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THE proceedings at the meeting of United Grand Lodge on the 1st inst. were protracted beyond expectation by the discussion which arose on certain proposed alterations in Nos. 2 and 14 of the Regulations of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As our readers are aware, the annual report of this Charity is presented to Grand Lodge, after having been submitted to the annual general meeting in May of the Governors and Subscribers. No. 47 of the Regulations renders this presentation obligatory, and, though it does not appear to have been so understood by all the brethren present in Grand Lodge on this occasion, Regulation No. 53, and last, provides that "No Rule or Regulation of this Institution, nor any alteration therein, shall come into operation until the same shall have been approved of by Grand Lodge." The particular alteration which formed the subject of the discussion that took place was the change proposed to be made in relation to the Treasurership of the Institution, which has heretofore been filled, by virtue of his office, by the Grand Treasurer of United Grand Lodge, under Regulation No. 2, which lays it down that "the Grand Treasurer for the time being" shall be "the Treasurer of the Institution." But since the brethren have adopted the practice of electing a new Grand Treasurer every year, the Committee of Management appear to have found it inconvenient, and the cause of much delay, that, as a result, the Institution should have a new Treasurer annually, the inconvenience being all the greater, as the Grand Treasurer has always been one of the Trustees of the Male and Female Funds of the Charity. We offer no opinion upon the desirability of the proposed change, which Grand Lodge, moreover, by its vote of last week, has accepted and approved. But, in our judgment, there does not appear to the slightest doubt that the present Grand Treasurer of United Grand Lodge, namely, Bro. D. P. CAMA, is, by Nos. 2 and 53 of the Regulations of the Institution, likewise the present Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Trustee of the different funds mentioned in Regulation No. 14. Our reasons for holding this opinion are (1) that by Rule No. 53 no alteration in any Rule or Regulation can come into operation "until the same shall have been approved of by Grand Lodge" and that, therefore, Bro. D. P. CAMA, as "the Grand Treasurer for the time being" on the 1st September, was the then Treasurer of the Institution and will remain such till the proceedings of that day have been confirmed by Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in December next; (2) that whether or not any such confirmation of last week's proceedings in Grand Lodge is necessary—and there are those who think it is not—the new law provides that "The Treasurer of the Institution shall be elected annually on the third Friday in May." Consequently, as there is no provision for giving a retroactive effect to a prospective change which has at length received the approval of Grand Lodge, no election under the new law can take place until "the third Friday in May" 1887; and hence "the Grand Treasurer for the time being" is and will remain "Treasurer of the Institution" until such day, to wit, "the third Friday in May" of next year, as the new law comes legally into operation. Anything that may have been done towards providing a Treasurer for the Institution under any law which has not hitherto been approved of by Grand Lodge is illegal, and anything done on any other than the day appointed under the new law, that is, on any other day than the "third Friday in May," must be illegal likewise.

BEFORE the end of the present month another province—that of the Isle of Man—will be added to the roll, and there will then only remain the group of lodges meeting in the Channel Islands (Guernsey and Alderney) which will have no organisation as a Provincial Grand Lodge. The new province will consist of the five lodges now held in the Island, namely, the Athole, No. 1014; the Tynwald, No. 1242; the Ellan Vannin, No. 2049; and the St. Trinian's, No. 2050, all meeting in Douglas; and the St. Maughold, No. 1075, Ramsey, with a sixth lodge—St. German's, No. 2164—to meet at Peel, which will be consecrated on the 28th inst., the day preceding the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the installation

of Bro. Major GOLDEE-TAUBMAN, Speaker of the House of Keys, as Provincial Grand Master. Thus the new Provincial Grand Lodge will at the outset be able to make a very respectable show, numerically, and we doubt not that under the wise rule of the able and influential brother on whom his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER has bestowed the patent of Prov. Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man will speedily make its mark among the Provincial Grand Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England. The ceremonies of consecrating the new lodge of St. German's on the 28th and installing Bro. Major GOLDEE-TAUBMAN, as Prov. G.M., on the 29th inst., will be performed by Bro. Col. CLERKE, G. Sec., who, accompanied by several Grand Officers, will visit the Isle of Man for the purpose. We trust everything will pass off in a manner worthy of so auspicious an occasion.

IT has seldom been our privilege to attend so solemn a gathering as that which took place at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea Rise, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when the mortal remains of Miss JARWOOD, for so many years the respected Matron of the School, were interred in Battersea Cemetery, amid the poignant regrets of the children she had tended so kindly, and the representatives of the different Committees, as well as of the Governors and Subscribers generally, with and for whom she had worked so harmoniously and successfully. A full account of the ceremony will be found in another part of our columns, but we cannot forbear expressing our satisfaction at the excellence of the arrangements that were made. Everything was carried out strictly according to the plan provided. There was no hitch or break in the proceedings, and the whole scene was as beautifully yet mournfully impressive as any the imagination could picture. It was evident the grief exhibited was as deep as it was general, and that those present were actuated by a sense of the reality of the loss which they and the Institution had sustained through the death of its beloved and respected Matron.

SOME few weeks since, when we announced that a Bro. BINCKES Testimonial Fund was to be raised with a view to recognising in some tangible form the great services rendered during the last 25 years to the Craft generally, but especially to the Boys' School, by that worthy brother, we promised to refer to the subject more fully in some future article. We hasten to redeem that promise, but as his career has been so fully described in the "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," originally published in our columns, we need not dwell very minutely on the details. Briefly, Bro. BINCKES has been one of us for some five-and-thirty years, having been initiated in the Enoch Lodge in the month of December, 1851. Within ten years from his initiation he was elected Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and appointed Grand Secretary of the Mark Grand Lodge. He was chosen to the former office at a time when it was felt that an infusion of "new blood" into the executive was absolutely necessary if the Institution in its new career of a Boarding School was to be carried on in a manner worthy of our Society. He entered on the latter office when there were rival authorities over the Mark Degree and much of the work of organisation had yet to be done. The appointment of Bro. BINCKES to two offices of high trust and heavy responsibility, in the course of one year, sufficiently indicate the confidence felt in his ability to achieve great things, and the work of the twenty and five years that have elapsed since then bears ample testimony to the justice of that confidence. As regards the Boys' School and his labours on its behalf, on which the Committee of the proposed Fund have principally based their address to the brethren, we shall best promote the object in view by contrasting the present position of the Institution with what it was in 1861, when he entered upon his duties as Secretary. Then there were 70 boys, all told, on the establishment; there are now 223, exclusive of those admitted on perpetual and life presentations. Then the School buildings were only a private mansion converted into a school; now they are a handsome and massive pile as regards the principal structure, containing spacious school-rooms and dormitories, bath-rooms and offices, a dining hall, and ample accommodation for the resident staff of masters, matron, and servants, with other buildings adjoining, to wit, the head master's residence, the large Assembly Hall, the infirmary, the Preparatory School, and the gymnasium, the whole being situated in extensive grounds, part of which are laid out ornamentally, while other parts are used for playing grounds and the growth of vegetable and dairy produce. In 1861 the income from all sources was about £2000; now it is about seven times as great. The Festival immediately preceding Bro. BINCKES's appointment yielded under £1600; that held at Brighton on the 30th June last produced close on £12,700, and there are some years in which even that amount has been exceeded,

notably in 1883, when Lord HOLMESDALE—now Earl AMHERST—was Chairman, and the total result was over £23,000. In fact, the 25 Festivals held under his auspices have yielded in round figures £235,346, giving an average of nearly £9414 per Festival, and as there have been sundry supplemental collections at the laying of corner stones, &c., we shall assuredly not be exaggerating if we state the amount realised mainly through Bro. BINCKES'S instrumentality at £250,000, that is, at £10,000 per annum during the period of his Secretaryship. Of this sum quite £100,000 remains in the shape of the school buildings and land and the money invested—about £17,000. But this by no means represents the whole of the picture. Not only has the School been enlarged to the extent we have described and the number of boys in it tripled, but the educational benefits bestowed by the Institution have been materially enhanced, and what was once hardly on a higher level than a National School now holds a foremost rank among the best of middle-class scholastic establishments. The smattering of a rudimentary English training has given place to a well-conceived and well-taught system of education such as the boys of well-to-do parents receive, and the successes obtained year after year in the Cambridge local and other examinations by the pupils of our Boys' School in competition with those of other Schools bear conclusive testimony to the manner in which the system has been applied. To the chief share in the merit due to these achievements Bro. BINCKES is undoubtedly entitled, and the proposal to present him with a testimonial in recognition of his services will doubtless receive the consideration it deserves.

OF course, we know well enough there is a class of critic who will retort that he has been paid for what he has done. That is so. He has been paid for what he has done, and had he never moved hand or foot in behalf of the Institution beyond what the strict letter of his bond required of him, had he measured out his services at so much per £1 sterling of emolument, we might feel inclined to concede to our critical friend that his retort had in it some appearance of justice. But Bro. BINCKES'S whole career shows indubitably that so mean a view of duty never entered his mind. In April 1869, a Committee which had been appointed to inquire into the duties and emoluments of the Secretariat, reported that "though, by the strict letter of his engagement made at the time of his election, Bro. BINCKES'S attendance at the office was limited to four hours per day for three days in the week, yet that 'from the date of such election' he had 'given daily attendance, and, owing to the rapid increase of the business, for nearly the entire day, for the first two or three years, and since then his regular attendance during the whole of each day, save when visiting the provinces, or absent from illness.' More than this, he had been 'compelled to engage assistance during the years 1863-7 at a cost to himself,' as shown in the tabulated statement annexed." Other illustrations might also be adduced, but this one will suffice to exhibit the spirit in which Bro. BINCKES has fulfilled his part of the bond or agreement with the electors, and, we are sure, it is in this spirit of generous consideration that the present scheme for presenting him with a testimonial will be received generally throughout the Craft, not in that wretched spirit of parsimony, which would try and reduce all feelings of loyalty, honour, zeal, generosity, to the level of a strict money value, buying or disposing of them at so much per foot, pound, or pottle. For ourselves the scheme has our heartiest sympathy and best wishes for its success, our great desire being that the testimonial, when presented, shall be worthy alike of the donors and the recipient.

THE Masonic Exhibition at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, which has been organised with so much care by Bro. GREENHAM, W.M., and the officers and members of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, was most successfully inaugurated on Thursday afternoon by our respected Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, to whom, having regard to the natural bent of his mind as well as to his distinguished position as a ruler of the Craft, the fulfilment of such a duty would be a most welcome task. We are glad to learn that everything passed off most satisfactorily. Bro. BEACH was well supported by his Prov. Grand Officers, and there was a very strong muster of the brethren from the lodge in the province as well as from those more remotely situated. Under these circumstances taking into consideration the large number of exhibits, we are justified in anticipating that the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition will prove worthy of its predecessors at York and Worcester, and that in course of time it will in company with them head a long series of similar Exhibitions in London and throughout the provinces.

HIS Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT has ordered that the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex is to be held at Brighton on the 12th October, the W. Bro. JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M., will preside. There is no lack of business for that assembly, several important reports to be made to the Prov. G. Lodge, two having reference to the late R.W. Bro. Sir W. BURRELL, Bart. The election of a Prov. G. Treasurer, and the appointment of Prov. G. Officers are also noted on the agenda. The banquet is to be served at the Royal Pavilion, seats being reserved for those only who obtain tickets before the 8th October.

THE detailed report of the Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire has been printed and duly circulated. In the R.W. Bro. Colonel LE GENDRE NICHOLAS STARKIE the province has an able ruler, and the consequence is that the progress and prosperity of the Craft in East Lancashire are well assured. Ninety-two out of the 94 lodges were represented at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Bury, and everything was done with the greatest precision and order.

COLONEL STARKIE had a few words to say to the brethren in his address, which were of special importance, particularly those with respect "to the dishonourable, if not dishonest, practice prevailing in many lodges of mixing funds subscribed for Charitable purposes with the lodge funds." His sound advice was to the effect that "All lodges should have *two separate funds*, one for lodge purposes and the other for Charity."

THE R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that a "History of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire" was being compiled by our indefatigable Bro. JAMES NEWTON, P. Prov. G.D., and now the Asst. Prov. G. Sec. Colonel STARKIE stated that it was "*his earnest desire and request that the fullest information should be supplied to Bro. NEWTON, so that the work might be as accurate and complete as possible.*" This is just as it should be. Bro. NEWTON is working for the province, not for himself, and deserves the hearty support and co-operation of every lodge and brother in East Lancashire.

THE members of the lately formed and prosperous Grand Lodge of South Australia are much delighted with the Masonic good feeling and kindness displayed to them by H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, as Grand Master of England, who has not only cheerfully recognised their independence Masonically, but has decided to exchange Representatives. The R.W. Bro. ROBERT CUNLIFFE, P.G.W., has been appointed as the Representative at our Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. J. WAY, has been appointed in a similar capacity to represent England in the Grand Lodge of South Australia. The commission of the latter, signed by Lord LATHOM, D.G.M., by command of the M.W.G.M., is given in full in the last published Report of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and bears date the 21st January, 1886, the chief business of that Grand Lodge on July 21st being "To invest the M.W. the Grand Master by request of the Grand Lodge of England, with the jewel of the Representative of that Grand Lodge."

MENTION is made of the "very handsome jewel" forwarded, to be worn by the Grand Representative for the time being, and the Grand Master of South Australia "has decided to communicate to H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, an assurance of a fraternal and cordial welcome by the Freemasons of South Australia, should he determine to visit that country."

