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THOUGH it is very natural that, on attaining the age of 75 years, a man should seek retirement from the more active pursuits of life, we are satisfied the news that Bro. Lord DE TABLEY has determined on resigning his office of Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, will be received everywhere with feelings of sincere regret. His lordship has been associated for so many years with our Cheshire brethren, his influence in all good works has been so beneficially exercised, and his personal relations towards the members of his province have been of so friendly a nature that his resignation will be looked upon as a serious detriment—for some years to come—to the well-being of our Craft, both generally throughout England and locally. But though we may feel pained at his lordship's resolution to lay aside the cares and responsibilities of his office, we cannot help admitting its justice. Lord DE TABLEY was born in 1811, and initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, No. 357, in 1831, when a student at Christ Church. In 1859 the late Earl of ZETLAND appointed him Grand Senior Warden of England, and in 1865, on the death of R.W. Bro. Lord COMBERMERE, Bro. Lord DE TABLEY, who had already made a name for himself among the Cheshire Masons, was chosen to succeed that popular nobleman as their P.G. Master. Three years after he was made their Prov. Grand Superintendent, and on the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES as Grand Z., was appointed to the chair of Third Principal. He does not appear to have taken any part in the other branches of Masonry, but in whatever concerned its welfare and was likely to strengthen its influence for good, he was ever ready to lend a helping hand. He was a firm supporter of our Institutions, and it has been under his auspices that the Cheshire Educational Charity has enjoyed a career of such uninterrupted prosperity. This brief summary of the chief events in Bro. Lord DE TABLEY'S Masonic career will justify the feelings caused by his retirement from active Masonic life, but we have at least this consolation, that while he is spared to us—and we trust that he will be for many years to come—his experience will be always most readily at the disposal of those who need it. Our Cheshire brethren, indeed, will still have him in their midst and may still benefit by his wise counsels. Nor do we doubt that his lordship's interest in our proceedings will be as great as ever it has been during his 55 years' connection with Freemasonry, though the part he will henceforth take in them will be comparatively small.

WE are now, as the hackneyed phrase hath it, within measurable distance of the School Elections, and as the voting papers have been issued, we may profitably devote a little space to a consideration of such matters contained in them as may be worthy of remark. The election for the Girls' School will take place at the Quarterly General Court, which will be held in the great hall of Freemason's Tavern on Saturday, the 9th October prox., that of the Boys' School taking place at a Quarterly Court on Monday, the 11th of the same month. At the former there will be elected 16 girls from an approved list of 33 candidates, of whom nine remain over from the last election, and will bring forward such votes as were then placed to their credit, while the remaining 24 are candidates for the first time. The proportion of vacancies to candidates is more unfavourable to the latter than it was in April; but such fluctuations are to be expected, nor, if the voting goes as we hope to see it—that is to say, in such a manner as not to exclude any of the children whose claims have been deemed worthy from the hope of being ultimately received into the School—will there be any such disappointment as may not be repaired perhaps at some future attempt. No. 7—a London candidate, who has 250 votes already to her credit—will have her name removed from the list in the event of failure on this occasion; but the number of candidates hailing from Metropolitan lodges is unusually small, and with a little management on the part of those in charge of her interests there should be no difficulty in carrying her election. There are also three other girls who will have only this one chance allowed them, namely, No. 13 (West Lancashire), No. 17 (South Wales, East Division), and No. 32 (Worcestershire). As to the parts of the country whence the candidates hail, London is responsible for five only, viz., Nos. 5, 6, 7, 23, and 24, and has a part interest with Hertfordshire in No. 18. East Lancashire

furnishes three candidates, Nos. 22, 27, and 31. Hants and the Isle of Wight is responsible for Nos. 1 and 4, Kent for Nos. 2 and 25, and Sussex for Nos. 9 and 12. Of the remaining 18 candidates 14 hail from as many different provinces or districts, namely: Devonshire, Durham, Jersey, Lancashire West, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, South Wales (East Division), Norfolk, Surrey, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire West, Antigua, W.I., and the Bahamas, while as regards the other four, one may hope to obtain support from North and East Yorkshire and Durham, one from Middlesex and Cornwall, one from Cheshire and West Yorkshire, and one from Worcestershire and Staffordshire. In eight cases the father had been a subscriber to or Steward for one or more of our Institutions, and in some 15 cases he had been a subscribing member to a lodge or lodges for a period ranging from 10 to 21 years. Four of the children have lost both parents and a fifth has a stepmother; four have both parents living, and 24 have lost only their father. Lastly, as regards the nine candidates remaining from the April election, the two children who head the list had their first experience of the ballot in October, 1885, No. 1 having 175 votes, and No. 2, 51 votes to her credit. Nos. 3 to 9, both inclusive, also bring forward votes from April last, when they stood their first election, but in no case is the number credited very high, the No. 7 to whom we have before referred having 25 votes to the good, and Nos. 5 and 4, 203 votes and 212 respectively.

FOR the Boys' School Election on Monday, the 11th October prox., there is an approved list of 44 candidates, of whom 16 were unsuccessful at the election in April, and bring forward such votes as were polled for them at that and previous elections, while the remaining 28 are candidates for the first time, and in the case of Nos. 36, 38, and 43, hailing from East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and Warwickshire respectively, for the last time as well. Of the old candidates, Nos. 1 and 2 have made four previous attempts, and have standing to their credit 20 votes and 50 votes respectively. No. 3, who has 13 votes to the good, has been to the poll three times already, while Nos. 4, 5, and 6 have stood two elections with somewhat better luck than their older competitors, No. 4 having 333 votes to the good, No. 5, 173 votes, and No. 6, 117 votes. The remaining ten—Nos. 7 to 16, both inclusive—made their first attempt in April, No. 9 securing—and of course bringing forward to his credit at this election—1301 votes, Nos. 12 and 11 being close at his heels with 1299 votes and 1259 votes respectively, while No. 7 scored 1175 votes, and No. 8 1068 votes, so that all these five children stand a very good chance of success on the present occasion. The other five did little or nothing, Nos. 13, 14, and 15 having only 86 votes, 9 votes, and 45 votes to the good respectively, while Nos. 10 and 16 polled no votes at all. There are seven of the candidates whose names will be removed from the list in the event of failure in this instance—namely, No. 2 (East Lancashire), No. 3 (Hants and the Isle of Wight), 4 (London), and 10 (West Lancashire), and Nos. 36, 38, and 43, to whom we have referred already. As regards the distribution of candidates among London and the different provinces or districts abroad, 11 of them, or exactly one-fourth, hail from London—namely, Nos. 4, 5, 11, 17, 19, 20, 21, 27, 32, 37, and 41. East Lancashire sends four—Nos. 2, 35, 36, and 42; Durham, Hants and the Isle of Wight, and West Lancashire send up, each of them, three candidates, the Durham trio being Nos. 8, 14, and 33; that of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Nos. 3, 16, and 25; and the West Lancashire, Nos. 6, 10, and 28. Cornwall, Essex, Norfolk, and West Yorkshire send up two each—namely, Nos. 24 and 40, Cornwall; Nos. 15 and 26, Essex; Nos. 18 and 22, Norfolk; Nos. 30 and 38, West Yorkshire. The remaining 12 candidates hail from Berks and Bucks, Bristol, Gloucestershire, Kent, Middlesex, North Wales, Northumberland, South Wales (East Division), Warwickshire, and Wiltshire at home, and Cape of Good Hope and King William's Town abroad. As regards other noteworthy features, we remark that four of the 44 candidates have lost both parents, 37 have lost their father, and two their mother, and that one has both parents living. Six of the boys have each a sister in the Girls' School—namely, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 16, 29, and 37, and in the case of ten the father has done service, either as contributor or Festival Steward, in behalf of one or more of the Institutions. In some 20 cases the father was subscribing member to a lodge or lodges, either continuously or for broken periods amounting in the aggregate to from 10 to nearly 20 years. These constitute the features which are specially worth remarking of the list of 44 candidates from whom there are to be elected, on the appointed 11th October prox., a batch of 32 boys, who will be received into the School at the close of the coming Christmas holidays. Of these 32 boys, 22 will take the place of as many who have, or will have, left the School on attaining the age of 15, and the others will be added to the present strength of the establishment in accordance with the resolution passed at the Quarterly Court in July, and we shall content ourselves with adding the expression of a very natural hope that the result of the poll will so shape itself as to include among the successful all whose names will otherwise disappear from the list, and so reduce the amount of disappointment arising from failure to the lowest possible point.

MASONIC EXHIBITION AT SHANKLIN.

As stated in our short telegraphic report last week, this Exhibition was opened under the most favourable auspices on Thursday, the 9th inst., and remained open until Monday, the 13th. Whatever may be the result financially, there can be no doubt whatever that from every point of view Masonically, it has been an unqualified and decided success. To Bro. Greenham and those who have so zealously aided him it must be a source of supreme satisfaction to know that they have helped in a remarkable degree to prove to the outside world that Masonry is not only a bond of friendship and a great social organisation, but that it has a history of which any community might be proud, and an almost inexhaustible store of antiquarian and archaeological material on which the learned of the Order can work with profit to themselves and pleasure to the Craft. No such collection of Masonic treasures has been gathered together before, and we congratulate Bro. Greenham most heartily on the result of his "happy thought."

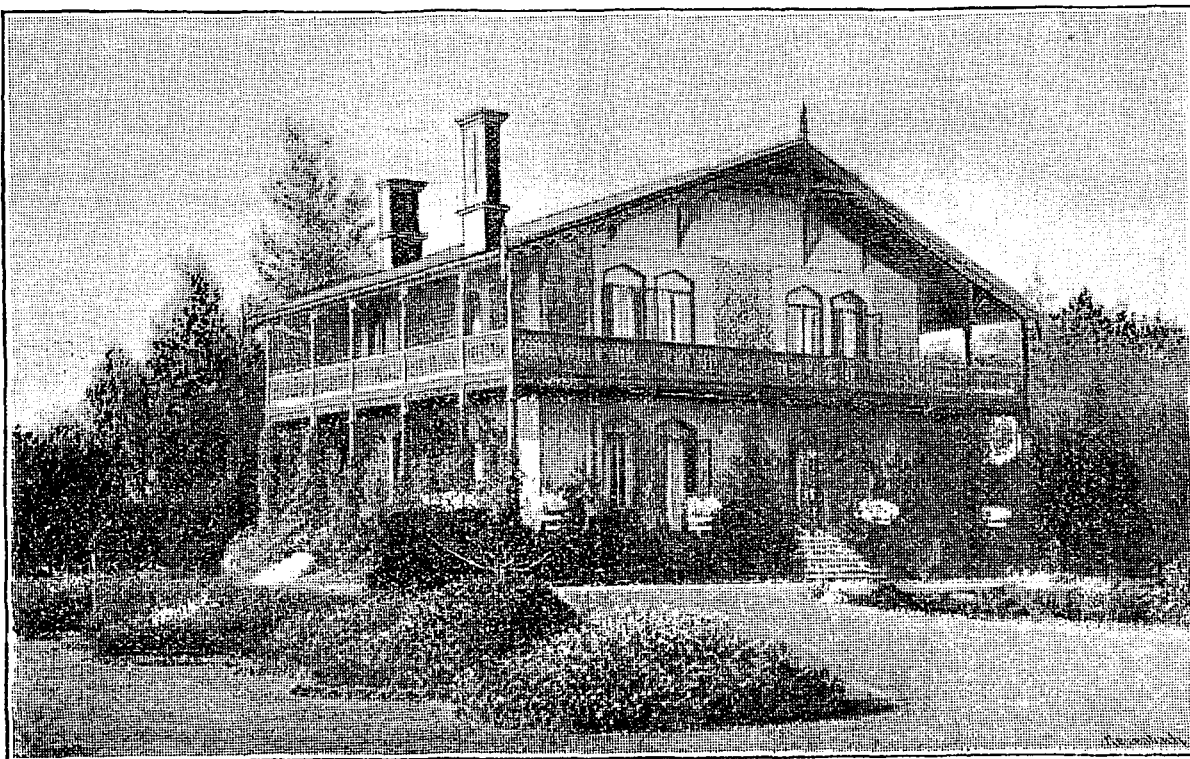
The Exhibition was held in the beautiful Swiss Chalet on the grounds of Rylstone, kindly lent for the purpose by Monsieur and Madame Spartali. This pretty Chalet, which was built several years ago by Bro. F. Cooper, P.M. of Chine Lodge, from a photo brought from Switzerland, is a peculiarly pretty structure, uniformly picturesque within and without; and is in itself an exhibition of no mean order. The verandah is festooned with beautiful flowers and foliage, and the principal features of the building are exquisite samples of architectural beauty. Internally every room is a picture, grotesquely painted, papered, and upholstered, adding quite a charm to the general appearance of the exhibition. The exhibits were ranged in the several rooms of the Chalet, upstairs and down, and all were numbered for easy reference to the catalogue, the total number of them being about 1500.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

This took place about three o'clock on Thursday afternoon, under circumstances of a peculiarly auspicious character. While the officers of provincial and local lodges were robing at Cliff Close, a residence nearly opposite the Chalet, a number of ladies and gentlemen assembled on the lawn and near the entrance, awaiting the procession of robed Freemasons. Among those in attendance, unofficially, we observed Mrs. White Popham, Lord and Lady Napier, of Magdala, Mrs. Scaramanga, Mrs. Raphael, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. A. de Svertchoff, Dr. Dabbs, Major-General Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, General Sir Henry and Lady Daly, Mr. W. and Miss Foyster, Lord and Lady John Taylour, Mrs. W. W. B. Beach, General Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Pakenham Mahon, the Misses Pakenham Mahon, Mrs. Hugh Simpson, Mrs. Goble, Captain and Mrs. Whitehill, and others.

The following brethren, officers, and members of the provincial and local lodges, all attired in Masonic clothing, took part in the procession, Bro. J. Bailey officiating as Grand Director of Ceremonies:—

Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. E. Le Feuvre, G.J.D., D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Edgar Goble, P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S. Eng.; T. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; Henry Pigeon, jun., P.G.O.; J. Exell, P.G. Tyler; C. H. Wood, P.P.G.W. Surrey; C. Basil Cooke, 1928; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; George Wyatt, P.M. 151, and 340, P.P.G.W. Oxford; Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M. and G. Supt. Leicestershire and Rutland; C. F. Foster, 1884; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Farrance, I.P.M. 132, P.G. St. Br.; Surgeon-General T. Cinger, P.M. 1301, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Wilts; W. St. John Caws, 416 (S.C.), P.P.G. Org. Melbourne, Australia; Thomas Giles, P.M. 35, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, &c.; Wm. H. Wooldridge, 1869; R. L. Robertson, I.P.M. 35; Henry Rose, W.M. 132; J. Willmott, P.M. 342, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Sam Knight, 1903; Rev. A. G. Barker, P.M. 694, P.P.G.C.; Captain Hector E. McLean, P.G.M. Lanarkshire, Upper Ward; Lieut. W. Black, P.G.S.W. Lanarkshire, Upper Ward; James Connor, P.P.G. Sec. Lanarkshire; J. B. Boucher, P.P.G.S. Deacon Surrey; Alfred Dashwood, W.M. 698; Henry Durant, W.M. 175; Tenison Smith, 175; C. T. Allen, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Long, I.G. 175; E. D. Stroud, S. 175; S. A. Banbury, 5; W. H. Townsend, P.M. 1093, P.P.G.S.D.; F. White Popham, 1884; W. Pinsey, 694; J. G. Garnham, W.M. 151; Alfred Millidge, J.D. 151; Rev. J. L. Palmer, P.M., P.G.C.; Francis Newman, P.M. 125, 698 and 1884, P.P.G.S.W.; George Pack, P.M. 175, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Hammond Riddett, Sec. 698; Henry Matthews; Ernest Groves, P.M. 175; J. Baxter, P.M. 954, P.P.G.S.B. Devonshire; George Douglas, P.M. 1131, P.P.G.S.; H. B. Arthur, P.M. 359, P.G.D.C.; T. A. Raynes; Mark Linfield, P.M. 551; Bernard J. Marvin, P.M. 175; A. J. Dransfield, 175; F. Rayner, J.W. 1884; John Bailey, I.P.M. 1884, P.G.A.D.C.; Alfred Greenham, W.M. 1884; Robert W. Greenham; J. W. Cantlow, 1884; C. Riddick, 1884; Robert Modlin; B. Cooper, 1885; G. Paybody, 1884; Francis Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S.; William Thompson, 1884; Richard Young, 1884; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, P.M. 1373 and 130, P.P.G.C.; W. J. Mew, 1884; Capt. George Laity, R.N., J.W. 698; F. W. Thoys, 64; R. Loveland-Loveland, 869, P.P.G.S.W.; George Taylor, P.M. 377, 560 and 1874, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Sec. Worcester-shire; James Edward Stone, P.M. 377, P.P.G.D. Worcester-shire; Thomas Lamb-Smith, P.M. 260, P.P.G.D. Worcester-shire; Rev. J. A. Alloway, P.G.C.; Wm. White, 184; W. G. Gilbert, S.W. 257; Arthur J. Firth, W.M. 1860, P.P.G. Org.; Shaw, S.W. 1868; William Garland, 1869; A. Houston, 151, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and John Blunt, jun., P.M. and Treas. 1869.



