. W. N. Smith, Org.; Charles Gooding, Stwd.; J. J. Brinton, I.P.M.; R. R. Bryant, P.M.; Dr. C. Gross, R. Elgar, W. G. Andrews, W. Andrews, F. P. Hunt, E. J. Jones, H. H. Hyslop, J. Arnold, Scriven, Bradley, Cockle, H. Crisp, W. E. Crisp, and R. Irvine. The visitors were Bros. W. Brennan, 205, P.M., P.G.D.; C. J. Sparrow, 65; W. M. Parkinson, 237; R. Davis, 1963; J. F. Haddon, W. Preston, 776; G. and J. Ackerman, 65.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded with the solemn and impressive ceremony of the Third Degree, and raised Bro. Henry Hector Hyslop to the position of a M.M. The able manner in which this ritual was conducted elicited unreserved commendations from all present. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Walter Edward Crisp and Hugh Crisp into the mysteries of Freemasonry. This ceremony was equal in impressiveness to the preceding one. Nothing can impart greater pleasure to a lodge than the efficient working of the Master. During the progress of the ceremonies several pieces of music were sung, and the whole character of the proceedings was bright and truly Masonic. The other business immediately connected with the lodge was then discussed, and the proceedings ended in the usual manner.

The W.M., on leaving the Temple, invited the brethren to dine with him, and the invitation was cheerfully accepted. Bro. Venables had prepared a most appetising repast, which all the guests appreciated. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in concise and appropriate terms, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. concluding by proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," to which the S.W., Bro. Voisey, replied. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the exquisite singing of Mrs. Marsden and Miss Yost, Miss Walker, with much proficiency, presiding at the pianoforte.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 26th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Thos. Simpson, W.M.;

J. Lister, S.W.; Schultz, acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; J. Young, I.P.M.; Parkinson, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dorling, being in attendance, was passed to the Second Degree by the I.P.M. Bro. Walls gave notice of motion that the July meeting in future be discontinued. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Herbert, E. M. Lott, Mus. D., and others. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

#### HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).

A meeting of this lodge took place at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 24th inst., when there were present Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S. of W. Middx., W.M.; Axford, S.W.; P. Cheek, J.W.; R. M. Surridge, S.D.; W. H. Burgess, J.D.; H. Webb, I.G.; S. Barfoot, A.D.C.; A. H. Scurrah, A.W.S.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of Wks., I.P.M. and Treas.; C. P. McKay, P.M. 720, Secretary; J. Stubbings, F. C. Joseph, J. W. Ryder, A. W. Gerrard, E. R. Clunn, A. Wace, Dolling, W. D. Dickinson, G. W. Lewis, W. R. Nelson, H. T. Gunner, H. W. Parker, G. Powell, W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507, 1744; F. W. Levander, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx.; and Raymond H. Thrupp. Visitors: Bros. S. Richardson; J. C. Smith, W.M. 1744; C. H. Phillips, P.M. Honor Oak Lodge; J. Andrews; W. Tilling, W.M. 765; R. Ross, I.G. 1744; J. Henning, 1287; Medwin, 192; W. Potter, I.G. John Hervey Lodge; J. B. Reid, 1364; D. McNiven, 1426; T. C. Edmonds, J.W. 1507; E. Storr, P.M. 167; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; H. Dickey, S.W. 1744; and D. Trill, P.M. 720.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of May 1st and emergency meeting July 10th were read and confirmed. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was duly saluted. The audit report was received and adopted. The W.M. then called off the lodge for the purpose of having a photographic group of the members taken on the lawn. The group, which was very carefully taken by Bro. H. Stiles, of Kensington High-street, proved very successful. On the lodge being resumed the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, installed his successor, Bro. C. J. Axford, into the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Cheek, S.W.; Surridge, J.W.; Burgess, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Barfoot, I.G.; Reece, D.C.; A. H. Scurrah, A.D.C.; Clunn, W.S.; and Wace, A.W.S. He also invested Bro. Lovegrove as Treasurer, Bro. Very, as Tyler, and appointed and invested Bro. McKay as Secretary. The W.M. then said he had very great pleasure in presenting the Installing Master and I.P.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, and he was sure every one would agree with him that no brother more richly deserved it than the outgoing W.M., who had worked most arduously during the past year for the benefit of the lodge, and had completed his work by installing his successor in a most impressive and masterly manner. In reply, Bro. Scurrah said, that although he had worked hard, it had been a labour of love, and he was pleased that he had been able to install his successor with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the brethren, and he trusted he should in the future be of some assistance to the lodge, both in helping the W.M. in his arduous duties, and if he could, in any way at any time, be of assistance to any of the brethren, he should consider it his duty and his pleasure to render them all the assistance that lay in his power. Notice of motion was then given by Bro. W. A. Scurrah that the joining fee be increased to five guineas, which was carried unanimously.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Hamlin, the landlord of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received most heartily.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. responded briefly for "The Grand Officers," and in responding for the P.G.M., himself, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, said he was very pleased to be present, and was very glad to see the excellent working of the lodge, and the manner in which the lodge had progressed since its formation two years back. He was sorry he had been unable to visit the lodge since its consecration, but he must congratulate the Installing Master upon the admirable manner in which he had installed his successor, and he should certainly report to Sir Francis Burdett, the P.G.M., the satisfaction he felt at all he had witnessed, and the admirable manner the work of the lodge was being conducted, and the very impressive and masterly manner the W.M. had that day been installed.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said they were all proud to see Bro. Axford in the chair. He was a thorough good Mason, and of a most generous disposition, having given way last year, although it was his right by rotation, for Bro. Scurrah to go into the chair, this alone would always endear him to the I.P.M., and he might rest assured that all he, Bro. Scurrah, could do to show his gratitude he would ever be ready to do.

In responding, the W.M. said he was very proud to preside over such a lodge as the Henry Levander, and would do all in his power to promote the welfare of the brethren, and the success of the lodge.