WE understand that the jewels forwarded to our Representatives at the various Grand Lodges, were designed by our esteemed Grand Secretary, who has more than once displayed his artistic tastes in that direction.

WE have been honoured with a communication from the respected Grand Master of Maryland, M.W. Bro. T. J. SHRYOCK, respecting our reference to the debt on the Masonic Temple belonging to that veteran Grand Lodge. Bro. SHRYOCK informs us that the representatives of the lodges at the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge "*have never been paid since the debt was contracted.*" It appears that some 20 years ago a few enthusiastic brethren decided to build the Masonic Temple, and the credit of the Grand Lodge being exceedingly good, an unwise debt was contracted. Our distinguished brother, with a full knowledge of the circumstances, states, "We have fought our way through the fight, and the dark clouds that surrounded our Grand Lodge have at last broken away. There is no question about the fact, that in a very few years our Grand Lodge will be entirely free from such an incubus."

THE GRAND MASTER considers he might soon clear off the sum now owing by making an appeal to the brethren in the manner we suggested, but as the centennial celebration is to be next year, he prefers to leave the final struggle until then, well knowing that the Maryland Craft will not allow the funds to be any longer crippled; and this triumph will be one of the special forms of commemorating the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which has been "the leader in all the great Masonic movements for the past 100 years, in fact has originated a great many things that have been of inestimable value to the Craft, such as the General Masonic Relief Associations of the United States and Canada."

LODGE TRUE FRIENDSHIP, No. 218, CALCUTTA.

The following history, recently compiled by two members of the lodge will, doubtless, be interesting as indicating some of the vicissitudes of foreign lodges.

My investigations show that the existing lodge, which was then under the "Modern" organization, dates from 1788 only. It, however, changed its Constitution for an "Athol" warrant in 1797. The phrase used by the compilers, "Ancient York Constitution," is, as Bro. Hughan has frequently pointed out, erroneous. They mean a Constitution under the "Ancient" or "Athol" Grand Lodge, and not under the York Grand Lodge, with which it had no connection whatever.

Torquay, 6th Sep., 1886.

JNO. LANE.

A HISTORY OF LODGE TRUE FRIENDSHIP, No. 218, COMPILED BY BROS. J. MILNE AND J. W. BROWNE.

Calcutta, 1st January, 1885.

From our only record of Lodge True Friendship, we find that it was originally attached to the third Army Brigade and was in existence in December, 1773, under a warrant from Bro. Samuel Middleton, the then Provincial

Grand Master of Bengal, its number being 12 of Bengal; but according to some of our oldest Past Masters there is a tradition that it was in existence long before that date, being attached to a regiment serving in the West Indies, afterwards transferred to the East, and had we been properly registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England, no doubt we should be found to be one of the oldest lodges on the English rolls, and certainly No. 1 of Bengal. But in the absence of such registration, and with no books of District Grand Lodge or of our own to refer to, we must for the present rest content with the numbers we now hold—we say for the present, hoping that we may some day, through any of our energetic past members who may visit England, be enabled to establish our priority. We can, therefore, with the limited material at our disposal, only commence this brief sketch from the above date, at which time Masonry must have been in a very flourishing condition in Bengal, there being some 14 lodges at the different civil and military stations. Of these, three were in Calcutta, viz., Star in the East, No. 1; Industry and Perseverance, No. 2; and Humility with Fortitude, No. 11; True Friendship, No. 12, not becoming a Calcutta lodge until 1787, when the third Army Brigade moved into Fort William.

About 1781 appears to have been a most disastrous time for Masonry in Bengal, the Carnatic War being the reason given for it, and every lodge, with the exception of Industry, No. 2, went into abeyance; even the Provincial Grand Lodge being closed from that year until 1785, when, mainly through the action of "Industry" in ascertaining that so long as a single lodge remained working, Provincial Grand Lodge would not cease to exist, it was reconstructed. Star in the East and True Friendship seem to have been the first lodges that got revived, for, on 28th February, 1787, we find the Provincial Grand Lodge writing to the Grand Lodge of England:—

"Of the lodges in these provinces we believe all have ceased to exist, except the lodges Nos. 1 and 2, and one consisting of non-commissioned officers and privates belonging to the Third Brigade."

About this time the Third Brigade moved into Fort William, and on 24th December of the same year, the Secretary of True Friendship wrote to Provincial Grand Lodge setting forth that in December, 1773, they had received a warrant from M.W. Bro. Samuel Middleton, but that from sundry causes such warrant had not been replaced by a regular Constitution, and praying that such Constitution might be granted. The Constitution was granted and a renumbering of the lodges took place. Masonry in Bengal was at this time represented by the Calcutta lodges alone, another having in the meantime been added to their number, viz., "Unanimity," which, doubtless through the irregularity of "True Friendship's" not having a regular constitution, had also borne the number 12. By the new numbering 1 and 2 remained as before, 3 to 8 were left open in case any of the Mofussil lodges should revive, and "Unanimity" was made No. 9, "True Friendship," No. 10, and "Humility with Fortitude," which had also by this time been revived, No. 11. The first Master of "True Friendship" under its new constitution was its former Secretary, James Davis, and the constitution was delivered to the lodge at a visit paid to it by Provincial Grand Lodge on 22nd January, 1788. The Third Brigade did not, however, remain long in Fort William, and moved in the same year to Berhampore, taking the lodge with it. This seems to complete the record of the original Lodge "True Friendship."

On 27th February, 1788, we find seven members of "True Friendship" petitioning Provincial Grand Lodge to be allowed to form a separate lodge, as they could not leave Calcutta when the Third Brigade went to Berhampore. The petition was acceded to, and Bro. Edward Griffith was elected first Master of the new "True Friendship," which received the number 12; but before the constitution could be prepared, a hitch arose from three out of the seven members who had signed the petition withdrawing their names from it. It does not appear how the difficulty was got over; but in any case the constitution was signed on 24th July, 1788, and on 28th October of the same year the Provincial Grand Lodge wrote to the Grand Lodge of England that the lodge was regular and orderly, Bro. Griffith being Master. This brother was re-elected Master for 1789.

For some years after this time the records of Provincial Grand Lodge are wanting, and all the old records of "True Friendship" having been destroyed under peculiarly unfortunate circumstances, nothing can be ascertained regarding the lodge until towards the close of the century, when the Calcutta lodges had been increased to seven by the addition of "Anchor and Hope" and "Marine." None of the Mofussil lodges for which numbers had been reserved seem to have been revived, and it is difficult to say whether the original "True Friendship," No. 10, which went to Berhampore ever re-amalgamated with its offshoot No. 12, or if it became extinct, and "True Friendship" was represented by No. 12 alone. In any case we find "True Friendship" was the first to resent the monopoly that "Star in the East" and "Industry and Perseverance" had obtained of having the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge uniformly selected from the members of these lodges, and throwing off allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, applied for, and obtained, a warrant from the Antient York Constitution (Athole Masons). The warrant, which we still work under, is dated 27th December, 1797, and the number of the lodge was 315, being No. 1 of Bengal under that constitution; and this is peculiarly but, at the same time, most satisfactorily vouched for by that portion of the inscription on the grand heirloom of the lodge (viz., our punch bowl), on which is inscribed "Bengal, No. 1." Our records having been unfortunately lost and destroyed, we have no opportunity of ascertaining what position in the lodge the generous donor of this magnificent piece of China held. We only find that it was given to us by one Bro. Hugh Adams, and for over 70 years it has been an emblem, useful as well as ornamental, of the hospitality of Lodge True Friendship, and now serves also as a surviving landmark of our antiquity. As a record of our possessing this valuable token of fraternal esteem and regard, it is advisable to give a slight sketch of the Punch Bowl. It is 22 inches in

diameter, 10 inches in height, and capable of holding 9½ gallons of Punch. It is most beautifully enamelled, the ornamentation being in lasting gold and rich colours. Within the Bowl under a gold rim, we find the inscription "This Bowl is presented to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Lodge True Friendship, Bengal, No. 1, as a mark of esteem by their Brother, Hugh Adams." Under this inscription is a very beautiful frieze of coloured bunches of various flowers on a gold ground. At the bottom of the Bowl is the old emblem of Royal Arch Masonry, with the double triangle, pickaxe, and shovel, and on a blue ribbon the motto, "Sit lux et lux fuit." On the outside on the upper edge is a gold Grecian border on a Royal blue ground, and on the body are four compartments, the first of which represents the emblems of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Installed Master Degrees, with the Volume of the Sacred Law opened at II. Chron., Chap. iii., and a ribbon with motto, "Fide, Spe, et Charitate." In the second we find the stars and symbols of the Red Cross of Babylon and of the Order of the Knights of Constantine. In the third division are the Knights Templars' star and cross with the emblems of mortality and the double cross of a Commander; and in the centre the clasped hands of True Friendship, the Badge of the Provincial Grand Master of Bengal, and the inscription "Lodge True Friendship, Bengal, No. 1, G.L.E., No. 315." On the rim of the base is the inscription: "This Bowl made by Syng Chong, China Merchant, Canton, A.D. 1813."

Lodge Humility shortly followed True Friendship in seceding from the Grand Lodge of England, and received from the Antient York Constitution the number 317, or No. 2 of Bengal: Anchor and Hope, and Marine followed some three years later, when they also obtained warrants from the Antient York Constitution.

About the beginning of the present century the three lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, from various causes, fell into abeyance, and for some years Masonry in Bengal was represented by the four lodges working under the Antient York Constitution alone, but before the union of the Grand Lodges in 1813, Star in the East, and Industry and Perseverance had been revived, Unanimity having disappeared for ever. At the union of the Grand Lodges True Friendship received the No. 383, and at the renumbering of the lodges in 1832 it got No. 265; in 1863 its present No. 218 was assigned to it.

Since the union there is only one event of any moment connected with the lodge and that is its amalgamation with Lodge Aurora on the 17th August, 1830. This lodge (Aurora) was constituted in 1814, fell into abeyance in 1820, but was revived in 1824, and at the time of the amalgamation it appears to have been in a very flourishing condition, more so, in fact, than True Friendship, which seems to have secured unusually favourable terms in the transaction.

In conclusion, it should be recorded that Lodge True Friendship has always maintained an even position in its numbers, and has been comparatively free from the vicissitudes of other lodges. It has for the last 40 years been celebrated for the number of its old Past Masters who have filled the highest offices in Masonry, and been conspicuous for their staunch support of the District Grand Lodge. Peace and harmony have long reigned in our midst, and that these may continue we heartily pray.

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

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

The opening ceremony of the Masonic exhibition at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, was somewhat marred by unfavourable weather, but in every other respect the proceedings were satisfactory. The brethren assembled, and clothed at an adjacent house to the Swiss Chalet, at which the exhibition is on view. A large number of brethren were present, including Bros. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M.; Capt. Hector McLean, Prov. G.M. of Lanarkshire; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Lieut. Black, Prov. G.S.W. of Lanarkshire; J. E. Lefevre, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire; E. Goble, Prov. Grand Sec.; Alfred Greenham, W.M. of the Chinej Lodge, the Masters of the other lodges in the Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Portsmouth. The brethren went in procession to the Swiss Chalet, where the Prov. Grand Master in opening the exhibition said it was ill for the welfare of a nation when it tried to efface the memories of the past, for it was by the recounting of noble deeds and noble memories that people were stimulated to emulate the great actions of their forefathers, that was true of all nations. We Masons, he continued, had a history of the past, the past of which they were justly and truly proud, they pointed with pride to those who had gone before them, and they tried to emulate their example and carry out their principles. Masons knew they had a long past, reaching back into a remote antiquity, they, however, knew little of the origin of the Craft, but they could trace it back by existing things. Freemasonry had been preserved wherever knowledge existed, and it had exercised civilising and humanising influence in every country where it existed; it was even met with in barbarous countries. They might congratulate themselves on the present age, when Masonry was making such rapid strides, and when the members of the Craft were imbued with those great principles which had been handed down to them, principles conducive not only to reverence, to good, and loyalty to the Sovereign, but devotion to their country. He trusted that the Masons of the day would never lose sight of those great principles, or of the claims of Charity and the ties of Brotherhood. The Provincial Grand Master then formally declared the Exhibition open.

Bro. POPHAM WHITE, the lord of the manor, on behalf of the Chinej Lodge, presented the Provincial Grand Master with a gold medal, struck in commemoration of the day's event. The Master also presented the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Master, and the Provincial Grand Secretary with beautifully bound catalogues.

In the evening a celebration dinner, at which many Grand Officers, including Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, attended, was held, and the grounds of the Swiss Chalet were illuminated.

During the Exhibition Promenade Concerts will be given by the Band of the Royal Irish Rifles and the Shanklin Town Band.

FISH, POULTRY, GAME, OYSTERS.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER II, 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.]