THE CHALET.

those Masonic secrets which some present who were not members might be pleased for him to introduce to the light. (A laugh.) But he would make, with their permission, two or three observations before he opened the Exhibition; and he would say, in the first place, that it was ill for the welfare of a nation when she tried to efface the memory of the past. (Hear, hear.) It was by recounting noble actions of days long gone by, if was by recounting the prowess of those who had gone before, that men were incited to valiant deeds. They must always remember that in the olden times it was the symbols of the past which led men to victory and to conquest. It was the standard of the Golden Dragon which led the men of Wessex to far-off Northumbria in a victorious cause. It was the recounting of the battles of their forefathers which incited them to emulate their actions, and it had been always found that by pointing to brave deeds which had long gone by men were best incited and induced to follow the example of men who preceded them. It was well known in history that it was the bards and poets who aroused the enthusiasm and patriotism of the Scotch and Welsh to such a degree that by an authoritative injunction they were ejected for fear they should incite them—by recounting the deeds of their forefathers—to a national insurrection. He might give numerous instances of the principle to which he was referring, but he would content himself with one illustration of more modern times. They would remember that in the greatest battle ever fought by Frederick the Great, they were told that the Prussian soldiers, worked up to a great pitch of enthusiasm and excitement, marched to battle and to victory chanting the rude hymns of the old Saxon poets. Men had in all ages been incited to wonderful achievements by the recital of the actions of their forefathers. Freemasonry, too, had a history of the past, of which they were justly and truly proud. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) They could point back to those who had gone before them, with pride and pleasure, and they strove, as far as they could, to emulate their example. Freemasonry had existed from remote antiquity. Though everything must have a beginning, it was impossible to trace the origin of Freemasonry. This England of ours, of which we are so justly proud, was little known in the old day till she became noted by becoming the country where the founder of Constantinople first assumed the imperial purple, and Masons, from generation to generation, had been incited by those who had gone before, to try their best to act up to their principles, and to do their best to maintain the lessons which had been bequeathed to them by their forefathers. Although little was known of the origin of the Order, they could trace it in some degree through its developments, and they knew that in the former ages it exercised a most humanising and civilising influence upon every country wherein it existed. (Cheers.) It had been preserved through many climes and many changes, and handed down to the present generation intact. They could trace it in the remains of the glorious edifices of bye-gone periods; they could see evidences of it in the great works of the past, and in those things of antiquity which had been disclosed to the gaze of modern eyes traces of the existence of the principles of Freemasonry had from time to time been found. Therefore they could have little idea how long Freemasonry had really existed in the world. One thing they did know—that was that though it had existed among the civilised communities to the greatest extent, yet even in the more barbarous countries by some extraordinary means Freemasonry had been brought into contact with the inhabitants and in some countries with which apparently no civilising country had had the slightest connection it had been found that some Degree of Freemasonry had existed. He thought they might, however, congratulate themselves that at least in the present day Freemasonry had extended to the most unprecedented degree, and that the Masons of this day were imbued with those excellent principles which were held of old, and had been handed down to them in one unbroken chain; and he thought they had reason to congratulate themselves also on the fact that those principles were conducive not only to reverence for God, but to loyalty to their sovereign and devotion to their country. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) They also prided themselves on being banded together by the ties of Brotherhood, ready to assist in every good thing and every good work. (Hear, hear.) They could point to those Institutions which formed the basis of the Masonic Order, and which showed that Masons were that day disposed to act up to the lessons which had been taught them in the past, and tried their best to show by their out-

The procession entered at the main gateway, proceeded down the carriage drive towards Rylstone House, and thence to the eastern side of the Chalet, where the leading gentlemen of the party took up a position on the steps of the balcony, the bystanders raising their hats as the Prov. G. Master approached.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., addressing the ladies and gentlemen present and his brethren, expressed the great pleasure he felt at the opportunity thus afforded him of being present to open this Exhibition at Shanklin. It must not be supposed, he said, that he was going to lift the veil and unfold any of

ward conduct and by all their actions that they were proud of those examples which had been bequeathed to them. (Cheers.) He hoped that the Freemasons of the present day would never lose sight of the excellent principles which had been taught them by those who had gone before, but would ever endeavour to emulate as they best could those who had adorned the principles of the Order in past ages, and would do their best to act in a manner consonant and harmonious with the lessons of their Order. He would now remark that he was about to open an Exhibition replete with objects of peculiar interest. He trusted they would be found interesting to all. They had been brought there at considerable sacrifice to those who had sent them, and he was sure that those who had taken the trouble to collect them were deserving of the utmost gratitude for the exertions they had put forth, and the vast amount of work they had undertaken and carried through. (Hear, hear.) He could only trust the effort would be attended with complete success, and, in the hope and belief that it would, he declared the Exhibition duly opened.

Bro. F. WHITE POPHAM, in the name of Chine Lodge, presented to Bro. Beach a gold medal in commemoration of the opening of the Exhibition, remarking that he was deputed to thank him for his kindness in having found time to come to Shanklin, in the midst of his manifold engagements, to inaugurate by his presence and assistance a work which would long live in the memories of all the members of their lodge. The Freemasons of the Isle of Wight in common with their brethren on the other side of the Solent, had to congratulate themselves on the fact that they were presided over by a gentleman who had made the office which he had dignified so much not merely an empty name, but who had devoted so much time to the inner mysteries of the Order for which it was not meet for him to speak. After further observations, the speaker asked Bro. Beach to accept the medal in the name of the lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. GREENHAM now stepped forward, and in behalf of Chine Lodge, No. 1884, presented the Prov. Grand Master with a bound copy of the catalogue; he also presented a similar copy to Bro. Le Feuvre, and a third to Bro. Goble.

Chine Lodge, No. 1884, presided, supported on the right by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; George Taylor, P.G. Sec. Worcester-shire; Stone, P.M.; and T. Lamb-Smith, 30°; and on the left by Bros. F. White Popham, J.P.; McLean, P.G.M. Lanarkshire; Goldney, P.G.D. Eng.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight; Surgeon-Gen. Ringer, P.P.G.A.D.C. Wilts; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; W. J. Caws, P.G. Org. Australia; McQueen, W.M. 11; J. Conner, P.P.G. Sec. Lanark-shire; Captain Whitehill, S. Mendl, Banbury, and Firth. Bro. Francis Cooper, P.M., occupied the S.W.'s chair, and was supported by Bros. John Bailey, I.P.M.; Linfield, Kinsey, Houston, Young, Rayner, A. Brannon, Livesey, Raynes, Pigeon, White, and Paybody.

The first toast was given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, "The Queen and the Craft." The reigns of the Queens of England, he remarked, were the most brilliant records in the history of our country, and this, the Victorian, era would be perhaps the most brilliant of all. They had to congratulate themselves on having opened so excellent an exhibition of Masonic curiosities in the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that her Majesty's reign would be longer than that of any other monarch on the throne of Great Britain. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, the Town Band outside the dining room playing "God save the Queen."

The next toast also came from the chair, "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England." The speaker referred at some length to the interest taken in Masonry by the Grand Master, who was a very hard worker for the Craft. Since the Prince became Grand Master of England Freemasonry had flourished more than at any other period, hundreds of lodges having been added to the roll, and thousands of members enlisted under its banners. (Cheers and musical honours.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER also gave the next toast, "The Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers Past and Present." He remarked



R.W. BRO. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P.,
P.G.M. HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Bro. BEACH expressed his deep and sincere thanks for the very kind tokens he had just received at their hands. As he had just pointed out, it was ill for a nation to efface its history of the past it would be impossible for him ever to efface from his recollection the kindness which they had extended to him on that occasion, in presenting to him that beautiful medal and also the very handsome catalogue. He was sure it would ever be to him a source of the greatest pleasure to recollect the kindness of the brethren who had in such a very friendly way presented him with these memorials, and he should ever regard them as a proof of the interest which was attached to this visit to Shanklin and to the auspicious occasion on which it had occurred. He begged them to receive his warmest and most sincere thanks. (Cheers.)

Bros. LE FEUVRE and GOBLE also acknowledged the gifts.

Bro. GREENHAM then observed that he wished to convey in some public manner his great appreciation of the kindness of Mons. and Madame Spartali in allowing them the use of that beautiful Chalet for the Exhibition—(cheers)—and he wished to tender his thanks and the thanks of the lodge, for they were largely indebted to that lady and gentlemen for their kindness in that respect. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The procession then re-formed, and proceeded into the Chalet, followed by the other visitors, Masonic and uninitiated.

A special medal has been struck by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London, in honour of the Exhibition, and these are to be purchased in silver, bronze, and white metal, a gold cast of which was presented to the Provincial Grand Master at the opening ceremony. On one side of this medal is the coat of arms of the Prov. Grand Master, with his name and the date of opening the Exhibition; on the other the crest of Chine Lodge, showing Shanklin Chine, with running stream, and the name of Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M.

THE BANQUET.

In the evening a banquet was given at Hollier's Hotel, where the host, Bro. Boehme, placed before his guests a very superb spread, giving unbounded satisfaction. Bro. Alfred Greenham, the Worshipful Master of



BRO. ALFRED GREENHAM,
W.M. CHINE LODGE, NO. 1884.

that he little thought he should be honoured with the presence on this occasion of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. (Cheers.) He could not but express how deeply sensible he felt, and he felt he was also speaking for every member of Chine Lodge, of the honour conferred upon them by the presence of so distinguished a Mason. It was extremely kind on that gentlemen's part to make the journey from London on purpose to be present at the opening of the exhibition and to attend this banquet. He therefore coupled his name with the toast, feeling sure that it would be received with every possible honour. (Applause.)

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE said that Bro. Kelly, who was present, and was his senior, should have responded to this toast, but with characteristic modesty had waived his claims. It was then his privilege to speak in the name of a large number of noblemen and gentlemen, who, in performing the duties of Grand Lodge, freely and cheerfully devoted a great deal of time to the promotion of Masonry, and they were only too glad to give their services. Personally, he had experienced great pleasure in being present that day. He had lately been prevented from attending the centenary celebration of the Phoenix Lodge, in which he had been very anxious to participate, but whenever it was possible he made a point of attending the most important Masonic festivals. He fully concurred in the eloquent words that had fallen from their Provincial Grand Master that afternoon. The first exhibition of Masonic curios and objects that had taken place was initiated by Bro. Whytehead, of York. The movement was carried on in the more extensive Worcester exhibition by Bro. Taylor, whom he was glad to be able then to congratulate on the success of his efforts; and as the ball rolled on they had the still more complete and interesting collection that had been brought together by Bro. Greenham, and opened to the public that day. (Cheers.) To do justice to the exhibits, days were required, rather than the few hours that most people were able to give to their examination. What was to be seen there he thought would serve a most useful purpose—it would show that Masonry was not a mushroom society, and would give some idea to strangers of the antiquity of the Order, and the many benefits it had been the means of conferring. He most heartily congratulated Bro. Greenham and his helpers on the great success of their arduous labours in making the collection.

Bro. GOLDING, whose name was also coupled with the toast, said that in addition to the benefits already pointed out, these exhibitions were of special value to collectors for the opportunity of comparison they afforded, and they in particular had much to thank Bro. Greenham for. The remarks of Bro. Hughan in the catalogue were of great assistance, and most materially increased its value. (Cheers.)

Bro. POPHAM gave "The Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P.; and Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge." (Cheers.) In the course of his remarks, Bro. Popham congratulated the members of Chine Lodge and the whole of the province in having a Provincial Grand Master who took so deep an interest in the affairs of the province, and who was ready and willing at all times to assist the lodges in any undertaking with which for the time they were associated. The Exhibition which had been opened that day was one of which the Province of Hampshire might well be proud, and one which would long remain a landmark in the history of Freemasonry.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present not only at the banquet, but at the opening of the Masonic Exhibition, which he should look back upon and remember as a very proud event in connection with the province he had the honour to preside over. He had received the greatest kindness from the W.M. and members of Chine Lodge, and the valuable and beautiful medal which they had been good enough to present to him that day he should treasure and value as a memento of an event which would never be effaced from his memory. In the course of further remarks, he alluded to the prosperous condition of the province, and expressed the happiness it gave him to have the honour of presiding over a province which gave so little trouble, and in which so few cases came before him for adjudication. (Cheers.)

Bro. LE FEUVRE, acknowledging the compliment, expressed the great pleasure he had felt in witnessing the opening of an Exhibition which reflected the highest honour upon Chine Lodge. The Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, which was composed of Past Masters, some two years ago entertained the idea of undertaking an exhibition similar to this, but when they became aware, on seeing the Worcester catalogue, of the vast amount of labour such an undertaking would involve, they at once abandoned the idea. He therefore congratulated the W.M. and members of Chine Lodge in having surpassed the Worcester Exhibition by some 300 exhibits and a catalogue of about 30 additional pages. (Applause.)

Bro. GOBLE, responding in behalf of the working and operative Masons as distinguished from the ornamental (a laugh), remarked that it had given him great pleasure to be present at the opening of the Exhibition and at the banquet. He had contributed a few of the treasures of the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, and he hoped that the Exhibition would give an impetus to a movement for the formation of a library in connection with the province. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN, remarking that they were honoured with the presence of several distinguished Scotch brethren, proposed "The Scottish Grand Lodge," which was most cordially received.

Bros. HECTOR McLEAN, Prov. G.M. of Lanark, CONNER, a former Prov. G. Sec. of Lanarkshire, and ST. JOHN CAWS, severally responded. Bro. Conner said in future years that Exhibition would be regarded as one of the landmarks of the Order.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the next toast, "The Guarantors of the Exhibition." He fully recognised, at a very early date, he remarked, the responsibilities in connection with the Exhibition. To the majority of the exhibitors he was perfectly unknown, and it therefore became necessary that some sort of guarantee should be given. While Bro. George Taylor generously placed a large number of exhibits at his disposal without having obtained any guarantors, he suggested to him that it would give much greater confidence to the exhibitors generally if he could obtain guarantors. He (the speaker) thereupon waited upon Bro. Past Master Dabbs, and with a certain amount of hesitation asked him whether he might use his name as one of the guarantors. Bro. Dabbs, without the slightest hesitation whatever and in the most ready and willing manner, acceded to his request—(cheers)—and he felt sure from that moment that every link to make the Exhibition a success was completed. By the same evening's post he wrote to Bro. Francis White Popham, who called upon him the next morning and said it would give him very much pleasure to aid and assist Chine Lodge in becoming one of the guarantors of the Exhibition. He could not speak too highly of the great interest shown by Bro. Popham in Chine Lodge since its formation. At its constitution he contributed largely as a donor, and from his high social position he had been able that day to contribute to the success of the proceedings in a way beyond his (the speaker's) abilities.

Bro. POPHAM acknowledged in appropriate terms, expressing his readiness to do all he could for the lodge and his pleasure at the successful opening of the Exhibition.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the next toast, "The Health of the W.M. of Chine Lodge." He spoke of it as a great pleasure that he should be honoured to propose this toast, and in the course of an exceedingly complimentary speech alluded to the enormous amount of time and the immense labour the W.M. must have given, not only in collecting the exhibits, but in arranging them, and in bringing the Exhibition to such a successful termination. He congratulated Chine Lodge on having a Master who worked with such earnestness and zeal for the cause, and he hoped that his efforts would be crowned with success. (Cheers.)

Bro. GREENHAM remarked that his reply would be necessarily brief. While the remarks of the Prov. Grand Master were most flattering to him and while his (the speaker's) own name would necessarily be brought prominently forward he must not forget to mention that he had received valuable help from the following members of Chine Lodge: Bros. Cooper, Cantlow, Matthews, Young, Conner, Rayner, Thompson, and Mew; and in the correspondence from Bros. Whitehill and Colenutt. He could not, however, refrain from specially mentioning Bro. John Bailey, I.P.M., who had done much to make this Exhibition a success. From the very first Bro. Bailey associated himself with the arduous labours in connection with the undertaking, and whatever measure of success was attained the credit must be largely shared by him. (Cheers.) He had trespassed on his time to an extent unknown by many members of the lodge, and yet had never been refused his co-operation and aid on any one occasion. (Cheers.) He must not, however, forget those on the mainland, viz., Bro. George Kenning, who had so kindly assisted him in every way, both personally and through the columns of the *Freemason*, and Bro. Hughan, who appended the notes, and helped in the many difficulties, and whose name in connection with the catalogue would ever make it valuable. While, however, he felt he must not trespass on the next toast, he could not forbear to say how highly he

appreciated the services of Bro. George Taylor, who had not only helped him all through, but, with a kindness which was a characteristic of him, had come all the way from Kidderminster to assist him, and without whose assistance in arranging the exhibits he scarcely knew how he should have done it. No words that he could use would fully express his feelings towards that brother, and every member of Chine Lodge felt as he did.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, proposed "The Health of Bro. George Taylor, P.G. Sec. Worcestershire," and paid a high tribute of praise for his great kindness, in coming specially from Kidderminster to help the W.M. of the Chine Lodge. It was an act, he was sure, all appreciated, and he had been asked to present him with a medal, the intrinsic value of which was in no way contemplated as any recognition of his services, but rather for Bro. Taylor to see that in some manner they wished to mark their appreciation of all he had done to promote the interests of the Exhibition. (Applause.) The P.G.M. then handed Bro. Taylor the medal.

