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OUR readers will learn with regret that R.W. Bro. Earl PERCY has placed in the hands of his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER his resignation of the important office of Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, to which he was appointed in 1869 by the late Earl of ZETLAND. His lordship, who was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1866, has taken a very active part in the proceedings of the Craft from the very outset of his career as a Mason. He is Past Provincial Grand Officer of Oxfordshire, was Grand Senior Warden of England in 1869—the year of his appointment to be chief of our Northumbrian brethren—and a Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, and has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite; while, as regards the province over which he has presided during the last 17 years, the nature and extent of the beneficial influence he has exercised may be judged from the large increase in the number of lodges that took place under his auspices. At the time of his installation as Provincial Grand Master there were 11 lodges in Northumberland; at this present moment of his resignation there are 21 lodges. It is clear that Bro. Earl PERCY must have done his work well and thoroughly, while the respect and affection in which he has always been held by the Northumbrian Masons is conclusive testimony to his merits as a ruler. But it is our duty not only “to speed the parting,” but likewise “to welcome the coming,” guest. Bro. Earl PERCY carries with him into his retirement from the more active pursuits of Masonry the heartiest good wishes, as well as the sincerest regards, of all true brethren, and Bro. Sir MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., who has been appointed his successor, will be all the more heartily welcomed, and all the more loyally assisted in the performance of the duties which have been newly assigned to him by the Prince of WALES as Grand Master, because he bears the character of a man of great ability, both socially and politically, and is well versed in all that relates to the direction and control of our lodges.

WE must offer our hearty congratulations to Bro. Sir HORACE JONES, Grand Supt. of Wks., on whom, as City Architect, the QUEEN has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood. Bro. Sir H. JONES has held his important civic office since 1864, when he was elected successor to the late Mr. J. B. BUNNING by a majority of votes over his most formidable competitor. The chief works carried out from the designs, and under the supervision, of our respected brother, are the Central Markets, which are certainly worthy monuments to his skill as an architect. Bro. Sir H. JONES was appointed to the post of Grand Supt. of Works in 18 in succession to Bro. JOHN GIBSON, and necessarily had much to do with the restoration of the Grand Hall after the damage caused by the fire in May, 1883. Thus Grand Lodge is not only indebted to him for the skill and ability he has shown during his career as a Mason—a skill and ability which H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER most graciously recognised when he conferred upon him his present office—but it has benefited materially by his professional knowledge and experience, and the brethren, therefore, will be inclined to appreciate, more highly than in ordinary circumstances, the distinction he has received from her MAJESTY.

THE Province of Dorset, which has long been favourably known for its generous support of our central Institutions, has had a local organisation of its own for some few years, which enables it to do much good among those of its members or their families whom adverse fortune has overtaken, without materially reducing the amount of its subscriptions and donations to the general Charities. We have just been favoured with a copy of the sixth annual report of the “Dorset Masonic Charity,” and the tale it tells is most creditable to the Province as a whole, but more especially to those brethren who have had the chief hand in establishing and maintaining it. Thus, the abstract of accounts for the year ended the 30th June, 1886, shows that the capital account, together with the donations received during the year, amount to upwards of £2140, the whole of which has been carefully and advantageously invested. The interest and dividends during the period of

the account amounted to close on £92, and the annual subscriptions from members to about £43, making the total revenue available for the relief of distress £135 and a fraction. The grants made to three widows and two brethren amounted to £85, and sundry small payments to within £3; the balance in hand at the close of the year—after allowing for the balance brought forward from previous account—being £74 10s. 1d. These figures show that during the six years the Dorset Masonic Charity has been established, the Committee of Management, under the presidency of Bro. MONTAGUE J. GUEST, Prov. G.M., must have carried out their duties in a most efficient and successful manner. The expenses appear to be of the most trifling character, while the capital accumulated in so brief a period of time is very considerable. Moreover, a large amount of substantial assistance has been dispensed, the total of the sums granted to poor brethren and the widows and children of brethren between the 1st July, 1881, and July, 1886, inclusive, amounting to £325. In some few of the cases thus assisted the money has been devoted towards the expenses of apprenticeship, either in paying the necessary premium or in maintaining the apprentice during his period of service; and a desire is expressed in the report that the efforts of the Charity may be further directed towards rendering this class of assistance on the ground that “no other object affords so good a return for charitable work as giving to the young a good preparation for the battle of life.” However, without going further into details, which can be better obtained from the report itself, we may state that the present position of this Association is a healthy and an assured one. It has rendered substantial assistance already in those works of benevolence which are the end and aim of its existence, and the brethren of Dorsetshire, from their respected Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. M. J. GUEST down to the initiate of only yesterday—but in an especial degree our worthy Bro. E. T. BUDDEN, who is the Secretary and moving spirit of the Association—deserve, all of them, in their several degrees, the hearty congratulations of the whole Masonic community for the able manner in which they have carried out their self-appointed task. We trust the Dorset Masonic Charity has a long and beneficial career before it, and that whatever it aspires to do in the name of Charity, will be done as successfully in the future as it has been done in the past.

WE regret to hear that the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association is not progressing so favourably as its friends and promoters could have wished. It is true that Herefordshire is a very small province, with only four lodges on its roll; but these consist of members of precisely the same or similar character and standing as the lodges of other and larger provinces. But it appears from the report presented at the recent annual meeting of the Association that a majority of the brethren who in 1882 completed their first subscription of £5 5s. have not continued or renewed it, in spite of the strong appeals made to them to do so. However, the hope is expressed—and we most cordially endorse it—that many of the original members will rejoin during the coming year, when, of course, the ability of the Association to extend its benefits to our Charities will be increased. Still, it is satisfactory to learn that since its establishment, in 1878, over £540 has been remitted to our Institutions, the Boys’ School having received 210 guineas (£220 10s.), the Girls’ School 160 guineas (£168), and the Benevolent Institution 145 guineas (£152 5s.), namely, 75 guineas for the Male Fund and 70 guineas for that of the Widows. It is a pity that steps are not taken to have these contributions passed on to the Institutions by the medium of brethren acting as Festival Stewards. In such case Herefordshire, instead of figuring mostly, as it has done, among the absentee provinces, would appear as a regular contributor.

THE Portsmouth brethren appear to have had a grand meeting on the 31st ult., when the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, celebrated its centenary. R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, who was supported by his worthy Deputy, Bro. J. E. LEFEUVRE, G.J.D. of England, and a large muster of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, took a leading part in the ceremony, while the respected and popular Dep. Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of LATHOM, was fortunately able to snatch a brief respite from his political labours in order to be present at the interesting proceedings. The Phoenix was constituted at the George Tavern, now the George Hotel, Portsmouth, on the 20th May, 1786, the warrant being authorised by H.R.H. the Duke of CUMBERLAND, G.M., and THOMAS HOWARD, Earl of Effingham, Acting, or as we now say, Pro, Grand Master. It cannot be said to have experienced any serious vicissitudes of fortune. It has numbered amongst its members many exemplary Craftsmen, and its career generally has been one of which any lodge would have just reason to be proud. We un-

derstand that a brief sketch of its history was read by Bro. J. R. HAYMAN, P.M., in the course of the meeting, and we hope some day to have the pleasure of reviewing a full account by him or some other competent member. We have a strong belief in the value of lodge histories, and though the materials it may be enabled to furnish may be few and even meagre in particulars, we consider it almost the duty of every lodge to have some account, that can be regarded as official, compiled, especially when it has lived and worked long enough to be entitled to receive a centenary warrant. The Phoenix, as we have said, was constituted in May, 1786, and is the only one on the "Modern" side of the English Craft, which has survived out of the lodges created that year, the three others which date from it, namely, the East Medina, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight, the Domatic, No. 177, and the Antiquity, No. 178, Wigan, being all of "Ancient" origin. We should gladly have given a report of the proceedings, but the lodge, in the exercise of its discretion, appears to have been anxious to avoid anything like publicity. The few facts referred to here, in respect of the celebration, are derived from a contemporary local paper, and the historical facts from our own sources of information.

LONGE nomenclature is not a subject that often engages our attention. We manage this part of our duty very quietly and comfortably in England, it generally happening that the first we hear of the style and title borne by a new lodge is from reading the account of its consecration. Founders are, no doubt, hard put to it at times for an appropriate or becoming title, and we dare say the GRAND MASTER would demur to accepting one which set at naught his and the general sense of respect for the proprieties of Masonic life. But it invariably happens that a proper designation for a new lodge, to which no reasonable being would dream of taking exception, is ultimately found, the only faults to be urged against our lodge nomenclature being that the names are occasionally uncouth or rugged to the ear, and that sometimes a brother is honoured by having a lodge named after him, who, though worthy enough in himself, is not quite worthy of so signal and so enduring a compliment. It seems, however, that in other jurisdictions the question of lodge names is considered as of some importance. Last week, for instance, we quoted from the *Voice of Masonry* a passage relating to the consecration of a new lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. From this it appears that the lodge was ultimately designated and consecrated as the "Doric" Lodge, while the name originally proposed for it was the "Forrest." But the Board of General Purposes having passed a resolution to the effect "That no lodge be named after a living person," the GRAND MASTER refused his consent to the lodge being named the "Forrest," and it was therefore changed to the "Doric." It strikes us that this interference, first of all, of the Board of General Purposes, and then of the GRAND MASTER, with the members of the new lodge in their choice of a name is somewhat childish. We know nothing about the Bro. FORREST after whom it was proposed at the outset to name the new lodge, but we are justified in assuming that he is worthy of such an honour. That being so, and the name being as unobjectionable as the brother, we fail to see what business it was of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Master to interfere in the matter. We recognise that, no matter how distinguished and respected a brother may be, there is always the possibility—albeit in the majority of cases a very remote one—that at some future time he may become less distinguished and less entitled to respect. But should that unfortunately happen, there is no need to perpetuate his name in connection with any lodge, nothing more being necessary than that the members, if they consider the matter of sufficient importance to justify any action at all on their part, should obtain the sanction of the authorities for changing its name to something else. What is needed in matters of this minor kind is, that, subject to certain broad and general, yet well-defined, conditions, there should be as little interference as possible on the part of the executive with the course pursued by private lodges and their members. Let private lodges manage as much as possible of their own concerns without the intervention of Grand Masters and Boards, and the common sense of the brethren, as well as their natural sense of propriety, will see them well and successfully through their labours.

WE hear that Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, P.G. Treasurer, is about to initiate his son, Mr. H. B. MARSHALL, jun., who has just attained his majority, into Freemasonry, and that the newly-made brother, who is already a Patron of all our Institutions, will follow in the footsteps so clearly marked by his father, by supporting and aiding them at their annual Festivals. The news is welcome, for it is good news, and intimately concerns one who, in the eight or nine years of his connection with our Society, has done splendid suit and service to the English Craft, and above all to its Charities.

WE hear that preparations, on a magnificent scale, are in progress to commemorate the centenary of the separation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the "Atholl" Grand Lodge of England; the resolution offered by Bro. C. E. MEYER, at the last Grand Lodge, being most enthusiastically carried (vide *Freemason*, August 7th, 1886.) The important event took place on September 25th, 1786 the Prov. Grand Lodge of Philadelphia having been until then, within the fold of the seceders or "Ancients," the original warrant, lost en route, was dated 15th June, 1761, the one which came in force being signed on 20th June, 1764. Freemasonry began in Philadelphia about 1730, the first Prov. Grand Master for any part of America being the R.W. Bro. Colonel COXE, who was appointed to preside over Pennsylvania, as well as New Jersey and New York. The Grand Lodge has already celebrated the *third* jubilee of the introduction of Freemasonry into the State, that commemoration occurring on 24th June, 1882.

The early lodges and Prov. G. Lodge of the "Moderns," so-called, have all passed away, however, the province being under the influence of the "Ancients" from 1764, and until its independence, in 1786, was one of the most successful Bodies established by the ever active Seceders. The first lodge warranted by the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England for Philadelphia was No. 69, in 1758, the first for any part of America being for Nova Scotia, in December, 1757. The Craft flourishes in the "Keystone" State, the statistics exhibiting almost double the number of lodges and members now, to those on the roll in 1866.

THE *Freemasons' Journal* (New York) states that the old charter of the Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, was displayed for the first time for many years on June 17th. The original warrant was issued in 1760, and was replaced by another in 1789. For reasons stated the second document has only lately come into the hands of the lodge, and the members have obtained permission to make use of it, instead of the much later one of confirmation.

WE are very pleased to note that Bro. HERMAN G. CARTER has been re-appointed Grand Librarian, which confers a position and office in the Grand Lodge of New York. The Grand Master and brethren unite in expressing their indebtedness to their Grand Librarian for his devotion to duty, and his most zealous labours on their behalf. The collection of curiosities, started under Bro. CARTER'S auspices is rapidly becoming quite a feature of the library.

THE list of Officers of Grand Lodge, New York, includes the names of 29 District Deputy Grand Masters, whose duties correspond to those performed by our Provincial and District Grand Masters, only no officers are appointed as in our provinces. One District Deputy Grand Master has charge of the lodges working in German, and another for those speaking French, Spanish, and Italian; so that all needful arrangements are made to obtain efficiency under the rule of M.W. Bro. F. R. LAWRENCE, one of the best Grand Masters that have ever occupied the Masonic Throne in New York.

CONSECRATION OF THE JOSHUA NUNN LODGE, No. 2154, AT HALSTEAD.

Freemasonry in Essex during the last few years has been making rapid strides, both in regard to its efforts in support of the Charities of the Order, and also as to its numerical strength. Since the advent of Lord Brooke to the Provincial Grand Mastership of the Province, five lodges, with an aggregate of 200 members, have been added to the roll, and on Saturday last a sixth was consecrated, bringing up the number of lodges in the province to 25.

The new lodge is called the Joshua Nunn, a name well known in Masonic circles, both in Essex and the country generally, Bro. Nunn (who now resides at Bocking Hall) having been for many years connected with the Board of Benevolence, first as Vice-President, and more recently as President. He is also a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School, and has for many years taken an active part in all good works connected with Masonry.

The lodge is numbered 2154. Bro. Joshua Nunn's name naturally headed the petition, as W.M. designate, the other signatories being W. Bros. Vero W. Taylor, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.W., S.W. designate; J. J. Cavill, W.M. (second time) 1312, J.W. designate; V.W. Bros. R. G. Kellett, P.M. 1312, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; E. H. Inman, P.M. 1312; and Bros. George Copus, Mark Gentry, and Thomas Adams.

On Saturday last a large number of brethren assembled to witness or assist in the consecration of the new lodge. It had been announced that the ceremony would be performed by Lord Brooke, but at the last moment his lordship telegraphed that he had been detained, and his place as Consecrating Officer was ably filled by V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., D.P.G.M. of the province.

On taking the chair the D.P.G.M. appointed the following officers pro tem.: Bros. Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.W., S.W.; Andrew C. Durrant, W.M. 276, P.G.J.W., J.W.; Rev. Thos. Stevens (Vicar of Saffron Walden), Chap. 1280, Chaplain; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec., Secretary; Albert Lucking, G.P. Eng., P.G.D.C., D.C.; A. J. Dudgeon, P.M. 2006, P.G.S.D., I.G.