THE TREASURERSHIP OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I see from your report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge last week that Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in moving the adoption of an amended regulation of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution affecting the election of its Treasurer, is said to have stated that "in the other Institutions—the Boys' and the Girls'—Grand Lodge had already sanctioned the alteration which was now asked for the Benevolent Institution, which was that they might not be compelled to elect their Treasurer annually." I do not know Bro. Hogg's authority for this statement, but having had occasion to study most carefully the minutes—so far as they have been preserved—of the Boys' School, I can confidently affirm that Grand Lodge never sanctioned any such change as regards that Institution, for the best of all reasons, that it has never possessed or claimed to exercise any such authority, the entire control of its affairs having, so far as my reading goes, always been vested in the governors and subscribers to the Institution. The reason for the difference in the relations between Grand Lodge and our two Schools—though I must be understood as speaking only of the Boys', with whose minutes I am familiar—on the one hand, and Grand Lodge and the Benevolent Institution on the other, will be manifest to Bro. Hogg, and other of your readers who take an interest in these matters, when I point out to them that the Schools were founded by individual brethren, while the Benevolent Institution was founded by Grand Lodge, the Male Fund in 1842 and the Widows' Fund in 1849. It is true that from about the year 1805 till the Union the financial statements of the Treasurer of the Boys' School were published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," Bro. Robert Leslie, who was Grand Secretary of that body, being likewise the Treasurer of the Institution; while after the Union there was for several years a Board of Schools under United Grand Lodge, whose chief business, however, appears to have been to pay over the varying contributions of Grand Lodge (since commuted into a fixed annual sum of £150 paid to each School) to the Treasurers of the two Schools, a moiety to each Treasurer. But there is nothing in the minutes of the Institution for Boys to show that either before or after the Union Grand Lodge ever did anything more than contribute towards its support, the supporters having in their own hands the entire management of its affairs, electing their own officers and Committee, and every now and then revising the regulations on their own responsibility, and without any reference, or an idea of any reference, to Grand Lodge. The case is very different as regards the Benevolent Institution, which, as I have said, was founded by Grand Lodge, and in the management of whose business that body would naturally have a proprietary right; and though, without a copy of its regulations to refer to, I should hesitate to speak

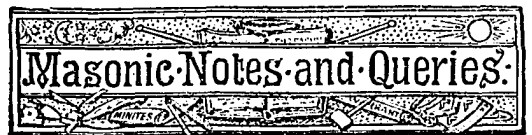
with anything like certainty upon the point, it seems to me on the impulse of the moment that no alteration in the laws of the Benevolent Institution can be valid until it has been confirmed by Grand Lodge. In which case, of course, it would follow that the Treasurer appointed under the old law—that is, the Grand Treasurer, not Bro. Edgar Bowyer—would remain in office until superseded by another Treasurer appointed under the new law, as sanctioned and confirmed by Grand Lodge. On this point I will say nothing further here, as it does not come within the scope of this letter.

But to return to the Boys' School and its Treasurership. There are no minutes extant before January 1812, and nothing therefore to show how Bros. William Burwood and Robert Leslie, who successively filled the office of Treasurer up to that date, were elected. Cole's "Illustrations of Masonry," published in 1807, and the balloting paper for July 1803—see Appendix R., "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys"—mention the former as "Institutor and Treasurer" in those years, and the printed proceedings of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge contain the accounts of the latter as Treasurer from about 1805 to the Union. Moreover, Cole gives the Rules and Regulations of the Institution in 1801, among them being the following:— "XVI.—That in case of the death, resignation, or dismissal of the Treasurer, Secretary, or Collector, a Special General Meeting be called by order of the Committee within fourteen days, to declare the same, and fix the time of election for filling up such vacancies, which shall be by ballot."

This law, so far as I know, appears to have been acted upon ever since. In January, 1815, Bro. Lindo, at the time G.S.W. of England, was elected by a majority of 15 to 5 over Bro. Scott, it being, however, at the same time enacted that the election should take place annually, and this enactment continued in force for a long term of years, though the same brother was invariably re-elected. At a Special General Meeting in February, 1823, Bro. Ramsbottom, M.P., was elected to succeed Bro. Lindo, resigned, but as Bro. Ramsbottom was unable to undertake the duties, Bro. F. W. Pott was elected in his stead at another special meeting in the following April. In April, 1825, Bro. Benjamin Rouse succeeded Bro. Pott, resigned, being elected by 14 votes to 11 over Bro. Harris. In 1826, on the recommendation of the Duke of Sussex, Bro. Moore was elected in place of Bro. Rouse, resigned. In 1831 Bro. the Rev. W. J. Rodber, G. Chap., was elected by an overwhelming majority, *vice* Moore, resigned, Grand Master the Duke of Sussex, to whom application was made to nominate a brother for the office, being careful, however, to point out to the Governors that the office was an elective one. On Bro. Rodber's death, Bro. Pollock was elected his successor, and in 1846, on Bro. Pollock going to India, Bro. B. B. Cabbell was elected. In 1869, Bro. Cabbell resigned, and Bro. Algernon Perkins was elected in his stead, and after the latter's death, Bro. Plucknett, the present Treasurer, was chosen in January, 1873. It will be seen from this record of facts that Grand Lodge has never had anything to do with the election of Treasurer of the Boys' School, and, though I have not read the minutes of the Girls' School, my impression is that the Governors of that Institution have always, as regards the management of its affairs, acted independently of Grand Lodge.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

G. B. ABBOTT.

7th September, 1886.



675] FRENCH FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.

Many thanks to Bro. Whythead. I was aware of the lodge warranted by Grand Lodge of York in 1762 to French prisoners of war. Bro. Gould gives the minute at p. 418, chap. xviii. of his history. But there is a great difference. In this case a warrant was granted by an English authority under definite conditions for a specific purpose. In the case discovered by Bro. Hughan, a *high degree* Mason, with no other authority than the usurped privileges of his Degree, takes upon himself to grant a warrant in the territory of an established Grand Lodge and professes to do so in the name of a foreign grand body to whom he subordinates said lodge. This is a very distinct and flagrant invasion of jurisdiction, and is all the more peculiar because the aggressor, De Grasse-Tilly, can in no wise be considered to have been empowered thus to act by the body whose name he invokes. Will Bro. Hughan furnish us with the particulars of the furniture used by this French lodge and supply any further information he may be possessed of.
G. W. SPETH.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor visited the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, and remained to luncheon, the latter returning in the evening to Aldershot. The Prince and the Duke and Duchess visited the Colonial and Indian Exhibition the same day, dining there, and afterwards walking through the buildings.

The 23rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 21st-24th inst., but the programme of arrangements, which is a formidable one, extends over a whole week, from the 19th to the 23rd inst., both inclusive. On the 21st inst. there will be a grand parade and escort of the Grand Encampment, on the 22nd a display of drill by some of the visiting Commanderies and a band concert, the proceeds of which will be handed over to the fund for erecting the proposed Missouri Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. In the evening the city will be illuminated and the parades of the Trades Display Association and Flambeau Club will take place. One of the principal features of the week's campaign will be the river excursions which have been arranged for nearly every evening in the week, and there will also be a frequent interchange of visits between the city and visiting Commanderies. In fact, the whole of the week appears to be so fully occupied in parading, drill, visiting, illuminations, excursions, and the like, that it strikes us the great difficulty of all concerned will be to find the leisure for doing nothing.



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QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The chair was taken by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., who was supported by Bros. R. F. Gould, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec.; W. Simpson, I.G.; and the following visitors: Bros. Professor T. Hayter Lewis; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; C. Kupferschmidt, P.M. 238; W. Glaiser, J.W. 238; J. Hann, S.D. 238; B. Harrison, 278; S. Baskett, P.M. 1369; P.P.G. Reg. Dorset; G. Vozeler, 238; J. N. Bate, P.M. 72; C. Woods, 1869; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Permanent Committee received and adopted. Bro. Woodford then read a letter from Bro. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., W.M., expressing his regret at his inability to attend. A letter was also read from Bro. Bywater, asking the lodge to accept from him a set of gavel. Bro. Woodford, after reading the letter to the brethren, said they would observe that the gavel was of antique design, made of handsome ivory and ebony, and were specially adapted to the use of the lodge.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Bywater for his generous and useful gift.

The W.M. in the chair then said he had to ask the brethren to join with him in expressing their sympathy towards an esteemed brother who had sustained a heavy loss since their last meeting. He referred to their S.W., Bro. W. H. Rylands, whose wife, as they were doubtless aware, had recently died. He proposed that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Bro. Rylands the deep feelings of sympathy and condolence evinced by the members of the lodge at his irreparable loss.

Bro. R. F. Gould, in seconding the proposition, drew the attention of the brethren to the great interest shown by Bro. Rylands in the welfare of the lodge, and said they all owed a debt of gratitude to him for his valuable assistance in its formation. The motion having been carried by acclamation, the next business on the agenda paper was proceeded with, which was the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, and resulted as follows: Bros. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., re-elected W.M.; Besant, re-elected Treasurer; and Freeman, re-elected Tyler. The peculiar work taken up by this lodge—viz., the study of archæology and Masonic literary research—was then admirably illustrated by a valuable paper read by Bro. Speth, P.M., Secretary, on the "Steinmetz Theory, critically examined." In his paper Bro. Speth examined, minutely, a theory of Masonic origin which, originating in Germany, became known to English readers by the publication of Findel's History in 1859, and met with universal acceptance, both in the old world and the new. He traced the gradual growth of this theory, and referred to the authors who had helped to build it up, including Grandier, Schneider, Heldmann, Stieglitz, Heidehoff, and Fallou. He exposed the fallacy and groundlessness of their assertions, and pointed out the inconsistencies of the theory, which, he declared was built upon sand, and was the result, to a great extent, of pure invention. The subject, which has been treated fully in all recent works on Freemasonry, and may be referred to in the well-known books of Mackey, Fort, and Findel, was treated in a masterly manner by Bro. Speth, and was much enjoyed by the brethren present.

A short discussion followed, in which Bros. Kupferschmidt and Gould took part.

Bro. Woodford having briefly referred to the leading features of the paper,

Bro. Speth made a few concluding remarks.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Speth for the intellectual treat he had afforded the brethren, which he briefly acknowledged. Bro. Rev. A. F. Woodford, P.G.C., kindly consented to read a paper at the next meeting of the lodge on "Freemasonry and Hermeticism."

There being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

After dinner, at which Bro. Woodford presided, a few loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. "The Queen and the Craft" having been received, "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" was given, Bro. Woodford passing a high encomium on the zeal and ability of the Grand Officers.

"Prosperity to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge" was next proposed by Bro. Woodford, who remarked that they met together as a band of students for the study of Masonic archæology. It was their custom to propose this toast and to couple with it the name of a brother, well known to them all, who was interested in the work which the lodge carried out. On the present occasion he would call upon Bro. Professor Hayter Lewis to respond, as it was the first time he had been amongst them, and, as they were all aware, he evinced a lively interest in the welfare and doings of the lodge.

Bro. Professor Hayter Lewis, in response, said this was the kind of lodge he should have wished to belong to, for as an architect he took great interest in the work they were engaged upon. He assured them that the high expectations he had formed, previous to his visit, had not been disappointed. He regretted he was not present to hear Bro. Gould's address, but assured Bro. Speth that he had been deeply interested by the paper read that evening, and thanked him for the intellectual treat. He tendered his hearty thanks for the honour accorded him and wished the lodge every success.

Bro. R. F. Gould then proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect," and said that this was a toast about which he need say very little. He would ask the brethren, while they were drinking to the health of the W.M. elect, to also include the health of the brother who had presided over them on so many occasions during the past year. Bro. Woodford had kindly consented to act as I.P.M., and, with the exception of one occasion, had occupied the chair of the lodge at every meeting, through the unavoidable absence of their W.M., Bro. Sir Charles Warren. He had fulfilled the duties he had undertaken in an admirable

manner, and had endeared himself to the brethren by his kind and cheerful manner.

Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., after returning thanks, said he would not fail to do everything in his power to promote the object of the lodge. The meetings they had had during the past year had been very successful, and he thought progress had been made by encouraging the study of Masonic archæology. He was proud to occupy the position of Bro. Sir Charles Warren, but hoped on the next occasion that that distinguished brother would be present to preside over them. They were all pleased to see so many brethren from other lodges on that occasion, and hoped they would repeat their visits. "The Visitors" having been received and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant and profitable evening.

GRANTHAM.—Doric Lodge (No. 362).—A

meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Private Rooms, St. Peters Hill. Present: Bros. Arthur G. Gamble, W.M.; G. A. Buckle, S.W.; J. C. Basker, J.W.; Rev. C. Elsmere, Chap.; G. W. G. Beaumont, Sec.; R. Collingwood, S.D.; B. Beeson, J.D.; R. W. Anderson, I.G.; A. Pick, Stwd.; T. Jackson, Tyler; B. H. Russell, P.M.; J. Scarborough, P.M.; A. Childs, P.M.; W. S. Wilson, W. Fillingham, J. J. Davies, R. H. Gilmore, J. Pemberton, J. T. Harmston, J. Stewart, T. Pritchard, G. Osborne, and J. F. Lyne.

Bro. J. F. Lyne was raised to the Third Degree. It was proposed by Bro. R. Scarborough, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Russell, I.P.M., and carried unanimously, that the congratulations of the lodge be given to the W.M. on the honour conferred on him and the lodge by his being appointed P.G.S.W. of Lincolnshire. Bro. Malcolm Low, M.P., was proposed as a joining member.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—

After the usual two months' holiday vacation, the members of the above lodge met last week at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a large attendance of those connected with the lodge, supplemented by numerous visitors. Bro. J. M. Boyd, W.M., was in his place at the hour of meeting, and he was then supported by a full complement of officers. Amongst those present during the meeting were Bros. J. L. Shrapnel, W. J. Chapman, W. W. Sandbrook, W. Savage, Joseph Bell, O. W. Sanderson, J. B. Mackenzie, Josef Cantor, H. Round, Jos. Fineberg, T. R. Duncan, J. H. Light, Wm. H. Ball, Lewis Peake, W. Addis, Albert Smith, G. H. Croxden Powell, W. C. Fane, J. W. Leech, V. Akeroyd, Andrew Mein, J. S. M'Donnell, W. Hildyard, Henry C. Arnold, Ambrose Manning, John B. Curtis, Eaton Batty, W. Coates, Edwd. Graham, George Thorne, Walter Henry Owen, Ben Hughes, H. Fineberg, Walter Bramley, J. Jacobs, James Kiernan, T. W. Thompson, James Boardman, Henry Heard, Tudor Rogers, and James Martin. The visitors were Bros. Robert Banks, Walter Sanderson, George A. Harrison, Robert D. Lacy, George Brebner, R. Martin, C. Herriby, Robert Foote, Henry Hatch, H. H. Smith, J. Colman, George B. Kirkland, R. Robertson, T. S. C. Williams, R. H. D. Johnson, and J. W. Binks.