Bro. TAYLOR, in acknowledging the compliment, deprecated the excess of kindness he had received in return for the services he had been able to render the members of the Chine Lodge in general, and their W.M. in particular. It had found expression at this festive board, not only in the presentation of the medal, which would ever remind him of pleasant associations with the Isle of Wight, but also in singling him out as the subject of a special toast, instead of including him with the distinguished visitors present. The inducement to place his best services at their disposal sprung from several reasons, the first being that "fellow feeling which makes us wondrous kind," for with a lively recollection of the mountains of work the Worcester Exhibition entailed upon himself, it was only natural to stretch out a ready and sympathetic hand to one similarly circumstanced. Again, the pecuniary object of the Chine Lodge was to assist in liquidating their Hall debt, and Masonic Halls, one of which he had been the chief promoter at Kidderminster, had always his strong approval and encouragement. There was also the deeper and wider question involved, that of the furtherance of Masonic research and the fostering of ideas and pursuits allied with the intellectual side of Freemasonry, and its disassociation from all tending to invite or give material for reproach. Though the elements had not been propitious that day and the attendance had fallen below anticipations, yet a noble work had been bravely attempted and successfully carried out to the pleasure and profit of all participating. Bro. Taylor in heartily thanking the brethren for the warmth of their reception and their appreciation of his help, expressed a certain conviction in the robust Masonry and generosity of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, brethren not permitting the pecuniary object of the Exhibition to suffer from any untoward circumstances connected with the weather, but that Bro. Greenham's efforts would be as richly rewarded in that direction as they had been in all else connected with the great Exhibition opened that day.

"The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. RAYNER, had a competent respondent in the I.P.M., Bro. BAILEY.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, but the hour prevented many from responding at length.

Bro. STONE, P.M., being called upon by the W.M., remarked that it gave him great pleasure in being present at the opening of the Exhibition, which he trusted would be a great success. He regretted, however, being asked to reply as a visitor at such a late hour of the evening, as there was much he would like to say, and being a prosy speaker in all probability would go on for an hour instead of one minute which was all the time left for visitors to remain; if, therefore, he attempted to crowd into one minute what might usefully extend over 60, brethren would pardon the velocity. He then thanked the brethren of Chine Lodge for their hospitality, and stated that the Province of Worcestershire thought so much of Bro. Taylor's collection that Committee had been appointed with the object of inducing him to sell it to the province, to form the nucleus of a Masonic library and museum. In this the Committee had been successful, and so henceforth the loaning of this exhibit would be difficult from the fact of being tied with knotty red tape. He then referred to the zeal and support of the Past Masters, and paid a high tribute to their sustaining powers, inasmuch as they were the backbone of the lodge, and being such, they necessarily were also the brain of the lodge, for it being a well-known fact that the backbone properly constructed, contained always a considerable portion of the brain.

Bro. Stone resumed his seat amidst much applause.

The brethren then separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

We are favoured with the following notes on former Exhibitions and an Analysis of

THE CATALOGUE, BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The reception tendered by the York and Eboracum Lodges, Nos. 236 and 1611, to the visiting brethren who were members of the British Association holding its jubilee meeting "within the walls of the ancient capital of the North," inaugurated the series of exhibitions of *ancient documents and relics*, which have made York famous, Masonically as well as archaeologically. Bros. A. Buckle, B.A., and J. S. Cumberland were the energetic Secretaries, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead the efficient Director of Ceremonies throughout the proceedings. This was a remarkable gathering in many respects, the distinguished savants on September 5th, 1881, laying aside for the time their scientific studies, and "aprons put on," to take part in the Masonic duties of the evening. Bro. J. Todd read an interesting paper on the records, &c., preserved by the York Lodge, No. 236; Bro. Thomas W. Tew (now Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire) delivered an address—"A Parallelism between Science and Freemasonry"—appropriate to the occasion; Dr. J. Pearson Bell (the veteran Deputy Prov. Grand Master) gave an excellent sketch of the rise and progress of the Yorkshire Craft; followed by Bro. Hyde Clarke, who descanted on the relation between Freemasonry and Druidism, &c.; and Bro. T. B. Whytehead concluded the rich fare by referring to the position of the ancient city of York as a Masonic centre of activity during the last century.

The Exhibition comprised 180 lots sent by some 31 collectors, some being of considerable value; and a racy account of the meeting, with particulars of the various exhibits, was published by Bro. Whytehead, who was assisted by Bro. Cumberland.

The second Exhibition was held by the members of the "Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia" (York College) on February 20th, 1884. Frater Charles L. Mason, V., was then the Celebrant, and the collection was admirably arranged in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, the catalogue being edited

by the Chief Adept, Frater T. B. Whytehead, IX. This was a much more ambitious and important gathering, a capital account of which was written by the Chief Adept in the *Freemason* for May and June, 1884. There were 36 exhibitors and some 430 lots, the variety and value of which more than repaid the brethren who worked so hard to ensure the success of the undertaking.

Then came the great Masonic Exhibition (the third of the series), held at Worcester on August 27th, 1884, and following days, under most distinguished auspices. The R.W. Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., the Prov. Grand Master, and the Worshipful the Mayor of Worcester were most lavish in their hospitality, and the houses of many of the residents in the city were thrown open for the entertainment of numerous Craftsmen. The Masonic soirée was a great success, the address of welcome being delivered by the Prov. Grand Master, and the Dean of York (the Rev. P. Purey-Cust, Past Grand Chaplain), explained to the brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, the principles and aims of the Fraternity. The reception was in the Guildhall, kindly lent for the occasion, and other rooms were utilised in that grand building for the numerous exhibits. The Hon. Secretary was Bro. George Taylor, assisted by Bro. J. Randle Buck. The catalogue was edited most efficiently by Bro. Taylor, who also arranged the vast collection, and worked with such determination and vigour, that the extent and importance of the collection was a pleasant surprise to many. I had the duty of supplying a few notes, so as to draw attention to those of a special character, and have great pleasure in testifying to the zeal and general Masonic knowledge of the gifted Editor. There were 144 exhibitors, the lots running to the surprisingly large number of 1172. A special medal was struck to commemorate the event, the design exhibiting the Municipal and Masonic support of the City and Province respectively. However subsequent exhibitions may possibly excel the Worcester, as respects the extent and value of the collections, it is not likely that the generous and hearty reception extended by the Prov. Grand Master, the Mayor, and the province, as well as the inhabitants of the city, to the numerous and distinguished visitors, will ever be excelled. It was in every sense the complete success that it deserved to be, thanks mainly to Bro. Taylor and to certain Past Masters of the Worcester Lodge, who did their utmost for the welfare and comfort of all concerned; and from that remarkable gathering may be dated the great interest that is now taken in Masonic history and Antiquities.

The heavy expenses were contributed chiefly by the Prov. G. Master, the Mayor of Worcester (Bro. W. B. Williamson), and a pro rata voluntary levy on the lodges, in the form of a guarantee. Other provinces would do well to follow the example of York and Worcester, just as Shanklin has so ably done.

The quartette was completed on the 9th September, 1886, under the immediate patronage and support of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., and Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., the Dep. Prov. G.M., by the holding of the largest Exhibition yet, at "The Chalet," Shanklin, kindly lent for the occasion. The moving spirit from beginning to end has been Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M. of the "Chine Lodge," No. 1884, on whose behalf the effort is made to liquidate the debt on the Masonic Hall, which is a building worthy of the Craft in the Isle of Wight. It is the first thrown open to the public, a moderate charge being made for admission, and the catalogue being sold as at York and Worcester. The Exhibition from a Masonic point of view has proved successful beyond the sanguine anticipations of Bro. Greenham's older confreres, who congratulated him most warmly on his triumphant management. Bro. Greenham, as Editor of the bulky catalogue, wisely took the one of Worcester as his model, and I had again the pleasure of adding a few explanatory notes, though as a rule, the articles have been so ably described that my part of the work has been comparatively light. The number of exhibitors show a considerable decrease as compared with Worcester (No. 3), but the lots are much more numerous, there being the extraordinary total of 1471, so that what with the late arrival of lists, the exigencies of printing, and the utter impossibility of examining the majority of the exhibits prior to publication, the wonder is not that there are a few errors to be found in the catalogue, but that considering the circumstances the Editor has been able to compile such an interesting volume, with the hearty co-operation of Bro. George Taylor, G. L. Shackles, and other large collectors. The aid rendered by Bro. Taylor has been most helpful, not only as respects the catalogue, but particularly in the arrangements of the enormous collection of Masonic works, medals, clothing, and other objects of great worth and importance. In magnitude, value and interest, the Masonic Exhibition at Shanklin is by far the superior of the quartette, though in some aspects the third (Worcester) has undoubtedly the prior claim. Take the fourth, however, *all round*, it will be difficult to beat, which is all the more extraordinary because of the geographical position of the Isle of Wight. We may well, therefore, maintain that if Shanklin can so succeed, any of our large centres of population in the provinces might surely hope for at least a similar triumph, and even a still larger display of Masonic antiquities.

The Medallion portion of the Exhibition, *thanks to Brothers Taylor and Shackles chiefly* (not forgetting Brothers Newton and Lamb-Smith), far exceeds in rarity and extent any other collection in the world. Of the known medals about 500 are represented, and several will be found in the Catalogue which are entirely unknown to writers on the subject, so that whether as respects scarcity or novelty, value or importance, the Shanklin Cabinet of Medals is without a rival. A cursory examination even of the Catalogue will make this quite clear, but in order to illustrate the point, I will allude to a few of the British class. 289 (Robinson) and 845 (Taylor) represent the Medal of the *Royal Alfred* Lodge (extinct) of Oxford, of which only three others are known, one being in possession of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, formerly in Bro. Marvin's collection. 407 (Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath), 1207 (Enoch Lodge, No. 11), and 841 (Taylor) are specimens of the valuable Freemasons' Hall Medal, the latter having been used as a personal decoration. I have given a history of it in my "Masonic Register," 1878. 128 (C. Williams) and 317 (Newton) were quite unknown to us as collectors in England until recently, and I believe were struck in 1836 to commemorate the Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Unknown to Merzdorf, and but one chronicled by Marvin. In view of the sesqui-centennial celebration this year, these souvenirs of the earlier celebration by the Grand Lodge of Scotland are curious and valuable.

The jewel of the "Nine Worthies" is also most noteworthy. None of the official impressions of 1802 are in the Exhibition. There are, however, seven out of the original nine in the museum of the Grand Lodge of England. Those exhibited are earlier specimens of a design, evidently adapted later on by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge. Brothers Newton (326), Lamb-Smith (359), and Cumberland (1350) have sent one each, that of Brother Cumberland being a special variety.

The medal shown by the "Royal Cumberland Lodge," No. 41, Bath, and myself, of 1819, is very rarely met with, and had quite been lost sight of until my recognition of it in Marvin's "Masonic Medals," there being no indication of its connection with the City of the Baths, save the date of the opening of the Freemasons' Hall.

There are, of course, a great variety of edges of the "Masonic Half-penny," they being "plentiful as blackberries," Masonically speaking. The die was struck in 1794; the "Penny" form, however, is scarce.

The engraved jewel, 352, of 1780, and the fine Chelsea enamel, 354 (Lamb-Smith), are reproductions of older forms, especially the former, which I have traced back to 1730, for which see No. 1462 (Hugan).

The *pierced* jewels are exceedingly fine, among them being some rare and choice specimens, especially those of Bros. Taylor, Lamb-Smith, Le Feuvre, Francis, Cox, Robinson, Cumberland (1340), and Collingridge. The beautiful specimen in silver (56) of Bro. Le Feuvre's, and one similar in design, No. 1470 (Major McGachen), are especially noteworthy. Some exhibited are of the style of the noted "Price" medal, which made 18 dollars at the Masonic sale on June 21st, 1881. Several of the engraved jewels are in a very good state, and of beautiful designs, those of Bros. Shackles, Cumberland, Robinson, and Francis calling for special mention.

The medal No. 379 (Lamb-Smith), noted and illustrated in Bro. Francis' "History of Sussex," is to be seen in fine form under 1463, sent by Bro. Lloyd. Bro. Newton's, 328, is the only one of the kind I have ever seen, and is particularly valuable. (In copper.) The lodge jewels of the "Musselburgh Kilwinning," exhibited by Bro. Lamb-Smith (362-4), of Scottish design, are worth particular attention, as also 387, "a Freemason formed out of the materials of his lodge," which design in a print is well known, but not in the medallion form. 651 (Shackles), the "Prince Mason's Medal" of Dublin (Smith *delin.*, Mossop *sculp.*), is a capital representative of the Emerald Isle, and K.T. badges and jewels are well cared for by Bros. F. H. Goldney and G. P. Brockbank.

Some of the grandest medals in the collection, are in the English class of Bro. Taylor's magnificent contribution. 842-4 are three gems, representing the old, modern and centenary styles of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, 848 introducing possibly the gem of the exhibition, viz.: *The Country Stewards' Lodge* jewel, sparkling with brilliants, massive in character, and until described so interestingly by Bro. Taylor, was practically unknown to the Craft.

The Special Centenary jewels of lodges, 46, 71, 96 (Taylor), 120, 3 *bis* (Glasgow)—Cumberland—368 extinct (Newton), 85 (Dr. Drury), and others, should be carefully examined, as also the Special Lodge Jewels or Medals of Nos. 2, 16, 259, and the "Polish National" (Bros. Kenning, Taylor, and Lamb-Smith). The medal commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in 1875, forwarded by Bro. Shackles, is a capital souvenir of that never to be forgotten ceremony, and I understand impressions are still to be had, struck by Bro. George Kenning. The miniatures, ordinary and special Masonic medals sent by Bro. Kenning will doubtless attract attention, but are too many to be particularised by me, as also others of undoubted interest, exhibited by Bros. Humphris (especially his 82), Cox (*note* 80), Goldney (*vide* 100-4), Milledge (149, 150), Laughton (163), Lay (605-6), Lincoln (180, Battersea enamel, 1772), Dickinson (184), Neilson, Meyer, and Lane (especially 1389, 1390-2, the impressions being extra sharp and probably proofs).

The "Samaritan" Jewel 285 (Robinson), I believe is issued, under certain regulations by the "Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1," New Orleans; the members of which do no Masonic work, save to relieve the needy and the afflicted, without regard to jurisdictions or countries.

The foreign medals exhibited by Bro. George Taylor and Bro. G. L. Shackles, much as I should like to allude to them, must be passed over, for a whole *Freemason* would be required to do them justice, and, fortunately, they are all so well described by these indefatigable collectors, that they tell their own tale. I can state, without hesitation, that such a combination of scarce and valuable, as well as deeply interesting and historical medals have never been exhibited before, and many are not only unique, but most choice impressions.

The *old and new* forms of the celebrated Masonic Veterans' medals (Shackles and Hugan) should be noted.

So numerous are the certificates from Bro. J. H. Neilson and others, that but few can be particularized, those exhibited by me, originally owned by Bro. Benjamin Plummer, who was at one time or other connected with the "Modern," and "Ancient," Craft and Arch, unauthorized French lodges in England (to which Bro. Speth has drawn attention) and the Baldwin Encpt. (1450-5) almost deserve a little prominence, as also the warrant of the Athol Grand Lodge of 1764 (No. 1401 of Catalogue). The *engraved lists* are a splendid help to the value of the Exhibition, Bro. Taylor having kindly sent one of 1763 (unique), 1766 (unique), 1770, 1776 and 1778. R. Cumb. Lodge, Bath, 1764 (unique), Bro. Francis (Havant) 1767 (with plate of 1766), and Bro. John E. Le Feuvre, one of 1770. *Eight copies in all.*

The facsimile (exact size) of the rare 1725, of which only one copy is known, sent by me, is a choice specimen, and the *reduced facsimile* of the same issue, exhibited by Bro. John Lane is to form an attractive feature of his "Masonic Records" of lodges 1717—1886, to be issued in a few weeks. The quarterly proceedings of Grand Lodges from Bros. Neilson and Tracy are valuable for reference, and are simply unobtainable in the ordinary way, the few that ever occur for sale being eagerly bought up. No. 123, sent by the veteran Mason, Bro. Wilson, of Darlington, I should like to have by me for a few hours examination. (The note under 120 applies to Bro. Wilson, who, I believe, is the oldest subscribing Mason in England).

In MSS. besides facsimiles sent by Bro. Kelly and others, particularly the one exhibited by Bro. Greenham, W.M. 1884 (1276), the two gems in Bro. Taylor's collection deserve particular attention, as they form one of the most distinctive groups in the Exhibition (1034-5), Cole's MS. in the editions of 1729, 1731, and 1751 are notable exhibits. To render the set complete there should be 1762 and 1794 (in the Freemasons' Magazine). The *complete set* of "Books of Constitutions," Grand Lodge of England, and the "Atholl" Grand Lodge are special features in Bro. Taylor's library, and have never been exhibited in such a state before. Indeed, I am not aware of any other brother having the whole of the editions from 1723 to 1886, regular and unauthorised, Bro. Le Feuvre being only one short in the series of the Grand Lodge of England, and that the small copy of 1865. Beyond question, this complete set of the Regulations of *both* Grand Lodges will render the *Shanklin* Exhibition remarkable in Masonic bibliography. Bro. Taylor's copies of Plot's "Staffordshire," 1686 (one of the earliest typographical accounts of Free-

masonry known), "Long Livers," 1722 (remarkable only for its Masonic dedication), Kloss' "Bibliography," 1844 (the authority for Masonic works, to be used with the later one by Bro. Tante, exhibited by me), Bode's Almanacks, 1776-7 (lacking 1778-9), the "Blue Blanket," 1722, and the quarto edition of the Scottish Constitutions, 1848, are all valuable books, costly to procure, and of great and abiding interest. The more modern works I must pass over, save to fraternally mention the "History of the Craft" by Bro. Gould, and Dr. Rob Morris's fine volume of poems, the last work by that veteran Masonic author.