The toast of "The I.P.M., Installing Master, and Past Masters," was then given, to which the I.P.M. responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, and responded to by Bros. Smith, Henning, Storr, Medwin, Potter, Dickey, H. Stiles, and others, all of whom expressed themselves as highly gratified at the work in the lodge, and the welcome given to them at the banquet.

The toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" was then given, and responded to by Bros. McKay, the Secretary, Surridge, J.W., and Burgess, S.D.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren departed, having spent a very enjoyable time.

#### WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).

The installation meeting of the above grand old lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when some 92 brethren of the lodge and visitors attended to do honour to the occasion. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Akers, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been conferred, Bro. Arthur Cleal, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and right well did Bro. Akers carry out his important

duty. The following officers were invested: Bros. Wellbourne, S.W.; W. Tailby, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M.; Sec.; Grice, S.D.; J. Bell, J.D.; Chasteaneuf, I.G.; G. B. Davies, P.M., D.C.; Mathey, A.D.C.; Deans, Stwd.; and W. Bidgood, Org. The concluding addresses were then eloquently rendered, and the ceremony finished.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Akers with a handsome P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas, and he was also accorded a vote of thanks for the able manner in which he had installed his successor, and after Bro. Akers had returned thanks, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a *recherché* banquet awaited them.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. Denton, P.M. and P.M. 913, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; Applebee, P.M.; Moore, P.M.; Mills, P.M.; Hodginson, P.M.; H. De S. Clarke, Grey; P.M. 706; Beamish, P.M. 1593; T. Butt, P.M. 700; J. Sanderson, W.M. elect 700; C. Stuart, 913; G. Setton, 913; H. Smith, 700; Gardner, 1536; Nunn, 2093; and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. Akers proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in the course of his remarks congratulated the lodge upon the successful manner in which Bro. Cleal had worked during the past, and predicted under his rule another prosperous year for the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren for the trust reposed in him, and assured them that with their support nothing should be left undone by him for the success of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren. He regretted that Bro. Akers would not be in the chair that year, as most probably the warrant for the centenary of the lodge would be granted before his (the W.M.'s) year of office was out, and seeing that Bro. Akers had prepared the case for Grand Lodge it was only right he should see and enjoy the fruit of his labours while in the chair.

"The P.M.'s" was given by the W.M., who, after complimenting them upon the number present, acknowledged their services in the past, and trusted to have their help in the future, as being most necessary for the good management of the lodge. He coupled with the toast the Senior and Junior P.M.'s of the lodge.

Bros. Applebee, P.M., and Akers, P.M., replied in suitable terms, both complimenting the lodge upon the near approach of its centenary, and also commenting upon the sound financial state of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been given, Bro. Percy Beamish spoke in very glowing terms of the advantages of Masonry, the pleasure it gave him in visiting lodges, the practical manner in which Masons could carry out the principles of the Craft in every day life by identifying themselves with works of a philanthropic character, which indirectly afforded relief to their poorer and suffering brethren, and referred more particularly to the approaching street collection of the Hospital Sunday Fund, of which he was pleased to say he met a fellow worker in the W.M., although not in the same district, as he (Bro. Beamish) was President of the Belgravia and Westminster Committee, and the W.M. a worker on the Woolwich Committee.

Bros. S. Clarke and Butt also responded, the former speaking of his long intimacy with the brethren of Union Waterloo Lodge, and although many had passed away, still he was pleased to meet with a very large number, who, with the W.M., he had been connected with for many years.

Bro. Butt, in a very telling speech, referred to the Union Waterloo Lodge being the mother lodge of the district, and the pleasure it gave the representatives of her offspring in the neighbouring lodges to meet the members of the old lodge on every occasion.

Other toasts, including that of "The Officers," which was ably responded to by Bro. Wellbourne, S.W., and Bro. Tailby, J.W., followed.

A great amount of praise is due to the brethren who represented the vocal and instrumental ability of the lodge—Bros. A. Deans, Anson, McQueen, Summers, Gilbert, Bidgood, Brown, Mathey, and De Gray; also Bros. Sanderson, W.M. elect 700; Beamish, P.M. 1593; and Butt, P.M. 700, delighted the brethren with their harmony.

Bro. B. Hancock, 700, presided at the piano, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

#### GRAVESEND.—Lodge of Freedom (No. 77).

The annual festival of the brethren of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Town Hall. Bro. F. Teece was elected W.M. Bros. F. Carpenter was appointed S.W.; J. Spurge, J.W.; W. E. Hollinquin, Treas.; J. C. Biggs, Sec.; A. Bunnett, S.D.; J. H. Willoughby, J.D.; R. J. Beamish, I.G.; E. W. Robins, Org.; the Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., Chap.; F. Mitchell, D. of C.; H. A. Haward, Stwd.; F. Hitchens, Asst. Stwd.; and Martin and Everett, Tylers.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Temple, 22, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. Wm. Blunsum, W.M.; Wm. Robert Roberts, S.W.; E. A. Dow, J.W.; Adolph Pedersen, Treas.; E. Latham, Sec.; C. E. Webster, S.D.; D. Dunkel, J.D.; Wm. H. Veevers, P.M., D.C.; B. Allenby, I.G.; D. Jones, Stwd.; H. P. Cowell, Org.; T. Malcolm, Tyler; Isaac Turner, I.P.M.; Phelan, Prince, Maddox, Storey, Carpenter, Bosworth, Williamson, South, Anderson, Gastrell, Gunn, Kefalas, Pyewell, Reece, Wilkins, and several visiting brethren.

This being the first regular meeting since the installation, it now devolved upon Bro. Wm. Blunsum to exercise his talents as the Worshipful Master of this old lodge, which he did in a most able and courteous manner by passing to the degree of Fellow Craft Bro. H. E. Anderson, a member who bids fair to be a shining light in Freemasonry; in fact, the very superior way in which the Degree was performed at once struck the members present that they would have another of those illustrious names to add to the Downshire roll which has always made the lodge so popular for its high class working, every detail being perfect. The candidate was very much impressed with the beautiful delivery given by the Senior Warden, Bro. William R. Roberts, while explaining the working tools in this Degree. Bro. Isaac Turner, I.P.M., moved, and Bro. W. R. Roberts, the S.W., seconded, that the sum of four pounds be granted out of the funds of the lodge to complete a sum of twenty

guineas, which will constitute the S.W. a Life Governor of that excellent Masonic Charity the West Lancashire. After other small sums had been voted, and a couple of propositions received for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to a substantial repast, to which they did ample justice. Bro. Haydn P. Cowell presided over the musical arrangements.

#### WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).

This last, though not the least important installation meeting of the various lodges in the Woolwich and Plumstead districts, took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. J. Sanderson, W.M. elect of the above lodge, was installed in the presence of a goodly gathering of the brethren, both of the lodge and visitors from far and near. The lodge was opened by Bro. Christopher Sweeting, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. J. Warren, P.M., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and with the usual ceremony placed Bro. Sanderson in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. Naylor, S.W.; J. Swanson, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; J. Miller, S.D.; W. Webber, J.D.; S. E. Southgate, I.G.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., D.C.; J. Warren, P.M., W.S.; Jas. McColough, A.D.C.; G. F. Taylor, A.W.S.; and W. Bidgood, Org. The Installing Officer then gave the explanation of the working tools in the Second Degree from the Sections and the usual addresses splendidly, for which he received a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel at Gravesend (a custom that has been observed by this lodge for the last 16 years in succession with the most gratifying results), where Bro. Hubbard placed before them one of his exquisitely served and *recherché* banquets, for which the pleasant journey had given a rare zest, and which we need hardly say was heartily enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. W. Hobson, P.M.; E. B. Hobson, P.M.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; G. Nichols, W. Bennett, J. C. Carter, W. Baldrey, A. Winbush, A. Sanderson, G. Shaw, H. Smith, J. Carty, E. Bedo, W. Hancock, J. Trodd, J. Bull, H. Palmer, H. Lane, A. Adams, G. H. Porter, H. Tufnell, W. McCoy, W. Ward, W. Long, T. Smith, H. G. Cox, J. Marchant, W. Marchant, Dr. Tees, and A. Fenn, all of the lodge; W. Gardner, W.M. 1900; W. Maule, W.M. 1536; G. W. Mitchell, W.M. 615; A. Cleale, W.M. 13; T. R. Richardson, W.M. 913; E. Palmer, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; H. Mason, P.M. 913; P. McCarthy, P.M. 1076; J. Gardner, P.M. 976; G. Hockley, P.M. 172; J. S. Woolley, P.M. 15; T. Vincent, P.M. 1276, P.P.G. Svd. Br. Surrey; W. Rees, P.M. 913; W. Richey, P.M. 51; J. G. Milbourne, S.W. 13; A. Coudry, S.W. 30; T. Cooper, J.W. 1536; G. H. Campbell, 913; C. Ellis, 913; W. Turvey, 1472; G. Wallis, 172; E. Jordan, 1536; A. Banister, S.W. 1632; T. J. Day, 1227; W. Hone, 957; W. E. White, 212; G. H. Setton, 913; C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, 913; and others.

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

The I.P.M. proposed, in glowing terms, the toast of "The W.M." He said no one could have failed to notice the careful and painstaking manner in which Bro. Sanderson had carried out his duties in the various offices filled by him below the chair, while the admirable and accurate style of his investment of his officers that day bore testimony to his earnest desire to prove himself worthy of their choice. He had every confidence that their W.M. would well sustain the ancient prestige of the Nelson Lodge, and he called upon them to show their appreciation of him by drinking the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

The W.M. briefly responded, and assured the brethren that their confidence should not, if it lay in his power, be misplaced; but rather that they would say at the end of the ensuing 12 months that he was deserving of their approbation. He thanked them heartily for their good wishes.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The P.M.'s," and took the opportunity to present the I.P.M., Bro. Sweeting, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, which was unanimously voted to him at the previous lodge meeting, as a token of the esteem of the brethren, and for valuable services rendered the lodge during the past year that he had presided over the lodge. The W.M., in pinning it on Bro. Sweeting's breast, fervently hoped that brother might be spared for many years to wear it in remembrance of the lodge and its members. Bro. Sweeting, in returning thanks, said the handsome present given him that night proved to him that his endeavours to carry out his duty to their satisfaction had been successful, and he hoped, as the W.M. had kindly said, to live many years to wear it, and then at the end to hand it down as an heirloom to his family.

Bro. C. Hobson responded for the P.M.'s, and said it afforded them very great pleasure to respond, in the sense that they looked back and saw as the years rolled by that every new P.M. that joined their ranks was a credit to the lodge. Although he did not attend so often as he should like to now, yet for 11 years he never missed a meeting, and wished he could be as constant now; but could not. There was one thing they could, however, congratulate themselves upon, and that was that they always had a good muster of the P.M.'s on such occasions as the present, which, at least, showed that they had the interest of the lodge at heart. He tendered his best wishes to the W.M., and wished most heartily that his year of office might be both a prosperous and a harmonious one.

Bro. Butt felt it a proud position to be a Past Master of such a lodge, and to see such a gathering in that noble room. As one of the "regular attendance" Past Masters, he was pleased to see Bro. C. Hobson present, and cordially re-echoed his good wishes towards the W.M.

Bro. Warren was proud of the opportunity afforded him that day of installing Bro. Sanderson, as that brother was the first candidate he initiated during his year of office as W.M. He spoke highly of Bro. Sanderson's qualification, and felt sure that under his rule the prestige of the lodge would be maintained, and, if anything, increased.

"The Initiates" was the next toast, and three brethren, who had been recently initiated at a lodge of emergency, severally responded.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, and Bros. Richardson, Maule, Cleale, Jolly, and Hayes responded.

"The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Naylor and Miller, who returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings, which were interspersed by some good singing, to a close.

**CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).**—On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the annual meeting, installation of W.M. and officers, and Festival of St. John, in connection with the above lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall. In preparation for the event the lodge and ante-rooms had been renovated by Bro. Thos. Sharples, W.M., and they presented an appearance both neat, chaste, and suitable for their special purpose. The walls of the lodge are painted a rich cream with a dado upon the lower portion of a light chocolate colour, a band of blue traceries with gilt flowers runs round the room about midway from top to bottom, relieved at intervals with Masonic emblems, a frieze tracing in three colours hangs from the top of the room, and the dark dado is relieved with a stencil pattern of its own colour. The roof is of deep blue, bespangled with a setting of golden stars. The ante-room has been slightly enlarged, and is decorated in a very suitable manner. Altogether great praise is due to Bro. Sharples for his excellent taste and beautiful work. Lodge 730 has for several years been steadily increasing in number and Masonic usefulness, and has a recognised position in the Craft. The proceedings of Wednesday are still further calculated to bring it into increased prominence.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. T. Sharples and his officers, assisted by members of the Craft. The following Prov. G. Officers were present: Bros. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; Installing Master; Gardener, P.P.G.S. West Lanc.; T. Forrester, P.P.G.J.D.; Blackshaw, P.P.C. Std. Br. Cheshire; Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; James Lawrence, Prov. G.S. West Lanc.; J. M. Kerr, P.P.G.S. of W. West Lanc.; and others.

After the customary business, the chair was assumed by Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec., who immediately placed the remaining officers of the lodge in the hands of the Provincial Officers present. Bro. J. Bradshaw, W.M. elect, was then duly installed according to ancient custom by the Installing Master. This ceremony was conducted by Bro. W. Goodacre in his usual impressive manner. The following officers were then invested with the jewels and insignia of their respective offices: Bros. T. Sharples, I.P.M. and Treas.; L. Eccles, S.W.; G. Tootell, J.W.; T. Forrester, P.P.G.J.D., C.S.; S. Turner, Sec.; J. Monks, S.D.; C. A. Richmond, J.D.; S. Widdows, Org.; L. Fairclough, I.G.; Eatock and Thwaites, Stwds.; and J. B. Whitnell, Tyler. These interesting proceedings being ended, Bro. J. Bradshaw, W.M., presented to Bro. T. Sharples, the retiring W.M., a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, with an engraved inscription setting forth the meritorious services of the recipient, whose acknowledgments were feelingly made. Bro. J. M. Kerr, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G.S. of W. West Lanc., who is about to proceed to India, was called upon by Bro. J. Bradshaw, W.M., to receive a fitting memento of his long connection with the lodge. A beautiful album containing cabinet portraits of the respective members of 730 was given him by the W.M., who feelingly alluded to the Masonic labours of Bro. Kerr, in this and other lodges, and in the Prov. Grand Lodge; he begged Bro. Kerr to accept the gift "in the hope that it would help to revive many pleasant memories of his Masonic career at home, when in a far distant land." The album, which has been made specially for a collection of Masonic portraits, is bound in royal Masonic blue morocco, and worked in Masonic designs in gold, with plain frosted gold clasp. The pages have each an aperture for one cabinet portrait, and are richly illuminated in the Renaissance style, being harmonious in brown and gold, and low toned colours and gold alternately; an arrangement which, in turning over the pages, gives a constantly changing and very pleasing effect, at the same time forming a most effective setting to the photos. The first two pages contain a presentation address.

A third presentation was then made by Bro. J. Bradshaw, W.M., to Bro. John Heald, in acknowledgment of his long and useful Masonic career, and in recognition of his Mayoral position during the present year. The portrait is enlarged from a cabinet photograph of his worship, in Mayoral robes, and is painted in oil on a kit-kat canvas 36in. by 28in.; it is placed in a massive English gold frame. At the foot is a tablet bearing the following inscription: "Bro. John Heald, Mayor of Chorley, 1886. Presented by the brethren of the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, and Townley Parker Lodge, No. 1032."

The recipients of these mementoes each briefly expressed their grateful appreciation and acceptance of them.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Imperial Hotel to partake of a banquet prepared by Mrs. Stansfield in her usual faultless style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured during the evening, and the proceedings were enlivened with songs by Bros. Blackshaw, Heald, Forrester, Withnell, and others. Bro. Koppenhagen distinguished himself as a violinist in a duet, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Mortimer.

**LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).**—This lodge is probably the strongest in point of numbers in the Province of West Lancashire, and it has always had a very high reputation for its good working and its hearty support of the Charities. The meeting on the 21st inst. at Hope-street to install the W.M., notwithstanding the tropical heat, was a most enthusiastic and numerous attended gathering, 30 W.M.'s and P.M.'s being included in the large muster, and decisively proved that there is no falling off in the loyalty of the members. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. H. Webster, W.M., supported by Bros. J. M. King, I.P.M.; J. Boyle, P.M.; T. H. Carefull, P.M.; J. Beesley, P.M.; P.G.J.D.; H. Molyneux, P.M. 155; J. Galley, S.W.; W. Maddox, Sec.; R. T. Britten, J.D.; and others.

Among the unusually large complement of visitors were Bros. W. Bennett, I.P.M. 1570; H. Williams, P.P.G.A. D.C.; Dr. Goodwin, 1035; R. Brown, P.P.G.T.; Jas. Bailey, I.P.M. 667; D. M. F. Gaskin, P.M. 897; W. Franks, G.A. Sec. Bengal; T. Pierpoint, I.P.M. 1393; J. Tarney, 371; J. White, W.M. 249; R. H. Bradley, I.P.M. 249; J. J. Tickle, W.M. 897; R. Foote, P.G.T.; W. H. Jewitt, P.M. 1393; J. Pendleton, P.M. 241; M. Hart, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Chapman, P.M. 1013; W. G. Cronan, S.W. 1289; J. J. Ramsey, W.M. 1299; C. A. Luker, W.M. 241; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675;

T. Wright, W.M. 1182; W. H. Cooke, W.M. 1013; W. Addison, S.W. 1035; B. Holgate, W.M. 1355; Dr. T. Clarke, I.P.M. 673; Dr. R. Robertson, W.M. 786; H. Archer, W.M. 1502; J. C. M'Guire, P.M. 1547; W. H. Veevers, P.M. 574; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Galley, a highly popular member of the lodge, was presented for installation by Bros. J. J. Boyle, P.M., and T. H. C. Carefull, P.M., and the ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. J. M. King, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. R. H. Webster, I.P.M.; R. W. Gow, S.W.; W. Maddox, J.W.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; R. S. Milne, Sec.; R. J. Britten, S.D.; C. H. Ashton, J.D.; J. Mantle, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; D. Jones, E. Kite, D. J. Scurr, and J. Guilbert, Stwds.; and J. M. King, P.M., D.C. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M.