After the transaction of the usual business, Messrs. Haslett Kyle and Edward Ford were effectively initiated; and Bros. V. Akeroyd, J. W. Leach, J. S. M'Donnell, and James Kiernan, were raised to the rank of M.M.'s. Subsequently, Bro. O. W. Sanderson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, for the fifth time, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; Bros. Ray and Savage were chosen Auditors; Bros. Bell, Sandbrook, Savage, Ray, Shrapnel, and Boyd were elected to serve on the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence; Bros. Mattisoo, Cumming, and Savage to serve on the Masonic Hall Committee; Bros. Savage and Williams were elected Representatives on the Relief Committee; and Bro. J. Mackenzie to serve on the Charity Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Sincere votes of condolence were passed and directed to be sent to the relatives of the late Bro. J. Orr Marples, J.W., and Bro. John Ballard, of the Stork Hotel, both of whom were very highly respected members of the Dramatic Lodge.

At the close of business, the brethren sat down to banquet, and during the evening an excellent musical and dramatic programme was given by Bros. George Thorne, W. Constantine, J. Cantor, Easton Batty, N. F. Burt, G. Edwards, S. Kirkham, H. C. Arnold, R. De Lacey, J. W. Binks, and C. Hildesley.

ST. MARY'S CRAY.—Crays Valley Lodge

(No. 2147).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at the Institute on Saturday, 4th inst. Present: Bros. E. H. Rolfe, W.M.; J. C. Newan, S.W.; E. H. Johnson, J.W.; Harry Tyrer, S.D.; J. Pollard, J.D.; A. Bowers, I.G.; G. M. Downie, Sec.; Russell, Tyler; A. W. Rolfe, Algar, J. Tyrer, G. Harlow, sen., G. Harlow, jun., and F. H. Wilcocks. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Knight, S.W. 1507; Coupland, P.M.; Ettling, 1259; Gumprecht, 1259; and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the ballot was then taken for two joining members—Bros. H. Grimsey, 1953, and V. Cox, 120—which proved unanimous. Bros. A. W. Rolfe, son of the W.M., H. Algar, and E. A. Field were candidates for passing, and having answered the usual questions, were entrusted and retired. Three brethren were duly passed to F.C. The ballot was taken for five gentlemen for initiation—Messrs. Sidney Mathews, A. Shannon, F. Stanger, W. Lee, and J. Otway—which proved unanimous, the W.M. initiating three first and two afterwards.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where an excellent cold collation was provided, to which the brethren did full justice. The usual loyal toasts were then proposed by the W.M., and heartily responded to.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed, and heartily drunk in bumpers.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors."

Bro. Coupland, P.M., and others answered in a few well-chosen sentences, speaking of the amount of work the Worshipful Master had got through during the evening, and congratulating him and the members on such a large addition of strength to their new lodge, wishing it every success.

After spending a very pleasant evening, the brethren parted, some having to go to London.

DARTFORD.—Walsingham Lodge (No. 2148).

—The last meeting of the session of this young and promising lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Sadler, P.M. 147, W.M.; Deanston Carpmael, J.W., acting S.W.; W. Rowley, S.D., as J.W.; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, S.W. 217, Sec.; David G. Reddall, 49, J.D., as S.D.; D. G. Stevenson, I.G., as J.D.; George Jackson, 193, Steward, as I.G.; W. Royle, Tyler; Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.P.G. Chap. Cornwall, Hon. Member; Imlay, Munn, Noakes and Spilling. The Visitors present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 2128, P.P.G. J.W. North and East Yorks; D. Crombie, P.M. 28; Henry Nuding, P.M. 140; H. F. Denmann, P.M. 1924; and John A. Burton, S.W. 1924.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. proceeded to raise to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. Bros. Moon, Noakes, Imlay, and Spilling. The whole of the ritual of this Degree being very effectively rendered by the W.M. The W.M. announced that he had received from Bro. Stephenson and other brothers several very valuable and beautiful presents on behalf of the lodge, and, on motions duly made and seconded, it was resolved that votes of thanks be given to those brethren, the same to be inscribed on the minutes.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the several visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. D. Crombie, P.M. 28, who thanked the W.M. for giving him this opportunity of returning thanks for the visitors, and warmly congratulated the lodge on the excellent working of the W.M. and his officers.

Bros. J. S. Cumberland, Rev. Hayman Cummings, and D. G. Reddall contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Dimsdale, Secretary, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Messer, Fraser, Bleakley, Hanson, Silvester, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Silvester worked the 1st and 4th Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. Dimsdale rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hanson acting as candidate. The Lodge was then opened to the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Messer was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned to their usual harmonious gatherings.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on

Monday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Potter, W.M.; J. H. Woods, S.W.; H. Crooks, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Stephens, I.P.M. 1425, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; Charles Powell, W.M. 1425; and E. Jones.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Dehane and Nicols being candidates respectively. A communication was read from Bro. Green, regretting he was unable to leave Hastings in time to be present to take the chair; and a letter from Bro. J. Bailey, sending greetings. Bro. Potter was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took

place on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. R. W. Fraser, W.M.; G. W. Knight, S.W.; Thom, J.W.; Baxter, S.D.; Sharp, J.D.; Powdrell, I.G.; E. Starr, Sec.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; J. C. Scales, Treas.; J. C. Smith, Giddings, J. Hemming, Culverwell, Coste, and Note.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Note candidate. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Coste answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Coste candidate. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. After rising for the first time, Bro. Culverwell was proposed as a joining member—carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. W. Knight, S.W., was proposed by Bro. W. M. Stiles, and seconded by the J.W., to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting—carried unanimously. Bro. Knight, in thanking Bro. Stiles for his kind and flattering remarks, hoped, now the season was advancing for the regular lodge meetings, the officers and brethren of the parent lodge would come forward and assist him to carry out his duties, and hoped to see a good muster on the 13th instant. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. Bro. W.M. Stiles then occupied the chair for the Moorgate Charity Association, calling upon Bro. E. Starr, the Secretary, to read the minutes of the previous meeting, and in the course of his remarks said that since June, 1885, when this Association first started, they had collected and paid in to the different Masonic Charities the sum of £329 14s., and was pleased to inform the brethren Bro. J. C. Scales, the Treasurer, had enough in hand for six ballots, which were duly appropriated.

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

Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Holland, W.M.; H. White, S.W.; Holmes, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Jackson, S.D.; Restell, J.D.; Jardine, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Brindley, P.M.; Baker, P.M.; Coughlan, Salter, C. Pugh, Smales, Harris, P. Purnell, and Clarkson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Smales being a candidate for passing, was asked the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Smales duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously directed to be recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. F. Purnell being about to proceed to America for a few months, the brethren wished him God speed and a safe return. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly

meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, (Masonic Temple), Piccadilly, W., on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. J. E. Laurence, W.M.; Howard Sammons, S.W.; Henry Crookes, J.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.D.; F. T. C. Keeble, J.D.; P. W. Rogers, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. Kedg, E. A. Smith, C. A. Ifter, R. J. Harnell, E. W. Nightingale, C. Lambert, H. F. Mitchell, Frank Gulliford, G. H. Reynolds, G. F. Swan, H. G. Marsden, and James Woodward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate to

be raised to the Third Degree, the usual questions were put, and being well answered, he was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. R. J. Harnell worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. A. Smith, J.W. 1326, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, and seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. Howard Sammons, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. E. J. Laurence, W.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. His working was good, and gave great satisfaction—seconded by Bro. Frank Gulliford, and carried unanimously. The W.M. was pleased to make a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. Cochrane, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; W. B. Nevill, J.W.; Dr. Lovett, J.D.; Kingsley, I.G.; and Sims, P.M. 834, acting Preceptor. Bro. Crags, I.G. 834, was a visitor. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Crags being candidate, after which the charge was very ably given by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Sims proposed, and Bro. Williams seconded Bro. Crags as a joining member of this lodge—carried unanimously. Bro. Crags thanked the members for the honour conferred on him. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed and seconded that Bro. Williams be W.M. for next meeting—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and no Masonic business offering, received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Child, P.M., W.M.; Cavers, S.W.; Crags, J.W.; Dopsen, S.D.; Purdue, P.M., J.D.; Austin, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Spiegel, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Brietbart, Wood, and Adey. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Wood offered himself as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, with the traditional history. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies. Bro. Cavers was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. Bro. Adey, who has been relieved by the brethren on a former occasion, again asked for relief, and the brethren, amongst themselves, collected a small sum.

Royal Arch.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—At a convocation of this chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Emanuel, Z.; H. Lashmore, H.; H. Webb, J.; R. Sharpe, Treasurer; C. W. Bemister, S.E.; S. Dacombe, S.N.; W. Waters, D.C.; M. Smith, P.S.; and Harrington and Vane, Janitors. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to Comps. J. R. Weston and H. P. Aslatt for their many years services in the offices of Scribe E. and P. Soj.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Chapter (No. 1393).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when there was a good assembly of members. The M.E.Z., the Rev. R. T. Leslie, presided, supported by Comps. James Pilling, H.; W. H. Bucknell, J.; R. L. Stockton, S.E.; Thos. Sammons, P.Z.; John Houlding, P.Z.; P.P.G.S.N.; F. Pentin, P.Z.; Dr. Hy. Pitts, P.Z.; Squire Chapman, P.Z. 241; J. P. Bryan, Z. 203, P.P.G.O., and others.

After the business of opening the chapter was over, the M.E.Z. resigned his chair to Comp. Sammons who performed the ceremony of installing the chiefs for the seventh time, in his usually correct and impressive manner, as follows: Comps. J. Pilling, M.E.Z.; W. H. Bucknell, H.; R. L. Stockton, J.; F. A. Rainbow, S.E.; A. H. Treverton, S.N.; Dr. W. J. Fleetwood, P.S.; W. J. Oversby, Asst. Soj.; J. A. Hignett, Asst. Soj.; and Walter Burnet, Org. Comp. M. Williamson was re-elected Janitor.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given to the Installing Principal, and the companions afterwards dined together.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Present: Comps. Dean, M.E.Z.; J. C. Smith, H.; Vine, J.; H. Slyman, S.E.; G. W. Knight, S.N.; Roach, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor; Whiting, Janitor; Gregory, and others. Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Slyman candidate. After rising for the third time, chapter was closed. It certainly is worth any trouble to go and hear this splendid ritual rehearsed at this chapter of improvement, those companions who regularly attend are perfect in their delivery, and Comp. Edmonds deserves great credit for his regular attendance as Preceptor.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 3rd inst. The companions expressed much satisfaction at the admirable manner the exaltation ceremony was rehearsed by, and the instruction derived from Comp. W. H. Dean, P.Z., P.P.G.R. Dorset, who presided. Several moot points of R.A. Ritual were explained and discussed. Comp. C. R. Wickens, 704, was, upon the ballot proving unanimous, elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

One of the latest novelties in the way of propositions that we have met with is a suggestion by Bro. Long, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, that a Masonic Congress should be held for the purpose of discussing the claims of foreign Grand Lodges for recognition. The only difficulty in the way that strikes us is to provide that the delegates so assembled shall have some knowledge of the claims of the different bodies desirous of being recognised.

Scotland.

LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF ALYTH NEW TOWN HALL.

Thursday, the 2nd inst., was a memorable day in the municipal annals of Alyth, when the laying of the foundation stone of the New Public Buildings was performed with full Masonic honours. The day was observed as a general holiday, and for several hours every shop in the town was closed. In addition to the éclat which the presence of the Masonic brethren always lends on such occasions, the people of the town decided on having a trades' procession, which was entirely successful. The procession stretched over half a mile in length, and took about 10 minutes to pass a given point. When the procession reached the town it was joined by the Freemasons, among whom the following were the lodges represented: Lodge Forfar, 309, Bro. J. L. Fenton, R.W.M.; Airlie Lodge, 286, Bro. Jas. Clark, R.W.M.; Blairgowrie Lodge, 137, Bro. Rev. F. W. Davis, R.W.M.; Glamis Lodge, 99, Bro. J. Crabb, R.W.M.; Madras Perfect Unity Lodge, 175, Bro. Col. James W. Ogilvy, Rannagulzion; Lodge Ancient Dundee, 49, Bro. J. Kinnear, R.W.M.; Lodge Operative, Dundee, 47, Bro. D. Henderson, R.W.M.; Lodge Scone and Perth, 3, Bro. R. Young, R.W.M.; Lodge St. David, Dundee, 78; Lodge St. Ninians, Alyth, 732, Bro. Captain Hunter, Drumacree, R.W.M.; and the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Perth, Bro. W. M'Leish, Prov. G.M.