After the usual preliminaries, the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly explained the object of the meeting. They were, he said, all aware of the purpose for which they were gathered together—it was to consecrate a new lodge in that province and in that town, under circumstances which rendered it peculiarly interesting. The consecration of a new lodge of Freemasons was always an interesting occasion, but there in that town of Halstead they were about again to bring the habitation of a lodge, after a lapse of something like thirty years, during which time the town had been without the advantage of having a lodge meeting there. He need scarcely say that at this stage in the history of Masonry in England, and particularly in this province, the granting of a warrant of constitution by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master was not a matter which was lightly regarded. The brethren who sought to constitute themselves into a lodge had to show some real need for the foundation of a lodge, and some prospect that the new undertaking would be successful, before a warrant was granted. On this occasion the need had been testified, and the success, as they trusted, assured. The M.W. Grand Master had, at the instance of their respected and esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, granted a warrant, which was the foundation of their proceedings that day. It was granted at the request, as they knew, of a very old brother in the Craft, one whose Masonic record was a record of honour to himself and of usefulness to the great cause they all had at heart—fitly, therefore, the lodge was to bear the name of Joshua Nunn. (Applause.)

An oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was given by the acting CHAPLAIN. He said:

The consecration of a new Masonic lodge, marking as it did an extension of the Order, ought to recall to their minds the principles which formed the foundation of Freemasonry.

There could be no doubt that Freemasonry was growing in popularity in England; but this circumstance was not without its dangers. It was a pleasant thing to belong to a popular institution; but they must not forget that Freemasonry had its duties as well as its privileges. Freemasonry was a system of morality, and from each lodge, new or old, as from a centre, should radiate the beams of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The outward signs and symbols of the Craft were nothing in themselves, unless they led the mind and heart to the things which they signified and symbolised. Those symbols, many and various as they were, had all one great aim and object, which all might and should recognise—the fear of God, the Great Architect and Geometrician of the Universe—and next to this, blending with this, the good of their fellow-men, especially their brethren in Masonry. The practical duties of Masonry were bound up with and set forth continually in its ritual. They might, too, on a day like that, recall with advantage the fact that they were not only Freemasons, but English Freemasons. The wide, broad principles of the Craft were not of one country more than another, but for every time and for every place. They were as catholic as they were immutable; they had been handed down to the Freemasons of the present day from the remotest antiquity, and they had been upheld by men of every race, colour, and tongue. But, granting this, they knew that the development of those principles might be hindered or advanced by surrounding conditions—the moral, or social, or religious atmosphere under which they existed. In some respects they in England might congratulate themselves upon the conditions by which they found themselves surrounded, especially perhaps in two important particulars, viz., their relation to religion as professed by the great mass of their countrymen, and their relation to the State. All must regret that by one great section of the Christian Church Freemasonry was excommunicated. There was no reason why this should be. Here in England Freemasonry asserted in the most emphatic manner its sacred character—there was nothing required of them as Masons in the slightest degree at variance with their duty as Christians. The Institution was founded on the solemn sanction of the sacred law, and, without formulating any definite statements of doctrine or belief, maintained zealously those good works which were enjoined on all, and was a ready helper in all godly and philanthropic undertakings. As to their relations with the State, as Freemasons they had no politics. The established and constituted order of Government in this country had no more loyal supporters than among Masons, and it was inconceivable that any danger should arise to the State from a body of men of the character of English Freemasons. In conclusion the Chaplain expressed the hope that the blessings of the Most High would rest upon the new lodge at Halstead, and that its members might be distinguished, not alone by the excellence of their working, but by their fidelity to the grand principles of the Order, so as to be a source of strength to the Province of Essex, and a means of furthering the great aims and objects of their ancient and honoured Brotherhood.

The customary ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and was impressively performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The music was excellently rendered, under the direction of Bro. Chas. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O., who was assisted by Bros. John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; E. Gowers, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.O.; and A. S. B. Sparling, W.M. 51; Bro. J. Adams presiding at the organ.

The lodge having been dedicated and constituted, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master installed Bro. Joshua Nunn as first Worshipful Master. Bro. Nunn then invested his officers as under: Bros. Vero W. Taylor, S.W.; J. J. Cavill, J.W.; M. Gentry, S.D.; T. Adams, J.D.; E. H. Inman, Sec.; R. G. Kellett, D. of C.; and G. J. Copus, I.G. The election of Treasurer and Tyler was postponed.

On the motion of Bro. KELLETT, seconded by Bro. M. GENTRY, Bro. Cavill was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, having expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Brooke, proposed a vote of thanks to the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers for their kind assistance in the consecration of the lodge. Although they all deplored the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, they would agree with him that the ceremonies had lost none of their impressiveness through being performed by the esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Applause.)

Bro. VERO W. TAYLOR seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. CAVILL, Bros. F. A. Philbrick, the Rev. T. Stevens, T. J. Ralling, and A. Lucking were elected Honorary Members of the lodge.

Bro. PHILBRICK briefly thanked the lodge for this mark of esteem to himself and the other P.G. Officers, and expressed the hope that the new lodge would have a very successful career.

Between 40 and 50 brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

It may be interesting to mention that the lodge furniture has been all presented by the founders. Bro. Joshua Nunn gave a handsome bible, with silver square and compasses, and a set of solid silver officers' jewels and Tyler's sword; Bro. Vero W. Taylor, the officers' collars; Bro. J. J. Cavill, kneeling stool and cushion; Bro. R. G. Kellett, tracing boards; Bro. Gentry, oak candlesticks; Bro. Copus, oak pedestals; and Bro. Inman, dirk for I.G. and box.

The lodge that formerly met at Halstead was called the "Lodge of Confidence, No. 662." The warrant was granted in 1838 for the lodge to meet at the Angel Inn, but it was subsequently removed to Castle Heddingham, and, after a somewhat chequered career, lapsed in 1855.

The brethren who attended the meeting on Saturday besides those above mentioned included—

Bros. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G. Chap. Eng.; Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, P.G. Treas.; A. C. Veley, P.M. 276, P.P.G.J.W.; George Corble, P.M. and Sec. 453, P.P.G.J.W.; B. L. Tandy, I.P.M. 1280, P.P.G.S.W.; C. H. Vincent, P.M. 1823, P.P.G.R. Suffolk; Frank Whitmore, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.D.; John Corble, I.P.M. 453, P.G.A.D.C.; J. T. Bailey, I.P.M. 697, P.G.P.; J. P. Lewin, W.M. 1543, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, W.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; John Noyes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; Joseph Grimes, I.P.M. 51, P.G.S. of W.; J. F. Hills, P.M. 1224, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; F. W. Jennings, P.M. 1224, P.G.S. of W. Suffolk; James E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. H. Ellis, W.M. 1977, P.G. Std. Br.; L. Loyd, P.M. 1201; C. W. Grimwood, P.M. 1224; George Hollington, P.M. 933; W. Strutt, Treas. 1977; Rev. J. P. Britton, 433, P.P.G.C.; Fred Horsman, J.D. 51; A. J. Dixie, J.W. 453; M. W. Meade, S.D. 1977; H. J. Skingley, J.W. 697; F. C. Atkinson, J.D. 376; F. W. Frigout, S.D. 171; T. Winniatt, J.W. Org. 276, P.G. Org.; M. Read, D.C. 1224; J. M. Turner, Stwd. 1977; W. Sargent, 1332; W. L. Barrett, 1319; F. A. Renshaw, 453; J. George, Stwd. 1224; Herbert Roberts, 811; George Metson, Tyler 1312; and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, R.W.P. G.M. Essex, held a special Provincial Grand Lodge at Southend, for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonial the foundation stone of the Church of All Saints, which is to take the place of the temporary iron structure now in use.

The proceedings commenced at the Public Hall, where a large number of brethren assembled, and on his lordship entering with his officers he was received with much applause.

The R.W.P.G.M., in explaining the object of the meeting, said their gathering was somewhat of a unique character, for, as far as could be gathered from the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge, only on two previous occasions had the Freemasons of Essex assembled for a similar purpose. The first of these was at Colchester on the 8th August, 1853, when the foundation stone of the Church of St. Mary Magdalen was laid; and the other was at Southend on the 21st May, 1872, when the corner stone of the new chancel of the Church of St. John was laid with Masonic ceremonial. His lordship added that he felt sure that they, as Masons, could not be better occupied than in promoting the erection of a building to the honour of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the motion of the P.G. TREASURER, seconded by Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B. Eng. (acting as D.P.G.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.), the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Building Fund; and it was also agreed that the sum of two guineas should be left on the stone for the benefit of the workmen.

A procession was then formed in Masonic order, and marched to the site, a distance of about a mile, where the stone was laid according to ancient Masonic form, the acting officers being Lord Brooke, R.W.P.G.M.; Bros. B. L. Tandy, G.S.W.; F. R. Hales, G.J.W.; the Rev. Henry Hayes, P.P.G.C., as G. Chap.; Andrew Durrant, G. Treas.; Thomas J. Ralling, G. Sec.; John Glass, G.S. of W.; and A. Lucking, G.D.C. The silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to his lordship by Mrs. Burnett, wife of the vicar.

A religious service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. BURNETT, the Archdeacon of Essex, the Rev. H. F. JOHNSON, Rector of Chelmsford, reading the lesson—Ezra iii., 10-11. The Archdeacon also delivered a short address, in the course of which, after thanking his lordship and the Masonic body for their attendance, which had added brilliancy and dignity to the proceedings, he congratulated the Vicar and congregation of All Saints' upon this happy commencement of a much-needed work. The district had been increasing rapidly, and a more permanent Church was required than the temporary one in which they at present worshipped. He thought that those who had charge of the work were wise in commencing with a beautiful chancel, because his experience was that where this was the case a nave was sure to follow. In conclusion the Ven. Archdeacon expressed a hope that those engaged in the work would be free from accident, and that all might be spared to attend the consecration of the new church.

During the singing of the "Old Hundredth," purses were deposited on the stone, many of them by little girls, and as the procession passed out of the enclosure an offertory was made at the gates. A phial containing current coin of the realm, and a copy of the *Times*, was deposited under the stone.

A luncheon afterwards took place at the Institute, the vicar presiding, supported by Lord Brooke and the Archdeacon of Essex. There were also present a large number of ladies and gentlemen. In the course of the proceedings, the Vicar stated that the financial result of the day's proceedings, was upwards of £130.

The brethren present during the day included—

Bros. Lord Brooke, P.G.M.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B. Eng., acting as D.P.G.M.; B. L. Tandy, I.P.M. 1280, P.G.S.W.; F. R. Hales, I.P.M. 650, P.G.J.W.; Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, P.G. Treasurer; Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; F. P. Sutherby, P.M. 276, P.G.S.D.; F. Dorrell Grayson, I.P.M. 1000, P.G.J.D.; John Glass, P.M. 453, P.G.S.W.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 1000, P.G.D.C.; Charles Beaumont, I.P.M. 1343, P.G.A.D.C.; W. J. Thompson, 1457, P.G. Org.; John Hutley, I.P.M. 1024, and John Taylor, jun., I.P.M. 1817, P.G. Std. Brs.; and T. S. Sarel, P.G. Tyler.

Most of the lodges in the province were also represented.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Essex was held at Chelmsford, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke. His lordship arrived from Easton Lodge, Dunmow, at 12.45, and was met at Chelmsford Station by W. Bro. Andrew C. Durrant, W.M. of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, and was driven at once to the Saracen's Head Hotel for luncheon.

Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock at the Shire Hall, his lordship being assisted by the D.P.G.M., V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., and the other P.G. Officers.

The minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge last year at Saffron Waldon, and those of the Especial Prov. G. Lodge at Southend, on the previous Saturday, having been read and confirmed, letters, expressing their inability to attend, were read from V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; W. Bro. B. L. Tandy, P.G.S.W.; W. Bro. Richard Clowes, P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.G.S.W.; and others.

The roll of lodges was then called over, and it was found that all the twenty-four lodges comprising the province were duly represented. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read an abstract of the lodge returns for 1886, which showed that there were 1139 subscribing members, as against 1109 last year, an increase of 30. The contributions from the lodges showed a falling off, but this was accounted for by the fact that in the previous year there were some exceptional sources of income. The report of the Auditors showed a balance in the hands of the Prov. Grand Treasurer of over £93.

The report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by Bro. F. Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.G.S.W., and was of a very satisfactory character. The candidates supported by the province had been carried; and the votes owing by the Committee had been very much reduced.

The Calendar Committee's report was to the effect that, after paying for the cost of production, there was a small balance in hand. It was decided to continue the publication another year, several brethren speaking in high terms of the usefulness of the book.

Both reports were adopted.

The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren. His lordship expressed his great pleasure in once more meeting the brethren of the province, and thanked them for the cordial support they had always accorded to him. The returns showed an increase in their roll of members, and though there was a falling off in the contributions, that was fully accounted for. The province, he was glad to say, had, as usual, liberally supported the three central Charities of the Order, the aggregate contributions of the year amounting to £593. (Applause.) During the last four years Essex had contributed to these Charities the handsome sum of £3425. (Applause.) While on this subject, his lordship said he should ever remember with gratitude the handsome support the province accorded to him when he presided at the Girls' Festival. The report of the Charity Committee was very grati-

fyng. The way in which the candidates which had been sent up from the province had been elected was due, no doubt, to the loyal support of the brethren; but it was also in a large measure owing to the fact shown by those who kindly represented the Committee at the elections, and he thought the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge were due to them for the time and trouble they gave to the work. (Applause.) After referring with satisfaction to the very successful meeting they had at Southend the previous Saturday, his Lordship said that on the succeeding Saturday they were to consecrate a new lodge at Halstead. It was always a pleasure to see Freemasonry extending in the province, but at the same time the granting of new warrants was always the subject of much consideration, and the brethren might rely that no new warrant would be sanctioned that would in any way interfere with existing lodges. (Hear, hear.) He believed they were doing right in establishing a new lodge at Halstead, and he sincerely trusted that the brethren of the province would support him on Saturday at the consecration. (Applause.) Having commended the calendar to the favourable notice of the brethren, and expressed his thanks to the Prov. G. Secretary for the trouble he had taken in connection therewith, his Lordship announced that he would hold the Prov. Grand Lodge for 1887 at Romford. (Applause.) In conclusion his Lordship expressed his thanks to the Chelmsford brethren for the excellent arrangements they had made for the reception of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. F. B. SHEPHERD, P.M. 276, P.P.G.C., seconded by Bro. A. C. VELEY, P.M. 276, P.P.G.J.W., Bro. Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year.

The R.W.P.G.M. then announced, amidst much applause, that Bro. F. A. Philbrick had kindly consented to continue to act as his Deputy, and his Lordship expressed his indebtedness to Bro. Philbrick for the kind help he had given to the work of the province.

His lordship then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bros. F. W. Imbert-Terry, I.P.M. 214	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" A. C. Durrant, W.M. 276	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Henry Stevens, Chap. 1280	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. Marriott, Chap. 1000	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Andrew Durrant, P.M. and Treas. 276	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" James Salmon, W.M. 2077	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. J. Dudgeon, I.P.M. and Sec. 2006	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" H. R. Heasman, P.M. and Sec. 1437	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Joseph Grimes, I.P.M. 51	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" John Corble, I.P.M. 453	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Joseph Clever, P.M. and Treas. 2005	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. C. Sewell, P.M. 1457	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. H. Ellis, W.M. 1977	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" T. Winniatt Smith, Org. 276	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Alex. Rattray, I.P.M. 1543	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" J. T. Bailey, I.P.M. 697	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" George Riches, P.M. 433	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. R. Dawson, W.M. 1000	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. Lightowlers, W.M. 1817	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" R. J. Warren, P.M. 1437	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. G. Maskell, S.W. 276	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Wilson Metcalfe, J.W. 276	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Edward Durrant, Stwd. 276	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. S. Sarel, 276	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. E. G. LEWIS, I.P.M. 2077, seconded by Bro. J. J. CAVILL, P.M. 1312, P.P.G.D., Bro. James Salmon, W.M. 2077, P.G. Reg., was elected to serve on the Charity Committee in place of Bro. F. Wood, who retired by rotation.