Bro. Kenning sends a copy of the very rare "*Multa Paucis*" of 1763, as does also Bro. Francis, the curious "Pocket Companion" of 1735 being on the lists of Bro. Le Feuvre and Bro. Taylor, the scarce list of lodges (Ancient, &c.) of 1804 being sent by Lodge 41, Bath. Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, per Bro. Whytehead (the originator of these Masonic Exhibitions), sends the Bible used by the "Grand Lodge of all England," a fine relic of *ye olden tyme*. The same flourishing lodge has sent photographs of the "*Ledger B*," St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, U.S.A., which is a very valuable exhibit. The full contents of that remarkable book, 1731-7, will be found in my list (1412). Several of the by-laws in my lot are curious and of considerable historical value, such as those containing histories by Bro. Meyer and other examples of American Masonic customs. Calendars of the Grand Lodge of England are remarkable books for consultation, from Bro. Le Feuvre's library, and cannot be met with now, as a rule, "for love or money." The unrivalled collection of Masonic seals from Bro. J. Ramsden Riley's prolific store call for special notice, being so difficult to obtain, and yet so useful for historical purposes. The MSS. sent by No. 41, Bath, are invaluable, and as that ancient lodge possesses all their records from 1733, they may well be proud of their origin and continuity. Those also sent by Bro. F. H. Goldney ought to be particularised; but what can I do when there is yet so much undone? The MS. record of the Province of Wilts, 1777, sent by him to Worcester, and now exhibited—89—was the means of the Grand Lodge acknowledging that province of greater antiquity by many years than they had evidence of before. The Royal Arch Records of the Chapter at Southampton are of great value, and so are many other exhibits about which I must say nothing, or, at all events, not at present, having to stay my pen from sheer inability to hold it longer for the time. Bro. Kelly's interesting exhibits I must reserve for another opportunity.

CONSECRATION OF THE DE TATTON LODGE, No. 2144, BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

The consecration of the De Tatton Lodge, No. 2144, which took place at Bowdon on Monday, the 6th inst., marks an epoch in the annals of Freemasonry in the district. Hitherto there has been no strictly local lodge, and it was in order to remove this deficiency and promote the tenets of Freemasonry that a few brethren were determined, about twelve months ago, to take steps in the matter. They were remarkably successful in securing signatures, and in a very short period, nearly thirty, including many of the Provincial Officers of Cheshire and the adjoining province, were appended to the petition to Grand Lodge. It was "a happy thought" also which marked the selection of the name for the new lodge. Many of the lodges in the province bear good old territorial names, but singular to say, not one bears the ancient name of Tatton. The De Tatton Lodge is therefore a compliment to the Deputy Grand Master of the province, and at the same time a recognition of his labours in the cause of Masonry. The warrant for the constitution of the lodge arrived in Bowdon about two months ago, and the Committee at once took steps for the consecration, which was fixed for Monday, the 6th inst., at the Parochial Schools, the use of which had been kindly granted for the purpose. The arrangements at the schools were in the hands of the P.G.D.C., Bro. W. Booth, of Stockport, and he entered vigorously into the matter. The large room had been beautifully decorated under the direction of Mr. H. Ormson, and the branches of acacia were most appropriate. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was to conduct the ceremony in the absence of Lord De Tabley, arrived at Bowdon soon after one o'clock, and was the guest of the W.M. designate, Bro. Edwin George Simpson, at the Old Cottage, Bowdon. His lordship (Lord Egerton of Tatton) was met by the Prov. Grand Officers, amongst whom were:

Bros. Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.M., P.G.C.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.P.G.C.; R. N. Banks, P.P.G.I.D.; Thomas Moore, P.P.G.S.; Josiah Drinkwater, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Henry Miller, P.M. 1357, P.G.O.; Herbert Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Blackshaw, P.G.S.B.; S. Thompson, P.P.G.P.; J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D.; John Roberts, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; T. H. Kirk, P.P.G.O.; J. Ambler, P.P.G.S.D.; Wallace Lump, P.P.G.P.; Richard Timperley, P.P.G.S.D. East Lancashire; John Chadwick, P.G.S. East Lancashire; James W. Abbott, P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; Benjamin Taylor, P.P.G. Treas. East Lancashire; E. G. Parker, P.P.G.P.; William C. Fleming, P.G.T.; John Wakefield, P.P.G.S.; H. Crosby, P.P.G.P. West Lancashire; L. Ellis, P.G.S.D.; Dr. Royle, P.P.G.S.W. Lancashire; George Jackson, P.M. 1047; George Bowen, 1045, and J.W. 2144; Alfred Ingham, 1565, and S.D. 2144; E. Morgan, 1565, and S.W. 2144; F. Johnson, 104, and J.D. 2144; Alfred J. Pearce, W.M. 1357; William Dunville, P.M. 1011; W. H. Boycott, S.D. 1798; Leone Levy, 1798; Ephraim Nahum, 1798; Rev. C. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.L.C.; R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 318; and others.

The brethren assembled in the temporary lodge room at the Parochial Schools, and the P.G. Officers and the petitioning brethren in the ante-room. A procession was here formed to the lodge room, and the P.G. Officers having taken their positions, the D.P.G.M. was saluted in ancient form.

The D.P.G.M. addressed the brethren on the object of the meeting, and in doing so expressed great regret at the absence, through continued ill-health of the P.G.M. It gave him, however, great pleasure to recommend the granting of the charter for the De Tatton Lodge, No. 2144, and he hoped the founders would fully recognise their responsibility, and that it would be successful in furthering the objects of Masonry.

Other forms having been gone through, the oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. E. BIGOE BAGOT, Prov. G. Chap. of Cheshire. He said:—

That in the Arabian Nights we read of a fairy tent which a young prince brought hidden in a walnut shell to his father. Placed in the council chamber, it encamped the king and his ministers. Taken into the court yard, all the household stood beneath its shade. Brought into the midst of the great plain outside the city, it spread its mighty awning all around until it gave shelter to a host. It had infinite flexibility, infinite expansiveness, and infinite power of development. So it was with Masonry. It had covered Europe with its shadow; it had found acceptance with east and west, with African and American tribes, and it was still spreading in the world, and it operated unspent by its own divine and earnest vitality. They all rejoiced that the latest development and expansion of the Craft was in their own Province of Cheshire. Among the many aspects and varied hues in which Masonry appeared, there were three he would briefly refer to—the universality of Masonry, its unity, and its large-heartedness. Free-

masonry addressed itself to universal wants, to the great rudimentary, universally diffused characteristics of human nature. It committed itself to no transient human opinions. The great poet of the lakes said: "We have all of us one human heart;" and Masonry addressed itself to the common humanity which belonged to all, and to the wants and sorrows and inward consciousness which were the heritage of man as man. Second, there was the unity of Masonry. We were living in times when all over the world there was a manifest longing for more of visible unity. France and Germany had both given us new words expressive of this desire for cosmopolitan unity. Conventions and expositions were held, in which representatives from all countries met to exchange ideas and commodities. These were signs which, like the tufts of grass and sprigs of red berries which caught the eye of Columbus from the masthead of the Pinta, betokened the vicinity of land. It had been said said that there is a certain point in the upper atmosphere in which all the discordant sounds of the earth, the rattle of wheels, the chime of bells, the roll of the drum, the laugh of the child, the moan of the beggar, all meet and blend in perfect harmony. Surely if that bright and cultured conception were realised anywhere on earth, it would be within the portals of a Masonic lodge. There we meet together in that kindly spirit and friendly intercourse which does not sanction the intrusion of a single uncharitable thought, or require the compromise of one sincere conviction. We called no man Master. We did not set up a tabernacle for sect or party; but united various grades and sections of men, diverse elements of conflicting society, in one reasonable and harmonious whole, and on one broad and comprehensive basis. Thirdly, there was the large-heartedness of Masonry. We read in the Volume of the Sacred Law that the Great Architect of the Universe gave to our great Grand Master, King Solomon, wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. The need of this large-heartedness was evident when we observed the hurtful influence of the power of selfishness in the world around. We almost persuaded ourselves that unselfishness was to be found only in the dictionary, and that interestedness absorbs every noble feeling of the soul. Masonry exhibited beauteous contrasts by the bestowment of largeness of heart. All that was contracted and unworthy was sought to be replaced by all that was noble and sympathising, and brother was taught to grasp the hand of brother in fraternal recognition. All these principles of Masonry gravitated in one direction—to inspire and stimulate the brethren to active, practical benevolence and charity, which were the key note and index of the system.

"Heaven does with us as we with torches do
Not light them for themselves; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely touched
But to fine issues. Nor nature never lends
The smallest scruple of her excellence,
But, like a thrifty goddess, she determines
Herself the glory of a creditor—
Both thanks and use."

There was a large field of labour open to their energy. There were two worlds in which to word—the world of the heart, with its many phased and wondrous life; the world around us, with its problems waiting for solution, and its discordances yearning for the harmoniser. Masonry exhorted us with trumpet-tongued earnestness not to be enchaind in idleness or indolence, enthralled by the blandishments of pleasure or unmanned by its enervating air. May the principles and practice of the Craft find in this lodge their truest expression, and from generation to generation may Freemasonry increase and prosper, placed by the unanimous verdict of society among the salutary and beneficent institutions of the country, enthroned deep in the hearts of its earnest and devoted worshippers, clothed in beauty, health, and vigour, the bloom of never decaying beauty upon her cheeks, and the light of an immortal youth upon her brow.

The D.P.G.M. afterwards constituted the new lodge, and the ceremony of installing the W.M. designate (Bro. Edwin George Simpson) and investiture of officers followed. The Installing Master was Bro. Thomas Marwood, P.G.S.W., and this portion of the ceremony being completed, the W.M., Bro. Simpson, invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Simpson, I.P.M.; Ed. Morgan, S.W.; George Bowen, J.W.; Alfred Ingham, S.D.; Frederick Johnson, J.D.; Col. Robert Munn, I.G.; A. J. Pearce, Sec.; Josiah Drinkwater, Treas.; John Hunt, Steward; William Bostock, D.C.; and James Harrison, Tyler.

In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet admirably placed on the table by Bro. John Hunt, of the Griffin Hotel. Considering the difficulty he laboured under in having to convey the viands from his house to the schools, he acquitted himself most efficiently, and gave the greatest satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M. presided, on his right being Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and on his left the P.G.C. (Bro. the Rev. E. B. Bagot), the P.P.G.C. (Bro. Rev. R. Hodgson), and others.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. That of the R.W. P.G.M. of Cheshire, Lord De Tabley, was most heartily received, as was also "The Health of Lord Egerton."

His LORDSHIP in responding informed the brethren that Lord De Tabley had definitely announced his intention of resigning his position as Provincial Grand Master, and this would be a matter for regret, not only amongst Masons in the province, but also throughout the kingdom. He thanked those present for the honour they had done him in drinking his health that evening, and he also felt the compliment conveyed in the name of the new lodge, which he could not help saying was a great source of satisfaction to him. He regretted the absence of his brother (the Hon. Alan Egerton), who was detained in London by his Parliamentary duties, otherwise he would undoubtedly have been present.

"Success to the De Tatton Lodge, No. 2144," was drunk amid much enthusiasm, and was followed very appropriately by the glee, "Our ship now goes with a pleasant gale."

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Lord EGERTON said he fully believed that in Bro. Simpson, who had that day been constituted the first Master of the De Tatton Lodge, they would have one who would be the first of a long roll of distinguished Masters of that lodge. He was sure there was no one who would fill his duties with greater ability, efficiency, or urbanity. Personally he had to thank the W.M. for his liberal and general hospitality that day, and he had great pleasure in asking them to drink health and prosperity to him. The large company they had had that day showed the interest taken in the new lodge and in the W.M. thereof. (Applause).

Bro. SIMPSON said he felt deeply the honour conferred upon him that day, but he almost felt unable to realise his responsibility. He was, however, surrounded by so many hearty brethren and officers of long standing who were there that day to do him honour, that he felt certain he should receive every assistance from them. (Hear, hear.) He was not repeating the mere conventionalities of every-day life when he said he thanked them for the exceedingly kind and brotherly manner in which they had received his health. He could only say it was his earnest hope and trust that as years rolled on he might still retain that good opinion which he believed honestly and sincerely he held at their hands that night. (Applause).

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. E. H. Griffiths," also met with a hearty reception, but he had unfortunately to leave early to catch his train for Nantwich, and was therefore unable to reply in person. It is very noteworthy that he still retains the affection and esteem of the brethren to which his years and services entitle him in the highest degree.

Bro. E. B. BAGOT proposed "The Health of the Newly-Invested Officers," and he said he was quite sure they would discharge their duties in a most noble and perfect way.

Bro. G. BOWEN, J.W., in responding, said he felt strongly that the brethren who had been permitted to assemble there that day would owe a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Bagot for the magnificent oration he had delivered. As one of the newly-invested brethren, he felt doubly thankful for the forcible and kindly fashion he had alluded to the newly-invested brethren. Personally, he felt a great honour had been conferred upon him, and it would be his aim in the future, as in the past, to promote Masonry generally, and especially in connection with the De Tatton Lodge. He must confess he was not so familiar with Masonic work as he used to be, but under the tuition of so excellent a Master he might help to make the De Tatton Lodge in a great lodge, and he felt sure that would some day be accomplished. (Applause.)

Bro. MORGAN, S.W., also responded.

"The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. STEER; and

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER also gave "The Health of the Acting Secretary, Bro. Ingham, S.D.," who, he said, "had worked like a nigger" in getting up every detail necessary to make the affair a success.

"The Masonic Charities" and "All Poor and Distressed Masons" concluded the toast list.

The musical arrangements throughout were under the able direction of Bro. H. Miller, P.G.O., and reflected the utmost credit upon that brother. He was ably assisted by Bros. N. Dumville, W. Dumville, A. Lewtas, Popplewell, and others. In the course of the evening Bro. Dottie gave one of his famous recitations, in his own unique style, from Elizer Goff (Bro. Dawes).

The jewels and clothing, which are most elegant, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at Falmouth. The gathering took place in the new lodge room, which is now completed. The spacious hall was greatly admired. It is a beautifully-designed building, and is fitted up in a very artistic manner. The members of the Falmouth lodge, Love and Honour, No. 75, are to be congratulated on the successful issue of their efforts to obtain for themselves a comely and commodious habitation. Two points in connection with the new lodge room were particularly noticed. One was the fine organ, presented to the lodge by Bro. Denton; and the other, the elegant carpet, given by Bro. Nicholas.

There was a very large attendance of brethren, every lodge in the province being represented. The following were present:—

Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, P.G.M.; Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart., 330, D.P.G.M.; Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, 699, acting P.G.S.W.; T. Hicks, 1529, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. H. Bloxome, 318, acting P.G.C.; W. Rowe, 330, P.G.T.; E. D. Anderton, 331, P.G.S.; E. Poor, 1136, P.G.S.D.; E. Scantlebury, 856, P.G.J.D.; R. Lean, 131, P.G.D.C.; Commander G. H. B. Reed, 75, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Creber, 1164, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Kistler, 589, P.G.O.; W. Bailey, 1544, P.G.A.S.; F. Bray, 1755, P.G.P.; J. W. Higham, 498, P.G.S.; T. Gill, 967, C.A. and P.G.S.; W. J. Hughan, 131, P.G.S.D. of England; F. Binckes, P.G.S. of England. W. Guy, 496, P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Newman, 75, P.P.G.J.W.; F. Dinis, 75, P.P.C.P.; S. G. Moyle, 699, P.P.G.S.; T. Chirgwin, 131, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Ninnes, 699, P.P.G.R.; T. Michell, 1006, P.P.G.D.C.; W. L. Fox, 75, P.P.G.R.; J. Burgess, 1006, P.P.G.S.W.; P. Giles, 496, P.P.G.S.; H. M. Harvey, 789, P.P.G.J.W.; J. F. Penrose, 331, P.P.G.S.W.; H. F. Whitefield, 1529, P.P.G.R.; I. W. Manger, 967, P.P.G.O.; S. G. Bake, 1151, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Dunstan, 75, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. L. Clark, 1071, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Roberts, 1785, P.P.G.S.; W. Tonkin, 977, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Turner, 557, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Denniss, 330, P.P.G.J.D.; G. H. Small, 121, P.P.G.S.W.; F. W. Dabb, 589, P.P.G.J.W.; J. H. Ferris, 331, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Christoe, 331, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Bassett, 856, P.P.G.S.; S. Michell, 699, P.P.G.S.; J. G. Henwood, 970, P.P.G.S.; A. P. Davies, 977, P.P.G.J.D.; J. C. R. Crewes, 131, P.P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; M. Little, 75, P.P.G.O.; H. Tilly, 75, P.P.G. Registrar; T. C. Polglase, 75, P.P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; G. Truscott, 496, P.P.G.J.W., Charity Representative for Cornwall; S. Holloway, 131, P.P.G.J.D.—Past Masters: Bros. W. Giles, 496; G. Timmins, 1006; G. B. Woodcock, 557; W. A. Bennett, 699; W. Ellis, 318; J. O. James, 318; H. Trembath, 318; F. J. Hext, 330; W. E. Michell, 1528; A. B. Harris, 75; R. Adams, 330; J. H. Cousens, 557; C. Barnett, 1006; J. Pearce, 1071; G. B. Derry, 330; W. Andrews, 789; F. J. Lee, 1544; F. G. Harding, 1785; F. Johns, 1164; C. Parsons, 789; W. J. Tredinnick, 496; R. Parken, 1164; A. Luke, 977; N. Gray, 967; A. W. White, 1136; J. A. Bersey, 893; E. Herring, 1071; G. Stevens, 450; J. Sarah, 589; R. Wetter, 856; J. Martin, 1272; W. K. Baker, 1272; G. Tyack, 1006; G. Darke, 1136; J. Doney, 856; T. H. Gibbons, 856; W. B. Morris, 131; W. H. Pope, 1785; M. Sampson, 121; F. Rodda, 121; J. de C. Treffry, 977; W. Odger, 589; J. Wallace, 75; T. Bath, 857; W. Simmons, 131; T. C. Mack, 131; T. J. Smith, 496; J. O. Job, 496; H. C. Welsh, 967; J. M. Thomas, 967; J. Brewer, 496; H. B. Neame, 589; R. Parson, 977; and W. Huthnance, 450.—W.M.'s: Bros. R. Dunstan, 318; J. M. Carne, 75; G. T. A. Staff, 1272; S. G. Bennett, 557; J. H. Hoit, 856; J. Sobey, 1164; W. J. Collins, 1006; P. H. Dawe, 967; J. Price, 893; T. White, 787; H. P. Vivian, 509; W. Colenso, 121; T. S. Bailey, 1151; E. M. Downing, 131; J. A. Blamey, 1785; J. Pearce, 1136; J. James, 1529; J. T. Rodda, 1544; J. G. Blight, 496; and J. Bazeley, 450.—S.W.'s: Bros. S. Tresidder, jun., 75; C. Hudson, 318; B. F. Edyvean, 330; T. Turner, 1006; J. Julian, 331; H. Worsdell, 967; W. H. Parsons, 1272; W. H. Huddy, 510; T. D. Pearn, 893; J. S. C. Simpson, 121; F. Kitt, 1151; J. Stribley, 1785; A. K. Collins, 1136; J. Tonkin, 131; H. Bowden, 1071; J. McTurk, 496; S. White, 970; A. Bate, 1544; and C. Kent, 699.—J.W.'s: Bros. G. T. Oliver, 75; E. F. Whitley, 1529; J. M. Richards, 318; H. Lavin, 967; W. R. Toms, 856; J. Black, 1136; G. Williams, 1272; W. T. Hawking, 131; and E. A. P. Broad, 450.