The scene at the laying of the foundation stone was enhanced by the presence of a large bevy of ladies, who occupied a raised platform in front of the new building. Rev. Dr. M'Pherson, Alyth, having offered up prayer, the foundation stone was laid at the north-east door with full Masonic honours, a bottle being placed in the cavity containing the names of the Police Commissioners of Alyth, the names of the ministers of Alyth, a copy of the Dundee Courier and other papers, and copies of Alyth Directory, and copies of the Town Hall circular.

At the close of the ceremony, the details of which were watched with considerable interest by a large assemblage of spectators, Mr. Smith, Chief Magistrate, presented the Earl of Airlie with the handsome silver trowel which had just been used by his lordship. The trowel bore the following inscription: "Lodge St Ninian, Alyth, No. 732. Presented to Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Airlie on laying the foundation stone of the Alyth Public Hall. September 2nd, 1886." In making the presentation Mr. Smith thanked his lordship for the readiness with which he had come forward to take the principal part in the ceremonies of that day. (Cheers.) His lordship was superior of the town, and most of the land adjoining belonged to him, and much depended upon him for the extension and progress of the town. The new building when completed would be an ornament to the town, and would supply a want that had long been felt. He was sure it was the desire of them all that inside its walls nothing should be said or done but what would tend to the enlightenment and enjoyment of the whole community. (Applause.) He mentioned that the plans for the building had been prepared by Mr. Heaton, Perth, one of the foremost architects, and that the work had been carried out by local tradesmen in an excellent manner. In conclusion, Mr. Smith hoped his lordship would be long spared to perform many similar duties to that he had performed that day. (Applause.)

Bro. the Earl of AIRLIE, in reply, said: I must thank you, sir, as representing the inhabitants of the town of Alyth for the great honour that has been conferred on me. When you invited me to come here this day to lay the foundation stone of this public building, I felt some diffidence in consenting to perform this public duty, as there were others more eligible for the work by their Masonic rank. However, I understood that this matter had been duly considered, and as it was your wish that I should perform the ceremony, I can only thank you for the honour vouchsafed me, and do my best to fulfil your wishes satisfactorily. (Applause.) I have now to thank you for this beautiful trowel, which will always be to me a pleasant memento of the inauguration of Alyth Public Hall. (Loud applause.) I am now able to inform you that this stone has been laid with Masonic honours. (Cheers.) As this stone is the solid foundation and principal stone of this building, so may this building be the foundation and centre of fresh knowledge and useful occupation and pleasure in this town. (Applause.) I need hardly allude to the national reputation of Scotland for being a country of hardworking men, determined to make the utmost of every advantage that falls to their lot. I need hardly say that I allude to this when I remind you that a public building such as this should be an inestimable boon to those who have the privilege of using it by giving them an opportunity of profitably employing their leisure hours, and of meeting and holding friendly intercourse. (Applause.) Let us hope, then, that this public hall may be a benefit to this town. May our descendants meet here in friendship as we do now, and when they look upon this hall, though it be then but an but an insignificant building compared with others in the town, may they say that in our time and in our small way we did what was in our power for those that were to come after us. (Loud applause.) In conclusion, let me thank you for the honour you have done me this day in asking me to perform this interesting ceremony—an honour doubly grateful, seeing the close relations which exist between the people of Alyth and my family. (Prolonged applause.)

Egypt.

MARK.

CAIRO.—Lodge of Egypt (No. 311).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 16th July last, in the Masonic Hall, Bro. Williams Freeman, W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The business of the evening was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Spence. Bro. R. Borg, P.M., presented the W.M. elect to the W.M., and after taking the usual vows, and the special dispensation of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. being read, the brethren then left the lodge with the exception of the R.W.P.M., Bro. Williams Freeman, and P.V.M. Bro. R. Borg, when the W.M. elect was initiated into the secrets of the chair. The brethren then entered the lodge and saluted

the W.M. in the usual manner. The W.M. then proceeded to nominate his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. Hooker, S.W.; R. P. Bond, J.W.; Remington, M.O.; Vincent, S.O.; Hamdry Bey, J.O.; J. Hornstein, S.D.; Large, J.D.; Scott, I.G.; J. Hornstein, Sec.; Williams Freeman, Treas.; Francis Hully, D.C.; Hamilton and Patrick, Stwds.; D. Butcher, Chap.; and Spiro Paponcoulo, Tyler.

The R.W.P.M., Bro. Williams Freeman, then addressed the officers and brethren in a very able and eloquent speech, descanting upon the origin of M.M.M. and its effects upon the lives of Operative as well as Speculative Masons, and finally urging upon the brethren the necessity of careful, diligent, and practical study, in order to make the newly-initiated Master successful in all his works of Mark Master Mason.

The W.M., Bro. R. Spence, in a suitable speech, presented the R.W.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel.

The R.W.P.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred on him.

Bro. Hornstein proposed, and Bro. Vincent seconded, Bro. James Gregory, 1068 (Craft), as a candidate for advancement.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due form. A banquet subsequently took place in an adjoining room.

A regular meeting was held on the 6th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Cairo, Bro. R. Spence, W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened in due form. A letter was read from Bro. Wilson Bey tendering his resignation to the Mark Lodge of Egypt, No. 311. The R.W.P.M., Bro. Williams Freeman, proposed that a letter should be written to Bro. Wilson Bey asking him to reconsider his resignation, as he being one of the oldest members of Mark Masonry in Egypt. Bro. the Treasurer proposed that a letter should be written to Bro. Mouktar Pasha asking him to pay his dues up. A ballot was taken for Bro. George Charman, No. 1068 (Craft), who was proposed for by Bro. Vincent and seconded by Bro. Large, the ballot proving unanimously in his favour, he was advanced to the most Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason. Bro. Vincent proposed, and Bro. Hamilton seconded, Bro. Ahmed Fehency, P.M. of El Salem, as a candidate for advancement. Bro. Hamilton proposed, and Bro. Vincent seconded, Bro. George Lane, No. 43, Gibraltar Mark Lodge, for affiliation.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due form.

PRESENTATION TO THE UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

The banner of the above lodge having, after many years' service, become somewhat torn, Mrs. R. U. Hartnell, wife of the respected Director of Ceremonies, conceived the idea of presenting the lodge with a new one, and on Monday evening, the 30th ult., she was able to announce the completion of her task, and ask the brethren to accept her graceful gift. The ceremony took place in the Hall, shortly before the lodge met for business of emergency, in the presence of the Worshipful Master and many of the officers and brethren.

Bro. HARTNELL, on behalf of his wife, who had worked the banner, made the presentation; and the banner, which was suspended over the W.M.'s chair in the eastern part of the lodge, was then unveiled.

It was gratefully accepted by the W.M., Bro. T. G. WILLIAMS, on behalf of the lodge, and a few observations were made by Bro. the Rev. R. BAILEY and Bro. W. BIDGOOD.

The banner is a handsome and exceedingly clever piece of work. On a blue silk shield in the centre are the arms Taunton, a cherub hovering over a regal crown, wrought in gold and colours, and on crimson scrolls above and below is the name of the lodge. The number of the lodge occupies what is known as the "honour point" of the shield-shaped banner, and Masonic emblems are beautifully worked on the lower right and left-hand corners. The banner is furnished with gold fringes and tassels, and is suspended by a brass rod with fleur de lis ends.

FREEMASONRY IN DEVON AND CORNWALL.

It is expected that the day will be fixed for the holding of this Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon as soon as possible after the meeting on the 9th September at the Masonic Hall, Exeter. This meeting is convened so that the subscribers to the wedding present to Lord Ebrington, Prov. G.M. of Devon, may decide on the form their offering shall take. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. W. D. Rogers, is the Chairman, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. Dodge, is the Treasurer of the fund. No canvass has been made of the members, circulars simply being sent to the lodges and a few brethren who it is expected would be likely to subscribe, and the response has been very gratifying.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall is to assemble at Falmouth on Tuesday, September 14th, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe has kindly arranged to preside as usual. A very large muster of the brethren is expected, as the meeting will be one of considerable importance. Several alterations in the rules of the Prov. Grand Lodge will be proposed by the Committee appointed respecting the new by-laws, and changes are also suggested in the regulations of the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund" (which has proved such a success.) There will be a number of reports from various societies or combinations connected with the province, not the least interesting being the new Charitable Association, which will then conclude the first year of its existence, and which already is looked upon as one of the established bodies of the province. New Prov. Grand Officers will be appointed, and doubtless the brethren will attend the parish church for Divine service, according to ancient custom.

The Freemasons' Journal of New York announces that the Grand Master of New York has accorded recognition to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, and has appointed Bro. George H. Toop as the first Representative of the latter body at the Grand Lodge of New York.

THE LATE MISS JARWOOD.

The funeral of Miss Jarwood, Matron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, took place on the 2nd inst., at the Cemetery, Battersea. The service was performed by the Rev. J. Toone, Hon. Chaplain of the Institution, the large hall having been specially prepared for the ceremony. The coffin, which was literally covered with floral offerings, was placed on a dais in the centre, draped in violet trimmed with white fringe, and the whole of the pupils of the Institution, the staff of Governesses, the members of the House and Audit Committees, the servants of the Institution, many old pupils, and several members of the Order were present—the children forming three sides of a square around the coffin. At the conclusion of this portion of the service, the children marched from the hall, and lined the path on either side from the entrance to the gates, through which the procession passed to the cemetery, and a selected number of the elder pupils, each of whom carried a basket of flowers, followed the remains to the grave. The service having been finished, and after the coffin had been lowered into the grave, they all came forward and strewed their flowers upon it as a last farewell to an old and much loved friend. The grave itself was lined with ivy, which, together with the flowers, rendered what is usually cold and repulsive, a perfect garden. Altogether, the ceremony was a most affecting one, and the unwonted spectacle of extreme youth mourning the loss of one who, for more than sixty years, had endeared herself to successive generations of pupils, was one to be remembered.

Wreaths, crosses, and flowers were sent by the House Committee, the Staff, and also by Bros. H. A. Hunt, Dr. Howell, Mrs. Howell, Rev. and Mrs. Toone, Bro. Frank Richardson, Bro., Mrs. and Miss Grey, Bro. and Mrs. Matthews, Bro. and Mrs. Moon, Bro. and Mrs. F. R. W. Hedges, Bro. and Mrs. Dicketts, Bro. and Mrs. Griffiths Smith, the Misses Dora and Maria Smith, as well as the following ex-pupils, the Misses R. Moss, A. F. Triggs, S. Sheppard, A. Barron, L. Broadbent, M. Chapman, Grant, Dora Scott, Elizabeth Owens and Kate Douglas, Atkinson, Fanny Osborne, Geraldine Keighley, Slaymaker, Helena Pidduck, Grace Colville, Beatrice Wray, Florence and Edith Chivers, Sarah Crichton, Eliza Gilliard, Louisa Anscombe, Alice Boyd, and Mabel Ward; the House Servants; the Laundry Servants; the Junior School Servants; and Mr. G. Sutton.

The House Committee was represented by Bros. R. Grey, Hunt, P. de Lande Long, Matthews, Col. Peters and Frank Richardson; and the Audit Committee by Bros. Dicketts and C. W. Duke. There were also present Bros. Spooner, Massa, Hogard, Farnfield, Maudslay, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), J. Terry, Paas, Webb, Bernard Butter, W. Lake, Dr. Howell, Rev. and Mrs. Wheeler.

Letters of regret were received from those members of the House and Audit Committees who found it impossible to be present, and from Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, Dr. W. Hope, Dr. Wharton Hood, F. Binckes, Henry Smith, W. J. Hughs, R. C. Else, J. S. Eastes, T. M. Humphries, W. W. Morgan, Geo. Prestige, and Miss Moore.

Among those present at the graves were Bro. Pildich, with several members of the District Board.

Bro. Pigott, of Richmond, conducted the whole of the funeral arrangements, and Bro. Frank Richardson, to whose zeal and unremitting attention the Institution owes so much, kindly lent his aid in perfecting the arrangements.

As regards Miss Jarwood's career she may almost be said to have spent her whole life under the hospitable roof of our Masonic Girls' School. She was born in 1810, and at the age of nine years, being the daughter of a Freemason, and eligible to be received into the Institution, she was admitted as a pupil, and from that time forward till her death, on the 28th ult., her connection with the School was unbroken. In 1825, when the term of her stay as a pupil was ended, she became an articled pupil teacher, and four years later she was appointed to the charge of a class in the schoolroom, as well as to act as assistant to the then matron—Mrs. Crook. On the death of that lady in 1854, Miss Jarwood was appointed her successor, and it was only quite recently that, owing to the increasing weight of years and growing infirmity of health, she found it necessary to surrender into other hands the more active and onerous duties of her office. But she remained Matron to the very last, the Committee, with that thoughtful kindness which has always characterised their administration of the School appointing a qualified lady to act under her guidance. Thus, of the 76 years which Miss Jarwood had lived, 67 were spent by her in the School, first as pupil, then as pupil teacher, then as governess and assistant matron, and then, during the last 32 years of her life as matron.