The P.G. SECRETARY explained that Bro. Wood's valuable services would not be lost to the Committee, as he was an ex-officio member by reason of the amount of his contributions towards the Charities.

The following grants were voted: £10 10s. each to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Chelmsford Infirmary, and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the W.M. and brethren of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, for their excellent arrangements for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge; to the Great Eastern Railway for the facilities they had given; and to the County Magistrates for the use of the Shire Hall.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and about 60 brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

During the after proceedings, Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Sparling, and T. Winniatt Smith performed a choice programme of music.

The brethren present during the day included:

Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. Lord Brooke, R.W.P.G.M.; Fred. A. Philbrick, D.P.G.M.; F. R. Hales, I.P.M. 650, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. Thomas Stevens, P.G. Chap.; Andrew Durrant, P.G. Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; F. P. Sutherland, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.D.; Albert Lucking, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.D.C.; Charles Beaumont, P.M. 1343, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. J. Thompson, P.G. Org.; John Huntley, I.P.M. 1024, and John Taylor, jun., I.P.M. 1817, P.G. Std. Brs.; and Bro. T. S. Sarel, G. Tyler, Bros. A. S. B. Sparling, W.M.; Joseph Grimes, I.P.M.; E. Hennemeyer, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; John J. C. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.O.; C. Osmond, P.M., P.P.G.O.; George Harrison, P.M., S.W.; R. Howard Ives, P.M., P.P.G.A. Sec.; and Joseph Hanly, 51. Bro. G. H. Baxter, 160. Bros. F. Imbert-Terry, I.P.M. 214; A. C. Veley, P.M., P.P.G.W.; F. Whitmore, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Arthur Mead, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M., P.P.G.C.; A. G. Maskell, S.W.; W. Metcalfe, J.W.; W. Langham, S.D.; T. Winniatt-Smith, Org.; Edwd. Durrant, Stwd.; T. R. Jarvis, John Taylor, F. H. Meggy, H. W. Tanner, J. C. Creswell, W. H. L. Pattison, and J. W. Hair, acting Sec., P.P.G.R., 276. Bros. J. E. Wiseman, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.A.D.C.; and Geo. Riches, P.M., 433. Bros. Alfred Buck, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. Corble, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.J.W.; John Corble, I.P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; and Alfred J. Dixie, 453. Bros. F. R. Hales, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; and A. G. Parsons, S.W., 650. Bros. Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. T. Bailey, P.M.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.P.G.C.; Thomas Rix, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Thomas Eustace, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Robert Smith, P.M.; H. J. Skingley, J.W.; L. F. Manley, F. Dupont, and W. Jelley, 697. G. R. Dawson, W.M.; Fred. Wood, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. C. Marriott, Chap. 1000; C. S. Blyth, W.M.; Edmund Gowers, I.P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. W. Ker, J.W.; and C. R. Finch, 1024; the Rev. Thos. Stevens, Chap. 1280; J. Nunn, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. J. Cavill, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. G. Kellett, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; and Wm. Bright, 1312; Chas. C. Potter, W.M.; and Henry Burnett, J.W. 1341; Thos. Humphreys, W.M.; H. R. Heasman, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Beeson, P.M.; W. Burroughes, I.P.M.; Robt. J. Warren, P.M.; G. B. Gilbey, J.D.; and Henry T. Hardy, Stwd. 1437; Thos. T. Nunn, W.M.; G. C. Sewell, P.M.; and H. J.

Day, I.G., 1457; J. P. Lewin, W.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R.; F. J. Snell, P.M., P.G.R.; Alexander Rattray, I.P.M.; and W. Rowe, S.W. 1543; F. J. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. 1734; Henry Finer, W.M.; G. Canler, J.W.; and J. H. Reeland, 1799; T. Lightowlers, W.M.; and G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br. 1817; S. H. Ellis, W.M.; G. A. Eustace, Sec., P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. Shawyer, J.W.; W. Strutt, Treas.; M. W. Meade, S.D.; W. Rudrum, J.D.; G. F. Smith, jun., P.P.G.O.; J. Blyth, and J. Grout, 1977; G. H. Finch, W.M.; and Joseph Clever, Treas. 2005; A. J. Dudgeon, I.P.M., Sec. 2006; John Dean, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. 2063; James Salmon, W.M.; E. G. Lewis, I.P.M.; T. J. Wondrow, S.W.; Edward Lawrence, George H. Smith, and W. E. Fraser, 2077. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; Joseph Pickering, 1239; W. Giffard Devey, 15; and F. C. Atkinson, 376.

We have much pleasure in appending in full the Report of the Charity Committee of the Province, referred to in the course of the proceedings as having been unanimously adopted—

In our last report to Provincial Grand Lodge, 13th August, 1885, the province was indebted to Benevolent and 20 Boys' votes. These have been paid. On September 2nd the Committee met at the chambers of the V.W.D.P. G.M., Bro. Philbrick in the chair, 16 representatives being present, when, after full deliberation, it was unanimously resolved that the support of the province should be given to Bessie Ann Gardner and Flora Richardson at the election in October, 1885, on which occasion your representatives are pleased to say they succeeded in securing the election of Bessie Ann Gardner, by polling 1543 votes for her, and 413 votes for Flora Richardson—making a total of 1956 polled.

We received 298 Girls and 400 Boys votes from brethren in the province, 134 outside, and borrowed 1115; sent through post to the office, 9. Our liability at the conclusion of this election was 66 women, 8 men, 432 boys, 663 girls—1169.

A circular, dated 3rd March, 1886, giving details of this election, was issued, and we regret that an apparent serious omission has since been brought to our notice, the cause of which we can only explain as follows—that the missing proxies were doubtless exchanged, or disposed of, in discharging our liabilities before a note had been taken of them, which is borne out by the fact that not one of the missing proxies is accounted for by us among the names recorded in the list shown in the circular, and we consider it only just to ourselves, and to those who kindly sent the proxies, that the circumstance should be made known.

The Committee again met on the 3rd March, 1886, at the chambers of our Chairman, Bro. Philbrick presiding, and 14 present, when it was unanimously resolved that the support of the province be given, first, to Flora Richardson; secondly, to Violet Annie Bell; and as far as possible to Harry N. Angier. At the election on the 10th April, 1886, we secured the election of both girls.

We received from Essex	...	461	Boys and	349	Girls.
Outside	...	32	"	71	"
		493		420	

Total from Essex	...	913
Borrowed	...	1367
		2280

Less I.O.U.	...	669	repaid.
		1611	

Polled by friends and other sources	...	1019
		2630

Brought forward from last election	...	413
		3043

Total polled for the two candidates	...	3043
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We have to express our very warm thanks to Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., who so kindly obtained many proxies for Violet Bell, and, in conjunction with other brethren who took an interest in her case, enabled us to secure her election on the first application.

On the 21st May, the Benevolent Election took place.

We received from Essex	...	383	Mens and	376	Womens.
Outside	...	12	"	13	"
		395		389	

Total from Essex	...	784
Less useless proxies	...	5
		779

Excess in exchange	...	13
		792

Paid I.O.U.	759	
Gave for I.O.U.	33	792

The province is at present in debt as follows: Boys—268; Girls—348; Boys or Girls—471; total 1087; and holds one I.O.U. for 16 Boys or Girls.

As we had no candidate we disposed of the proxies sent us by paying our debts; but the exchange was awkward, our women's proxies having to go to meet I.O.U.'s, so that we were not able to exchange with much advantage; and our time was considerably taken up with making a record of the proxies sent us, which should have been done previous to the election, in order that we might be able to move about during the time the election was going on, which is of very much importance to those in charge of a case, as anyone experienced in elections must know. The Committee would thank the owners of proxies to forward them as early as possible.

In conclusion, we have to thank those whose support we have received, and may remark with much satisfaction that it was almost unanimous at the Benevolent Election, as will be found on reference to the calendar, by which it appears the province has 415 men's, 447 women's, total 862. We had actually sent to us 784, and to the Secretary of the Institution by post 69, making together 853, leaving only nine not sent in. We have refrained on this occasion giving our usual nominal list of those sending in the proxies, as some few brethren are adverse to their names appearing, but at the same time the information can be seen at the P.G. Secretary's office on application.

Representatives of the Committee.	{ H. E. DEHANE, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. E. SHEDD, P.M. 276. F. WOOD, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.S.W. R. CLOWES, P.M. 650, P.P.G.S.W.
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held in the Masonic Hall, Blandford, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when about 80 brethren assembled, in response to the summons of the P.G.M. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Montague Guest, presided, and was supported by

Bros. Col. Hambro, M.P., D.P.G.M.; W. Bond, P.G.S.W.; E. T. Budden, P.P.G. S.W., acting P.G.J.W.; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.G. Chap.; R. D. Thornton, P.G. Treas.; P. L. Budge, P.G. Reg.; R. Case, P.G. Sec.; W. Burt, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. E. Stroud, P.G.D.C.; W. James, P.G.S.B.; F. Budden, P.G. Org.; the Rev. W. M. Heath, G. Chap., P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G. Chap. Dorset; W. E. Brymer, P.P.G.S.W.; G. J. Gregory, P.P.G.S.W.; L. H. Ruegg, P.P.G.S.W.; H. C. Burt, P.P.G.J.W.; W. D. Dugdale, P.P.G.J.W.; C. H. W. Parkinson, P.P.G. J.W.; A. Graham, P.P.G.J.W.; J. G. Brymer, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Fletcher, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Milledge, Lawton, Furnival, Brennand, Luff, Stickland, White, Atkins, Barry, Furnival, Gibbs, Rev. R. Milner, Wheatley, Bradford, Merson, Osmond, Green, Todd, Fookes, Hanham, James, New, Harvey, Dunman, Marsh, and others.

The lodge was opened at one o'clock p.m., and after the formal business, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. H. J. Mason, delivered a lecture

The next page gives the names of the Stewards for 1775, as well as those of the brethren they succeeded, with the names of their different lodges in the following order—

<i>Present Board.</i>	<i>Who they succeeded.</i>	<i>From what Lodge.</i>
C. Frederick, Esqr.	R. Butler.	Lodge of Friendship.
T. T. Tutt.	A. Dow.	Pons Coffee House.
W. White.	J. Hatch, Esq.	Somerset House Lodge.
H. Fowke.	Thos. Fowke.	do.
S. Sayre.	T. Martin.	St. Albans.
T. Lynch.	Finshall.	Royal Lodge.
A. Murray.	G. Durant.	do.
Wm. Smith.		
Wm. Atkinson.	P. Simonds.	Mourning Bush.
A. McKowl.	R. Barker.	Crown and Rolls, No. 16.
J. Turner.	R. Templer.	Angel in the Minorities.
J. Littlehales.		Lodge of Friendship.

It will be seen from the foregoing that in 1775 there were but eight Red Apron Lodges, the Royal Somerset House Lodge sending three Stewards to the Grand Festival, the Lodge of Friendship two, the Royal Lodge two, and the remainder one each. I have every reason to believe that the Stewards nominated as their successors a member of the same lodge, and in the event of the brother so nominated declining to act, then the Board proceeded to elect some other brother, as will be shewn in the following extracts from the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Stewards for 1775.

16th March, 1775.

"Joseph Littlehales Esqr having declined to serve as Steward at the ensuing Feast of the Society, the President proposed Capt. Geo. Smith of the Royal Military Lodge, at Woolwich to serve in his stead, which was seconded by Bro. White.

"And the Question being put, he was elected unanimously.

"On a motion made, it was Resolved unanimously—

"That any member of the Board who does not attend, or appoint a Past Steward to appear for him, shall be fined One Guinea for each meeting."

25th March.

"Resolved unanimously

"That Br. Sayre be fined One Guinea for non-attendance agreeable to the Resolution of the last meeting."

29th March.

"Resolved unanimously

"That Br. Sayre be fined One Guinea for non-attendance agreeable to the Resolution of the 16th inst., and it was

"Ordered

"That the Secretary do acquaint him unless he attends the next meeting by himself, or proxy, his Apron will be forfeited, and disposed of by the Board agreeable to Ancient Custom."

15th April.

"In consequence of Br. Sayre's non-attendance, notwithstanding the notice given him, agreeable to the Resolution of the last meeting, his Apron is declared to be forfeited, and Br. Bottomley (who was present for Br. Frederick) proposed Br. Cuthbert Pott, of the St. Albans Lodge, to succeed him,

"And the Question being put, he was unanimously elected.

"Ordered

"That the Secretary do acquaint Br. H. Fowke that unless he pays his Subscription of 10 Guineas by the next Meeting to the Treasurer, his Apron will be forfeited."

22nd April.

"Bro. Holland Fowke having declined by a letter to serve the office of Steward, the President nominated Bro. Edmund Smith, of the Somerset House Lodge, to succeed him, and the Question being put, he was unanimously elected."

28th April.

"Resolved unanimously

"That every member who neglects to attend the Grand Feast, or send a proxy, shall be fined 3 Guineas, and for neglecting to attend or send a proxy to the Meeting for settling the accounts to be fined 5 Guineas."

13th May.

"The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Capt. Frederick yesterday at ½ past 2 o'clock, ordering the meeting to be put off, and another this day to advise that business would put it out of his power to attend to-day or to get a past Steward to appear for him, which letters being read it was on a motion made and seconded, unanimously Resolved

"That Capt. Charles Frederick be fined Five Guineas for non-attendance, agreeable to a Resolution of the 28th ulto.

"It was likewise on a motion made and seconded unanimously Resolved

"That Capt. Alexander Murray be fined Five Guineas for non-attendance, agreeable to resolution of the 28th ulto."

31st May.

"The minutes of the last meeting were read and, confirmed, except the resolution for fining Capt. Murray, which was now unanimously annulled as it appeared that he was prevented from attending that day, by Capt. Frederick informing him that the Meeting was put off.

"Resolved

"That Capt. Frederick be fined Five Guineas for non-attendance this day."

The last was probably intended to be the final meeting for settling the accounts, but at a subsequent meeting, to which no date is attached,

"Bro. Tutt acquainted the Brethren that the Grand Secretary had received a letter from Capt. Frederick in answer to one sent him with his account, wherein he thinks the fines inflicted on him for non-attendance are improper as he had an affair of Honour on his hands the day the 1st fine was Ordered, and at the next meeting he was not in England."

"Agreed, That only the last fine be deducted from Capt. Frederick's account, as it was in his power to have prevented the first by sending a Past Steward to attend for him, he having received proper notice from the Secretary of the meeting."

I ought to have mentioned that Capt. Frederick was President of the Board. This incident of the "good old times" requires no explanation; in my opinion it is a pitiful story told in a few words, and if it were possible to mistake its significance, all doubt would be dispelled by a letter I have before me written by Capt. Frederick, and dated from The Hague, 13th February, 1776, in which he uses the words "My late unhappy rencontre."*

* Since writing the above I have felt a little curious to know something about the other principal in the "affair of honour." Not for a moment did I imagine that the fatal

The preceding extracts are doubtless sufficient to show the mode of procedure of the Grand Stewards in the latter part of the last century; the regulations with regard to fines, &c., appear to have been generally adopted by subsequent Boards of Stewards, being slightly varied at times, as on the 4th April, 1787, it was resolved—

"That no proxy for a Steward be admitted to act on the day of the Grand Feast," and at the first meeting of the Stewards for 1797, it was resolved—"That no proxy be admitted on behalf of any Brother to attend the future meetings of this Board."

At the same meeting "Br. Turner proposed that every Member of this Board should wear a plain blue coat with yellow buttons and the Initial G.S. (denoting Grand Steward) engraved on each button, a white waistcoat, and black silk Breeches, and that such Dress be worn at every subsequent meeting; which was seconded by Br. Bradshaw and carried unanimously and Br. Gwynne took directions to make the same accordingly."