Bro. W. ROWE, P.G. Treasurer, reported that the year commenced with a balance of £181, and there was a balance now carried forward of £125.

Bro. ANDERTON reported that since last meeting a new lodge had been opened, namely, Cotele, No. 2166. As there were now 30 lodges in the province, the Grand Lodge was entitled to three additional officers, namely, two Deacons and a D.C. The number of members in the province was 1465, against 1473 last year, a decrease of eight. There were 77 initiations for the year, as against 92 last year. There had been lost by death during the last year more Provincial Officers than in any previous year.

Bro. CHIRGWIN submitted the report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The amount received for the year from the lodges in subscriptions and donations was £158. The total receipts for the year, including the balance brought forward, were £578, the balance now left being £227. The total amount invested was £3811, bringing in an annual income of £167, the balance at the bank was £297, and the capital had been increased by £150.

Bro. ANDERTON read the Relief Committee's report, £10 grants being recommended for Hayle, Fowey, and Callington lodges, and the widow of a brother at Redruth. During the year only one grant of £2 had been made to a brother of Lodge Fortitude.

Bro. ANDERTON reported that the grants received from the Grand Lodge of Benevolence amounted to £185, which had been given to widows of bre-

thren at Callington, Tywardreath, Newquay, and Torpoint, and to brothers at Launceston and Hayle. Bro. Anderton also reported that the following additional subscriptions had been received during the year towards the Truro Cathedral Fund: £20 from Lodge Fortitude, £9 collected by Bro. Simmons, £10 interest on money invested in Consols, £5 from Bro. Treffry, and £10 from Bro. Boscawen.

The R.W. GRAND MASTER said the total amount now actually contributed to the Cathedral Fund was £534.

All the reports submitted to the meeting were unanimously adopted.

The R.W. GRAND MASTER, in declaring open the new lodge-room of Lodge Love and Honour, congratulated that lodge on now possessing such a commodious building, which was one of the finest lodge-rooms, if not the finest, in the province. (Applause.) The Grand Master also referred in feeling terms to the decease of the late Bro. Tweedy. Alluding to the fact that there were now 30 lodges in the province, he said almost every place in the county had now its Freemasons' lodge; and, he was happy to say, almost every lodge had now its own lodge-room. (Applause.)

Bro. ANDERTON said that it was customary for miners and others who had gone to America and had been initiated there, when they returned to join the home lodges. As he thought some difficulty might arise in certain cases as to the certificates, he wrote to the Grand Secretary of England for his opinion as to whether such American Masons, having been initiated under a different Constitution, required to go through the English initiation ceremony on joining an English lodge? The Grand Secretary replied that no obligation was required in such cases, provided a regular certificate was produced. Care, however, should be taken to prove that the certificate was a regular one, and not simply a demit.

Bro. BAILLY, on behalf of the Camborne Lodge, invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to visit Camborne next year.

At this stage of the proceedings, the brethren marched in procession to the parish church, where an appropriate sermon, by Bro. the Rev. F. K. Kendall, P.G.C., was read by Bro. the Rev. M. J. SUTTON, Asst. Prov. Grand Chaplain.

On the lodge re-assembling, Bro. G. B. PEARCE submitted a report respecting the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, which stated there was now 163 memberships, representing 214 guineas. There were 143 individual subscribers, of whom 11 were ladies. (Applause.) Through the Association 60 votes had been obtained for the province, 51 for life, and 9 in perpetuity to the lodges. Bro. Pearce said that every lodge could, if it would, become a contributing member to the Association. He sincerely hoped he would soon be able to say the Association embraced every lodge in the province.

Bro. ANDERTON mentioned that Bro. Pearce had paid the whole of the preliminary expenses of forming the Association out of his own pocket, and Bro. Gill had done the printing for nothing. (Applause.)

Bro. TRUSCOTT reported respecting the Masonic Charities, stating that the total amount of subscriptions from that province to the great Charities for the year was £448, as against £436 last year.

Bro. BAKE considered that before any further sums be granted to those Institutions, a Committee should go into the whole question. Education was now on quite a different footing to what it was when those Institutions were established, and he thought the best plan now would be to give the money to the parents for educational purposes, instead of to the Institutions. As he had given no notice, he was unable to move any resolution.

Bro. TRUSCOTT moved that thirty guineas be granted to the Boys' School, thirty to the Girls' School, and twenty to the Benevolent Institution. This was carried.

In connection with the Royal Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, Bros. Milford Cock, was elected Treas.; T. Chirgwin, Sec.; Crewes, Assist. Sec.; and Rees and Higman, Auditors.

Bro. N. West was elected P.G. Treas., with Bros. W. Bailey and G. Stevens, as Auditors.

The Grand Master then invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers:—

Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart.	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" Dr. Adams, 330	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. B. Pearce, 450	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. E. K. Kendall, 677	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. M. J. Sutton, 75	...	...	Prov. G. J. Chap.
" N. West, 450	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. D. Anderton, 331	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Brewer, 496	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" R. Carter, 75	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. K. Baker, 1272	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. Luke, 977	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. Parsons, 189	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. B. Morris, 131	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Bassett, 856	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. G. Henwood, 970	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. D. Rogers, 75	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" W. Giles, 496	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" M. Sampson, 121	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" N. Gray, 967	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" G. Morgan, 557	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Darke, 1136	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Pearce, 1071	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Langdon, 131	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Dr. Andrew, 789	...	...
" J. C. Burrow, 1544	...	...
" C. Bryant, 331	...	...
" J. de C. Treffry, 977	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. B. Neame, 589	...	...
" W. Simmons, 131	...	...
" J. N. Francis, 75	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. W. ROWE, on behalf of the Bodmin Lodge, invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bodmin next year.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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.

LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your report of our meeting of the 2nd, in your issue of the 11th inst., contains a slight error, which your kind insertion of this letter will correct. Bro. and Professor T. Hayter-Lewis is there described as a visitor; he is, however, a member of our lodge since last June. The fact that he spoke of his attendance on the 2nd inst. as his first visit probably misled your reporter.

That the names of some of our German brethren who honoured us with their presence should suffer from slight inaccuracies of spelling is, perhaps, only natural, and will doubtless be pardoned by them without troubling you to make special corrections.—Fraternally and faithfully yours,

G. W. SPETH,
Secretary.**IRISH MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall feel obliged if you would allow me to ask, through your columns, if any brother has any votes for the Irish Masonic Institution for Boys, as I should be glad to exchange vote for vote with others for either of the English Institutions.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL,
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8, Thurlow-place, September 15.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**Craft Masonry.**

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The first regular meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, Bro. W. H. Harris, W.M. in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Nevins, I.P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; J. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts; W. Mitchell, P.M.; W. Watkins, S.W.; C. J. Mears, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. Pitt, Sec.; W. Temple, S.D.; J. Still, J.D.; A. S. Dale, I.G.; M. Shirwin, Org.; J. Tytheridge, D.C.; W. R. Crow and J. W. White, Stwds.; E. W. Keymer, R. Brown, G. Parkhurst, F. C. Ward, J. Sully, Callcutt, W. Stockvis, H. Greene, R. Hughes, W. Robinson, B. H. Spence, and A. Beckwith, all of the lodge; J. Bolton, W.M. 28; G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623; A. H. Taylor, 1017; A. Maser, 291; W. Tucker, 913; J. Caverly, 1685; G. Ward, 1861; and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, &c.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous regular lodge meeting, and also of a recent emergency meeting, having been confirmed, Bro. Beckwith, who had been initiated at the above-mentioned emergency meeting, was, after a most satisfactory examination, passed to the Degree of a F.C., the whole of the working, both of the W.M. and his officers, being splendidly done. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a superbly appointed banquet, and on the cloth being cleared, the W.M. gave in choice and appropriate language the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were received and drank with enthusiasm.

Bro. Nevins, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said that the long vacation just ended had been signalled by the admirable manner in which Bro. Harris had worked the Second Degree that night; but he could assure them that there was even something better yet in store for them, and if they had heard Bro. Harris at their lodge of instruction the previous week deliver the three addresses in the installation ceremony, they would not only have been delighted, but would have had reason to congratulate themselves and the lodge on having such an excellent Master to preside over them. He trusted that Bro. Harris might be followed by as good a worker as himself, and then they might have no fear for the success and prestige of the lodge. He asked them therefore to drink the W.M.'s health with all the honour it deserved.

Bro. Harris, who was accorded a real hearty reception, said he could not but feel that Bro. Nevins had flattered him, but he could not be otherwise than pleased if his endeavours to do his duty had met with their approbation. It was a pleasure for him to work, and if there had been double the work it would have given him double pleasure to do it. He hoped T.G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to carry out the duties entrusted to him to the end of his year of office, and then he had no doubt that, with their assistance, and that of the Past Masters and officers, he should be enabled to leave the chair with their approbation, and the approbation of a good conscience.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said no lodge could succeed unless it had good Past Masters; nor could a Master without their aid hope to carry out his duties as they should be carried out. He was thankful to say that he had been supported that night by a circle of good and worthy Masons; Past Masters of the lodge, and he asked the brethren to give them a good fire.

Bro. Nevins said he felt very proud of being a Past Master of the Capper Lodge. At the next meeting the election of a W.M., to succeed Bro. Harris, would take place, and after that, he (Bro. Nevins) would have to take a seat lower down, but wherever he sat, he should always remember his year of office as I.P.M. with feelings of un-mixed pleasure. It had been a very happy time for him, and so far as the W.M. was concerned, a perfect sinecure. He thanked them heartily for the toast, and hoped to be with them and assist in, and rejoice at, the prosperity of the lodge for many years to come.

Bro. Bolton responded for a very cordial reception of the visitors. He said he thanked them for their hearty reception that night, especially for the pleasure it afforded him to see such excellent working in the lodge, and such generous hospitality at the social board. He felt great pleasure also to see their esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Dorton, present, one who, by his indefatigable perseverance, had made the lodge what it was at that moment—second to none for its great and grand system of Charity, geniality, and brotherly love. When he looked back and thought of what the lodge had done for the Charities—and if they cut Charity out of Masonry there was very little left to be proud of—he felt proud of knowing and of being with such excellent Masons. He was delighted with the work, and trusted their W.M. would install his successor, and that he (Bro. Bolton) might be present to see Bro. Watkins placed in the chair as Master of the lodge, and that he might prove as good a Master as his predecessor.

Bro. Taylor also returned thanks, and assured the brethren that if he had not been a member of the Montifore, he should have been proud of being a "Capper."

Bros. Jolly and Stephens also returned thanks.

"The Initiate" was the next toast, and Bro. Beckwith, who, for all practical purposes, was the initiate, modestly responded.

Bro. Watkins responded for "The Officers," and Bro. Jolly for "The Masonic Press."

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most enjoyable. Bro. Shirwin presided at the piano, and the singing of Bros. Shirwin, Callcutt, and Brown, and the recitations of Bros. Taylor and Jolly, added materially to the pleasures of the evening.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—On Saturday last the installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., presiding for the W.M., Bro. G. F. Smith. The lodge was

very well attended. The Past Masters present were Bros. Thos. C. Corfe, J. W. Brooke, and G. F. Smith, jun.; and the visitors—Bros. David H. Miller, Sec. 39; Joseph Tilley, 326; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; A. G. Dodson, P.M. 188; W. E. Morley, 1216; S. Bache Haines, 538; Max Mendelssohn, 212; E. Peach; Joseph Da Silva, P.M. 205; George Milton, 1987; A. Lawrence Fryer, 1624; J. H. Williams, 569; W. W. Morgan, jun.; W. Waring, 192; John Hodges, P.M. 1706; and Robert Grice, 1399.

Bro. Dewsnap first raised Bro. A. J. G. Maskens to the Third Degree, and then installed Bro. Alexander Williams, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge for 1886-7: Bros. G. F. Smith, sen., I.P.M.; H. Cattermole, S.W.; S. J. Rossiter, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treasurer; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Secretary; A. H. Jakins, S.D.; J. Da Silva, J.D.; C. H. Cox, I.G.; A. T. Baschinski, D.C.; H. S. Trego, Organist; A. Philips and J. T. Williams, Stewards; and Bowler, Tyler. A handsome tin guinea Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. G. F. Smith. Notice was given of a motion, for the next meeting, to establish a lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge, to be held at the Skinners' Arms, Cannon-street. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The customary toasts followed. In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that the interest the Queen took in the Craft, was evinced by the support she gave to the Masonic Charitable Institutions.

In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said the brethren were aware that the Prince of Wales was a very active member of the Craft. Wherever and whenever his help was required he was always found ready to give it. The Duke of Cornwall Lodge was very proud of him for having allowed one of his titles to be used as the name of the lodge.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., in reply to the toast which embraced the Grand Officers, said that seven years ago he was the humble and uneloquent exponent of Masonic principles in that lodge, when Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke consecrated it, and it was a great pleasure to him to come year after year to see the increasing prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said that seven being a mystic number in Masonry, signifying perfection, the Duke of Cornwall Lodge had that night arrived at the perfection of its existence. It was a great pleasure to him to look back upon that time, as it was then seven months before he had been appointed Grand Secretary. When he was a Grand Junior Deacon he consecrated the lodge, and since then he had watched the proceedings of the lodge very closely, the good régime begun by Bro. Brooke had led to the grand position which the lodge now occupied amongst the lodges of London.

Bro. J. W. Brooke, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and explained that the I.P.M., Bro. Smith, had delegated to him that privilege because he (Bro. Brooke) as first Master of the lodge initiated Bro. Williams, who was the lodge's first initiate. The seven years that had passed since closed the first chapter, or the first volume in the history of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. Hitherto the reins of government had been held by those who were the original founders of the lodge. The reins now passed out of their hands into the hands of the lodge itself. It was a matter of great consolation and satisfaction to the Past Masters and founders to know that the reins of government were transmitted to so worthy and able a brother as Bro. Williams had proved himself to be. From the position of initiate he had passed to that of Secretary, from Secretary to I.G., and thence through all the offices up to that of W.M. His career had been watched and observed, and the brethren knew from Bro. Williams' character that in him the destinies and welfare of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge were in very good hands. It was also a great consolation to the Past Masters to be able to look further and see those who would eventually follow Bro. Williams in the chair. The brethren had the lodge now entirely in their own hands. The Wardens, Deacons, and I.G. were all either initiates or joining members of the lodge, not one was a founder, and every one of those brethren from what had been seen of them had the interest of Freemasonry at heart, and would do their utmost for it and for the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said he was very proud of the position in which the brethren had been pleased to place him, and he promised them to endeavour to the best of his ability to perform the important duties which they had entrusted to him with the greatest care and attention he could bestow upon them. He claimed their indulgence if he failed to reach the very high standard which they had been accustomed to in the brethren who had filled that exalted position.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Installing Officer," said there was a peculiar fitness in having Bro. Dewsnap to install him as W.M., because it was on Bro. Dewsnap's introduction he became a member of, and was initiated in, that lodge. They had been close and intimate friends many years, and he felt persuaded they would continue as such. The brethren had seen that evening once more the great ability, pains, energy, and indomitable perseverance of Bro. Dewsnap, and he asked them to drink his health with all heartiness.

Bro. Dewsnap, P.M., in replying, said he was not in himself satisfied with the way in which he had acquitted himself as Installing Officer; still he did his level best. He had been connected with that lodge since its foundation, he had been its Treasurer, and worked right through, and in whatever he had done he had tried to do his best for the lodge. That night he had done the same. He was always delighted to do the best he could for the brethren, and if he had not succeeded he was sorry for it.