**HOUNSLOW.—Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; Henry Jackson, J.W.; C. A. Waller, Treasurer; W. C. Williams, acting Secretary; S. W. Keene, acting S.D.; J. S. Upjohn, D.C.; W. Watson, I.G.; G. Swann, Stw.; Whatley, Tyler; H. B. Corston, I.P.M.; C. B. Corston, P.M.; H. Blunden, P.M.; C. Woods, J. Morgan Long, W. J. Gardener, John LeWarne, E. Clare, J. Doble, A. Molony, and T. Hiscock. Visitors: Bros. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585; H. F. Frowse, 805; and J. Ellis, 2012.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. M. Long, E. Clare, and W. J. Gardener were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. James Doble was raised to the Degree of a M.M. The W.M. concluded the ceremony in a very able manner. Bro. Molony very efficiently presided as Organist.

All Masonic business being ended, the Worshipful Master received the "Heartly good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel to partake of light refreshments.

**BROMLEY.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1314).**—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Bell Hotel, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. George Bolton was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. Daniel L. Keyse, I.P.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested: Bros. T. Finch, S.W.; H. Gross, J.W.; John Wyer, Treas.; E. Coste, Sec.; E. Elverston, J.D.; H. Kremare, I.G.; H. Sanders, Stwd.; James Kilt, Org.; Wm. Seaman, D. of C.; and Whiting, Tyler.

Bro. Seaman then proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. Daniel Keyse for the very talented and able manner in which the installation ceremony had been rehearsed. The motion was seconded by Bro. S. Carrington and carried unanimously. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a most recherché dinner was served.

After the Royal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers,"

"The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst," was then proposed, and most enthusiastically received. The W.M., in proposing the toast, said that all brethren who had attended the Prov. Grand Lodge must have been struck with the discipline and the attention shown by the P.G. Master; and why? Because his lordship was beloved and respected throughout the whole province, and he hoped that his lordship might be spared many years to preside over the Province of Kent as their Provincial Grand Master.

After this, "The Health of the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes," was proposed, and received by the brethren in a most hearty manner, proving the esteem in which Bro. Eastes is held in the province.

This toast was ably responded to by Bro. Seaman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. Bond, P.M., who was honoured at the last provincial meeting with the collar of Prov. Grand Steward.

The next toast was that of "The W.M., Bro. Geo. Rice Bolton." The I.P.M., in proposing the same, said it was a great day for the Acacia Lodge in having such a brother to preside over them as Master, and was confident he would carry out the duties of W.M. as he had in the previous offices of the lodge.

The W.M., on rising, was prevented for some time responding through the prolonged applause of the brethren, showing the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren. The W.M. thanked them for the kind manner they had received, and responded to the toast of his health, and assured the brethren that nothing on his part should be wanting to make the Acacia Lodge second to none in the province.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said that the Acacia Lodge was always pleased to see a good number of visitors at their meetings, and that every brother of that lodge extended the hand of good fellowship to every one of them.

Several Prov. Grand Officers and distinguished brethren responded, and expressed themselves well satisfied with the lodge working and the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed, and Bros. Carrington and Harvey responded, and begged to thank the W.M. for his kind remarks respecting them, and assured him he could reckon upon their united support during his year of office, and, as he had courteously stated that he was proud of his Past Masters, they would also return that compliment to him.

"The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. D. Keyse," was then drunk, and he was presented with a very handsome jewel from the lodge, and the W.M. observed that no brother ever deserved that jewel more than Bro. Keyse, as he had fulfilled the duties of every office to the entire satisfaction of every brother, and felt sure he would not value the jewel for its intrinsic worth, but accept it as a mark of affection from the brethren.

The W.M. then gave "The Masonic Charities," which was received by the brethren in a most proper manner, and responded to by Bro. E. Coste, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and

acting Secretary of the lodge, who said it gave him much pleasure to reply to that toast, because there was no brother who had done more for Masonic Charities than the W.M., who, on the occasion of the Boys' Festival, took up the amount of £444, and they had all heard that very day that the W.M. had signified his intention to represent that lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.B. Institution for Aged Freemasons, and hoped that he would get plenty of support. It was a proud moment for him when present at P.G. Lodge to see the P.G. Master invest Bro. Bond as P.G. Steward, he having also done great service for several Charities.

"The Health of the Officers" was then proposed. Bros. Wyer, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G.A.D.C., Finch, S.W., and H. Gross, J.W., responded, and assured the W.M. that they would do everything in their power to assist him in upholding the prestige of the lodge.

During the evening the brethren were entertained and highly delighted by some charming singing by Bros. Tremare, Collins, and Groome, and Bro. Kilt presided at the piano, and also sung some very humorous songs, which were greatly appreciated by the brethren, and Mr. Body gave several very splendid recitations.

The Tyler's toast having been concluded, the brethren returned to town by special saloon carriages, placed at their convenience by the kindness of Bro. George Abbot, station master, Cannon-street.

The following were amongst the visitors: Bros. Rowley, P.M. 279, P.G.A.D.C.; Sindall, P.M. 1293, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Vincent, P.M. 1624, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Storr, I.P.M. 167; W. Procter, S.W. 1288; Salmon, W.M. 2077; Jacobs, P.M. 27; Gibbs, W.M. 1613; Kauffman, S.W. 1732; Medwin, P.M. 1613; Kowin, 1613; Ransford, S.D. 1512; C. Smith, J.D. 1445; King, J.W. 1602; Hemming, S.D. 1287; Hunter, 1607; E. J. Coste, 74; Maas, 173; Hilton, P.M. 1351; Bland, 1617; Folson, W.M. 1604; L. Solomon, P.M. 1732; Taylor, P.M. 1624; Wigg, P.M. 1351; Bellis, P.M. 1901; and about 20 others.