A similar resolution was passed by the next Board of Stewards, the Breeches, however, to be white instead of black.

It is but fair to mention that to the Grand Stewards of 1797 we are indebted for the records of the proceedings of subsequent Boards of Stewards, for on the 12th April the Secretary reported that he had been unable to obtain the Minutes of any former Board, it was therefore resolved that a book should be provided in which to enter the transactions, which book he should hand over to the succeeding Board for their guidance; this wise resolution was duly carried into effect, and the practice has been continued to the present day.

Previous to this the Secretary of each Board of Stewards had probably kept a record of the business, either on sheets of paper, which were destroyed as soon as done with, or in an ordinary memorandum book. By a piece of good fortune two of these latter have been preserved; one contains the Minutes of 1775, from which I have quoted, and is a most important document, the minutes having been carefully written, and every transaction, financial and otherwise, duly recorded; the other is for 1787, and is not nearly so valuable as the former, and as it does not give the lodges to which the Stewards belonged, I have again been compelled to have recourse to the Grand Lodge Register for the purpose of identification, with the following result—

Grand Stewards for 1787.			
T. Croft	...	present No. 6 and No. 91.	
W. T. Clephane	do.	6	4.
S. W. Wadeson	do.	4	21 and 108.
Robert Lambert	do.	28.	
Benjn. Lloyd	...	do.	5.
John Lewis	...	do.	66
Geo. Blakiston	...	do.	23.
James Curtis	...	do.	4.
T. S. Dupins	...	do.	4
Geo. Errington (can't find him).	...	do.	91.
Alexr. Dewar	...	present No. 91.	
David Aguilar (uncertain).	...		

Unfortunately the 1797 minutes, although complete in every other respect, do not give the names of the lodges; this omission, however, is of no great importance, for they are given in the next year's proceedings.

As my chief object is to show what lodges were entitled to the Red Apron prior to the Union, it will be sufficient if, in future, I simply give their names and the number of Stewards they sent to each Festival. Thus in 1798—

	Number of Stewards.	
Royal Somerset House Lodge	...	present No. 4
Corner Stone Lodge	...	do. 5
Lodge of Friendship	...	do. 6
Lodge of Emulation	...	do. 21
Globe Lodge	...	do. 23
Old King's Arms Lodge	...	do. 28
St. Albans Lodge	...	do. 29
Lodge of Regularity	...	do. 91
London Lodge	...	do. 108

In confirmation of a statement made in a previous portion of this paper as to the Stewards selecting any brother they pleased to fill a vacancy on the Board, the following extract from the Minutes of 1798 may not be inappropriate—

"The Board being thus constituted, Bro. John Hemet R.W. Master of the Lodge of Regularity was announced, and, being introduced, delivered into the hands of the President the following Extract from the Minutes of his Lodge—

"It being reported to the Lodge that Br. John Jackson, of the Haymarket, who accepted the office of Grand Steward for the ensuing Grand Feast, was deceased since the last meeting of the Lodge."

The Brethren then proceeded in the usual way to the "nomination of another Member to succeed the late Brother Jackson, as Grand Steward from this Lodge, when Brother Aaron Lazarus being nominated, agreed to accept the office.

"Resolved that Brother Hemet, the R.W. Master, be requested to attend the Board of Stewards with Brother Lazarus, at their first meeting, and to solicit the Board in the name of this Lodge, to accept Brother Lazarus as Brother Jackson's successor."

"The above extract having been read, the President observed that the Board have an undoubted right of electing any Brother they might think proper to succeed the late Brother Jackson in the office of Grand Steward; he hoped the Board understood it so; but considering the respectable manner in which Brother Lazarus came recommended by the Lodge of Regularity, he proposed that such recommendation and the request of the Lodge be acceded to. This was duly seconded, and, on a show of hands, unanimously approved of. Br. Lazarus being accordingly introduced, took his place as one of the Board, and his name was inserted among the Grand Stewards, vice John Jackson, (Deceased.)"

(To be continued.)

quarrel originated at a Masonic banquet, although from a remark in Capt. Frederick's letter I had an idea that other members of the Order were concerned in it. Capt. Frederick was Provincial Grand Master for Kent at the time of the occurrence. The following extracts throw some light on the tragedy—

"Gent's Magazine," May, 1775.—"Lord Petre, attended by all the great officers of the Fraternity, laid the first stone of a new Freemason's Hall in Grt. Queen St., after which they proceeded to Leatherseller's Hall, where an elegant entertainment was provided, which, however, was much interrupted by a quarrel that happened between a military officer and a clerk in office, which in the end produced a duel, wherein the latter (the aggressor) lost his life."

"Evening Post," May 16, 1775.—"On Saturday night about eight o'clock a duel was fought between Capt. F—k of the Guards, and Mr. Daw, one of the Junr. Clerks in Lord Rochford's office, near Bayswater, in Hyde Park, the latter was shot in the groin, and died in a few hours after. Capt. F—k immediately set out for France."

THE TESTIMONIAL TO MISS DAVIS.

It is not necessary we should enter into any lengthy details as to the composition of the committee which has charged itself with the duty of raising this testimonial; a full list of the brethren composing it is appended, and the mere reading of the names is enough to show that it might be possible to form an equally good committee—a better would be out of the question. Nor after our editorial remarks as to Miss Davis's merits as a governess, the long and valuable services she has rendered to the Girl's School since her appointment to office a quarter of a century ago, and the claims she has thereby established to the consideration of the English Craft, need we say anything on the merits of the question. The reasons which justify the raising of this testimonial are admitted by everyone, and all we have to do now is to impress upon our readers and friends generally the desirability of making the testimonial such as will not only be worthy of Miss Davis's acceptance, but likewise redound to the credit of the donors. We are glad to hear that satisfactory progress has been thus far made, and we hope the result will satisfy the wishes of the Committee.

We have much pleasure in appending the names of the Committee and their address to the English Craft as a body:—

PRESIDENT—Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Bro. Frank Richardson.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER—Bro. Herbert Dicketts.

COMMITTEE—Bros. William Bailey, Robert Berridge, Edgar Bowyer, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, J. G. Chancellor, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Ralph Clutton, E. C. Davies, Herbert Dicketts, Charles W. Duke, John Faulkner, Thomas Fenn, Robert Grey, Charles Hammerton, F. R. W. Hedges, C. F. Hogard, T. S. Howell, T. A. S. Howell, H. A. Hunt, Thomas Kingston, F. Sumner Knyvett, George Kenning, Charles Lacey, Edward Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, George Lambert, Horace Brooks Marshall, E. C. Mather, J. L. Mather, Charles F. Matier, J. H. Matthews, Sir John B. Monckton, James Moon, W. F. Nettleship, Joshua Nunn, Col. James Peters, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. N. G. Philips, Frank Richardson, William Roebuck, J. A. Rucker, Henry Smith, Raymond H. Thrupp, Henry Venn, and C. H. Webb.

As, on the 17th inst., Miss Davis will complete a period of twenty-five years' service as Head Mistress of the School, the above Committee has been formed for the purpose of giving effect to a feeling which, it is believed, very generally prevails among the supporters of the Institution, that the event should be marked by the presentation to her of some testimonial in recognition of the very excellent services she has rendered to the Institution during that period.

Elected at an unusually early age to a position of great responsibility, Miss Davis from the first, fully justified the high expectations which induced the Committee of the School, in the year 1861, to invite her to undertake the duties she has since so well and so thoroughly discharged.

It is felt that the present very satisfactory position of the School, as an educational establishment, is mainly due to the ability and attainments of Miss Davis, by whom the whole of her admirable staff of teachers have been trained, while the high standard of tone and bearing which has been maintained among the scholars is due in a very great measure to the personal influence exercised by her over those placed under her charge.

In order to afford a large number of the supporters and friends of the Institution an opportunity of contributing to the fund proposed to be raised, it has been determined that individual subscriptions may be for any sums not exceeding one guinea.

Brethren desirous of contributing are requested to forward cheques or postal orders to the Hon. Sec. and Treas., Bro. Herbert Dicketts, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., before the 30th September next.

JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

HERBERT DICKETTS, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

1st August, 1886.

The Secretary will be pleased to forward collecting cards on application.

A TOUCH OF NATURE.

While Freemasons are emphatically votaries of both nature and art—deriving their descent from architects who, as builders of the greatest temples and cathedrals in all civilised countries, were "par excellence" artists and scientists—after all, the one touch of nature which makes all the members of the Fraternity kin is the spirit of brotherly love which permeates and distinguishes the Craft.

Art and nature are often set in opposition, placed in contradistinction to each other, and the advocates of each have waxed ardent in supporting their favourite. A certain writer, in Byron's time, argued that even in literature, all images drawn from what is beautiful or sublime in the works of nature are more beautiful and sublime than any images drawn from art; to which Byron replied, that a ship in the wind with all sail set is a more poetical object than a hog in the wind, though the hog is all nature and the ship is all art! Freemasons escape all possible dilemma by being students of both nature and art. Natural affection is the cement that binds us into one society, or bands of friends or brothers, and artistic aspiration, an admiration for the sublime and beautiful in art, was the foundation-stone of the Fraternity, and will also be the capstone of its completed edifice.

At the present midsummer season Freemasons are practically disciples of nature. The lodges are generally closed, Masonic labour is intermitted, and the brethren are scattered far and wide, seeking rest and recreation, each for a period, amid the haunts of nature—at the sea-side, on mountains, lakes, or rivers, in sequestered valleys, or in the suburban country that is now so readily approached through the rapid transit afforded by lightning trains. We are all for the nonce students of nature. We have laid aside our plumb, level and square, our 24-inch gauge, compasses and trowel, and not losing our love for art, but rather exercising it all the while, we say, with the poet Pope:—

"All nature is but art, unknown to thee;
All chance, discretion, which thou canst not see;
All discord, harmony not understood;
All partial evil, universal good."

Another poet, and a Freemason as well—Goethe—called nature "the living, visible garment of God." How true and beautiful is the thought. The Great Architect of the Universe we cannot see; but His wondrous works we may. Every snow-clad peak that crowns a mountain top images His majesty. Every flower that blooms, decking the earth with richest colours, pictures His beauty. The songs of the birds, so pure, so sweet, so musical, represent the harmonies of the Grand Lodge above. Earth and air, sea and sky, are full of God. The book of nature is God's oldest Testament. The records of geology are far more ancient than the records of Moses. And yet, with all its beauty, and loveliness, and glory, nature is imperfect. The blue sky of the summer is hidden when the cloud sails before it, and when the thunder roars, the lightning flashes, and the cyclone raves, one feels that nature is fallen from grace. Pascal was right in estimating its value when he said: "Nature has perfections, in order to show that she is the image of God; and defects, in order to show that she is only His image." The earth had fallen, even before man was created. The revelations of the coal measures, containing forests laid low through an inestimable epoch, testify to the hoary age of our planet, to the revolutions it has undergone, and to the gradual evolution of utility and beauty for the accommodation and pleasure of man, long before his advent to the traditional Garden of Eden.

As one goes out into the haunts of nature in these July and August days, the earth appears one vast Garden of Eden. Nothing is in undress, and beauty is everywhere. Artist and architect as the Freemason is, he finds unnumbered cathedrals erected in the forest shades, vast and grand and beautiful, with nature's choir for vocalists, and the wind sweeping the notes of an organ unseen, but not unheard. Lover of antiquity as the Freemason is, the oldest art known to him, or to man, is, as Carlyle has said, as a mushroom, compared with the venerable globe on which we tread. Let us, then, admire and love nature while we may, while the lodges are closed. Let us arise at break of day and behold the morning star, and the sun as he mounts from the horizon with fiery disk; let us listen to the orchestra of the winds, and the songs of the birds at the first blush of morning; let us stroll over hill and dale when the sun is declining in the west, when the greensward is chequered with shadows, and the kine are lowing o'er the hills, and the sheep are bleating in the vales, and "look through nature up to nature's God." Then shall we return to the lodge in the autumn truly refreshed, full of reverence and love for the great Grand Master of all, health mantling our cheeks with a ruddy glow, the fire of vigorous activity flashing in our eyes, the elasticity of youth evident in our steps, and be prepared to diligently and well perform that labour which the Craft expects from all of its members. Your lodge will be a better lodge for your communion with nature, since you will be a better Mason and a nobler man. Your work will be more truly artistic, after you have sat at the feet of the Grand Architect of the Universe and admired and studied His perfect work.—*Keystone.*

THE MASONIC EXHIBITION AT SHANKLIN.

At a meeting of Chine Lodge, No. 1884, held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., the following members were present: Bros. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; John Bailey, I.P.M.; Francis Newman, P.M.; F. Cooper, P.M.; F. Rayner, J.W.; Lewis Colenutt, Sec.; A. F. Swayne, J.D.; J. Cantelow, I.G.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; J. Whitehill, Mark Lindfield, P.M.; A. H. Brown, and E. G. Boehme. Visitor: Bro. T. H. J. Petherick, P.M.

The W.M., having opened the lodge, said he felt quite unable to do the whole work of the evening, the arrangements for the Exhibition having caused so much work; he therefore gladly availed himself of the services of Bro. F. Newman, who subsequently performed, in an impressive manner, the ceremony of the Third Degree. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Winfield Wadham into Masonry, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room to their usual repast.

After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, "The Health of the Initiate" drunk, and the Chine Lodge loving cup passed round,

Bro. MARK LINFIELD, P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," to whom, he said, the members felt specially indebted for the immense interest he was taking in the Exhibition, and who was working so hard for its success. Being a Mason of many years' standing, he must say he had never known so young a brother to do so much for the Craft as he had, and he was only too pleased to have lightened his labours that evening in giving the charge to the initiate.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. ALFRED GREENHAM, thanked Bro. Linfield for the complimentary terms in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren generally for the hearty reception they had given the toast, and said: In availing myself of the help this evening so kindly and readily given, I know you are well aware I had no wish to shirk the work, having done even more on other occasions than was before us to-night. This being the last opportunity I shall have of addressing you until the autumn, I feel it my duty to lay before you this evening particulars respecting the Exhibition which is creating so great an interest in the Island and in Masonic circles all over England. I am sure you will all feel proud to know that the Lord of the Manor of Shanklin, Bro. F. White Popham, has kindly consented to do the honours in receiving our Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. It is to me a great gratification, that those members of the Chine Lodge who occupy so high a social position have been so ready and so willing to identify themselves with this undertaking, and lighten in a great degree, the responsibilities connected with it. Unless my hands had been strengthened, when we first decided to have this exhibition, by those whom I have alluded to, it would have been impossible to secure such a valuable, ancient, and extensive number of exhibits, enabling us to assert that it will be the largest exhibition in the world. It cannot be for one moment imagined that we could have done this from our own limited resources. While the exhibition was still in embryo, the proprietor of the *Freemason* generously placed his columns and his services at my disposal, which I availed myself freely of, and thus I was able to convey throughout all England our intentions. We all know Bro. George Kenning, he having visited Shanklin

and had *touch* with our lodge. We received proofs of his generosity last year, and his interest in this lodge has not ceased. He it was who introduced my name to Bro. George Taylor, the largest Masonic exhibitor in the world, and to whom we owe a debt of gratitude we can never requite. He it was who shaped for us the destiny of this exhibition, who projected its course when it was in the struggles of its infancy, and has guided it on, until we are contemplating, with a confident hope, the full fruition of its maturity. He it was who lent—mark you, from no previous knowledge of your Worshipful Master—the influence of his name; he it was who, before I had obtained guarantors, placed his magnificent collection at my disposal, and obtained for us the services of Bro. HUGHAN. I am often asked what is Freemasonry? That, I consider, is a splendid conception of its outward and visible signs, and a grand indication it is of the fraternal feelings which flows through the great Body of Masonry, and last, but not least, I have spoken of the help I have received in the Order in which it has reached me; we have not only the advantage, but the honour, of having our catalogue revised by the great Masonic historian, Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, and archaeological notes appended to the most valuable and rare exhibits. Engrossed all day as he must be in bringing out another of his great works, he still finds time, he still *makes* time, to go through our catalogue, sheet by sheet, proof by proof, and thus render it a work which time will encircle with renown, and shed a halo of honour around it. In those three, brethren, you have the Specialists of Great Britain—the proprietor of the *Freemason*, the large exhibitor and connoisseur, and the Masonic historian, a similar combination, probably, no other lodge will command during this generation; and, brethren, when the exhibition has been held and a crowning success has attended our efforts, let us ever have a grateful remembrance, let the names of those who helped us to secure it be ever green in our memories, and cherished in Chine Lodge. You all know that this exhibition will be brought here at enormous expense, and, being the first open to the public will commend itself to universal support, and while I am doing all that I possibly can I still feel it necessary to endeavour to secure success before it opens. I am often asked, will this great venture pay? I am often told it might rain, but, if it should rain on that eventful day and days, you may depend upon this that the unprecedented kindness of Monsieur and Madame Spatalli, in placing the beautiful grounds and chalet at our disposal, will not be limited by allowing us four days, but I will venture to assert that should such a contingency occur, their generosity would be equal to our demands. I am not dismayed nor daunted by circumstances beyond our control. I believe that the people of the Isle of Wight with their characteristic clannishness, will show their appreciation in no uncertain manner, and come and see an exhibition which will, probably, never again be held in our lifetime. In conclusion, allow me to say that only to-day I have issued an invite asking for practical support, and in response I have already received 100 patrons, and I have no doubt that the proposed limited number of 100 patrons who will identify themselves with this undertaking—with, I trust, honour to themselves and advantage to us, will be speedily forthcoming.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS FROM CHICAGO.