In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the Worshipful Master said he had never held the position of a visitor in that lodge, and had found it the means of obtaining much useful information as to what went on in other lodges. Meeting brethren of other lodges enlarged the scope and breadth of brotherly feeling, which was very effective.

Bros. Brand, Miller, Dodson, and Harris responded to the toast.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, as one of the respondents to the same toast, and referring to a remark of the W.M.'s, said the Book of Constitutions laid it down that Master, War-

dens, and brethren ought to visit other lodges. Speaking of the W.M.'s, he said he had never seen a W.M. invest his officers with more ability than Bro. Williams. Although he had not visited other lodges, he had set a very good example by the words he gave to each officer. That was very good for an incoming Master, because as a rule when a brother got in the chair he became nervous. It was a great credit to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge to have a Master who on the night of his installation had something to say, as it showed he had Masonry at heart, and was earnest in his desire to maintain the high repute of the lodge during his year of office. From what he had seen, the Duke of Cornwall Lodge had a very good future before it.

Bro. G. F. Smith, I.P.M., replying to the toast of "The P.M.'s," said there were very few brethren who had any idea of the cloud he had passed through between his election as W.M. and his installation; in fact, he spoke to several brethren of that lodge and of other lodges about giving up the idea of being installed; but the kindness he had received from them induced him to go on. He should never forget that kindness. By it he had experienced the true sense of Masonry from all the brethren in the lodge, and especially from Bros. Dewsnap, Rossiter, and Waring. Bro. Dewsnap had carried out Masonry to the letter.

Bro. Brooke said it was very gratifying to him, dwelling as he did more than 1000 miles away to meet his brethren in the streets of London, all of whom said they were glad to see him. It was the same all over the world. In the streets of other cities in foreign countries he met with the same greeting—"Bro. Brooke, how are you? I am glad to see you." He was glad to come again to the lodge and meet the old faces. It was seven years since the lodge was consecrated, and he was installed W.M. by the Grand Secretary. It was in August, 1879. In September, 1879, the first regular meeting was held, and the present W.M. was initiated. Therefore they could understand his feelings in being present that evening.

Bro. Corpe, P.M., congratulated the W.M. on his succession to the chair and on the admirable way in which he had invested his officers. The lodge was to be congratulated on having such a W.M. and such officers. The lodge might also congratulate itself on its visitors.

Bro. Dewsnap apologised for the unavoidable absence of two of the P.M.'s, Bros. Bott and Stokes. The former was away in Yorkshire and the latter had lost his wife. This was overlooked in lodge although he had intended to ask the brethren for a vote of condolence. He would, however, now take it that the brethren authorised him to write a letter to Bro. Stokes condoling with him in his misfortune.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said the lodge was in a sound financial position. It was a great thing to be able to say they had £100 in the funds and that the Treasurer had still a balance in hand. It showed how carefully and cautiously the Treasurer had acted. With respect to the Secretary they would find that the extra duties Bro. Dewsnap had taken to himself would be fulfilled to the satisfaction of every brother of the lodge.

Bros. Corpe and Dewsnap replied, and the remaining toasts were disposed of, and a most pleasant evening was brought to a termination.

A choice musical performance was given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. H. G. Trego, Mus. Bac., Oxon., by Bros. A. Lawrence Freyer, Robert Grice, John Hodge, and J. Gilbye.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was supported by Bros. W. Masters, J. W. Wood, P.M., as S.W.; Cooke, Sec.; Bullock, S.D.; S. B. Bolas, as J.W.; Potts, I.G.; Clayton, Steward; and several other members. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Atkins, P.M. and Sec. 857; Swinbourne, 857; Copestick, J. Cooke, Bishop, and Cheeseman.

A ballot was taken for Mr. G. B. Davis, which proved successful, and he, being in attendance, was initiated. A letter of request to the W.M. was read from Bro. C. J. Armstrong, W.M. 857, asking him to confer the Second Degree upon Bro. Swinbourne, who had been initiated in St. Mark's Lodge, and who will shortly sail for Australia. The W.M. said he felt it a compliment to be asked to confer the Degree, and would gladly do so, as the St. Mark's Lodge was not meeting. Bro. Swinbourne, being present, was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who also explained the tracing board of that Degree. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards sat down to supper at Freemasons' Tavern, and a most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, when there were present Bros. E. Horne, W.M.; A. Woodiwiss, S.W.; C. Webster, P.M., as J.W.; Rev. J. Owell, Chap.; Jesse Chadwick, Sec.; S. Taylor, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; G. Sutherland, D.C.; J. Jones, I.G.; W. Todd and G. Ward, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; J. C. Merry, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; J. Bland, P.M.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; F. G. Sanderson, P.M.; Hayes, A. Tyler, Hodgson, W. H. Heywood, S. H. Farnell, J. A. Linacre, D. Woollath, S. Tinkler, and E. Jephoon. The visitors were Bros. C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; J. H. Marshall, W.M. 1007; G. Johnson, J.W. 1085; R. Slater, J.W. 802; R. Hunt, 802; L. Oldham, 802; J. Phillips, 158; G. Draper, 1743; and N. J. Hallett, 779.

The lodge having been opened, the circular convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Jephoon was then ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., who presented the working tools, the charge being most excellently given by the S.W. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. H. A. Bemrose, W.M. 253; J. W. Brigg, J.W.; and W. Forman, Org. The lodge was afterwards closed and adjourned.

Supper was then served in the Lower Hall, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

To the toast of "The P.G. Officers" Bros. C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085, P.G.J.D., and J. Worsnop, P.M., P.P.G.P., ably responded.

Bro. James Taylor, P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was most heartily received by the brethren. He said how delighted he had always been with Bro. Horne, and he hoped that during his year he would have the hearty support of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, as it was always a treat to listen to his admirable rendering of the ceremonies.

The Worshipful Master said he must thank all for the hearty reception they had given to the toast. His greatest difficulty was to find words with which to express his gratitude, especially as he always did have the fullest support and assistance from the Past Masters and his officers. For himself, he had always studied to do all he could for the lodge he so loved. He was certain there were no signs of its decreasing in prosperity; but, on the contrary, was holding its own, and he believed no harm could come to it.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," remarking they were favoured with the presence of two brethren from London lodges, one from Loughborough, and one from Ashley, and he assured them of a very hearty welcome, hoping what they had seen and heard would induce them to come again.

Bro. J. Phillips, in response, heartily thanked the brethren for the reception, hoping it might not be the last time he would be present, being much pleased with the working up stairs as well as the attention at the supper table.

Bro. G. Draper was also very pleased with his visit, being a native of the town it had greatly pleased him to be present.

Bro. Hallett, 779, was highly delighted with the working of the ceremony. He had been called upon to respond amongst the brethren from a distance, but he really now belonged to the town and was pleased his Ashley brethren had recommended his paying the visit he had done, and although the first it would not be the last.

Bro. J. H. Marshall, W.M. 1007, in responding, could say it was not his first visit, as that took place seven years ago. He had always been struck with the good working of the lodge, good officers were as a rule sure to make good Masters, and the Arboretum brethren were noted for their good working in every particular. He highly complimented the W.M., who was such an old friend, and assured him how highly he was appreciated in this and other provinces.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, the W.M. stating he was pleased to hear them alluded to in so marked a manner, as one visitor had particularly alluded to their good attendance, and he was quite sure that were the Past Masters did not attend well the lodge would suffer from their absence.

Bros. Cawthorne Webster and J. Bland, P.M.'s, briefly acknowledged the hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

The toast of "The Sister Lodges" followed, to which the following suitably responded, Bros. R. Slater, J.W. 802, and G. Johnson, J.W. 1085.

Bro. A. Frazer, P.M., was entrusted with the toast of "The Officers," paying them a high compliment for their efficient working, to which the Deacons, Bros. Severn Taylor and John Walker responded, agreeing with the old adage that an ounce of practice was worth a ton of precept.

The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the excellent singing of the W.M., Bro. J. H. Marshall, F. G. Sanderson, and Geo. Sutherland, whilst Bro. Frazer, P.M., delighted the brethren with one of his numerous recitations.

The Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant gathering at an early hour.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—A meeting was held on Saturday, 4th inst., at the Amherst Arms, when there were present Bros. Edwin S. Strange, W.M.; Joseph Ithell Birch, S.W.; Wm. Sparrowhawk, J.W.; K. Dartnell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; Herbert Lee, S.D.; John Hamlin, J.D.; Charles Hooker, D.C.; W. H. Pascoe, Org.; F. Percy Lee, I.G.; Albert W. Lloyd, Stwd.; Wm. South, Tyler; C. J. Craig, P.M.; C. E. Birch, P.M.; the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith (from Lagos, West Africa), P.M.; J. Ryder, N. Strange, J. Fyfe, T. Baker, T. F. MacGeagh, H. S. Strange, E. T. Gething, T. Potter, D. J. Kent, P. G. Towend, H. Staite, G. G. Smith, G. Dixon, W. Burford, N. Grunwell, and P. Hammer. The visitors were Bros. J. Boulter, 874; R. Basham, P.M. 144; and T. J. Wood, 1474.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Josiah Willmot was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, Bro. Thomas Potter was passed to the Degree of a F.C., and Bros. T. F. MacGeagh and L. George Smith were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Ten guineas were voted to the Benevolent Fund, 2 guineas to the local Charities, and 10 guineas to the widow of a brother recently deceased.

After the lodge was closed a banquet took place, and the evening was spent most pleasantly, enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Craig, Lloyd, Pascoe, N. Strange, Smetman, Smith, and others.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The celebration of the annual festival of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-street, when the W.M. elect, Bro. F. S. Hex, was duly installed for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being very ably performed by Bro. John Lane, P.M. The newly-elected W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. Garcia, I.P.M.; I. Prust, S.W.; R. Letheren, J.W.; J. Dodge, P.P.G. Treas.; Treasurer; A. T. Blamey, Chaplain; T. H. Wills, Sec.; T. Brooks, Org.; G. Rowland, S.D.; J. McKellar, J.D.; T. Crossman, I.G.; R. Perry and W. Hill, Stewards; G. J. Pepprell, Dir. of Cers.; J. E. Newton, Tyler.

The other members of the lodge in attendance included Bro. W. Bradnee, P.M., P.P.G.D., and amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. the Rev. R. F. B. Erlington, W.M. 248, P.G. Chap.; W. McLean, P.M. 248; C. Atkins, P.M. and Sec. 248; W. Marley, W.M. 1358; A. T. Hayes, 1425; C. S. Lane, P.M. 764, P.P. G.D. Durham; B. M. Bradbeer, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; and J. Salter, W.M. 328. A telegram was read from the I.P.M., Bro. Garcia, from Dundee, expressing regret at his inability to be present, conveying his congratulations to the newly-elected W.M., and wishing the Jordan Lodge every success. A letter was also received from Bro. Knight, who was unable to attend, and who, since the removal from Torquay of Bro. Garcia, has acted as W.M.

For his services in this capacity Bro. Knight was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

After the lodge meeting the brethren adjourned to Bro. H. C. Bolt's Royal Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, the catering being everything that could be desired. The W.M., Bro. F. S. Hex, presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The opening of the above lodge after its summer vacation took place on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Lord Raglan Hotel, Buerage-road, Bro. Vallens comfortable hostelry, when a goodly muster of the brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion, and to welcome the W.M., Bro. Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Maule, R.A., on his assuming the chair for business. Among the brethren present were Bros. Captain W. A. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; G. Kenneday, P.M.; Captain W. Richey, R.A., P.M.; W. Moulds, I.P.M.; R. Gooding, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; A. Ware, Sec.; A. Murdock, S.D.; R. F. Robertson, J.D.; H. Froud, I.G.; W. Seager, Stwd.; W. Buckingham, Quartermaster Wilmott, W. Wilde, J. Hayward, T. Spackman, P. Stanbridge, A. Hill, R. Lord, L. Comerford, G. Evans, T. Rose, E. Hathaway, M. Maughey, G. Scott, C. Morris, C. Holmes, W. Taylor, T. Couper, and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, 913, 13; all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. A. Cleal, W.M. 13; E. W. Carter, P.M. 858; J. Gould, S.W. 1686; W. Doddrell, S.W. 615; W. Arnold, J.D. 1786; W. Dingle, 2068; G. Dennison, 13; F. G. Marfleet, 700; W. Keeble, 13; G. W. Kenneday, 829; H. Smith, 700; W. Harrison, 730; and A. Wood, 153.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Sergeant T. A. Smith, District Staff, R.A., and Sergeant W. Brown, O.S.C., were, after approval, initiated. Bros. Holmes and Rose were passed, and Bros. Hambridge and Lee, of the lodge, and Bro. Marfleet, 700, were raised. To those who know the perfect and precise manner in which the work is carried out in this lodge, it will be sufficient to say that its old tradition for good working was duly and fully sustained, Bro. Maule being most impressive, especially in the Third Degree.

The lodge having been closed, and the neat little supper over, the social board was soon crowned with the "rosy," and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Weston returned thanks for the toast of "Bro. Eastes and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." He said the Provincial Charity Committee meeting would be held on the 22nd of that month, when the selection of candidates for the Boys', Girls' and Benevolent Institutions on the provincial list would take place, and he felt sure that whoever was selected by the committee would be elected successfully to those Institutions. In Earl Amherst, their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, and in Bro. Eastes, their D.P.G.M., they had two good and earnest supporters of the Charities, and he felt sure that they both would be pleased to hear that the United Military Lodge had, upon its opening night, devoted five guineas to the cause of Charity. He congratulated the W.M. upon the admirable manner in which he had worked the Three Degrees, and on behalf of "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past," returned them his sincere thanks for the toast.

The W.M., in response to a hearty reception of the toast to his health, said it was very gratifying to hear the kind remarks that had fallen from Bros. Weston and Moulds, and it would be an incentive for him to go on and still do better. As he had promised, when he was installed, that he would do his duty, so would he to the best of his ability, but he found it a very difficult thing to do work so well before such an eminent body of Masons as were present that night. It was all very well in a lodge of instruction, where they were expected to make mistakes, to make them; but in a lodge room, where they were expected to be perfect, it was a very different thing altogether. He promised, however, to do his best, and trusted to be worthy of the position and their confidence.

Bro. Kenneday responded for "The Past Masters" in an eloquent speech; and "The Initiates" also returned thanks for the toast of their healths.

Bro. Cleal, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," spoke of the approaching centenary meeting of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, the mother of all the lodges in the neighbourhood, and said their application to the Grand Master for leave to wear a centenary jewel had been acceded to. He likewise gave an interesting account of his researches among the minutes of the long ago meetings of No. 13, and of having found an application from a portion of the Royal Artillery in America, before the War of Independence, for permission to found a lodge out there as an offshoot from the Union Waterloo.

The Worshipful Master then gave a special toast to "The Health of Bros. Quartermaster Wilmott, Comerford, and other Brethren of the Shropshire Regiment," who were about leaving for Ireland. The regiment has been in Woolwich for some two years, and the brethren of the regiment have endeared themselves to the brethren of every lodge in the district by their amiable and courteous behaviour. Their departure was, therefore, much regretted, not only by the brethren generally, but by those of the inhabitants who had had the opportunity and pleasure of their company. These sentiments were eloquently expressed by Bro. Maule, who said, in conclusion, that as that was the last time they should have those brethren with them, at least, for some time, he asked the others present to give them a hearty and cordial "God speed" on their journey.

Bro. Wilmott thanked the W.M. for his eloquent and kind remarks. As a member of the Shropshire Regiment, he felt proud to hear such sentiments expressed, and, as brethren of the lodge, he and his colleagues would ever remember the generous hospitality always extended to them by the brethren of the United Military Lodge. Wherever they might be they would always remember their brethren of the lodge with kindness, and while he hoped and trusted to see them again some day, yet could then only thank them for their toast and good wishes, and wish them in return every happiness and prosperity.

The next toast was that of "The Officers," and here again the inexorable exigencies of the service caused a tone of regret to permeate the meeting, as Bro. Gooding, S.W., is ordered to Aldershot on duty. He has been in Woolwich for some years, and has officiated of late as the Preceptor of the United Military Lodge of Instruction. He is an excellent officer and able Mason, and his loss will be for a time deeply felt. Bro. Maule dwelt eloquently with the above fact in putting the toast, and

Bro. Gooding, in response, thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and assured them of his deep regret at leaving them. So far as the lodge of instruction was concerned, he must say that it was a pet of his. It was an "ugly duck" when he found it that no one cared about; but now he trusted, under the Preceptorship of their esteemed W.M., it would keep up its present strength. He should endeavour to keep up his connection with the lodge and pass the chair. He again thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

WHITSTABLE.—Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Foresters' Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. H. M. Maugham, was duly installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Ward. The officers appointed included the following: Bros. S. W. Graystone, S.W.; S. Saunders, J.W.; F. W. Porter, S.D.; John Wood, J.D.; E. G. Walthew, Sec.; A. Anderson, Treas.; and F. A. Johnson, Org.

After the meeting the brethren adjourned to the Bear and Key Hotel, where a banquet was prepared for them by Bro. W. Brannan. About 50 sat down, the new W.M. presiding. Besides the members of the Graystone Lodge, the party comprised several visiting brethren, including the W.M.'s of the three Canterbury lodges. The tables were tastefully decorated by Mr. Morgan, a very beautiful collection of plants and flowers being sent by Bro. Graystone for the purpose.