**MILLOM.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the new Masonic Hall, Salthouse-road, when a goodly assemblage of the brethren and visitors attended to do honour to the occasion. The ceremony of installing Bro. T. Bowness, P.G.S.W., was performed in a very efficient and impressive manner by Bro. George Hill, P.M., being ably assisted by Bro. J. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., and Bro. Edward E. Atkinson, retiring Master. The installation being over, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Edward E. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. E. Maddern, S.W.; J. J. Cain, J.W.; Rev. W. Barton, Chap.; John Atkinson, Sec.; George Hill, P.M., Treas.; H. D. Sharlow, Org.; R. A. Mitchell, D. of C.; H. F. Fox, S.D.; H. K. Postlethwaite, J.D.; John Bowness, I.G.; T. Walker, R. G. W. Bradley, and James Jackson, Stwds.; and T. J. G. Lewthwaite, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren present, at the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the house of Mrs. Black, Ship Inn, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared. The usual loyal toasts were cordially given and received. Songs, &c., were given by several brethren.

It has been usual during the after-proceedings at the banquet to present a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master, but the W.M. explained that owing to some oversight the jewel was not to hand; the presentation would, therefore, take place at the next lodge meeting in August.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated about ten o'clock.

**WOKING.—Weyside Lodge (No. 1395).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. On the lodge being opened the W.M., Bro. Capt. F. A. Bowles, proceeded to initiate Mr. F. A. Ritson, and afterwards to instal Bro. A. F. Asher, S.W., as W.M. The installation was performed in a masterly manner, well maintaining the high character of the lodge for Masonic work. The W.M., Bro. Asher, appointed and invested his officers as follows, with the exception of Bro. R. Nevill, S.W., who, through domestic affliction, was unable to attend: Bros. Wakley, J.W.; A. W. R. Sowman, S.D.; F. C. Goyton, J.D.; T. Blanco White, I.G.; A. H. Bowles, Treasurer and Organist; and C. T. Tyler, Secretary.

The members and visitors afterwards adjourned, in full Masonic clothing, to a spacious room in the same building, where an excellent banquet was partaken of, under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. A. F. Asher. The brethren present included Bros. F. A. Bowles, I.P.M.; T. C. Eager, P.M.; T. J. Street, P.M.; T. Wakley, jun., P.M.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., Secretary; A. H. Bowles, P.M., Organist; A. W. Berry, P.M. 919; R. E. H. Goffin, Headmaster United Westminster Schools; Sowman, Gayton, Campbell Mason, and F. A. Ritson. Visitors: Bros. T. Edward Barrow, P.M. 1095; Frederick Flood, P.M. 1149; R. J. Albery, 1928; W. M. Duckworth, P.M. 1928; T. J. Nalling, P.M. 51; W. C. Noyle, Chaplain 1046; J. W. M. Piggott, P.M. 777; W. Sowman, P.M. 51; H. Botting, P.M. 777; W. Sexton, 1321; J. Curnow, 2033; and H. J. Bidwell, 2120.

Messages were sent Lord Onslow, P.G.S.W., and Bro. Arnold regretting that other engagements prevented their being present.

The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, the feature of the evening being the presentation by Bro. Wakley, in the name of the members of the lodge, of a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) to Bro. Tyler, a well deserved recognition of the services of an indefatigable Secretary and able Mason. The muster of members and visitors at the installation and banquet was unusually large.

**KINGSTON - ON - THAMES.**—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the members of this lodge were summoned, but very few obeyed the summons. The weather was very hot and cloyed, and those who have had experience of what the lodge room is, when fairly well filled, under such atmospheric conditions stayed away. Thus it was that lodge was opened with nine only within the walls. The officers present were Bros. J. W. Moorman, W.M.; J. Drewett, S.W.; G. Moorman, J.W.; W. Drewett, S.D.; Humphrey, J.D.; and Abel Laurence, P.M., Sec. Bro. Aldridge, P.M., Treas., and a few other brethren put in an appearance during the evening.





A warrant has been granted by the M.W. Grand Master for a new lodge, to be called the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168. The first Master is Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer and Treasurer of Christ's Hospital. Bro. S. Eccleston Gibb, ex-M.P. for East St. Pancras, is to be the S.W., and Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M. 1364, M.E.Z. No. 22, and Hon. Sec. of the Logic Club and Charities Association, the first J.W.

Her Majesty will hold an investiture of the Order of the Bath at Osborne on Monday next.

Bro. R. Palmer Thomas, W.M. elect of the Mozart Lodge, will be installed on Saturday, the 7th prox., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught landed at Milford Haven from the Royal yacht Osborne on Saturday last, and proceeded on a visit to Lord Cawdor at Stackpole-court.

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

According to the accounts issued, Bro. Admiral Sir W. King Hall, the state of whose health was causing considerable anxiety to his friends, has been improving, his condition being as well as could be expected.

Great preparations are being made at Londesborough Park for the celebration during the week after next of the coming of age of the Hon. Francis Denison, eldest son and heir of Bro. Lord Londesborough.

Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., the chief Conservative Whip, was one of the numerous visitors who called on the Marquis of Salisbury at his residence in Arlington-street on Monday, after his lordship's return from Osborne.

Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, distributed the prizes won by the successful pupils of Leamington College, on Monday, a numerous assemblage, composed principally of ladies, being present on this interesting occasion.

We have received a communication cautioning the brethren against relieving Keighley Robert Keighley, formerly of Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 959, as not deserving of assistance. He is now "traveling" through the midland counties.

Mr. Evan Evans, until lately partner of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, died on Sunday last, and Bro. Evans has left London for Wales in order to attend the funeral, thus rendering necessary the cancelling of his various engagements.

Bro. Lord and Lady Ashbourne, and Bros. the Marquis of Headfort and Lord Stalbridge, were present in the Crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday, when a bust to the late Bro. the Earl of Mayo, Viceroy of India, was unveiled by Lord Cranbrook.