The following letter has been received by Bro. A. I. McConnochie, C.A., 74, Union-street, Aberdeen, Treasurer and Clerk of St. Machar Lodge, No. 54, and of the Aberdeen City Provincial Grand Lodge, from the Secretary of the Apollo Lodge, Chicago. The Bro. John Clark referred to in the latter died in Aberdeen in January last, and was buried in Spital Churchyard with Masonic honours, at the cabled request of Apollo Lodge, by the Aberdeen lodges under the auspices of the St. Machar Lodge:—

"Apollo Lodge, No. 642, Chicago, Ill.,

"June 24th, 1886.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I have much pleasure in informing you that Apollo Lodge has this day shipped (by U.S. Express) to your address a slight testimony of their appreciation of the courtesy and attention shown by yourself, your lodge, its Worshipful Master, Major Crombie, and the sister lodges of the city of Aberdeen towards the remains of our late Bro. John Clark, who was called from his labours here on earth while temporarily sojourning in your city. The apron is for yourself individually, and it is the earnest wish and desire of Apollo Lodge that you may be spared many years to wear this lambskin, as you have so evidently worn your first one—with credit to yourself and honour to the Fraternity. The picture, as its face indicates, is intended for your lodge. That grand old St. Machar may never lack a quorum of such distinguished men and Masons as its present Worshipful Master and yourself, and that it and the sister lodges of Aberdeen may enjoy to the full the blessings of Divine protection and grace, will ever be an abiding hope and prayer with the members of Apollo Lodge.—Fraternal yours,

"STANDISH ACRES, Secretary."

The apron referred to is a Past Master's, of white lambskin, and bordered with dark blue velvet, the trimmings being gold and silver lace, and enriched with four diamonds in the lower corners. The "picture" is a finely written address in an exceedingly handsome oak frame, 5 in. broad, carved with acorns and oak leaves. Both articles will be on view in the Masonic Hall.

Bro. Lord Halsbury, the newly-appointed Lord High Chancellor of England, took the oaths and his seat as President of the High Court of Judicature on Thursday, the 5th inst. The same day the Marquis of Londonderry, as Viceroy of Ireland, and Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., as Chief Secretary to his Excellency, were sworn into office at a Council in Dublin.

A replica of the bust of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, P.G. Master Mason of Scotland, which some time back was presented to the Countess of Mar and Kellie, will be placed in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, at an early date, and it has been arranged that it shall be formally unveiled on St. Andrew's Day (30th November), when the Grand Lodge of Scotland holds its Grand Festival, which will this year be celebrated with more than usual éclat, as it will be the 150th anniversary of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and it is proposed to celebrate the auspicious event with becoming splendour.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 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.]

UNIFORMITY OF DISCIPLINE AND CLOTHING.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I, with others, have been much interested in the many letters issued by your paper from the pens of "P.M.," "Bro. E. T. Budden," and "Lex Scripta," on the right and privilege of P.M.'s wearing their collars when visiting other lodges than their own.
Our worthy Bro. "P.M." has been very clear in his

argument, and is endorsed by most brethren. Will not something be done to restore this right to P.M.'s, as requested?

Bro. Budden's letter in your issue of the 19th June is profound in the extreme. Many P.M.'s have had the erroneous idea they ranked as officers in a lodge, and have at times presumed a little too much.

There needs some teachers amongst us that can enlighten the dark minds of some of the brethren.

Why was the office of Grand Orator dispensed with? Can any information be had on this point? If so, many would be pleased to be enlightened.

Many innovations have crept in by some means, how, no one appears to know, such as various kinds of designs in pedestals, no rule or symmetry. This is not according to ancient custom, nor in accordance with the Articles of Union of 1813, when it was agreed—

1. There shall be, from and after the day of the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist next ensuing, a full perfect, and perpetual Union of and between the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons of England, so as that in all time hereafter they shall form and constitute but one brotherhood; and that the said community shall be represented in one Grand Lodge, to be solemnly formed, constituted, and held on the said day of the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist next ensuing, and from thenceforward for ever.

2nd. The Book of Constitutions quotes this one (which read).

3rd. There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the lodges, of making, passing, and raising, instructing, and clothing brothers; so that but one pure unsullied system, according to the genuine landmarks, laws, and traditions of the Craft, shall be maintained, upheld, and practised throughout the Masonic world, from the day and date of the said Union until time shall be no more.

4th. To prevent all controversy or dispute as to the genuine and pure obligations, forms, rules, and ancient traditions of Masonry, and further to unite and bind the whole Fraternity of Masonry in one indissoluble bond, it is agreed that the obligations and forms that have from time immemorial been established, used, and practised in the Craft shall be recognised, accepted, and taken by the members of both Fraternities as the pure and genuine obligations and forms by which the incorporated Grand Lodge of England, and its dependant lodges in every part of the world, shall be bound; and for the purpose of receiving and communicating due light, and settling this uniformity of regulation and instruction, it is further agreed that brotherly application be made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Ireland, to authorise, delegate, and appoint any two or more of their enlightened members to be present at the Grand Assembly on the solemn occasion of uniting the said Fraternities; and that the respective Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and brothers, then and there present, shall solemnly engage to abide by the true forms and obligations, in the presence of the said members of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland; that it may be declared, recognised, and known that they are all bound by the same pledge, and work under the same law.

Before proceeding any further, there are many very anxious to know how far these solemn vows have been kept by the Grand Lodge of England and the Craft in general.

Will some brethren that are well versed in the ancient rules and landmarks of our Order help to shed some light on our enquiry?
August 11.

VIGILANO.

THE LATE BRO. REV. GEO. OLIVER, D.D.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can you, or any of your readers, inform me where our eminent Bro. the Rev. George Oliver obtained his degree of Doctor in Divinity? In the new and revised edition of Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry (1884) it is stated that "In the spring of 1815, Bishop Tomline collated him to the living of Lee, his name being at the time placed on the boards of Trinity College, Cambridge, as a ten year man;" and that "he graduated as Doctor of Divinity in 1836." I possess a complete series of Cambridge University calendars from 1816 to the present time, and find the name of "Oliver," or "George Oliver," as a ten year man in six of these—from 1816 to 1821—when it ceases to appear. I have also a list of Cambridge graduates ("Graduati Cantabrigienses") from 1760 to 1846, and another, dating from 1800 to 1872, published respectively by the Registrars of the University (the Rev. J. Romilly and the Rev. Dr. Luard); but in neither of these does the name of George Oliver appear as a Bachelor or a Doctor of Divinity.—Yours fraternally,

THOMAS C. SMYTH, D.D.,

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The Vicarage, Far Headingley, Leeds.
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RECENT FESTIVAL RETURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad this subject, to which you devoted some remark a few weeks since, has attracted the notice of some of our London brethren, for it is only they who can remedy their own shortcomings, and undoubtedly it is a shortcoming, when a large number of their lodges regularly and deliberately withhold their support from our Institutions, and leave them to the benevolent consideration of the other lodges, which as regularly and deliberately give help.

I admit that any attempt to regulate the donations and subscriptions of lodges and individuals will have the effect of altering their character entirely, from being gifts voluntarily given—which is of the very essence of true Charity—into payments made under some kind of authority. But the point which you have raised, and your correspondent, "A London W.M.," has followed up, is that the burden of supporting our Charities has for some time past devolved—as regards the London district—on certain lodges which make a rule of always contributing to one or more of our Festivals every year; while certain other lodges, which have an equal interest in the maintenance of those Charities, are as consistent in

shirking their portion of the same burden. The question which, in my mind, now arises is whether, having regard to the vast sums annually required for the maintenance of our Institutions, it will not be sooner or later necessary to take some steps towards distributing the responsibility of supporting them among the whole body of the lodges, on the very sound principle that it is the duty of everybody to contribute towards the support of what everybody has an interest in supporting. It was this principle, I should imagine, which actuated the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" in 1812, when, finding that the voluntary contributions of the lodges and brethren were not sufficient for the maintenance of its Institution for clothing and educating the sons of indigent or deceased Freemasons, it passed a resolution that London lodges should pay five shillings, and country, foreign, and military lodges half a crown for every newly-initiated member. This course was continued by the United Grand Lodge till 1838, or thereabouts, when the annual contribution made up of these small capital charges was commuted into a fixed payment of £150 to each of our Schools.

The Craft, as a whole, has determined that our three Institutions shall be of a certain strength, and therefore that they shall require to be raised annually a certain and very formidable amount of money, which is done, but not in equal proportions, by the component parts of the whole Craft. If this inequality is maintained, and some lodges go on contributing regularly and as a matter of course, while others go on not contributing with equal regularity and pertinacity, then I think some steps should be taken for the removal of a large part of the necessary annual maintenance moneys out of the category of charitable contributions, and convert them into a kind of rate or tax leviable in equal shares on all the lodges. Certainly something ought to be done in order to cause the discontinuance of what is undoubtedly an evil, namely, that the lodges which are willing to support our Charities should be compelled to bear the burden and responsibility, while the lodges which are not willing should be allowed to pursue their course without protest.—I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,
"Q."



FREEMASONS' MANUAL FOR KENT, 1886.

Bro. T. S. Warne has now been editor of this comprehensive and most useful Calendar, for the Province of Kent for nine years, and deserves the thanks of his brethren for his labours in that direction. The particulars are well arranged, and are so numerous that some 150 pages are occupied, and even then the editor has not stopped from any lack of material, but from a desire to preserve its handy size. There are now 53 lodges in Kent, also 18 Royal Arch Chapters, and 15 Mark Lodges; the Prov. G. Master and Grand Superintendent being the Right Hon. the Earl of Amherst, who is a most popular ruler; the respected D. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G.H. (Bro. J. S. Eastes) being also most active and zealous on behalf of the Kentish Craft. The Prov. G.M. for the Mark Degree is our beloved veteran Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., who has done much in aid of Mark Masonry in particular, and for Freemasonry in general. The senior lodge is held at Chatham, and was originally warranted on March 28, 1732, for London, arriving at Chatham about the middle of the last century. It is known by the suggestive name of the "Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity," and bears the number 20, as it has from the "Union," having had the tenth position on the "Modern" roll before that period for many years. The next in point of precedence is the "United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, from 1755, but the "Lodge of Freedom, No. 77," is the older of the two, having been warranted on June 9, 1751. There are five lodges with centenary warrants. The statistical account exhibits a slight increase of members for 1885 as compared with the previous year, being 2981 and 2897 respectively. The table of votes for the Masonic Charities (London) to January, 1886, simply deals with the number held by each lodge or other Masonic body, exclusive of its members, the total being nearly 2500. When the individual subscribers are added, the grand total must be considerably more, as we find that for the "Boys" alone there are over 1000 votes held by brethren, ladies, and Lewises in Kent. On the contra side is a list of the beneficiaries, the total value of which sums amounted to some £1500 for 1885. The table of the Charities has been compiled by Bro. J. D. Terson, P.M. 199, &c. We presume he considers that a complete list of the voters would occupy too much space. We have just noted the total at the end (page 145), which in our copy has been misplaced by the binder. The figures are 2272 boys, 1343 girls, 3442 Benevolent; grand total, 7057 votes. The by-laws of the province are appended, the fees of honour being much lower than many others we know of, some being more than double. These may fairly be increased for Kent, and thus be a legitimate means of aiding the Charities, locally and generally. We hope that Bro. Warne (Prov. G.S.W.) will long be spared to edit this capital Calendar, known in Kent as the "Immortal," and we trust that its sale is commensurate with its value.



669] **A CURIOUS PARAGRAPH.**

I cannot make out the meaning of the paragraph referred to by Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. I never met with it before, and am quite at a loss to suggest any explanation. Why should the "explorers" be congratulated on escaping the Free Masons in Kent? Now, brothers in Kent, let us have your good officer to unravel the mystery! What does Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson say to it, Bro. T. S. Warne, and others who know the province so well? The paragraph is to be found in the "London Chronicle" for July 17th, 1766, and is reproduced in the Freemason, July 31st, 1886.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

CHISLEHURST.—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel on Saturday, the 24th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. J. Goodale, the W.M., and there was a good attendance. Bro. Nunn, P.M., presented Bro. Wm. T. Bailey for the benefit of installation. Bro. W. H. Drinkwater, P.M., then occupying the chair of S.W., and Bro. John Mason, P.M., that of the J.W., Bro. J. Stevens, P.M., was invited by the W.M. to discharge the duties of D.C. The W.M., Bro. E. J. Goodale, then performed the entire ceremony of installation, and concluded with the delivery of addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Acknowledgments of satisfaction having been accorded to Bro. Goodale on the termination of his year of office, a P.M.'s jewel and a collar with the usual pendant was then received by him. The officers who were then invested by the W.M. for the ensuing year comprised Bros. R. Nevill, S.W.; W. T. Hunt, P.M.; J. W. J. W.; W. Hollis, Treas.; J. C. Main, Sec.; R. Strachan, S.D.; C. Quicke, J.D.; W. Powell, D.C.; H. C. Dana, I.G.; J. Marshall, Stwd.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

CROYDON.—Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. Aynsley, W.M.; Palmer Thomas, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. Lake, Treas.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; Sec.; Holdgate, S.D.; J. H. Jolly, J.D.; Cross, I.G.; Briscoe, Org.; W. Jolly and C. J. Barnett, Stwds.; Harrison, Tyler; Tremere, P.M.; Yeoman, James, Dixon, Aslet, Green, Bathurst, Bates, Bass, Back, and H. Barnett. Visitors: Bros. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; C. Weeden, W.M. 813; C. W. Pearce, 969; E. T. Hoare, P.M. 1765; and Simpson, W.M. 1745.