As to the value of her services to the Institution, but more especially in the last named capacity, it will be sufficient if we state that, in 1880, a proposal was made by some of the more active supporters of the School, that a fund should be raised for the purpose of having Miss Jarwood's portrait painted and hung in the Hall at Battersea. The proposed plan was acted upon; the commission having been entrusted to Bro. Stephen Pearce, of Lodge 2, and a Past Grand Steward, was carried out most successfully by that brother; and in November of the same year, at a quiet gathering of the House Committee, accompanied by a few friends and the coadjutors of Miss Jarwood, and in the presence of the pupils, the portrait was formally unveiled and presented to the Institution as a memorial of the respect in which her services were held, by Bro. E. Letchworth, the Chairman for the month of the House Committee. A more appropriate compliment could not have been paid, and it must be a subject of congratulation to every well-wisher of the School, that the kindly features of Miss Jarwood, as well as the memory of her valued services, will be handed down through successive generations of subscribers, officers, and children.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bower, Patron, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; C. F. Matier, C. H. Driver, S. Brooks, L. Stean, Hugh Cotter, J. Bulmer, J. Newton, W. J. Murllis, Charles Belton, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Fred. Davison, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, Alex. Forsyth, G. Innes, Albert Fish, A. Durrant, J. Tickle, and James Terry (Sec.)

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of one male and one female annuitant, and one widow receiving a moiety of her late husband's annuity as well as that of an approved candidate for the Male Fund.

The Warden's report was read, and two petitions were considered and approved, and ordered to be placed on the list of candidates (Widows' Fund).

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

AMERICAN MASONIC COURTESIES.

Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402 (Torquay), P. Prov. G. Deacon of Devon (of Sheffield), has just received a communication from the Melita Lodge, No. 295, Philadelphia, U.S.A., duly signed by the W.M. and Secretary, and bearing the official seal.

After the lecture had been delivered by Bro. Chapman on "The Relations between Freemasonry and the Great Pyramid," the members of the lodge and the numerous visitors, numbering several hundreds, by "a standing vote," unanimously tendered to the enthusiastic lecturer the thanks of the brethren. The attested copy thereof has been forwarded in due course, as before noted, the W.M. of 295 being the W. Bro. Frank M. Dealy, and the Secretary, W. Bro. Dennis F. Dealy (being the manager and proprietor, strage to say, respectively of the *Sunday Mercury*).

We understand that Bro. Chapman has replied to this kind expression of Masonic appreciation, and has intimated his intention to send copies of the lecture—now in the press—for distribution, and the acceptance of many of the distinguished brethren who were present, two being especially singled out for mention—R.V. Bro. E. C. Mitchell, LL.D., the Grand Master, and W. Bro. C. E. Meyer, P.M. 295, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. The pamphlet will also be sold, and will contain several illustrations of value and interest to students of this very curious subject. We congratulate Bro. Chapman on the success of his American tour, and on the many friends he has made through his sojourn in the "City of Brotherly Love."

THE "LIGHT" OF FREEMASONRY.

(BY A BROTHER.)

There is a legend among Freemasons of one woman who, with the curiosity of her sex, had secreted herself in a lodge-room, becoming a sworn member of the brotherhood; but what are the Craft to think when another of the excluded sex, Mrs. Hardinge-Britten is about to be "inspired" on the subject? The "light" of modern Freemasonry is a beneficent one, and the faith in allegory illustrated by symbols is based on Scriptural truth. The signs, tokens, and phrases of the Craft are designed simply to ensure the recognition of a fellow Craftsman by night or by day, and the certain "knocks" have certainly nothing to do with spirit rapping. "Brotherly love" is the mainspring of our being, and that divine principle need be in no antagonism with so-called "Spiritualism," but why the "guides" of Mrs. Britten should inspire her to lecture on "Ancient and modern Freemasonry," which in many ways is at variance with their peculiar "knowledge," for they do not tender it as "faith" or "belief" is a mystery, and has naturally excited the attention of the Craft. Not that even we who hold the keystone of the "Royal Arch" need tremble at the revelation of "the guides," for there is nothing in modern Freemasonry but redounds the credit of our humanity. The "brotherhood" is said to be cemented by a "mystic tie," and this fancied mysticism may be the fancied connecting link with "Spiritualism," but, as we have already hinted, it has hitherto carefully excluded woman, to use the generic term, from participation in the "truth."

But the inspirational "oratrix" is going to lift the veil, perhaps, and show us that which is "really lost in the mists of antiquity." Although we received the "light" in the oldest lodge of the Craft, there are no authentic records earlier than the end of the fifteenth century. That is, indeed, "modern" when we think of what may be made known through the "guidance" of a Pythagoras. We cannot say and need not conjecture what the "ancient" Freemasons may have believed in; but the "Master" Mason of to-day has a higher conception of immortality than the Samian philosopher, the first to support the doctrine of metempsychosis which Spiritualists accept. All the same there is no denying the strength of their convictions. Knowledge, with them, is claimed to be power, although it takes a more innocent and happily more intellectual vent than did that of a Michael Scott, who "clef the Eildon Hills in twain," or a Virgil, who, having acquired the knowledge from "an evil spirit," made him fast by his stratagem. Our friends the Spiritualists don't claim to be "Swedenborgians," and yet Swedenborg, after devoting the first 55 years of his life to pure science, gave up the last 28 to spiritual mysticism. Kant, the celebrated philosopher, in a letter written by him in 1764, vouches for one remarkable manifestation received by Swedenborg. He relates that in the year 1759, "when M. de Swedenborg, towards the end of February, on Saturday, at four o'clock p.m., arrived at Gottenburg from England, Mr. Wm. Costel invited him to his house, together with a party of 15 persons. About six o'clock, M. de Swedenborg went out, and after a short interval returned to the company, quite pale and alarmed. He said that a dangerous fire had broken out in Stockholm at the Suderhalm (Stockholm being about 300 miles from Gottenburg), and that it was spreading very fast. He was restless, and went out often; he said that the house of one of his friends, whom he named, was already in ashes, and

that his own was in danger. At eight o'clock, after he had been out again, he joyfully exclaimed, "Thank God! the fire is extinguished the third door from my house." This news occasioned great commotion through the whole city, and particularly amongst the company in which he was. It was announced to the Governor the same evening. On the Sunday morning, Swedenborg was sent for by the Governor, who questioned him concerning the disaster. Swedenborg described the fire precisely—how it had begun, in what manner it had ceased, and how long it had continued. . . . On the Monday evening, a messenger arrived at Gottenburg, who was despatched during the time of the fire. In the letters brought to him the fire was described precisely in the manner stated by Swedenborg. On Tuesday morning, the Royal courier arrived at the Governor's with the melancholy intelligence of the fire, of the loss it had occasioned, and of the houses it had damaged and ruined, not in the least differing from that which Swedenborg had given immediately after it had ceased, for the fire was extinguished at eight o'clock." Kant vouches for the authenticity of the facts; but the curious thing is the inconsequence of the revelations. Such an act of "clairvoyance," or manifestation, may well be singular, for its extension instead of sweetening would embitter existence, and render the human life miserable. Bad news is proverbial for its despatch, and in these days may, by the discovery of science, be flashed as quick as thought. The manifestation should come before the event; but presumably, as "the guides" are not at the beck and call even of the medium, we must just take what comes and be thankful. On behalf of the Brotherhood, let us hope that they will be "spirits of sweet reasonableness" who inspire Mrs. Britten on Sunday night. —*Newcastle Daily Leader*.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution (under the presidency of Bro. E. Pierpoint, P.G. J.W.) was held on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to consider applications on behalf of children to be placed on the list of candidates for election at the next Court of Governors.

It was resolved to recommend the election of five children, which will necessitate the annual expenditure of between £30 and £40.

A letter was read from a brother of the Peace and Unity Lodge, Preston, sending a donation of £5 to the Charity, and offering to give special advantages for the education of certain children connected with the Institution who might require it in the neighbourhood.

On the motion of Bro. Councillor HOLDING, the contribution and generous offer were accepted with thanks, and the Secretaries were asked to convey the terms of this vote to the generous brother.

The twenty-seventh annual report of the West Lancashire Masonic Relief Committee has been issued, and the Committee state that "every application has had full consideration, and relief has been extended to the needy and deserving, to the fullest extent consistent with the bye-laws of the institution. Communications from the Committees of similar institutions in the country are still received, thereby preventing imposition; and the Committee desire to tender their hearty thanks to the officials of the kindred Charities for their kind co-operation and assistance. The great usefulness of this institution has now been proved by the work of over a quarter of a century; and we think it a fitting time to appeal to the lodges of the provinces and to the brethren generally for increased support. An alteration in the bye-laws enables the Committee to vote increased grants, and has proved of the greatest service, especially in the cases of brethren desiring to go abroad, which oftentimes obviates the necessity of an appeal being made to the various lodges. Several such cases have been dealt with during the past year. The Committee wish to caution brethren against the giving of relief to applicants unless in well authenticated cases; where this is indiscriminately done a class are encouraged whom it is not desirable to assist, and the work of this institution is materially affected, the object being to prevent imposition, and this the Committee are enabled to do from the information in their possession.

A MASONIC ANECDOTE.

The strife of war in the year 1813, condemned a citizen of Limerick, then in command of a trading vessel, to be captured by a French privateer, the commander of which on finding in the person of the captain "a Brother," gave him at once his liberty, ship and cargo. Conduct so truly noble was soon reported to the lodge, and a silver vase of one hundred guineas value was voted to the generous Frenchman. The vase was sent through the British Consul to the Grand Lodge of France, but the gallant Mariencourt had in the meantime lost his life in Africa, and the vase was returned to the lodge.

This noble tribute, once intended to remind the noble brother of the gratitude felt by the lodge for the almost godlike conduct exhibited on the occasion, when, alas! avarice, if not revenge, too frequently prevail, having returned to its first proposers, is reverentially preserved as the brightest ornament of the lodge; and at every meeting the memory of revered Mariencourt is drank in silent gratitude.

On the cover of the vase the Master is described at work—on one side is a handsome design of the Temple, and on the other the following inscription:

"To Captain Louis Mariencourt, of the French privateer Le Furee, to commemorate the illustrious example of Masonic virtue his conduct to Captain Cambell displays. The brethren of Lodge 13, on the registry of Ireland, present and dedicate this cup.—Limerick, 1st May, 1813."

On the 2nd February, 1813, the brig Two Friends became the prize of the Le Furee. The signals of Masonry were exchanged between the Commanders, and instantly Captain Mariencourt bestowed his ship, cargo, and liberty on Captain Cambell.

Blush all who would asperse Masonry, whether by ribald falsehood, or by the more dangerous attempts of sophistry. Masonry may be feared by the unrighteous; and well it may, for it exists as a record of the goodness of the Almighty in disposing the human heart to deeds of mercy, benevolence, and Charity.

Masons of all countries—from the Prince in the plenitude of power to the humblest of the Fraternity—remember the noble Frenchman, Mariencourt; and when about to use any power which you may possess, pause, and like him be—charitable.—*Keystone.*

FREEMASONS AND EMIGRATION.

We have been favoured with the following communication, which appears to us to be of sufficient importance to justify its insertion in our columns. We may state further that Bro. Major C. A. Cooper, Worshipful Master of the Harlesden Lodge, No. 209S, who is deeply interested in all matters relating to emigration, will be happy to answer any communication on the subject addressed to him at 9, Victoria Chambers, Westminster, London, S.W.:

FROM THE BISHOP OF NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

July 13th, 1886.

My dear Sir,—In the "Emigrant" for June I saw an extract from the *Freemason*, which induced me to propose at our last lodge meeting, the appointment of an Immigration Committee to correspond with you, or with the Secretaries of lodges at home, in the interests of emigrating brethren. My proposal was adopted, and the Committee appointed, consisting of Bros. Hall, Douglas, and myself; and the Committee made me Secretary, and instructed me to communicate with you, and to say that we shall be glad to furnish information either to your Society or to the Secretaries of lodges, and to receive and welcome, and assist to the best of our ability all brethren, properly vouched for, on their arrival in New Westminster, and to pass them on to the care of other lodges if not intending to settle in our neighbourhood. I have the honour to hold the office of Grand Chaplain of B.C.G.L.—Believe me, faithfully and fraternally yours,

A. W. NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Rev. Canon Cooper:

The Craft Abroad.

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 591 (S.C.)