SPENNYMOOR.—Whitworth Lodge (No. 1932).—On Wednesday, the 8th inst., the brethren of this lodge met at the North-Eastern Hotel for the purpose of installing Bro. T. Farthing, the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. James Laidler, P.M., P.G.S.W. Bro. T. Farthing was installed W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. G. Rutherford, I.P.M.; J. N. Simpson, S.W.; J. Teasdale, J.W.; the Rev. J. Gaskell, Chaplain and Treasurer; W. J. Sanderson, Secretary; W. Rutter, S.D.; W. Laidler, J.D.; T. Morgan, I.G.; Thomas Harrison and W. Forster, Stwds.; and J. Taylor, Tyler.

After the ceremony a banquet was held, which was served up in excellent style by the host, Mr. J. Cleghorn.

MALDON.—Blackwater Lodge (No. 1977).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Blue Boar Hotel. Owing, principally, to a large fair going on in the town, the attendance was not a large one. The lodge lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. H. Ellis, P.G.S.B. Essex, who, with the assistance of Bros. R. Smith, P.M. 697, S.W., and J. Shawyer, J.W., ably initiated a new member. The retiring W.M., who had been re-elected, was presented for installation. The ceremony was performed, and the addresses given by Bro. Gowers in an able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; S. Shawyer, S.W.; M. W. Meade, J.W.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 650, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; W. Strutt, Treas.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Rudrum, S.D.; W. R. Hance, J.D.; J. Grou, D.C.; J. Jackson, I.G.; N. Blaxall and C. Potter, Stewards; and E. Pearmain, Tyler. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Gowers for his performance of the installation ceremony, which was seconded by the I.P.M., and unanimously carried; and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Gowers. Bro. T. Eustace was then unanimously re-elected Charity Representative.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, after which, the usual loyal Masonic toasts were proposed, and enthusiastically honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

The visitors present were Bros. F. G. Green, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; J. J. Cavill, W.M. 1312, P.P.G. J.W. Essex; and W. Rooke, 597.

DOUGLAS.—Ellan Vannin Lodge (No. 2049).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by the genial W.M., Bro. Smith, assisted by his officers. Arrangements were made for conducting the annual festival of the lodge and installation of the W.M. elect in November next. Two of the founders of the lodge were elected honorary members on their leaving the island. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, to which the visiting brethren were cordially invited.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Jas. Newton, P.P.G.S.D. and Prov. G.A. Sec. East Lancashire, expressed his pleasure at visiting a lodge in their beautiful island, and thanked the brethren for the hearty hospitality displayed towards the visitors, and confidently hoped that the proposed establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge in the island would materially tend to the increased prosperity of the Craft by means of the incentive offered to their zealous workers in the bestowal of provincial honours amongst them.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

MANCHESTER.—Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—The third meeting since the consecration took place at the Masonic Rooms, King-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. N. Dumville, W.M.; E. Irving, Treas., acting S.W.; A. Avison, J.W.; B. Brierley, Sec.; F. Gordon, J.D.; Joseph Gagg, I.G.; W. O. Pettitt, Org.; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011, D.C.; N. Jones, Tyler; J. Varley, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; Oliver Gagg, H. Sedgwick, John Hulme, Jas. Simmons, J. Mort, C. Turner, J. C. Massey, J. Goss, C. Blacon, F. W. Lean, A. Yates, T. Matthews, and R. R. Lisenden. Visitors: Bros. J. Wilson, 1993; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., Sec. 1030; J. Thompson, 1993; A. Wood, 152; W. H. Bibby, 993; P. Jackson, P.M. 368; George Hunt, P.M. 1993, and 1009; and D. Donbavand, late of 317.

The brethren assembled, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. T. F. Doyle, H. P. Hall, R. Mansell, A. Smith, and John Garside to become joining members of the lodge,

and was successful in each case. The ballot was taken for Mr. John Gladney, and being declared favourable, he was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Lisenden acting as J.D. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. W. H. Collier, who had been elected at the last meeting, into Freemasonry, and presented and explained the working tools to both initiates. The E.A. charge was delivered by Bro. W. O. Pettitt in a very impressive manner. Bro. Thomas Matthews was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Jas. Varley, P.M. 350, P.P. G. Org. Bros. Massey, Mort, and Blacon were raised to the sublime Degree of M.M., Bros. Massey and Blacon by the W.M., and Bro. Mort by Bro. E. W. Irving, who presented and explained the working tools to the newly raised brethren. The W.M. announced the receipt of six handsomely bound volumes containing the principal National songs of the United Kingdom, which had been presented jointly by Bros. Mansell, Irving, Pettitt, Goss, and Lean. The W.M. also announced the receipt of a rosewood cigar box, presented by Bro. S. Thornhill. Votes of thanks to the donors were proposed and carried. It was announced that a Masonic service would take place in St. Stephen's Church on Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, at 3 o'clock, the sermon to be preached by Bro. the Rev. John Watson, W.M. 152, Prov. G.A. Chap. A dispensation for wearing Craft clothing has been obtained, and the musical portion of the service will be executed by several well known members of the Craft, Bro. James Varley, P.P.G. Org., presiding at the organ. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of a substantial tea prepared by Mrs. Gagg (the wife of our versatile and talented Bro. "Oliver"), which gave general satisfaction, as testified by the frequently heard expressions of approval. After tea the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and the healths of the initiated, passed, and raised brethren proposed and responded to, some capital songs and recitations enlivening the intervals between the toasts.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Bleakley occupied the chair, with Bros. Surridge as S.W.; Whetlock as J.W.; and supported by Bros. Gregory, Glass, Hemming, Silvester, Dimsdale, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. examined and entrusted Bro. Glass as a candidate for passing, and after opening the lodge to the Second Degree, rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Hemming then worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture, followed, on resumption of the lodge to the First Degree, by the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent their usual hour's musical entertainment very enjoyably.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Potter, W.M.; Charles Powell, W.M. 1425, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, J.W.; H. Dehaue, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; H. Crooks, S.D.; P. W. Rogers, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; W. G. Parnell, Stwd.; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; J. Stephens, I.P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; E. M. Daniel, W.M. elect 1694; D. Stroud, S. Bullen, J. Smith, J. Cruttenden, W. H. Wadham, E. C. Mulvey, J. C. Conway, and J. Edmundson. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Parnell, 704; and W. Seamen, 704.

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. Daniel being candidate. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Mulvey, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was called off and on. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Mulvey, assisted by Bro. Cruttenden. The questions leading from the First to the Second Degree were answered by Bros. Bullen, Parnell, and Seamen. The charge was then given. Bros. Parnell and Seamen were elected members. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. It was on the proposal of the W.M. ordered that the fact that that evening the number of members belonging to the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction reached the grand total of 600 be entered on the minutes. As the W.M. of the mother lodge will be in the chair at the next meeting, members are requested to attend and give the worthy brother a hearty reception. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; Thom, S.W.; Surridge, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; Edwin Storr, Sec.; Saunders, Asst. Sec.; C. J. Seales, Treas.; Burgess, S.D.; Ward, J.D.; Parker, I.G.; Whiting, Tyler; McKay, Bolton, Kays, Coste, Hemming, Sharp, Lewis, Gregory, and others.

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. Coste candidate. Bro. Lewis offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and retired. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Sharp offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Sharp candidate. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. then invested the officers of the lodge. After rising for the second time, Bro. Stiles, Preceptor, proposed Bro. Thom, S.W., as W.M. for the next meeting—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. After rising for the third time, "Hearty good wishes" were given, the lodge was closed, Colonial and Provincial brethren visiting London at the present time should give a look in at the above lodge of instruction, which is opened at 7.30 on Monday evenings, when they will receive a hearty welcome.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Restell, W.M.; Gibson, P.M., Treas. and S.W.; G. E. Saunders, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Jackson, S.D.; Wells, J.D.; W. Smith, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Brindley, P.M.; Wombell, and Barker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Brindley answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Brindley duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Wombell being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Bro. Alfred Wells, 2029, was unanimously elected a joining member. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, (Masonic Temple), Piccadilly, W., on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Henry Crookes, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; W. P. Rogers, J.W.; F. Kedg, S.D.; W. Ham, J.D.; E. C.

Mulvey, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; F. J. Potter, acting Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; O. W. Battley, H. S. Hunter, W. G. Mulford, W. R. Warburton, L. Gunzel, A. Wells, C. A. Itter, A. Clark, Howard Sammons, J. Mitchell, E. A. Smith, W. Culverhouse, H. Ludwig, Frank Gulliford, G. P. Bertini, G. H. Reynolds, R. J. Harnell, G. F. Swan, Jas. Rowe, James Woodward, A. Gammell, and G. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. O. W. Battley offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 5th Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction:—Bro. W. G. Mulford, 1321, proposed by Bro. F. J. Potter, and seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds; and Bro. R. W. Warburton, 443 (S.C.), proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, and seconded by Bro. A. Gammell. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, 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. Henry Crookes, W.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and also for his careful working—seconded by the S.W., 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.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the New Market Hotel, E.C. Present: Bros. J. J. Howes, W.M.; W. Jolly, S.W.; Rest, P.M.; J.W.; Buckdale, Chap.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Preceptor and Treas.; J. W. Jolly, Sec.; J. F. Rumball, S.D.; T. Hodges, J.D.; Greenwood, I.G.; Smyth, Tyler; and Mallett, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened up to the Third Degree, and the ceremony worked, Bro. Rumball candidate. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree, and the installation ceremony worked throughout, Bro. Howes, W.M. 1623, candidate. Brethren in the inferior Degrees who had been absent returned in due order and saluted. Bro. R. B. Greenwood, W.M. elect, 1623, succeeded to the chair, Bro. Howes ably delivering the usual addresses to the delight of all present. Lodge was resumed, and the dues collected, and after fully enquiring for the good of the Craft, the W.M. closed the lodge.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. A. Cavers, W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; Austin, Treas. and J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; Briehart, S.D.; D. Stroud, J.D.; Sims, P.M.; I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; Whittle, Stonnil, Marsh, and Jno. Davies, P.M., Preceptor.

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. Marsh candidate, who answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The 4th and 5th Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Davies, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; C. B. Corston, S.W.; J. Sims, J.W.; Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, acting Sec.; C. Coombes, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; W. Craggs, I.G.; D. G. Angiolo, and W. W. Williams.

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 and Third Degrees, and resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. A. Williams offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. W. Williams candidate. The W.M. then rendered the traditional history. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. D. G. Angiolo was elected a member of the lodge. On the proposition of the Preceptor, Bro. C. B. Corston was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. On the proposition of the Treasurer, the acting Secretary was requested to write to the widow of the late Bro. J. Mann to express the sympathy of the lodge with her in her bereavement. Bro. Ayling, in seconding this proposition, made some very feeling remarks. Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected Secretary of the lodge, which was then closed.

A meeting was also held on Saturday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. C. B. Corston, W.M.; Sims, P.M.; S.W.; Coombes, J.W.; Davis, S.D.; Wing, J.D.; Coward, I.G.; Purdue, acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Gomm, Angiolo, Stroud, Craggs, Tipper, Steers, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. W. W. Williams offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. W. Williams candidate. The W.M. ably rehearsed the traditional history. Bro. Davies, with the assistance of the brethren, then worked the 1st Section of this Lecture. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Purdue proposed, and Bro. Gomm seconded, that Bro. J. Sims be W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was then held and the Auditor's report received, three ballots afterwards taking place, which resulted in favour of Bros. Tipper, J. Sims, and H. Frien.

CROYDON.—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—The first meeting for the session of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Katherine-street, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren. Bro. Dr. Smith, W.M. 463, occupied the chair. Bro. Streeter, P.P.G.R. Surrey, was elected Treasurer; Bro. Hawes, J.D. 463, was elected Hon. Sec.; and Bro. M. M. Hobbs, P.G.S.D. Surrey, was elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. The ceremonies of the First and Third Degrees were then rehearsed. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed. The meetings of the above lodge of instruction are held every Tuesday evening at the King's Arms Hotel, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 7.45 p.m.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen accompanied a numerous body of our Colonial visitors over Wells Cathedral on Friday, the 10th inst.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Sores, Wounds, and Ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's unguent removes all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatics explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds, and indolent ulcers. To ensure the desired effect the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the foul blood and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of all those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective powers averted than the destructive process ceases, and the constructive business begins—new, healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.—[Advrt.]

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Bull's Head Inn, when there were present Comps. W. Cooper, Z.; J. F. Skelton, H.; R. Harwood, P.P.G.S.N., as J.; T. Nightingale, S.E.; H. Greenwood, S.N.; J. Newton, P.P.G.S.N., as P.S.; John Kenyon, J. elect; T. Higson, Janitor; and others.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, two candidates for exaltation were balloted for and elected, one of whom—Bro. C. B. Wingfield—was exalted to the Degree by Comp. R. Harwood, as Z. Comp. John Kenyon, who was unable to be present at the installation meeting, was installed into the chair of J. by Comp. J. Newton, P.P.G.S.N.

All business being concluded, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Present: Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z.; P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; G. Gregory, H.; G. Allen, J.; G. W. Knight, S.N.; Roach, P.S.; Ives, Janitor; F. W. Levander, P.Z. 142, 1st A.S. 2043; C. P. Mackay, W.S. 2048; and A. W. Wace, 2048.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Mackay candidate. After rising for the first time, Comp. Knight proposed Comps. F. W. Levander, Mackay, and Wace as joining members—seconded by Comp. Gregory, and carried unanimously. The companions returned thanks, and expressed their satisfaction at the admirable manner the ceremony had been conducted. After rising for the third time, "Hearty good wishes" were given to the M.E.Z., and the chapter was closed.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. F. Brasted, M.E.Z.; W. Radcliffe, H.; J. P. Parkes, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; J. Russell, S.N.; and W. F. Shaw, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rendered by the presiding officers. There was likewise a goodly attendance, and an agreeable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

NEWBURY.—Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—The officers and brethren of this lodge resumed their meeting on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Temperance Hall, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Stephen Knight. The business included the advancement of Bro. Kidd, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. A letter was read by the W.M., from Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M. of Berks and Oxon, thanking the brethren of the lodge, and particularly the W.M., for the excellent arrangements, which resulted in such a successful gathering on the occasion of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Newbury on July 13th. The W.M. also read a letter from Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., thanking the brethren of the lodge for the presentation of a photograph of a group of Mark Masons, taken on the occasion of the visit to Highclere Castle, after the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Cosburn, P.M., it was resolved that the letters of Bros. Lord Jersey and Lord Carnarvon, together with those of the W.M., should be recorded on the minutes. On the motion of Bro. M. Palmer, S.W., seconded by Bro. F. G. Hall, J.W., a hearty vote of thanks was presented to the W.M. for the great ability which he displayed in carrying out the arrangements connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge. The W.M. suitably responded, and availed himself of the opportunity of thanking those brethren who had taken an active part in the arrangements, and had rendered him valuable assistance.

SANDOWN.—William Hickman Lodge (No. 320).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at St. George's Hall on Friday, the 10th inst. The officers present were Bros. Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P.G.S.W., W.M.; F. Newman, P.P.G.S.O., S.W.; J. D. E. Loveland, as J.W.; S. Salter, M.O.; Bunt, as S.O.; A. Dashwood, P.P.G.S.D., J.O.; Woolridge, Treas.; Durrant, Sec.; C. Carter, J.D.; J. Conner, D.C.; H. Pidgeon, P.P.G. Org., Org.; and McQueen, I.G. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, P.M., D.P.G.M.M., and Past G. Stwd. Eng., the first Master of the lodge; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W. Eng.; and Rev. F. W. Thoyts, P.P.G. Chap.

Bros. Lord John Taylour, P.M., P.G.S.W. Eng., and Willis, S.D., were prevented being present, owing to indisposition; and the J.W., Bro. Brown, was detained at Dunstable. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. Newman, was installed into the chair by the retiring Master, and appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Palmer, I.P.M.; Major Brown, S.W.; S. Salter, J.W.; A. Dashwood, M.G.; Dampier Child, S.O.; M. Willis, J.O.; Woolridge, Treas.; C. Carter, R. of M.; Durrant, Sec.; Pigeon, S.D.; Conner, J.D.; McQueen, D.C.; J. D. E. Loveland, Org.; A. Greenham, I.G.; Bunt, Stwd.; and Callaway, Tyler. The honorary membership of the lodge was, on the proposition of Bro. Loveland, P.M., seconded by Bro. Palmer, P.M., conferred on Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W., who expressed great pleasure in accepting it.

The banquet was held at the Railway Refreshment Rooms, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Scotland.

MILLPORT.—Kelburne Lodge (No. 459).—Friday, the 3rd inst., being the 20th anniversary of this lodge, was made the occasion for re-opening the hall, which had recently been considerably altered and improved. There was a large representation of visiting brethren from sister lodges, including Lodge Athole, Ghilsgow; Star, Glasgow; Rothesay St. John's, Largs St. John's; and several others. The first business was the initiation of a new member into the mysteries of the Craft. The initiation was conducted by Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., and Bro. David Croft, R.W.M. Lodge Athole. After the business of initiation was over, the lodge was closed.

The hall was then cleared, and the tables set for supper, to which about 70 brethren sat down. Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M., presided, and Senior and Junior Wardens Bros. Charles and R. Hunter officiated as croupiers.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly given and responded to. The toast of the evening, "Prosperity," was eloquently proposed by the I.P.M. Lodge Athole, and responded to by Bro. John Cunningham, R.W.M. The brethren separated at an early hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

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ROYAL ARCH.