After the minutes of the last lodge had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for a joining member, and a proposal for alteration of by-laws was discussed and carried. Bro. H. J. Lardner then occupied the chair, and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Palmer Thomas, as Worshipful Master. The ceremony, as might have been expected from so able a worker, was carried out most satisfactorily, the Installing Master being assisted by Bro. Gush, also well known as a Preceptor. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Aynsley, I.P.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; C. Y. Holdgate, J.W.; W. Lake, Treas.; E. M. Lott, Sec.; J. W. Jolly, S.D.; J. C. Cross, J.D.; H. Carus, I.G.; A. Briscoe, D. of C.; W. Jolly, A.D. of C.; A. F. Bass, Org.; G. J. Barnett and R. Aslet, Stewards; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance in favour of the lodge, was received and adopted. The W.M. then performed the pleasing duty of presenting, in the name of the lodge, to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Aynsley, a handsome P.M.'s jewel. This, the first act almost of Bro. Palmer Thomas as W.M., was performed in that genial and happy manner so characteristic of our worthy brother; and the thankful response on the part of the recipient having been duly made, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master.

The lodge, being a musical one, the brethren rather pride themselves on the shortness of their speeches, which they endeavour to atone for by very generous contributions to the harmony of the evening. They claim to be intensely loyal, however, to Queen and Craft; and the various loyal and Masonic toasts, although briefly given, were most heartily responded to. On this occasion, however, the vocal element was not strong, and the instrumental was conspicuous by its absence. An unusual extension of the toast list was the result, and the several officers and visitors were afforded the opportunity of replying. Although in a musical sense there was little harmony, the meeting was a most harmonious one, and we congratulate Bro. Thomas on the very pleasant inauguration of what we trust will prove a very successful year of office.

The jewel presented to Bro. Aynsley was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, adjacent to the Royal Alfred Institution on the 26th ult., when the W.M., Bro. Dr. J. Elliot, was again installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the last and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed.

The chair was then occupied by Bro. Bateman, and Bro. Dr. J. Elliot was then presented in due form by Bro. D. Spurrell. The duties of Installing Master were admirably discharged by Bro. Bateman.

Upon the re-admission of the brethren to the lodge, the Master proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. A. H. Bateman, I.P.M.; H. A. E. de Pinna, S.W.; W. O. Robinson, J.W.; Thomas Heaps, Sec.; W. Colman, S.D.; H. E. Russell, J.D.; C. A. Streeten, I.G.; Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Chap.; H. H. Church and Walter Reeve, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Thomas was invested Treasurer, and Bro. F. Spurrell was elected Charity Representative, and Bro. Amos Creed, Tyler.

The officers and members present were Bros. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; J. Elliot, W.M.; A. H. Bateman, I.P.M.; E. B. Bright, S.W.; F. W. Wood, P.M. and Treas.; Thomas Heaps, Sec.; W. O. Robinson, S.D.; W. J. Colman, J.D.; H. E. Russell, I.G.; Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Chap.; H. H. Church, Steward; W. Reeve, Steward, acting for Bro. C. A. Streeten; F. Spurrell, P.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, P.M.; P.G.R. Kent; Amos Creed, Tyler; F. C. Blyth; Sir Charles Bright, P.P.D.G.M.; W. G. Kentish, S. K. Keyes, E. H. Joynton, L. J. J. Barnes, A. H. Hooker, J. Smith, and W. E. Marshall.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, and in doing so spoke in high terms of Bro. Bateman's services to Masonry. Bro. Bateman returned thanks, and presented the W.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel.

The banquet was served in the Gold Room of the institution, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts as follows: "The Queen and the Craft"; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master"; "The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent"; and "Dep. Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Earl Amherst, and responded to by Bro. Elliot in an admirable speech; "The Installing Master" by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. A. H. Bateman; "The Visitors" by the W.M., and responded to by Canon Floyd; "The Officers of the Saye and Sele Lodge," responded to by the S.W. and the Secretary; and "The Charities," responded to by Bro. F. Spurrell, P.M.

The Tyler's toast concluded this portion of the proceedings, and the rest of the evening was spent in the usual manner.

Among the visitors present and not enumerated above, were Bros. W. H. Bromley, 228; H. J. Butler, P.M. 913; F. Robinson, 132; T. Jenkins, S.D. 299; Canon Floyd, P.M. 143; T. W. Page, D.C. 299; J. E. Tallent, P.M. 186; H. Shoppee, P.M. 162; R. Bennett, 33; C. W. Blaxland, 709; W. Kippis, P.M. 1275; C. Ronaldson, 162; and others, the total number of those present being about 40.

SUNDERLAND.—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—At a recent meeting of the above lodge, on the motion of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M. 97, P.P.G. J.D., it was resolved that an address of congratulation be addressed to her Majesty the Queen on the commencement of the jubilee year of her gracious reign. The following reply has just been received to the address:

"Sir,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the very dutiful and loyal address of the Londonderry Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2039, on the occasion of her Majesty having entered the 50th year of her reign, and it is with great satisfaction I inform you that her Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"HENRY MATTHEWS.

"To John C. Moor, Esq., W.M.
"Londonderry Lodge of Freemasons,
"Sunderland."

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsley. Bro. Gregory occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Messer, S.W.; W. H. Ross, J.W.; R. Ross, S.D.; Bleakley, J.D.; Ament, I.G.; Ferguson, Preceptor; Silvester, Treas.; Dimsdale, Sec.; Pitt, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ferguson worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Gregory then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pitt acting as candidate, after which Bro. Ferguson worked the 5th Section of the Lecture. Bro. Pitt, of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Messer was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present: Bros. Nickolls, W.M.; Koester, Preceptor; Hosgood, S.W.; Murray, J.W.; Stroud, S.D.; Burgess, J.D.; Kaufman, I.G.; G. Wood, S.D. 1681, Secretary; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked. Bro. Palmer answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Palmer being the candidate. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Kaufman, 511, and Fetterle, 1538, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Hosgood was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; J. Crittenden, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; Jos. Bailey, I.G.; G. D. Bailey, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; C. S. Mote, S. Bullen, W. H. Wadham, E. F. Ferris, E. G. Van Tromp, and W. Robinson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferris being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge, after which the 4th Section was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by Bro. Mulvey. Bro. Mulvey was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously carried to Bro. Williams for the able manner he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. Thom, W.M.; G. W. Knight, S.W.; Surridge, J.W.; A. Scurrah, S.D.; W. H. Burgess, J.D.; E. R. Smith, I.G.; E. Storr, Sec.; Saunders, Asst. Sec.; C. J. Scales, Treas.; L. Solomon, acting Preceptor; and twenty other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the First and Second Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lewis candidate. After rising for the second time, Bro. G. W. Knight, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Knight, in returning thanks, hoped the brethren would attend in good time on Monday, the 16th inst., so that a fair amount of work could be got through. After rising for the third time, Bro. W. M. Stiles informed the brethren that the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction would have their annual outing on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Barnet, and hoped the brethren would support the same, for a great treat was in store for them, breaks being provided to start from the Blue Posts, Fitzroy-street, at 10 a.m., for a drive through Epping Forest, and so round to Barnet. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on

Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Salter, W.M.; Bowen, S.W.; Coughlan, J.W.; Wray, P.M.; Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Baddeley, S.D.; Clarkson, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Wombell, and Watts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wombell being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bowen. Bro. Clarkson, being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Clarkson duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. resumed the chair. Bro. J. Watts, of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, was elected a member. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. R. J. Harnell, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; G. Restell, J.W.; F. Dusterwald, S.D.; O. B. Battley, J.D.; F. H. Williams, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Henry Crookes, G. J. E. Marsh, H. F. Mitchell, James Rowe, J. Rayner, W. Culverhouse, Edward B. Cox, G. F. Swan, Frank Gulliford, G. H. Reynolds, and G. P. Bertini.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The S.W. worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. H. F. Mitchell answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired; whereupon Bro. H. Crookes took the position of candidate, was entrusted, and he retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th Section of this Lecture. On rising for the first time, the J.W. proposed that Bro. H. Williams, 72, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. C. Mulvey, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the New Market Hotel, E.C. Present: Bros. R. B. Greenwood, W.M.; T. Hodges, S.W.; F. J. Rumball, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; H. Forss, P.M., S.D.; W. Jolly, J.D.; Mallett, P.M., I.G.; Smyth, Tyler; and J. J. Howes, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. J. Howes having been entrusted, became candidate for raising, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, Bro. Greenwood candidate, and Bro. J. J. Howes Installing Master. Bro. Greenwood then invested his officers, and resumed the lodge. The W.M. rose for the first and second time. Bro. H. J. Lardner proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. J. J. Howes for ably working the installation ceremony—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Hodges was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W. Present: Bros. W. W. Williams, W.M.; A. Cavers, S.W.; E. Austin, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Craggs, S.D.; Sims, P.M., J.D.; Stonnill, I.G.; Davies, Preceptor; Brietbart, and Head.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chalfont, P.M., being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge after the initiation. The lodge was called off and on. The W.M. gave the explanation of the first tracing board in a very excellent and correct manner. The 3rd Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cavers was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

WOOLSTON.—Ancasta Chapter (No. 1461).—The installation of Comp. G. J. Tilling as Z. of the above chapter took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., the ceremony, in the absence, through illness, of Comp. Bowyer, being impressively performed by Comp. J. Cole. Comps. R. R. L. Rosoman and J. Methven were also respectively installed as H. and J., the other appointments being Comps. Comyer, S.E.; R. Bell, S.N.; Brown, P.S.; D. O. Hobbs, Treas.; and Henley, Janitor. There were several visiting companions from Southampton present on the occasion, including Comps. J. Clark, Arthur, and Payne, the Principals of Chapters 359, 394, and 1461, and Comps. S. Clark, R. W. Lee, W. Berry, and others. A cordial vote of sympathy was passed with S.E. in his prolonged illness.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Present: Comps. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; H. Dean, H.; F. C. Edmonds, J.; H. Syman, S.E.; G. W. Knight, S.N.; Whiting, P.S.; Gregory, Carter, Ives, and others.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ives candidate. After rising for the second time, Comp. Dean was elected to take the chair for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed. This chapter of improvement being the only one open in the summer months in the City, it is an excellent opportunity for companions for practice.

Mark Masonry.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).—The members of this lodge held their annual installation meeting on Wednesday, the 4th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Clifton Thompson, W.M. elect, P.G. Reg. of Marks, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Paterson, W.M., P.G.S.O., opened the lodge, and on the confirmation of the minutes installed his successor in a very able manner. The W.M. elect was presented by the senior Mark Master of the province, Bro. Joseph Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W. The following brethren were invested as Officers: Bros. G. B. McMullen, S.W.; J. Jenkinson, J.W.; G. H. S. Smith, M.O.; Jas. Fletcher, S.O.; G. H. Auyon, J.O.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; John Paterson, P.M., Treas.; James Jolly, Reg. of Marks; Isaac Dickinson, Sec.; J. McGill, S.D.; A. Ashmore, J.D.; R. Graves, D.C.; James Cooper, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. Evening, I.G.; G. B. Mackay, Steward; and W. Whitehead, Tyler.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. J. Eden,

P.G.I. of W.; J. H. Hartley, P.P.G.I.G.; P. Wedgewood, George Dalrymple, P.G.A.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; James Dickinson, P.M. 151, P.G.J.D.; and others.

Two notices of motion were left over till the next regular meeting. The members of this lodge that had received provincial distinction were presented with their certificates, when, with other business and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, the brethren adjourned to the Green Dragon Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

Scotland.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 5th inst., Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythwood, Bart., M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, on the throne. Bro. F. E. Villiers of Closeburn acted as G.S.D.; and Bro. James J. S. Elliott, jun., of Wolflee, as G.J.W. Amongst the other office bearers present were Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Rev. John Watt, Grand Chap.; Rev. John Ritchie, James Caldwell, acting Grand S.D.; George Fisher, Grand J.D.; Major F. W. Allan, Grand Bible Bearer; Col. John Campbell, Grand Swd. Br.; W. Maun, Proxy Prov. G.M. of all India; Dr. Falconer, Proxy District Grand Master of New South Wales; and W. Officer, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Several visitors from a distance were present, and they were introduced by the Grand Master, and addressed the brethren. Amongst them were Bros. T. J. Harries, Prov. Grand Master of Gibraltar, who was called on to act as Substitute Grand Master; Bro. Kerr, Prov. Grand Master of Canada; and Bro. Burwell, Grand Steward of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand (South). Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master; Lieut.-Col. Drummond Moray, Prov. Grand Master of Perthshire West; F. A. Barrow, Past G.W.; J. Graham, Proxy P.G.M. of Bermuda; Col. James T. Steuart, Proxy P.G.M. of Perth; David Reid, Grand I.G.; Dr. James Middleton, Prov. G.M. of Roxburgh and Selkirk; W. Edwards, Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards; and others. A vidimus of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 24th July was submitted by the Grand Cashier, from which it appeared that the income for that period had been £4196, and the expenditure £3853, showing and excess of income to the extent of £343. There had been 890 entrants to the Order. It was reported that the income for the past eight months had been £3131, compared with £2534 for the corresponding period of last year—increase £597. A report as to the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence showed that £140 had been voted in Charity during the quarter.

It was reported that Bro. James Caldwell had been appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee, and that Bro. William Maclean had been elected a member of the same Committee in succession to the late Bro. James Turner, in regard to whom Grand Committee had adopted a resolution expressive of regret and sympathy with his widow and daughter in their bereavement. Bros. John Davidson, 467, and Colin Gellatly, 302, had been appointed interim members of Grand Committee in room of Bro. J. D. Hedderwick, resigned, and the late Bro. Turner. It was reported from Grand Committee that the Grand Secretary had certified that in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge at last Communication he had destroyed all the copies of the pretended ritual with which he had been entrusted. A report by the Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen in connection with the management of the Masonic Hall, was reported to have been remitted to the Laws Committee to consider and report to the Special Committee appointed in January last to formulate a skeleton constitution and regulations as to the distribution of grants, &c., for the "proposed scheme of extended Masonic benevolence," had submitted a provisional scheme for carrying out the "proposed extension of the existing scheme;" and Grand Committee reported that copies thereof had been circulated among the members of the Committee, and that it had been resolved to defer consideration of the matter to the September meeting. It was also reported that the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite had resolved to contribute 100 guineas towards the extended scheme when formed.

A report was submitted from the Grand Committee, in which it was recommended that the jubilee of Grand Lodge be celebrated by a banquet and the striking of a memorial jewel. It was proposed that the banquet take place at the annual festival of St. Andrew, on the 30th November; that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be asked to invite H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, patron of the Scottish Craft, Prince Albert Victor, and other distinguished Masons. Further, that the Provincial Grand Lodges be urged to send up as large deputations as possible, and that, to enable the brethren from a distance to remain to the end of the meeting, the time of the meeting be two hours earlier than usual, and that, if necessary, a larger hall be engaged. To mark the special nature of the Festival, the report proposed to empower the Committee, or Grand Stewards, to expend such extra sum, not exceeding £250, as might be required. It was proposed that the memorial jewel be silver gilt, that the design be competed for by Craftsmen and none others. It was further recommended by Grand Committee, on motion of Bro. Fisher, to the Committee of the extended scheme of benevolence, that the present celebration of the jubilee be utilised to the advantage of the scheme by holding a fancy bazaar, or sale, in Glasgow, as soon as the same can be organised, and that the co-operation of the District and Prov. Grand Lodges be solicited thereto.