A cheque for £100, being the sum collected in Dr. James Aveling's "Mechanical Begging-boxes" at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, has been forwarded through Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen to Bro. the Lord Mayor towards the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Bro. Sir John Macdonald, the Premier of the Dominion of Canada, and Lady Macdonald arrived at Port Moody on Saturday, after a journey of close on 3500 miles. Their Excellencies were received everywhere along the route with the greatest rejoicings.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their daughters, visited Wimbledon Camp on Saturday last, when the Princess distributed the prizes to the successful competitors. The Royal party were enthusiastically cheered both on their arrival and on leaving.

Bro. T. W. Boord, who has been re-elected M.P. for Greenwich, has acknowledged receipt of a highly congratulatory address on his success, and expresses the hope that the course of political affairs, especially in Ireland, may run more smoothly henceforth.

We are requested to state that there will be no meeting on Tuesday evening next, 30th prox., of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, which is held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., but on the evening of Tuesday, 10th prox., Bro. E. A. Francis, Preceptor, will occupy the chair, when it is anticipated there will be a goodly assemblage of the brethren. The usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held after the labours of the lodge are ended.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., the "Busy Bees" Dramatic Society gave a performance of that well-known comic drama by Palgrave Simpson, entitled, "A Scrap of Paper," at the Novelty Theatre, in Great Queen-street. The piece was rendered with an energy and spirit far above the usual style of amateur societies. Mrs. Lennox Browne, the indefatigable secretary, deserves the highest praise for the success of her efforts. The play, which was well mounted, was received with every demonstration of approval by a highly appreciative and fashionable audience, and we must congratulate Messrs. Nathan and Son on the success which has attended them since they have had the management of this theatre.

A link connecting the Germans of to-day with Goethe and those with whom Goethe associated has been severed by the death, at the mature age of 89 years, of Friedrich Johannis Frommann, of Jena, who may be described as the father of the German book trade. With Frommann's father Goethe was on very close terms of friendship, for Minna Herzlieb, one of the poet's flames, to whom he addressed some of his songs, was the foster daughter of Frommann, senior. The friendship with the father came later to the son, and lasted till Goethe's death. The house of F. J. Frommann at Jena was full of mementos of Goethe and the times in which he lived—furniture, plate, china—all dated from early in the century, and upon the walls hung pictures of Goethe's friends, Luise Seidler and Angelica Kaufmann. Frommann took a pleasure in allowing favoured guests to drink tea or coffee from a cup painted by Goethe's hand.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand of Hants and the Isle of Wight will take place at Southampton on the 19th prox.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey had a garden party at Normanhurst Court, near Hastings, on Monday, when a numerous and distinguished company were present.

The laying of the foundation-stone of Mr. Blakeney's Buildings, Whitehall-street, Dundee, took place on Wednesday, 22nd inst., with Masonic honours, the ceremony being performed by the Hon. Frank B. Lyon, of Glamis Castle, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided at a meeting of the Liberal Unionists, held at the offices of the Association, on Saturday last. The same day Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., was present and spoke at a garden party given to those Conservatives who had taken an active part in the election for the West Derby Division of Liverpool.

In our report last week of the Lion and Lamb Summer Festival, we described it as the "first." This, we are informed, is far from being correct, as Bro. George Kenning, when W.M., took a party of members, with ladies, numbering nearly one hundred, to Sevenoaks, and since then there have been several outings in connection with the lodge.

Bro. John Mills, of Mark Lodge, No. 213, was on Wednesday, the 21st inst., invested a Grand Steward at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at Cokermonth, and at Dykes's Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, held at Worlington, on the same day, Sir Knt. John Mills was appointed and invested as H.P.

The Queen, accompanied by the Empress Eugénie and the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, witnessed the naval operations in the Solent on Friday, the 23rd inst., from the Royal yacht Alberta. Her Majesty passed along the line of ships to the Eastward, and subsequently watched the attack by torpedo boats on the Colossus, returning to East Coves at the conclusion of the operations and reaching Osborne towards 7 p.m.

The brethren in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois are endeavouring to establish a Widow and Orphans' Home, and to that end a report and several thousand copies of proposed bye-laws have been circulated. A Committee has been established to take the matter in hand and a start will very shortly be made. The amount received in the shape of fees, dues, and donations, already exceeds 5000 dollars (£1000), and there is reason to believe that in a short time the Home will be commenced.

Bro. Brook, jun., of Hoddam, who has lately been affiliated with the Caledonian Lodge, No. 238 (S.C.), Annan, has presented to the lodge a massive and handsome Master's chair, made of dark oak and polished. The chair was placed in the lodge, and occupied by the R.W.M. for the first time last week, when, after Bro. Brook had formally made the presentation, the R.W.M., Bro. Dr. Cox, acknowledged, on behalf of the lodge, in appropriate terms, the generous character of the gift.

The centenary meeting of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Bro. Col. Crease, C.B., R.M.A., W.M., will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at the Masonic Hall, High-bury-street, Portsmouth, at which Bros. Lord Lathom and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke will attend. A banquet will subsequently take place at the George Hotel, High-street, and it is expected that there will be a very large attendance.

The members of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, meeting at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, have just purchased a very magnificent banner, manufactured in silks and gold wire, by Bro. George Kenning, London. The handsome needlework of the lodge's crest (a copy of the ancient Borough seal) is a work of art in itself, and on Monday night at the regular meeting the whole was very much admired.

We are informed that there will be no meeting to-morrow (Saturday) evening of the Industry Chapter of Instruction, which is held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E.; but on the evening of Saturday, the 7th prox., Comp. Moody, M.E.Z. 1326, will occupy the principal chair, when the chapter will be opened at 7.30 o'clock, and all Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at the Mansion House, on Monday evening, the members of the Courts of the Leathersellers' and Pewterers' Companies, Bro. Sir Albert and Lady Woods, Bros. J. H. Puleston, M.P., Ex-Sheriff Sir W. A. Ogg, and Alderman and Sheriff Evans being among the principal guests. Bro. General Brownrigg returned thanks for the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces."