The installation of officers took place on Tuesday, August 10th, and was attended by a large number of brethren. The Installing Officer was Bro. J. Hampton, sen., and it was a matter of comment that on no former occasion had the ceremony been more impressively performed. The officers installed were the following: Bros. E. R. Wells, R.W.M.; J. H. Hartley, I.P.M.; D. Mather, W.W.M.; A. Bayne, P.M.; S.M.; S. G. Foster, S.W.; J. W. Lawrence, J.W.; W. Davidson, Treas.; J. Hampton, jun., P.M., Sec.; D. G. Healey, S.D.; A. McCloskie, J.D.; J. Gardiner, I.G.; G. Borchert, J. Childs, W. McClennon, and J. Underwood, Stewards; and H. T. Kennett, Tyler. In the course of the evening Bro. the Rev. Canon Gaul delivered the following address: Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren—It is with unmixed joy that I accept the kind invitation of him who has been chosen to the chief office of the Athole Lodge to address you on this happy occasion—an occasion which, whenever it recurs, cements the old Fraternity, recalls the first principles of our Order, and reanimates, let us hope, that deep sense of responsibility to God, his neighbour, and himself which every man ought to feel, and which every Mason is specially bound to illustrate in his personal, social, and public life. Life may be broadly defined as character and action mutually combined. The mind, the will, and the affections are all involved in the formation of character and in the active movements of the life. Habits form character, and character influences and reacts upon our habits. To know a man's habits is, on the whole, to know his character; whilst, given a man's character, you may, on the whole, safely predicate his conduct in any particular work he has in hand. Natural capacity, or the want of it, with the thousand and one influences surrounding us from the cradle to the grave, are the chief elements in the formation of character. A clear or dull brain, a strong or weak will, and generous or mean emotions, find themselves face to face sooner or later with the struggle of life. From the poor labourer wearily forcing his bread from the earth in the sweat of his brow, to the statesman painfully educating his country to some ideal polity, all in turn have to feel that their life is being moulded and impressed with a form which distinguishes them from all other human beings, and which they find others naming their "character." As long as Freemasons teach in their instructions and symbolise in their ritual the reality and necessity of the moral life so long will the question of the formation of character be of supreme importance to them as a world-wide institution. Perish Masonry if it has not a moral basis. Our ritual is but a gilded rag, our temples whited sepulchres, and our lodge meetings solemn shams if they do not represent the ennobling sanctions of morality and the inspiring principles of eternal truth. But, whatever men may say, and however untrue this or that individual Mason or individual lodge may be to his high calling we know that our first principles are always true, and the very fact of our assembling here to-night at the call of our several Masters, is, I trust, both an illustration and a proof of our willingness as Masons to be recalled to the fraternal pursuits of the four cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude, without which, we believe life would be all tragedy or all farce, and the world but a stage for tyrants and a grave for their victims. And it is in the pursuit of these four virtues that the true Masonic character is formed, for these four points are, so to speak, equidistant from the centre of life which is God. Join any two of them in your intercourse with men, and you will not fail to act upon the square—swerve one hair's breadth from any one, and your life will grow more and more abnormal, isolated, and selfish. There are three qualities which, as a triple thread of gold runs through these fundamental virtues, binding them and blessing them into harmony and beauty. First, there must be absolute truthfulness—not merely of word, but of manners and mind—that simplicity and sincerity, without which prudence is but selfish calculation; justice only self-defence; temperance, self-preservation; and fortitude another name for pride. Without truthfulness of thought, word, and deed our character can never attain that greatness and nobility to which we all at times feel ourselves called. It

therefore behoves us Masons to practice in ourselves, and instil into those younger than ourselves the duty of being thoroughly sincere and candid, always and everywhere. Secondly, and closely allied to sincerity comes the quality of "courage." Men have sometimes defended and very often excused untruthfulness as a necessity in the business of life, but I know of no one in all human history who has ever even excused cowardice or failed to admire bravery. Men will hesitate long before applying the epithet of coward to one another, for it involves that feeling of loathing and contempt so hateful to noble minds. And yet at times our judgment is astray in this matter. It sometimes requires high courage to withhold the well-deserved retort or the angry blow. Everyone has heard of Sir Philip Sydney, so distinguished in the wars of the Netherlands, when England's chivalry flew nobly to the help of the Dutch Republic in its war against the tyrant power of Spain. There could be no greater or grander proof of his splendid moral courage than that in the midst of his fighting he could bravely sheathe his sword and be patient under insult. A fool who had quarrelled with him tried to provoke him to a duel. Not succeeding, his detractor dared to spit in Sydney's face. What was the hero's reply? "Young man," he said, "If I could as easily wipe your blood from my conscience as I can wipe this insult from my face, I would this moment slay you." Which was the truly brave man? The insolent though daring fool, or the patient, self-controlled hero? The courage of the one was based on pride, that of the other on justice. Without courage prudence is self-satisfaction, justice, legal retaliation, temperance a sort of mean moderation and fortitude only stubborn determination. Lastly, the truly virtuous man will always be generous, and what more truly noble or more beautiful quality can there be than generosity, bespeaking as it does the liberal mind and the sympathetic heart, the prudence which saves for others good, the justice always linked with mercy, the self-control and moderation that never asserts itself at the pain of others, and the fortitude that bravely bears and meekly hides its own griefs and troubles lest it should weary others. In the Latin language the generous was the gentleman, and implied a kind of inborn instinct, not merely inoffensive manners, or good taste in dress, or perfect accuracy of expression and accent though all these would be the natural growth from a generous nature. But to think kindly and hopefully of all, to speak justly and generously of those who differ from us, to praise rather than blame wherever and whenever our conscience will allow us; to give thoughtfully, not of earth's worst and least, but of its best, to anticipate the wants of others and to assume as little as possible for ourselves, and grant as much as possible to others. This is the character of the truly generous man—Nature's true gentleman, to be found, thank God, in every walk of life, and wherever found, claiming the homage of every true heart. Let us then, brothers, day by day, whilst exhibiting the great Masonic virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude, manifest them with simplicity in ourselves, with courage before others, and with generosity towards all. So by God's grace shall that true Masonic character be formed which will best illustrate and best defend Masonic principles.



On 4th August, Miss Mary Rorke, who has for some time been the leading lady at the Adelphi, was married at the Church of the Servite Fathers, Fulham-road, to Mr. Francis William St. Aubyn, eldest son of Geoffrey St. Aubyn St. Aubyn, of East Sheen. Miss Rorke is still playing in "The Harbour Lights." We congratulate the lady, and still more Mr. St. Aubyn in having found such a charming lady for his wife. Miss Kate Rorke, her younger sister, who is so popular at the Vaudeville, is engaged to be married to Mr. E. W. Gardiner, who plays the hero in "A Run of Luck" at Drury Lane.

Mr. George Edwardes has become the sole lessee of the Gaiety Theatre, and will re-open that favourite house with a new comic opera called "Dorothy," by Messrs. Stephenson and Cellier, about the end of the month. The leading characters will be taken by Miss Marion Hood, Miss Harriet Coveney (Mrs. Jecks), Messrs. Farneaux Cord, Redfern Hollins, Haydn Coffin, and Bro. Arthur Williams. We may be assured with Mr. Edwardes, experience at the Savoy that the thing will be well done. Bro. Charles Harris is now the stage manager. Mrs. Edwardes, so well known as Miss Julia Gwynne at the Savoy and Haymarket, gave birth to a daughter a few days since.

Miss Lingard has taken the Comedy Theatre and re-opens to-morrow (Saturday), with the drama "Sister Mary," which she has been playing with much success in the provinces. Mr. Leonard Boyne will play his original character. We will give a resumé of this piece in another issue.

The *Building News* of a week ago contained an engraving of Bro. Edward Terry's new theatre in the Strand and full particulars of the building. From it we learn that it will be about the size of the Vaudeville. There will be few stairs, and it is to be opened in February.

Mr. C. K. Hawtrey, the lessee of the Globe, is going to re-open the Princess's with a play called "Harvest," in which Mr. Arthur Dacre, Miss Charles Glenney, Miss Carlotta Addison, Miss Amy Roselle (Mrs. Dacre), and Miss Fanny Brough (Mrs. Boleyn) will appear. This new domestic drama is by Mr. Hamilton.

On the 25th inst. the Haymarket re-opens with the ever popular play "Jim the Penman." Lady Monckton will resume her old part. The title rôle will be taken by Mr. E. S. Willard, so long associated with Bro. Wilton Barrett. In other respects the cast will be much the same. Judging from the way the public have supported Sir Chas. Young's play it may be expected to have a long run still before it.

Mr. Willie Edouin has done so well in his six weeks' tenure of the Comedy with "Blackberries" and "Turned Up," that he has taken the Royalty of Miss Santley and transfers to-morrow night (Saturday) these pieces to the last named house. Everybody is going to see Mr. Mark Melford's farcical comedy, in which Mr. Edouin is so amusing as the Undertaker.

During the hot weather the Court, as last summer, has remained open, the management having found "The Magistrate" and "The Schoolmistress" draw so well. During Mrs. John Wood and Bro. Clayton's absence for a holiday their parts are being played by Miss Minnie Bell and Mr. Mackintosh, and extremely well they acquit themselves.

"The Road to Ruin" has passed its 50th night at the Vaudeville. On Thursday, the well-known acting manager, Mr. Sydney Alport, had a benefit, which went off well, and we hope proved a benefit. But it is by the rallying round of old friends as much as the incoming of finance that a manager's heart is cheered, and no one more than Mr. Alport values the kind wishes of his friends. We believe "Sophia" will be put on again in the autumn, after which a play written by Mr. H. A. Jones, with the leading part for Miss Kate Rorke, is likely to be brought out.

Bro. Irving re-opens the Lyceum to-morrow (Saturday) evening with Mr. Willis' "Faust," which has for so long drawn big audiences. We understand that this play has brought even more money than did its predecessor, "Olivia." Bro. Irving has several plays in hand, but, as long as "Faust" preserves its popularity, there is no need of a change. Miss Terry arrived in London last Sunday from New York with Bro. Irving; but she has not been well in America, though we are pleased to say she is quite herself now. An ovation, no doubt, awaits these two favourites to-morrow night. Mrs. Chippendale succeeds Mrs. Stirling.

We looked in the other night at the Opera Comique, where the well-known Bro. Harrington Bailly (Steward of the Neptune Lodge and member of the Asaph) holds sway, and were agreeably surprised with the farcical comedy of "Bachelors," which has met with much opposition by the press generally. But now Mr. Felix Morris—who created such a sensation in "On 'Change"—has been placed in the cast, all goes merrily along, and it is possible the piece may survive the storm, as did the "Private Secretary." Mr. Hermann Vezin takes a new line when he plays such a comedy. "Dr. Davy," which precedes "Bachelors," is well worth going in time to see, for in it Mr. Vezin is heard at his best.

Mr. J. Hollingshead having severed his connection with the Gaiety, announces he is going to build a theatre for himself in the Strand. We should have thought there are already too many such places in that locality, in fact in London. All honour is due to Mr. Hollingshead for being the originator of "no fees" the introducer of the electric light, and for having shown himself a spirited manager for so many years.

On Monday Mr. Edward Compton brought out "The Rivals" at the Strand. This is the first time that this old comedy of Sheridan's has been played by the Compton's Comedy Company in London. There is a generation of playgoers rising up who know not the old players who have so often delighted their audiences with "The Rivals," and as it has not been done here for two or three years, it is welcome to those who have seen company after company play in it. We shall avoid all comparisons with Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Fanny Stirling, Bro. Thomas Thorne, and Miss Ada Cavendish, who are the most recent of those who have given "The Rivals." Mr. Compton is exceedingly good, especially in the duel scene in the last act. He is ably supported by Mr. Lewis Ball, as Sir Anthony Absolute. Mr. Valentine's Captain Absolute calls for special mention, and Miss Aickin as Mrs. Malaprop is very funny, and brought out many rounds of laughter from the full house. We did not care for Miss Dora Vivian's Lydia Languish, and would like to have seen Miss Virginia Bateman (Mrs. Compton) in the part. Miss Margaret Terry, a member of the celebrated family of that ilk, who is new to London, and seemed a little nervous the first night, did well as Julia, and when the comedy has been played a little longer will, we think, develop into a pleasing actress, for she appears to us to be trying to do her best, and that is one of the ways to succeed. We hope, as Mr. Compton has the Strand for some time, he will produce some of the new plays which he has only up to now given in the provinces.

If Mrs. Conover be not successful, she deserves success if only for her indomitable perseverance. She has returned to the Olympic, and has had the courage, some call it audacity, to appear as Lady Macbeth, but we cannot congratulate her on her efforts. Mrs. Conover is a Hanoverian by birth, and her strong German accent renders it impossible, at times, to understand her words, and many which one does follow are pronounced so wrongly as to make it almost painful to listen to them. Of all Shakespeare's plays "Macbeth" is the most difficult to render, and the actor is indeed bold who tackles it. It is so many years since it has been seen in London—we think the last time was at Sadler's Wells, under Miss Bateman, six years ago—that many will go to renew their acquaintance with it or to see it for the first time. Mrs. Conover is best in the sleep-walking scene. She is supported by Mr. J. H. Barnes as Macbeth; and Bro. Beveridge (Asaph Lodge) as Macduff. These two, specially Mr. Barnes, make up a great deal for Mrs. Conover's delinquencies. The play is elaborately mounted, and when we say that Mr. Tom Swinbourne is the stage manager it will be known that everything is correct. Some excellent music and songs are introduced in the witches' revelries, and were frequently encored. "Macbeth" is worth going to see.

Bro. Brock, the pyrotechnist, took his annual benefit at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, the 2nd inst. A special programme was arranged for the occasion, and the attendance was very satisfactory.



The voting papers for the October election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls were issued from the office yesterday (Thursday.) There are 33 candidates, four of whom are last chances. No. 7 on the list—Martha Paulina C. Stenge—is one of these, but by an oversight the usual marginal note to that effect does not appear on all the voting papers. The vacancies to be filled are 16. The election takes place on Saturday, the 6th October.

Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, left Sevenoaks for Scotland on Monday.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough and Miss Magee have been on a visit to Kilmeany, Carlow.

The Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts entertained the Princess Mary, Duchess, and the Duke of Teck at dinner at Holly Lodge on Thursday, the 2nd inst.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Listowel have been receiving visitors at Glencallater Lodge, Braemar, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught being of the number.

Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie last week entertained his tenantry at Alloa, Clackmannanshire, on the occasion of his eldest son, Lord Erskine, attaining his majority.

Bro. W. Francis, one of the proprietors of the Mohawk Minstrels, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, will take his 14th annual benefit on Wednesday next, the 15th instant.

The Queen has graciously promised that, if her other engagements will permit, she will open the new chapel recently erected for Marlborough College at a cost of nearly £30,000.

Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., has received and laid before Lord Iddesleigh as Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Depression of Trade a memorial setting forth the grievances of the hop-growers.

Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., laid the corner stone of a new church which is being built on the West Cliff, Whitby, on Monday. The total cost of the edifice is estimated at £10,000, and towards this sum our R.W. Brother has contributed £2000 and the site.

On Saturday last, at the meeting of the British Association at Birmingham, Bro. A. H. Dyke Acland, M.P., in the Economic Section, read a paper on "The Working Men's Co-operative Organisations in Great Britain," and Bro. the Earl of Onslow one "On Allotments."

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland were among the distinguished spectators who witnessed, on Saturday last, the annual inspection at Seaham of the Seaham Harbour Volunteer Artillery Brigade, of which the Viceroy of Ireland is Colonel-Commandant.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton was the principal guest at the Cutlers' feast at Sheffield, on the 2nd inst., and since his return thence to town has been the guest of Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., during the re-decoration of the First Lord of the Admiralty's residence.

We regret to hear that Bro. James Nesbitt, who is Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of the Grand R.A. Chapter and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, is incapacitated from following the duties of those offices by paralysis. Bro. Caldwell has, accordingly, been appointed to fulfil them in his stead.

The 26th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States will meet in Washington, D.C., on the 28th instant, and following days. The business offices will be at the Riggs House, and officers and members are requested to report there as soon as possible after their arrival in the city.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Marlborough House from the Continent on Monday, and the same day the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud reached Copenhagen, where they were received by the Royal Family. In the evening the Prince and the Duke of Connaught witnessed the performance of "A Run of Luck" at Drury Lane Theatre.

THE RITE OF SWEDENBORG.—The decease of R.W. Bro. R. R. H. Mackenzie having left the office of Grand Secretary of the Order vacant, we are informed that R.W. Bro. Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, M.B., P.M., of 4, Torriano-avenue, Camden-road, London, N.W., has been appointed. Brethren desirous of joining this rite of three Degrees, which is independent and has a splendid ritual, should communicate with the new Secretary without delay. There are lodges in London, Bristol, Havant, Manchester, and Liverpool.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Junior Lord of the Admiralty, and several other members of Parliament, witnessed a series of experiments in the Thames (opposite the Houses of Parliament) with a newly-devised material partly composed of cork and recently patented by Mr. Douglas for the preservation of life at sea. Several men, who could not swim, entered the water clad in jackets of the material and easily kept themselves afloat. Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, on behalf of himself and the others present, expressed approval of the invention.

The *Voice of Masonry* reports the death, on the 31st July last, of Sir Knight Lorenzo Hapgood, of Sterling, Illinois, a conspicuous member of the Templar Fraternity. The deceased had resided 35 years in the neighbourhood, and had been five times mayor of Sterling, namely, in 1857-8-9-60 and 1877. His funeral was numerously attended, a Masonic funeral service being performed at the grave. The same journal also reports the death of Bro. Nets Wheeler, of Baraboo, Wisconsin, and Comp. Thomas B. Tyler, of Sparta, in the same State. The latter, who was Past Grand High Priest of Wisconsin, died on the 18th, and the former on the 11th July last. It further states that Sir Knight George Cromwell Lanphere, Past Grand Commander Illinois, died at his home in Gatesburg, on the 6th of the same month, having been a member of our Society for 46 years.

Bro. J. E. Terry, who for the last year or two has been clerk in the office of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has recently left, and associated himself with a well-known firm of stock-brokers in the City. Bro. Terry's genial manner and uniform courtesy to all who have had business at the office have made him many friends, and we wish him all success in his new sphere.

Bro. Edward Terry's new theatre, about to be erected in the Strand, will occupy the site of the "Old Coal Hole."

During next week Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe will receive a succession of guests at Wortley Hall for the Doncaster Race meeting.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales will attend the St. Leger at Doncaster. His Royal Highness will be the guest of Bro. Christopher Sykes, at Brantinghamthorpe, on the occasion.

One of the inmates of the Pennsylvania Home for Free and Accepted Masons in Philadelphia died on the 16th July last at the age of 66. He was the youngest of the tenants of the Home.

The Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine amounts to 23,000 dollars (£4600). This is undoubtedly a very handsome amount to have in hand towards aiding the necessitous members of the Fraternity.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn and family arrived towards the close of last week at Dysart House, Fifeshire, from Easton Lodge, Dumfrow, where they had been on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke.

Bro. Congdon, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, recently laid the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall at Orange, in that State. There was a large attendance of brethren, and at the close of the proceedings a banquet took place in the Park Rink.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, received a numerous and influential deputation of members of the National Refuge Harbours Society on Thursday, the 2nd instant.

According to the *Freemasons' Journal* of New York, the richest lodge in the United States, having regard to its numerical strength, is the St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts, which has 26 members and property valued at 20,000 dollars (£4000).

The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to approve of the Umzimkulu Lodge, No. 2113, in Griqualand East, being placed henceforth under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Master of Natal, R.W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., returned to Devonshire House from Holker Hall on Monday, having previously enjoyed a few days' shooting at Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire. His lordship was present in his place in the House of Commons in the evening.

There are 62 chapters on the roll of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kansas, the aggregate membership numbering 2714. According to the Grand Treasurer's report, the balance in his hands at the close of the past year was only a few cents short of 4390 dollars.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Darmstadt on the 2nd inst., and in company with his brother-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse, visited the Mausoleum, where he placed a wreath on the tomb of the late Grand Duchess (Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland). The day following Bro. the Grand Duke and the members of his family paid a return visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Homburg.

The 11th annual report of the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association to the 10th inst., states that the Trustees, at the suggestion of the Committee, have added £50 to the amount invested in three per cent. reduced annuities. This makes the total of assets (the greater part invested at interest) £1,336 16s. 11d. The Committee have received a donation of 10 guineas from the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, 359, and another of five guineas from the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130. Three benevolent grants have been awarded during the past year, two of £10 each and one of £5, to the widows of brethren of Lodge 359.

After the regular meeting of the St. John Encampment of Knights Templar, of St. John, New Brunswick, on the 14th July last, Sir Knight Dr. T. Walker, E.C., invited the members to his home, and in the evening the opportunity was taken to show their respect to their chief by presenting Mrs. Walker with a handsome silver 5 o'clock tea service, the salver of which had on it an inscription indicating that the gift was presented to the lady as a token of regard on the 20th anniversary of her marriage. The presentation was made by Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, P.E.C., and suitably acknowledged, on behalf of Mrs. Walker, by her husband, a few pleasant words of sympathy being spoken by Sir Knight A. F. Chapman, Grand Recorder of Massachusetts and Maine, who had the good fortune to be included among the guests.

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

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Bro. Lionel Brough received a farewell benefit at the Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, on the 1st instant, previous to his departure for America.

Mr. Frederic Denison, Lord Londesborough's son and heir, is to be initiated into Freemasonry on Thursday, in the Denison Lodge at Scarborough.

Bro. the Lord Mayor intends opening a fund at the Mansion House for the relief of the poorer sufferers by the earthquakes in Charlestown and its vicinity, and in Greece.

The British Channel Squadron, under the command of Bro. Vice-Admiral Sir W. N. Hewett, which is cruising in the North and Baltic Seas, visited Trondbjun on Wednesday.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Bro. the Duke of Manchester, and other peers attended in the House of Lords on Tuesday, and took the oath and subscribed the roll of Parliament.

Masonic advices from Italy describe the brethren in that country as engaged in raising subscriptions and providing various kinds of help for those who have suffered in Venice by the visitation of cholera.

Bro. Londesborough has been elected President of the National Union for the ensuing year and will preside at the meeting of Conservative Associations which is to be held under its auspices at Bradford next month.

Bro. Henry Irving will re-open the Lyceum Theatre for the new season to-morrow (Saturday) with Faust. Bro. Irving and Miss Terry reached London from their holiday trip to the United States early in the week.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, paid an official visit to the Bank of England, on Friday, the 3rd inst., and discussed sundry financial matters with the Governor and two of the directors.

The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, will meet next week at Chicago, the appointed days being Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 14th, 15th, and 16th instant respectively.

The Prince of Wales accompanied the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Dover and there took farewell of them on their return to India, his Royal Highness leaving for London immediately after the departure of the Duke and Duchess.

One of the chief attractions presented by Bro. William Holland during the current week at the Albert Palace, Battersea, has been a pigeon show, which, though not so strong in the number of its exhibits, has compared well as to the quality of the birds with past shows.

The general assembly of the Grand Orient of France will take place during next week, the proceedings commencing with a session at 9 a.m. on Monday and concluding with a banquet at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday. *La Chaine d'Union* contains a reprint of the programme that will be carried out at each sitting.

Bro. T. J. Shryock, M.W.G.M. of Maryland, assisted by his Grand Officers, unveiled the monument erected to the memory of Bro. Baron de Kalb, at Annapolis, Md., on the 16th ult. Bro. Baron de Kalb served under Washington in the War of Independence, and died of the wounds received at the battle of Camden.

It is hardly necessary we should trouble to correct an error which occurred in the sketch quoted last week from the *World*, of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. However, Bro. Parkinson married a daughter of Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., not in 1886, but in 1867, and afterwards "continued his literary work with undiminished ardour till 1873."

The regular quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was to be held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, and the quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter at the same place the evening of the following day. At the latter meeting, the Degree of R.A. Masonry was to be exemplified by Comp. Kendrick, G.H.P., and his Grand Officers, and it was the wish of the G.H.P. that as many officers of subordinate chapters as possible should be present.

According to the *Freemason's Repository*, of Providence, Rhode Island, Grand Recorder, Foster of Tennessee, after carefully studying the proceedings of 35 Grand Commanderies, has come to the conclusion that the business which chiefly engages the attention of Knights Templar is the style of clothes to be worn by its members. The same journal contains a description of the jewel recently forwarded by command of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, to Bro. N. Van Slyck, Past Grand Master of Rhode Island, as representative of the Grand Lodge of that State of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Our readers will be interested to learn that the Government have ordered from the British Gas Engine and Engineering Co., Limited, of Mansion House Chambers, 11, Queen Victoria-st., four 4 h.p. "Differential" Gas Engines (Atkinson's patent), with patent air compressors combined, to work in connection with "Shone's" system of pneumatic drainage, which is being applied to the Houses of Parliament for dealing with the sewage. The engines are to be fixed in the basement under the chambers. This is the only form of gas engine which has been successfully used in connection with the Shone system of drainage.

The will (dated April 7, 1883), with a codicil (dated Jan. 30, 1884), of Mrs. Susannah Trevanion, late of No. 10, Chester-square, who died on May 17 last, was proved on the 10th ult. by Hugh Lindsay Antrobus, the acting executor, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £52,000. The testatrix bequeaths her private correspondence and papers to her sister the Baroness Burdett-Coutts; her prints and pictures to her sister Mrs. Money-Coutts; and her silver plate to her cousin, Sir Francis Burdett. She appoints a sum of over £14,000 Stock, held in trust, under the will of her late father, Sir Francis Burdett, upon the trusts of the marriage settlement of Hugh Charles Trevanion, the grandson of her late husband, and a sum of £20,000, also held in trust, under the will of her father, to her said cousin, Sir Francis Burdett. There are legacies to servants and others, and the residue of her real and personal estate she leaves to the said Hugh Charles Trevanion.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, September 18, 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, SEPTEMBER 11.

- Lodge 869, Gresham, Chestnut Great House, Cheshunt-pk
- „ 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- „ 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st., E.C.
- „ 1680, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
- „ 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- „ 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- „ 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30
- Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
- King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
- Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

- Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
- „ 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
- Chap. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
- Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
- Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
- Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
- Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
- Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
- Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
- St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

- Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, Masonic Hall, Falmouth.
- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
- „ 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- „ 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- „ 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
- Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- „ 223, West Smithfield, S.A., Red Lion-sq., W.C.

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 Bldg., 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.
- Kennington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
- Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.

Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

- Lodge 1287, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-pk.
- „ 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Lingfield-rd., Wimbledon.
- „ 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
- „ 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.

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.
- Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
- United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
- Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

- Lodge 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
- „ 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
- „ 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross.
- „ 1365, Clapton, Rudolph Chambers, 191, Bishopsgate-street.
- „ 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
- „ 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 1903, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea Park.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
- Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
- City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
- Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 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, E.), 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, E.C., 6.30.
- Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- „ 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.
- K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
- 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 of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, S.
- Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
- Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

- Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
- „ 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- „ 1767, Kensington, Kensington Hot., Russell Gardens, Kensington.
- Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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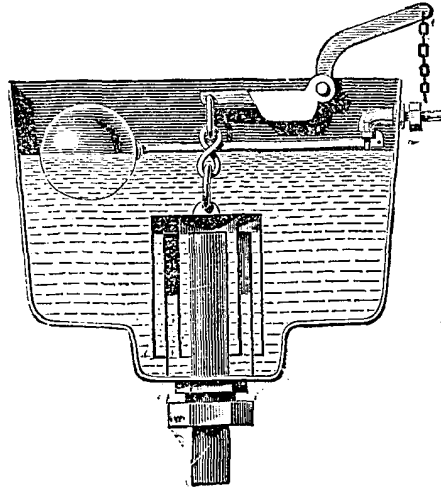
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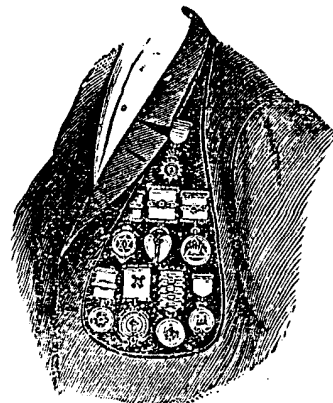
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