Bro. ELLIOT, in referring to this report, said the Grand Committee did not wish to spend the amount of money mentioned, but rather to make some; but that they wished that the third jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland should be a Festival that they could look back upon as worthy of the country and the Craft, and as something that might be regarded as a decided advance in strengthening Freemasonry in Scotland. (Applause.) He hoped

Grand Lodge would request the Grand Master to invite the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor, and other distinguished brethren who might be in the country at the time.

The GRAND MASTER, in reference to suggestion by Bro. OFFICER, said he would have much pleasure in inviting his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor to Hon. Membership of the Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness expressed himself on the occasion of the opening of the exhibition as exceedingly sorry that it was impossible for him to come to Grand Lodge, when he asked him, seeing that it was sitting that afternoon, and that he had said he would be very glad indeed to take the earliest opportunity of becoming more intimately acquainted with the Scottish Craft. (Applause.)

The report was then unanimously adopted, and the Grand Master was requested to invite Prince Albert Victor to receive Honorary Membership.

GRAND SECRETARY reported the demise of Bro. Tucker, Prov. G.M. of Bermuda, and that a brother had been recommended for the post; and on the motion of the G.M., seconded by the ACTING SUBSTITUTE GRAND MASTER, it was resolved that, in the interest of the Grand Lodge of Bermuda, it be remitted to Grand Committee, with powers to arrange for the filling up of the vacant post.

GRAND SECRETARY submitted a letter from the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master, in which he stated that, as representative of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of England, his lordship had the honour of attending his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, at the ceremony of installing the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. "The ceremony," the Earl added, "was most impressively performed by his Royal Highness, and at luncheon, where there were no formal toasts, except the loyal ones and the health of the Duke of Connaught, his Royal Highness, in taking wine with me, drank to the prosperity of the Scottish Craft, and desired me to convey this expression of his regard to the Grand Lodge, which I now have the pleasure of doing." Grand Secretary had been directed by Grand Committee to warmly thank the Earl for his communication and attention to the interests of the Scottish Craft.—This was approved. On petitions reported in order it was resolved to grant charters to the new lodges in Blythwood, Addington, South-East Africa, and St. Ninian, Aylth. It was reported by the Grand Secretary that Provincial Grand Masters of Perthshire East and Stirlingshire respectively approved of the petition of St. John Tullialan, No. 598, to be removed from the jurisdiction of the former and placed in the Stirlingshire Province. The Grand Lodge gave effect to the petitions accordingly.

It was resolved that a replica of the bust of the Past Grand Master, presented to the Countess of Mar and Kellie, be placed in the Freemasons' Hall, and unveiled at the banquet on St. Andrew's Day. Grand Lodge adopted a report as to the revised edition of the Constitution and laws of Grand Lodge. The convener of the Laws Committee, Bro. Alex. Hay, was reported to Grand Committee, on a final proof copy being submitted, that Bro. Fisher and he had been associated with the Grand Secretary in preparing the new edition for the press, and that great care had been bestowed on the work. The Grand Secretary was desired to have the book issued as soon as possible. It was reported that the Grand Master had fixed 6th August for the installation of Bro. Dr. James Middleton as Prov. Grand Master of Roxburgh and Selkirkshires, and the Grand Secretary had been instructed to arrange for the Grand Master Mason being supported on the occasion by a deputation from the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

A regular quarterly communication of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow was held on the 3rd inst., in the Hall, 213, Buchanan-street. In the absence of Bro. Wm. Pearce, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Johnstone, R.W.M. Lodge Glasgow St. John's, No. 3 bis, his acting R.W.P.G.M., who was supported by Bros. John Gordon, R.W.M. No. 4, acting P.G.S.W.; John White, R.W.M. No. 27, acting P.G.J.W.; David Reid, P.G. Sec.; Wm. Phillips, P.G.D. of C.; D. Gill, P.G. Swd. Br.; A. M. Smith, P.G. Jeweller; G. Galletly, P.G.I.G.; and Thomas Halket, P.G. Treasurer of Benevolent Fund. Apologies for absence were received from Bros. John Graham, S.P.G.M.; Charles Wilson, R.W.M. 102; and F. W. Allan, J.W.

The P.G. SECRETARY, on behalf of Bro. Charles Wilson, R.W.M. 102, and President of the Masonic Bowling Match Committee, intimated that the contest for the silver cup presented by Bro. Pearce, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, for competition annually amongst the brethren of the province, would take place on the 12th inst., at half-past four o'clock, on the following greens: Bellahouston, St. Vincent, Burnbank, Bridgeton, Whitevale, Wellcroft, Hutchesontown, and Belvedere.

The ACTING R.W.M. expressed a hope that there might be a good turn-out of the brethren, and that next to Lodge Glasgow St. John's, No. 3 bis, the best lodge may win. (Laughter.)

Bro. THOMAS HALKET, P.G. Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, read the minutes of Committee, which showed that during the past quarter of the year the sum of £23 3s. had been granted for charitable and benevolent purposes to the widows and families of deceased members of the Craft. (Applause.)

After the transaction of some routine business, Bro. Capt. Wm. TUTTLE, from America, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge. He conveyed to the brethren the kindly greeting of the Craft in America. In that great country, he said, Freemasonry stands pre-eminent, Masonry comes first, and the churches second. He also expressed his high sense of the courtesy and kind attentions which he had received in Scotland when travelling on the streets, in steamers, or on the railways, and seeking for information, as an American will do. In conclusion he assured the brethren that any of them visiting America will be kindly and cordially received by the Craft there. (Applause.)

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

PAISLEY.—St. Mirrin Lodge (No. 129).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, High-street, on Monday, the 2nd inst., Bro. John Caldwell, R.W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. James Cunningham, S.W.; Robt. C. Kilgour, Secretary, acting J.W.; M. Jamison, I.P.M.; Alex. Macpherson, P.M.; John Carswell, P.M.; Hugh Allison, D.M.; Jas. Adams, Treasurer; William B. Barbour, M.P.; M'Gown, Treasurer 370; W. Gemmell, I.P.M. 370; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Thereafter the R.W.M. introduced Bro. W. B. Barbour, M.P., and in doing so referred to the philanthropic spirit exhibited by him to his native town, and concluded by moving that he be affiliated an honorary member, which was seconded by Bro. Hugh Allison, D.M., and unanimously agreed to. The O.B. was administered by Bro. John Caldwell, R.W.M., in his usual able and masterly style, at the close of which Bro. Barbour most cordially thanked the brethren for the honour done him, and assured them he would always remember St. Mirrin Lodge with sincere esteem and affection.

After a candidate had been initiated by the R.W.M., and two F.C.'s raised to the M.M. Degree by the I.P.M., the lodge was closed.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

Bro. Surgeon-Major J. A. Campbell, of Manchester, was the recipient of a beautiful jewel and richly illuminated address forwarded to him by his lodge in Bermuda. The address, was as follows:—

"Right Wor. Sir, and dear Bro.,—

"We, the undersigned members of Lodge 726, Civil and Military, Bermuda, desire your acceptance of the accompanying Founders' Jewel as an expression of the great esteem and regard in which you are held by your Masonic brethren here, on account of your integrity of purpose, and consummate skill in our ancient mysteries. We at the same time desire to express our hearty wishes for the future welfare of yourself and family. May you long be spared to them, and they to you, and we sincerely trust that you will remember, whenever you look upon this jewel, that a wish for your health and happiness is in the heart of every brother you have left behind. Finally, dear Bro., we fervently desire for you every success in life, and that you may live for many years to wear this slight token of our regard, and to give our Masonic institution the benefit of your talent.—We are, Rt. Wor. Sir and dear Bro., yours faithfully and fraternally,—Bros. Frith, Durdan, Duffield, Rose, Keating, Smellie, Moore, Barratt, Bascome, Bascome, Burrows, Dill, Austin, Smith, Gass, Carroll, Barritt, Hand, Tucker, Robinson, Thomas, Dale, Young, Toddings, Mackenzie, Graham, D'Arcy, Winter, Banks, Trott, Simons, Berg, Loomes, Robinson, Aikin, Allenby.—Past Master W. O. F. Bascome, M.D., Presenting Officer."

The Craft Abroad.

NOVA SCOTIA.

There was an unusually large attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in Halifax, on the 3rd and 4th June, when the following brethren were elected to be the principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Bro. Lewis Johnstone, M.D. ...	G. Master.
" Charles F. Cochran ...	D.G. Master.
" H. T. Sutherland ...	G.S.W.
" A. Rogers ...	G.J.W.
" J. Dempster ...	G. Treasurer.
" B. Curran, D.C.L. ...	G. Secretary.
" R. J. Waddell ...	G. Lecturer.
" Rev. D. C. Moore ...	G. Chaplain.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The newly-elected principal officers of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia are as follows:—

Comp. Rev. H. De Blois ...	Grand H.P.
" S. Porter ...	Grand K.
" H. E. Jefferson ...	Grand Scribe
" W. A. Hesson ...	Grand Treas.
" B. Curran, D.C.L. ...	Grand Sec.

Among the principal objects of interest to be seen at Bro. Paul's exhibition in the Euston-road, of fish and amphibious stock, is a frog house specially designed by him for the green-tree frog. This creature is spoken of as a true and trustworthy weather prophet, it being its nature to remain hidden in the grass during the wet weather, and to re-appear when a change is imminent. It then climbs the ladder which Bro. Paul has introduced into this house, rising higher and higher as the weather improves and looks like continuing fine.

Aske's Hatcham Boys' School, of whom Bro. Spratling, Secretary of the University of London Lodge, is head master, had a very successful gathering on Wednesday, the 4th inst., on the occasion of their annual distribution of prizes. There was a large muster of the friends of the boys, and the reports of the different examiners were of a very flattering character. After some part singing, in which the boys showed considerable proficiency, an address of welcome in French very effectively delivered by E. G. Hawke, captain of the schools, and the quarrel scene from "Julius Cæsar," in which the parts of Brutus and Cassius were carefully played by H. J. Spon and A. L. Davis respectively, the prizes were distributed—in the unavoidable absence through the death of a relative in Wales of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans—by the Chairman of the Committee of Management, who addressed a few words of congratulation to each of the recipients. At the close of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the head master, Bro. Spratling, who, in thanking those present for the compliment, spoke in terms of warm commendation of the valuable services rendered by his staff, and expressed the hope that the school would always maintain the high character for efficiency it had secured. A scene from the "Andria" of Terence having been acted, the prize for elocution was awarded on the votes of the visitors to A. L. Davis, the representative of Cassius, and the proceedings terminated.



A Cabinet Council is appointed to be held this day (Friday), at which all the members, including Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., will be present.

Bro. Sir E. and Lady Ermytrude Malet left England on Tuesday for Berlin, where his Excellency will resume his duties as Ambassador to the German Court.

The election of Bro. Egerton Hubbard as member for North Bucks in the present House of Commons was to be celebrated by a banquet at Olney, on Thursday, the 12th instant.

The King of Portugal, accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, arrived at Cowes on Friday, the 6th inst., on a visit to her Majesty, and was received by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Bro. C. J. Venables, who has just been elected a representative of the Ward of Queenhithe on the Common Council of the City of London, is a member of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., who has been raised to the peerage, will take the title of Baron Brassey, and Bro. Sir M. A. Bass, Bart., M.P., that of Baron Burton, of Burton-on-Trent, in the county of Staffordshire.

The distinction of a Civil Knight Commander-ship of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George has been conferred by her Majesty on Bro. F. Beilby Alston, Chief Clerk of the Foreign Office, P.G. Warden of England.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff East has very kindly placed his grounds at Woodcote Grove, near Epsom, at the disposal of the members of the Open-Air Mission, who will hold a meeting this day (Friday) at Epsom under the auspices of Miss Alexander.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales presented new colours to the 2nd Battalion of the Buffs, or East Kent Regiment, on Friday, the 6th inst., at Dover, his Royal Highness having travelled thither for the purpose on the morning of the same day.

A number of our Colonial and Indian visitors travelled down to Manchester on Monday, where they were received and entertained as the guests of the Mayor and Corporation. On Tuesday they inspected several of the cotton works, print works, and warehouses.

Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., W. T. Marriott, Q.C., E. Clarke, Q.C., and Lord Charles Beresford are among the Members of the new Ministry who have been again returned to the House of Commons, no opposition having been offered to their re-election.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, presided at the regular weekly meeting on Friday, the 6th inst. A report of the Works and General Purposes Committee, in favour of forming a subway at Blackwall, was adopted by a large majority.

The famous old tavern known as the Horns, Kennington, has been taken down, and a new hostelry erected in its stead. The disappearance of so familiar a landmark will be the subject of regret, especially among Masons, to whom, as a meeting place for lodges, it had long been known. We trust the fame of the new building will be as great and as enduring.

Bros. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), the Earl of Kintore (Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard), and Lord Arthur Hill (Comptroller of the Household), were present at Windsor towards the end of last week, and were among those officers of the household who received their insignia of office on appointment, their predecessors having previously delivered them to her Majesty.

Writs were issued on Friday, the 6th inst., for the election of members of the House of Commons in place of—among others—Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Lord George Hamilton, the Hon. D. R. Plunket, E. Clarke, Q.C., W. T. Marriott, Q.C., Colonel Walrond, Lord Charles Beresford, and Lord Arthur Hill, who have been severally appointed to offices under the new Government.

The members of Lodge Journeymen, No. 8, Edinburgh, headed by their R.W.M., Bro. Charles Robb, Bro. A. W. Rennie, P.M., and other office-bearers, paid their annual visitation to the tombs of deceased members in the different cemeteries of Edinburgh and its suburbs on the 3rd inst., the object being to see that the tablets, monuments, and tombs of deceased members, formerly belonging to the lodge, were in good order.

A number of the representatives from the Colonies and India, now in England, visited Dover on Saturday last, at the invitation of Bro. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., and inspected the works of the proposed Channel Tunnel. Luncheon, at which Bro. Sir E. Watkin took the chair, was afterwards served at the Lord Warden Hotel. The party returned to town late in the evening, after paying a subsidiary visit to Folkestone, in order to see its Art Treasures Exhibition.

Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., and Sir Algernon Borthwick have paired for the whole of the present session of Parliament, the former with Mr. S. Rendel, M.P., and the latter with the Right Hon. H. Campbell Bannerman, M.P. Bro. Sir A. Borthwick, acting under medical advice, has left town for Marienbad, where he will make a long stay, with a view to recruiting his health.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided at a meeting held at Devonshire House, on the 6th inst., for the purpose of determining on the course to be pursued by the party of which he is the leader during the present Parliament. Bros. R. J. More, G. Pitt-Lewis, Q.C., Baron F. de Rothschild, P. Rylands, Sir J. St. Aubyn, H. M. Story-Maskelyne, T. Sutherland, and Sir E. Watkin, Bart., were among the members present.

It is understood that Bro. Col. Sir Frederick Stanley, who has just been raised to the Peerage, will assume the family title of Baron Stanley.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., was sworn in H.M.'s Solicitor-General in the Lord Chancellor's private room in the House of Lords on Friday, the 6th instant.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were to leave Charing Cross for Dover on Thursday evening, a special steamer being in readiness to convey them to Calais en route for Homburg.

Bro. Edmund Yates was prevented by illness from presiding, as arranged, at the farewell dinner which was to be given to Bro. Wilson Barrett on Thursday, on his departure for America.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Dorsetshire held their annual convocation at Beaminster, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Everything passed off satisfactorily. We shall give a full report next week.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters returned to Marlborough House from Cowes on Wednesday, Bro. Sir F. Knollys being one of the suite in attendance. Their Royal Highnesses visited the Queen at Osborne previous to their departure.

The Queen has been pleased to accept a copy of the "Memoir of Twenty-one Years' Work," which has been recently issued by the Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and has sent Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., the Chairman, a cheque for £25.