The First Summer Festival in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will take place on Wednesday, the 11th August next. Saloon carriages will be attached to the 10.50 train from Waterloo for Windsor, and thence by steam launches for a trip up the river Thames, returning in time for dinner at the Star and Garter, Windsor, at five o'clock. Luncheon, &c., will be provided on board the launches. Full particulars as to tickets, &c., for ladies and brethren to be had of the Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

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

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

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming accounts of the cholera and the prevailing diarrhoea should be a warning to everyone to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best physic during the autumnal season, when decaying fruit and unwholesome vegetables are frequently deranging the bowels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action to the dangers of diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera.—[ADVT.]

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held at Canterbury yesterday (Thursday). A report will appear in our next issue.

The Queen, on her way to Balmoral next month, will stay at Holyrood Palace during her brief sojourn at Edinburgh, for the purpose of visiting the Exhibition.

Bro. F. T. Bennett was installed W.M. of the Rose and Lily Mark Lodge, at Waltham, on Saturday last. We hope to give a report of the meeting in our next.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince Albert Victor and Princess Louise, dined with the Earl and Countess of Cadogan, at Chelsea House, on Friday, the 23rd inst.

Bros. Lord Ashbourne, Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, and Morgan Howard, O.C., M.P., were among the principal guests at the banquet given by the Drapers' Company to our Colonial and Indian visitors on Wednesday.

Bros. Lord Herschell, the outgoing Lord Chancellor, and Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., attended the meeting of the Liberal Leaders held at the residence of Bro. Earl Granville, in Carlton House-terrace, on Tuesday.

Bros. Sir E. W. Watkin, Bart., M.P., and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., were among the guests at the banquet given to the Colonial and Indian visitors by the Master and Wardens of the Salters' Company on Tuesday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will present the prizes at the Aldersgate Schools at 11.30 a.m. this (Friday) morning, and those of the City of London School at 1 p.m. In the evening his lordship will dine with the Committee of Schools at the Albion, Aldersgate-street.

We regret to announce the death at the advanced age of 83 of Mr. John Monckton, solicitor and Town Clerk of Maidstone, and father of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Town Clerk of the City of London. The funeral, which was numerously attended, took place at Maidstone Parish Church.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House, on the 23rd inst., of the Committee for the Relief of Distress among the unemployed, when it was stated that the amount subscribed was £78,629, and the number of applicants for aid 40,950, of whom 31,153 were relieved.

Bro. Sir G. O. Trevelyan, Bart., through the requisition to him to stand as Libe al Unionist candidate at the fresh election for the Leith Burghs, caused by the double return of Mr. W. E. Gladstone for that seat and Midlothian, has declined the invitation, and Mr. Jacks, the late member will be the candidate.

The following are the principal Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, namely, Bros. Mortimer Nye, G.M.; Isaac P. Leyden, D.G.M.; Thomas D. Long, G.S.W.; Jacob J. Todd, G.J.W.; Martin H. Rice, Grand Treasurer; and William H. Smythe, Grand Secretary. The receipts of the past year were 33,110 dollars, and the disbursements including 14,000 dollars in respect of the debt, 21,738 dollars.

The Directors of Perry and Co., Limited, Steel Pen Makers, have resolved to pay on the 1st September, out of profits, an Interim Dividend on the Ordinary Shares for the first six months of this year, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, free of Income Tax, being at the same rate as for the corresponding period last year. The half-yearly dividend on the Preference Shares will be paid as usual at the fixed rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

It is announced that Bro. Lord Halsbury will resume the Lord High Chancellorship of England, and Bro. Lord Ashbourne the Lord Chancellorship of Ireland in the new Ministry, that Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill will be Chancellor of the Exchequer and leader of the House of Commons, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, Bro. Sir F. Stanley, Secretary of State for India, and Bro. Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the members of the Metropolitan Board of Works at dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the principal guests being Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Chairman of the Board, and Bros. Aldermen Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P. In the morning his lordship presided at the distribution of prizes at Christ's Hospital, the other principal personages present being Bros. F. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Alderman Savory, and Sir John Bennett, and Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Treasurer of the Institution, and Mrs. Allcroft.

ENGLISH MANUFACTURES.

By the courtesy of Mr. F. Dovey, we paid a visit to the establishment of Messrs. Urch and Co., Saddlers, &c., to the Queen and Royal Family, also to H.H. the Viceroy of Egypt and H.M.'s Government of India, at 84, Long-acre; and on inspecting the workshops we were struck with the thoroughness of every branch, all being carried out in true old English manner; all first-class workmen, no machines, and every item of material of the very finest quality, the harness leather being well grown, beautifully curried, and only the prime backs being used. The saddle department is very interesting, because saddle building almost verges on art. The saddle trees are all made by this firm for their own use. The pigskins are well selected, and finely marked with the true hogskin grain. We noticed here the latest improvement in a safety stirrup bar, which, when applied to ladies' saddles, prevents the occurrence of those dreadful accidents caused by the rider being dragged by the stirrup after a fall. Here are also made military, Indian, and Colonial saddles, for which, indeed, this firm has become famous. Passing on to the horse clothing, we were pleased to see again only genuine hand-work, and the materials all of the best, while the shape of the whole suits insure a perfect fit. The stock of harness is very large and replete with every kind, from the humble village pony harness to the handsome trappings for State occasions. In the other departments will be found every requisite for the horse and stable, brushes of every kind, &c., &c., and a varied and well selected stock of whips. The opinion we formed on leaving was that, at least in the manufacture of saddlery and harness, English workmanship as represented by such firms as this, may well hold its own among the markets of the world.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, August 7, 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 31.  
Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Public Hall, Southend-on-Sea, 12.30.

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, AUGUST 2.  
Lodge 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court.  
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Cecora, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, at 8.  
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.  
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
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, AUGUST 3.  
Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 2054, Wilson Hles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross.  
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 Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
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, AUGUST 4.  
GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.  
Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
" 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.  
Mark Grand Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-sq.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Marc-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, AUGUST 5.  
Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at 1.45.  
Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.  
Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond-rd.  
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Marc-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, AUGUST 7.  
General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
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