An interesting ceremony took place in Edinburgh on Wednesday afternoon in connection with a Royal proclamation to appointment of Navy prize money. A procession, led by Midlothian officials, accompanied by pursuivants and heralds, attired in brilliant costumes, and guarded by a contingent of Highlanders, walked from the County-buildings to the old Mercat Cross, where the proclamation was read to a large crowd of people.

Bros. Lord Mayor Staples and Alderman and Sheriff Evans paid a semi-State visit, on the 5th inst., to Derby, where they were most hospitably entertained by the Mayor and Corporation, a banquet being given by the former in the evening at the Midland Hotel, at which some 150 guests were present. The following day his lordship visited the Midland Railway Works, where upwards of 6000 persons are employed.

The Craft generally will sympathise with Bro. T. J. Shryock, M.W.G.M. of Maryland, in the recent severe bereavement he has sustained through the death of his wife, a most gifted and generous lady, who had endeared herself by her great charm of manner and intellectual power to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The lady, who died of consumption, the symptoms of which first manifested themselves about a year since, was thirty-five years of age, and leaves behind her four children, who with Bro. Shryock are well nigh inconsolable for their loss.

Bro. James Middleton, M.D., was installed Prov. G.M. of Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire, on Friday, the 6th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., G.M.M. of Scotland, assisted by a deputation of Grand Officers, among whom were Bros. D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec., and David Kinnear, Grand Cashier. A banquet followed, under the presidency of the newly-installed P.G.M., at which "The Healths of Bros. Sir A. Campbell, G.M., and Dr. Middleton, P.G.M.," were drunk with great enthusiasm.

Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553, Scotland, made a very pleasant excursion, which it is intended to repeat annually, to the Falls of the Clyde, the party being under the charge of Bro. W. Barclay, R.W.M., with many of his office-bearers. The journey was made from Glasgow to Lanark in two brakes, and lunch having been disposed of, the Falls were visited and the company photographed. The party then returned to dinner at the Victoria Hotel and thence home, after an acceptable repast and the usual toasts.

The first summer outing of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, took place on Wednesday last, under most favourable circumstances, all the arrangements being carried out well, and the weather all that one could desire. The brethren, ladies, and friends, enjoyed themselves much on board Bro. T. G. Tagg's steam launch "Serapis," and admired the scenery of the Thames from Windsor to Bourne End and back, especially between Maidenhead and Cookham, arriving back in Windsor at 6 p.m., where the company sat down to an excellent banquet, provided for them by Bro. McClooke, of the Star and Garter, Preascod-street.

The new Masonic Hall at Dover has been completed, and the first meeting was held there on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst. The premises were formerly occupied as the London and County Bank. The public office of the bank has been transformed into a very spacious hall, and neatly decorated and furnished, and has convenient anti-rooms and offices. The inaugural night was a meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter Peace and Harmony, No. 190. There are also a Mark lodge and two Craft lodges at Dover, so that the new hall will be pretty regularly used, and being situated midway between the two former meeting places, the Royal Oak, Cannon-street, and the Royal Hotel at the Pier, it will be found convenient.

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. 7547. —[ADVT.]

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The annual summer banquet of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, will take place on Thursday next, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress leave town to-day (Friday) for the holidays, and it is expected they will return about the middle of next month, Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk taking his lordship's magisterial duties during his absence.

The Grand Lodge of California recently appropriated the sum of 1200 dols., to be paid in monthly instalments of 100 dols., to one of its Past Grand Masters, who, in his old age, has been overtaken by misfortune.

The marriage of Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, of the Grenadier Guards, second son of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, with Miss Maynard, step-daughter of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn and sister-in-law of Bro. Lord Brooke, will take place at Easton Lodge, Lady Brooke's seat, near Dunmow, Essex, on the 31st instant.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Members of the new Ministry at dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday. Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Viscount Bury, Lord Henniker, W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Lord Robert Cecil, E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Baron H. de Worms, M.P., the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., W. H. Long, M.P., Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., J. H. Puleston, M.P., Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir R. Hanson, and others, being among the guests.

The installation meeting of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, was held at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent, on the 13th ult., 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 Wyre, Treas.; E. Caste, Sec.; E. Elverston, J.D.; H. Kremarc, I.G.; H. Sanders, Stwd.; J. Kift, Org.; W. Seaman, D. of C.; Whiting, Tyler. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., Mr. H. B. Marshall, jun., son of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, attained his majority, and the opportunity was taken by the employés of the firm to present him with an address of congratulation on the auspicious event, signed by the heads of the different departments on behalf of themselves and their fellow-workers. Mr. H. B. Marshall, jun., in a short but appropriate reply, gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the hope that the kindly feeling which had always existed between his father and them might be continued and strengthened between them and him. Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., was present on the interesting occasion, and must have greatly appreciated the kindness shown towards his son.

The Streatham School, Surrey, of which Bro. R. C. Lewis, M.A., late Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford, and graduate in honours of that University, is head master, has many features to recommend it to the favourable notice of paterfamilias. In the first place, it is healthily situated, with an open common of 70 acres in extent facing it, and has ample covered and open space—tennis and five courts, &c., &c.—for the accommodation of the boys during play hours. The comfort and health of the youngsters are studied in all respects, and the course of education, under the principal, assisted by thoroughly competent masters, most of whom are University graduates, is of a sound character, and suitable for pupils who intend entering at our public schools, or require to be specially trained for the Army, Navy, or Civil Service Examinations, or for the different professions. The success of this training is shown by the distinctions gained by pupils during a long term of years, among the latest instances being an open Scholarship at Haileybury College at Easter of last year, with a commission in the Royal Marines, and two places in the London Universities Matriculation Examinations at last Christmas. The School is an old established one, having been in existence since 1785, and has acquired itself throughout its whole career most satisfactorily.

LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

The arrangements made by the London and South-Western Railway Company cannot be otherwise than most acceptable to the general public. The tourist tickets are issued under very favourable conditions as to price for two calendar months, and may be extended by those holding them in accordance with certain general provisions at very moderate terms. There is a frequent and admirable train service. Coach and steam packet tickets are issued by the company, which will enable their passengers to avail themselves of those means of conveyance, and through tickets, which will convey them to places off the company's lines, may also be had; but in both these cases the company materially declines all responsibility for damages or delays which occur beyond its own control. In fact, the London and South-Western, like our other great railway lines which communicate with or traverse important or attractive districts of country, lays itself out always, but especially at this season, to attract the support of the public, and in this it is invariably successful. Nor is this to be wondered at, seeing that the company not only does its work well, punctually, and cheaply, but is also in communication, more or less direct, with some of the finest health and pleasure resorts in England, and with some of the most attractive parts of the country. Among these may be mentioned the chief places in Devonshire and Cornwall, in Dorsetshire, Hants and the Isle of Wight, the Channel Islands, and France (Havre, Honfleur, Paris, &c.). Besides these tourist tickets which are issued, as we have said, for two months after the 30th October, and may be extended to the close of the year, there are short and cheap excursion tickets from Saturday to Monday, for a week or fortnight, &c., which will meet the requirements of those who cannot spare time and money for longer holidays. As to these, and indeed all the arrangements of the London and South-Western Railway Company, we cannot do better than refer our readers to the company's programmes and bills, or, if they need still further information, to the managerial offices at Waterloo Terminus, and the principal stations on the Metropolitan and District lines, or to the booking offices located in different parts of London. At any of them they will obtain the fullest possible information.



A very enthusiastic audience greeted the re-appearance of Mr. Edward Compton and his accomplished wife Miss Virginia Bateman on Monday night at the Strand. For the first part of their pieces the Compton Comedy Company have chosen "Garrick," not Robertson's, but a version by Mr. Muskerly, which evidently gave full satisfaction to the crowded house on the first night. Mr. Compton is, if any fault is to be found, a little too serious, as it is well known that "Garrick" was always light and gay. Mr. Compton is handsome, pronounces his words and even syllables clearly, and is possessed of a very pleasant voice, and gives great effect to all he does. Miss Virginia Bateman ably supports her husband as well as her part permits, but we hope later plays will give her more opportunity of displaying the comedy view we know her to have. Mr. Lewis Ball plays the part of Alderman Gresham with dignity; the rest of the company, though very amusing, remind one of a strolling country company. We are promised a revival of "London Assurance," "Wild Oats," "The Rivals," "School for Scandal," and other old English comedies, together with two new plays. We are sure that any one who will go to the Strand will be well pleased with the piece generally. Mr. Charles Terry, a brother of the talented and charming family of which Miss Ellen Terry is the chief, officiates as manager, in which capacity he is most obliging.

The "School for Scandal" is always welcome to the downright lover of theatres, for it is a play which one can see scores of times and yet not tire of it. Miss Kate Vaughan and Mr. H. B. Conway have joined forces, and produced it at the Haymarket, where it has been received so cordially that the other old English comedies which they purposed presenting will not be put on until the "School for Scandal" shows signs of weakness. Mr. Wm. Farren, the best Sir Peter Teazle living, has been secured for that part. Mr. Charles Collette's jeweller merits special praise. Miss Kate Vaughan must of course be compared with many Lady Teazle's before her, and comes well out of the ordeal, she is graceful and winning, and has established herself as a comedy actress. Mr. Conway, as Charles Surface, is perhaps at his best in the scene in which Surface sells the family portraits, but he will not part with the picture of his old uncle, though sorely tempted by a large offer. The minuet in the second act is always popular, but with Miss Vaughan to lead it off is doubly so. Mr. Wilford Morgan has been secured to sing the song—"Here's to the Maiden." The present régime only exists for about a fortnight more, when the regular company will return to play "Jim the Penman."

At Toole's Messrs. Yardley and Stephens have added to the burlesque of "Herne the Hunted," or "Windsor Reversed," which has worked up into a very funny entertainment the ever popular comic opera of "Billie Taylor." Miss Harriet Coveney still plays her old part of Eliza, and with the "bos'un," Mr. De Lange, manages to keep the house in a roar of laughter. Miss Harriet Vernon is the Phoebe, and makes a very favourable impression. Though this comic opera has been often played since its production at the Imperial, this last is not at all unequal to previous revivals. The burlesque goes very merrily, and Bro. Arthur Williams as Herne is extremely humorous with his gag. We are promised burlesque in the "Lady of Lyons" and "Monte Cristo."

Bro. Thos. Thorne at his recent benefit gave a revival of Holcroft's once famous comedy "The Road to Ruin," and announced that the Vaudeville would close for a few weeks, but so favourably received was this old English play, that Bro. Thorne changed his mind, and is now keeping open for what he calls a summer season. Bro. Charles Warner is the hero of the play, and with the support of Bro. Thorne, Miss Larkin, and Miss Kate Rorke, the piece is as attractive as in previous revivals.

As many theatres being closed makes it better business for the music halls, though we do not think they have much cause of complaint at any time. Just now there are many attractions at the London Pavilion, amongst these being Paul Cinquevalle and the Japanese conjuror, Katoshin Awata. They perform a number of new tricks. Mr. Macdermott sings, of course, topical songs, one about the Unemployed being very clever. The Stebbing Troupe, Miss Bessie Bellwood, Miss Lottie Collins, and Mr. Charles Godfrey all add to the attractions, and Bro. Edward Swanborough looks after the comfort of the patrons.

Mr. Willie Edouin has taken the Comedy for a few weeks, and produced Mr. Mark Melford's farcical comedy "Turned Up," which has proved a big success already in London and in the provinces, where it was first played. Unfortunately there is not a part in it for Miss Alice Atherton, who is therefore supplied with a piece in one act all to herself, called "Blackberries;" but this is utterly devoid of any merit or plot, and is merely an excuse for Miss Atherton to sing some of her songs and dance. Mrs. Edouin wins her customary applause with her beautiful songs, "Happy eyes of English blue," "Bees among the clover," and a song about a dog "Rover." Mr. Edouin, as Charlie, the star of a travelling theatrical company, made some fun out of his part. We recently gave the plot of "Turned Up," so will only mention now the bare outline. George Medway, with a college chum, has taken a house up the river, and is awaiting the arrival of his mother to be introduced to General Paltic and his daughter Ada, whom George has saved from drowning, and to whom he is engaged. When Mrs. Medway makes her appearance she announces to her son and daughter that she has that morning married Mr. Caraway Bones, an undertaker. But later on the first husband, Captain Medway, arrives, showing he is not drowned at sea, as she thought. He is pursued by a black woman, who declares he has married her; but it is proved that his promise to do so was given in delirium of an illness, in which she was his nurse. Mrs. Medway's

second marriage only having been that morning is easily annulled. It will be seen there is abundant room for much fun out of these various embroglios. Of course, it must be followed closely by the audience, and played briskly by the actors for the necessary amusement to be got out of it. From beginning to end one cannot help laughing heartily, though afterwards it would be difficult to describe what one has been shaking one's sides about. A play of this description requires to be taken at fever heat. Mr. Willie Edouin is more droll than ever. We have no fear that for a month to come the Comedy Theatre will be crowded.

MESSRS. MELLISHIP AND HARRIS'S NEW ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE.—The illustrated descriptive catalogue recently issued by Messrs. Melliship and Harris contains a long list of articles, both useful and ornamental, which are of highly artistic design, and are as well-formed as they are attractive. Many of the designs give evidence of rare taste on the part of the originator, while all the different classes of commodities herein designed would seem to possess that high degree of excellence which the public is justified in associating with the firm of Melliship and Harris. The presentation writing sets are in great variety, and very many of them are not only admirable in design, but represent likewise that perfection of finish which is looked for, but not always found, in specimens of English brass work. The collection of fans is equally meritorious, the ostrich feather fan, and above all, the "Lyre" fan, which owes its name to the shape in which it is built, and which is composed of selected ostrich feathers, with shell handle, being very marvels of elegance. Then there are paper knives in ivory and white wood, string boxes, letter racks, pencil cases, all kinds of hand, reticule, and work bags; dressing and travelling hags, for ladies and gentlemen, in various kinds of material and variously fitted and lined, but all of excellent quality and highly finished; dressing cases, jewel caskets, handkerchief boxes, book sets, despatch desks, cigar cabinets and other smoking apparatus, work baskets and boxes, jewellery, scent cabinets and stands, albums, and all other articles coming under the general designation of "necessaries" among gentlefolk—of all these the catalogue contains an assortment of approved or novel design, which in all the points that constitute an article worthy of being purchased, are not to be surpassed by the manufactures of other firms in the same class of business. We recommend our readers who may be on the point of making some birthday, wedding, or other present to visit Messrs. Melliship and Harris's premises at 111, Westbourne-grove. It is very likely they will be puzzled to make a selection of what they may require, for nearly everything they see will be elegant and well made, even in excess of the price charged; but though they may be puzzled at the outset to make a selection, we feel satisfied they will be pleased when the selection is made.

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GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, Farce; at 8.45, ADONIS.
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COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE SCHOOLMISTRESS; at 8, BREAKING THE ICE. Matinee Saturday next at 2.30.
COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, BLACKBERRIES; at 9, TURNED UP.
STANDARD THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, THE COURIER OF THE CZAR.
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, August 21, 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, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Gt. House, Cheshunt-pk.
 " 1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 " 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
 " 1985, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, Kings Arms Hot., Wood Green.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Eccleswick, 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 16.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 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 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1095, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H. William-st., Woolwich.
 " 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Courthill Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.
 Board of Benevolence, at 6.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
 " 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
 " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
 Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
 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 19.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight, Southampton.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.

Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
 Ebury, 12, 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 20.

House Committee of the Boys' School at 4.
 Lodge 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.

Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.
 Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.

Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.

Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
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