SINGAPORE.—Dalhousie Chapter (No. 508).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 30th July. Comp. J. P. Joaquim installed Comp. T. Cargill, as Z.; Comp. J. T. Leask, as H.; and Comp. A. Knight, as J. The officers invested were Comps. W. A. Parker, as Scribe N.; J. Motion (absent), as Scribe E.; and E. A. Thomson, as Prin. Soj.; and he appointed Comps. G. Thompson and H. G. Diss, as Asst. Sojs.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

The Provincial Priory assembled at the Phoenix lodge room, High-street, Portsmouth, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The Very Eminent Provincial Prior, Sir Knt. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, assisted by the following officers, namely, Sir Knts. J. N. Palmer, P.P. Prelate, as Prelate; J. E. Le Feuvre, Chancellor; F. Newman, P.P. Chancellor, as Constable; E. E. Street, E.P. No. 2, Marshal; C. W. A. Jellicoe, E.P. No. 32, Treasurer; R. L. Loveland, Vice-Chancellor; Lancaster, P.P. Constable, as Sub-Marshal; and C. Carter, Captain of Guards.

The Provincial Priory having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the V.E. Prov. Prior alluded in feeling terms to the loss the Order in the province had sustained by the death of the late Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knt. T. Best, and proposed a vote of sympathy with the family, which was seconded by Sir Knt. Le Feuvre, and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's accounts having been approved, Sir Knt. Le Feuvre was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the thanks of the Prov. Priory were recorded to Sir Knt. Jellicoe for his past services as Treasurer.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested, namely, Sir Knts. R. Loveland Loveland, Sub-Prior; E. Y. Nepean, Prelate; Lancaster, Chancellor; Street, Constable; Jellicoe, Marshal; Le Feuvre, Treasurer; Count Des Geneys, Registrar; F. Newman, Vice-Chancellor; Dampier Child, Sub-Marshal; C. V. Helsdon, Herald; W. Green, Capt. of Guard; and G. Carter, Equerry.

The Prov. Principal and Knights afterwards dined together at the rooms.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

On Friday evening, the 3rd inst., the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, held their usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, when an official visit was paid them by the W.M. and brethren of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, amongst whom were Bros. W. H. Wellsted, W.M.; H. Forder, P.M., P.G.J.D.; H. H. Briggs, the Sheriff of Hull, and several other brethren. The lodge was also honoured with visitors from a distance, notably amongst them were Bros. S. Scott Young, 2069; Chas. M. Tate, S.W. 1960; and James Innis, 617.

During the sitting of the lodge, Bro. W. H. Wellsted, W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Kingston Lodge, presented the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Wilberforce Lodge with a handsome marble pedestal for use in the lodge, expressing the pleasure they had in so doing, and hoping it would always be looked upon as a token of their goodwill and brotherly feeling.

The W.M. of the Wilberforce Lodge, Bro. T. T. DAVIS, in a most appropriate speech, moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by the Treasurer, Bro. W. Gillett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and supported by the Secretary, Bro. F. W. Macgarr, and carried with acclamation.

After refreshments, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. H. BRIGGS, the Sheriff of Hull, replying to "The Queen," said it gave him very great pleasure as the representative of the Queen, to have the honour of replying to such an important toast upon such an auspicious occasion. Having her eldest son, our Grand Master, allied us close to the throne of this country, and made all Masons feel justly proud, and, again, was not the lodge named the Wilberforce, after one of the greatest men of his time, and he doubted not that as Wilberforce became a great man amongst men, so should this, the youngest lodge in Hull, become a great lodge amongst lodges.

Bro. W. H. WELLSTED, W.M., replying for the Kingston Lodge, said how pleased he was to have had the opportunity of visiting the Wilberforce Lodge, and from the splendid working he had seen upstairs predicted that if the lodge in the future placed such excellent Masons as Bro. T. T. Davis, the present W.M. in the chair, a great future was before them and one worthy of the name of Wilberforce.

Several distinguished brethren contributed to the harmony, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the song "Auld land syne."

INITIATION OF THE HON. FRANCIS DENISON AT SCARBOROUGH.

Yorkshire has been always famous for its Masonic gatherings; but the emergency meeting of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, held on Thursday, the 9th inst., for the initiation of Mr. Denison, bids fair to occupy a prominent place in the annals of Scarborough, where his father, Lord Londesborough, is universally and deservedly popular. The flourishing Drury Lane Lodge (of which Lord Londesborough is W.M.) sent up its representatives to the North, and hardly a Yorkshire lodge failed to offer its congratulations in person to the distinguished initiate.

Amongst the brethren who crowded the Temple in the Masonic Club were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Londes-

borough, P.M. 743, P.G.S.W., &c.; T. W. Tew, P.M., Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200 and 1248, P.G.T.; A. M. Broadley, P.M. 1717, P.D. D.G.M. of Malta; Sir Charles Legard, P.M. 1248, P.P. G.S.W.; J. Murray, M.D., P.M. 1248, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Taylor, M.D., P.M. 200, P.P.G.S.W.; W. B. Richards, P.M. 200, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Rose, P.M. 660, P.P.G.J.W.; M. C. Peck, P.M. 250, P.G. Sec.; J. Marshall, P.M. 660, P.G.R.; H. Maddison, P.M. 111, P.P.G.R.; W. Reynolds, P.M. 250, P.G.T.; Rev. A. Blomfield, P.M. 910, P.G.C.; Rev. H. Greeves, W.M. 566, P.P.G.C.; J. Hackett, P.M. 1760, P.G.D.C.; F. Foster, 1248, P.P.G.D.C.; V. Fowler, P.M. 643, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Fraser, P.M. 200, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Hackers, P.M. 1760, P.P.G.D.C.; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200, P.P. G.D.C.; H. J. Morton, P.M. 1248, P.P.G.A.D.C.; P. W. Booty, P.M. 1248, P.G.S.B.; E. D. Rooke, J.W. 1760, P.G.S.; W. Ascoug, W.M. 1248; W. Watts, W.M. 200; M. Westery, W.M. 294; H. Darley, W.M. 643; J. B. Nicholls, W.M. 660; F. Creaser, W.M. 734; W. Smith, W.M. 933; W. Dickie, W.M. 904; A. Turner, W.M. 1611; G. Chambers, W.M. 1760; C. Emerson, P.M. 200; A. Lupton, P.M. 200; R. Powley, P.M. 200; C. Travess, P.M. 200; F. Fenney, P.M. 543; T. Atkinson, P.M. 660; W. Constable, P.M. 660; T. M. Goldie, P.M. 660; A. W. Walker, P.M. 660; W. Dust, P.M. 681; H. Holgreaves, P.M. 1040; J. R. Wolstenholm, P.M. 1239; S. W. Fisher, P.M. 1248; G. Padley, P.M. 1248; W. Fraser, P.M. 1760; A. Chapman, J.W. 289; W. Cheesman, S.W. 566; W. S. Meek, S.W. 643; J. Buckle, S.W. 660; J. W. Williamson, J.W. 660; J. Hagyard, S.W. 1248; Sir George Sitwell, J.W. 1248; T. S. Dunn, S.W. 1760; Augustus Harris, S.W. 2127; T. Holloway, 71; G. Johnson, 71; A. McKenzie, 71; C. Warner, 71; C. Browne Mason, 200; R. W. Leadbeater, 200; W. Greenwood, 200; W. Pattison, 200; S. C. Platts, 200; J. H. Rea, 200; F. H. Reade, 200; W. Robson, 200; J. Seals, 200; M. Shaw, 200; J. Tonks, 200; H. Whittingham, 200; F. Appleby, 643; J. Dales, 643; W. Fitchett, 660; W. Marshall, 660; W. Metcalfe, 660; C. W. Nicholson, 660; W. Darworth, 1239; Rev. D. Amos, 1248; J. H. Carroll, 1248; E. Clark, 1248; H. Chapman, 1248; T. Dawes, 1248; S. Davis, 1248; W. C. Grayston, 1248; H. Hill, 1248; G. Holmes, 1248; E. H. Hudson, 1248; R. Lancelot, 1248; G. E. Martin, 1248; C. F. Passmore, 1248; T. Raven, 1248; J. Townend, 1248; W. Woodfield, 1248; J. Verity, 1248; W. Sykes, 1597; J. Hall, 1611; J. Bowes, 1760; C. Bradley, 1760; C. S. Clarke, 1760; F. Fletcher, 1760; E. Greenwood, 1760; R. Hamper, 1760; G. Jacques, 1760; J. Lupton, 1760; and T. R. Parnell, 1760.

The chair was taken at 6.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Ascoug, who opened the lodge in due form, and the usual honours were paid to Bros. Tew, P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, who were amongst the visitors. The W.M. in a singularly perfect and impressive manner then proceeded with the initiation to the end of the obligation. Bro. Augustus Harris, S.W. 2127, was called on to invest the initiate, and to communicate the signs. Bro. Foster, P.M. 1248, delivered the address on Charity. Bro. Greeves, W.M. 566, explained the working tools. Bro. Fisher, I.P.M. 1248, delivered the charge. The W.M. welcomed Bro. Denison in the name of the lodge. Bro. Tew, P.G.M. W. Yorks, congratulated the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge on the ceremony, and expressed his pleasure at being invited to be present. Bro. Peck, P.G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks, said that Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, and Bro. Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, had asked him to express their regret for their inability to be present.

"Hearty good wishes" having been offered by all the visitors present, in the names of their respective lodges, the Denison Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at the Royal Hotel, where the manager, Bro. Hartman, succeeded in surpassing all his former efforts. The wine and viands were alike irreproachable, the floral decorations were magnificent, and the music and recitations provided were of an order rarely listened to at a Masonic meeting. The after-dinner speeches were commendably short, and amongst the speakers were the W.M., who presided with admirable courtesy, Bros. Lord Lonsborough, Sir P. Legard, Tew, Woodall, A. M. Broadley, Augustus Harris, Sir George Sitwell, and the Initiate, who in a few well chosen sentences expressed the gratification he felt at his admission into the Masonic fraternity, and his determination to do his best to pursue a Masonic career such as should be useful to Masonry in general—to Yorkshire Masonry in particular—and in every way worthy of the traditions of the Denison Lodge, in which he was proud to say he had received Masonic light.

The proceedings were prolonged till midnight, when the brethren reluctantly separated, after spending an enjoyable evening such as will not soon be forgotten in Scarborough.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE (S.C.) OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

The regular Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on July 8th. Present: Bros. Rev. J. Hill, R.W.D.G.M.; C. Louison, D.G.S.M.; J. C. Watson, D.G.S.W.; H. S. Gourlay, D.G.J.W.; J. L. Carrell, D.G. Sec.; D. H. Christie, D.G. Treas.; W. Graham, D.G.S.D.; J. Wendelkin, D.G.I.D.; W. Francis, D.G. Smd. Br.; E. Eastwood, D.G. Stwd.; A. Fraser, D.G. Tyler; and a number of members and visitors. Lodges 586, 604, 656, and 675 were represented. The minutes of previous communication were read and confirmed. Correspondence from the Grand Secretary and Lodges St. Augustine, 576; Amberly, 2007 (E.C.); and Southern Star, 619, was read; and quarterly reports from Grand Lodge (S.C.), Provincial Grand Lodge N.I., N.Z. (S.C.), and District Grand Lodge Cant. (E.C.) were received and tabled. The Treasurer reported his credit balance to be £15. Bros. Gourlay, Christie, and Watson were elected as a Committee to assist in the investment and disposal of moneys collected for widow and orphans of a late brother. It was resolved that an official visit be paid to the Crown Lodge, in August; and that the revised edition of laws of Grand Lodge, when received, be supplied to lodges at cost price; and also that the consideration of having all future meetings held in Christchurch be deferred till October, so as to ob-

tain the expression of feeling from lodges south. The District Grand Lodge upheld the ruling of its R.W. Dep. Grand Master. 'That a brother cannot be nominated for two offices in his lodge.' The Secretary reported that £10 12s. had been received for Grand Lodge, and £15 14s. 6d. District Grand Lodge dues, during past quarter, and that 31 diplomas had been received and forwarded to lodges 534 and 619. Accounts amounting to £14 4s. were passed for payment. The following District Grand Lodge Officers were nominated by the D.G.M. for the ensuing term: Bros. Charles Louison, D.M.; J. C. Watson, S.M.; H. T. Gourlay, S.W.; W. Graham, J.W.; J. L. Carrell, Sec.; and W. F. Ferguson, Chap. The following were elected by D.G.L.: Bros. D. H. Christie, Treas.; J. Wendelkin, S.D.; F. W. Francis, J.D.; E. Eastwood, B.B.; R. Buchanan, D.C.; J. S. Parks, Swd. Br.; Charles Rowe, Org.; Charles Tapley, Std. Br.; J. Cunningham, T. G. Rowley, J. Sealy, Patton, G. H. Graham, and R. W. S. Eastwood, Stwds.; P. Hill, I.G.; A. Fraser, Tyler; Pirie and Nutsey, Auditors. District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.—*New Zealand Freemason.*

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE (E.C.) OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

The Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 15th July last. Present: Bros. J. F. Smith, P.D.G.S.W., as D.G.M.; J. Joyce, P.D.G.S.W., as D.D.G.M.; E. P. Hulbert, D.G.S.W.; J. Fleming, P.D.G.J.W., as D.G.J.W.; R. C. Bishop, D.G. Treas.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; H. F. Arnold, as D.G.S.D.; S. Derbidge, D.G.J.D.; W. M. Lyttleton, D.G.S.B.; G. Gordon, D.G. Std. Br.; W. Mills and J. Warren, D.G. Stwds.; and R. Stevens, Tyler. Also Past Officers, members, and visitors. The District Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous communication were read and confirmed. On the roll being called ten lodges were represented. The minutes of the District Grand Lodges of Bombay, New South Wales, Queensland, Wellington, Westland, Tasmania, and Northern China were laid on the table. Correspondence was read and received. The D.G. Treas., Bro. R. C. Bishop, stated his credit balance to be £491 18s. 7d. The following resolutions were passed:—Page 7, Clause 12—Motions in District Grand Lodge—To add the words—"In cases of emergency, a motion may be discussed without notice, by permission of the District Grand Master." Page 12, Clause 28.—After 5s. to add the words—"Which includes contributions to Widows and Orphans' Fund and Board of Benevolence." Pages 12 and 13, Clauses 31.—To strike out all the words commencing "These fees," and ending "Standing Committee," and in place of "General Board of Benevolence" insert the following: 31. Widows' and Orphans' and Benevolent Board.—For the purpose of enquiring into the claims of, and relieving, if desirable, all widows and orphans of late members of the Craft under the E.C., and brethren in distress, who are not members of any lodge in the district, or who belong to a Constitution not represented in Canterbury, there shall be a Widows' and Orphans' and Benevolent Board established, consisting of a representative or representatives from each lodge in the district, elected annually in the month of January. Lodges of not more than 75 members to be entitled to elect one representative, and above that number two representatives. And to strike out the last clause on page 13, commencing "Lodges under either the Scotch, &c." Page 14, clause 32.—Strike out this clause and insert the following:—"32. The Fund for Widows and Orphans shall consist of one shilling per member from each lodge in the district, Benevolent contributions, and an annual vote of twenty pounds from the D.G.L. The Fund for the relief of non-subscribing Masons shall be one shilling per member from each lodge in the district, and Benevolent contributions. The two Funds shall be kept separate and distinct, and to be appropriated only for the purpose intended. The District Grand Lodge will collect the amounts due from lodges, and pay them over to the Board." The District Grand Lodge was closed in form, and with solemn prayer at 10 p.m.—*New Zealand Freemason.*

GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA.

The Annual Communication was held early in the year in St. Paul, under the presidency of Bro. Harry R. Denny, M.W.G.M., 127 lodges being represented, and the attendance of Grand Officers considerable. Bro. Denny in his address reported that he had granted charters for five new lodges, and dispensations for five others to be held. He recommended that some provision should be made for the investment of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the expenditure of the income derived therefrom. Bro. George Wells Lamson delivered an excellent oration, and grand honours were accorded to Bro. Bruce Carr, M.W.P.G.M. of Indiana. The Grand Secretary reported that all the lodges, but two, had made their returns, while the statistics show there were 154 lodges on the roll with a total membership of 7528. The receipts for the year amounted to 5125 dollars, and the General Fund to 10,704 dollars, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, including an appropriation from the General Fund of 2000 dollars, amounting to 5215 dollars. Bro. R. H. Gore is M.W.G.M. for the current year; Bro. John H. Brown, Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, of St. Paul (re-elected), the Grand Secretary. The report of Bro. Pierson on Correspondence for the year is described as being an eminently judicious one.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held at Windsor on the 16th July, the attendance being very large. The Grand Z.'s address gave assurance of continued prosperity, and the reports from the several districts were most encouraging. The business of included several important features, among which were included the passage of a resolution amending the clause in the constitution, which provided that Past Masters only were entitled to the offices of First Principal, and one which takes away from Past, Second, and Third Principals the privilege of being members of the Grand Chapter. Comp. Hungerford's motion to divide the London district, by creating out of the counties of Essex and Kent a new district, to be called St. Clair, was carried. There was also carried a motion by Comp. Judge McPherson, privileging private chapters to adopt a system of life membership, and fix a sum to be paid into Grand Chapter on behalf of life membership.

Comps. Thos. Sargent, Grand Z.; Robert Hendry, Grand H.; R. B. Hungerford, Grand J.; David McLellan, Grand S.E.; J. C. Christie, Grand S.N.; Joseph Beck, Grand Prin. Soj.; E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer; John A. Willis, Grand Registrar; John S. Dewar, Grand 1st Assistant Soj.; Arthur McGinnis, Grand 2nd Assistant Soj.; E. T. Malone, Grand Sword Bearer; S. G. Fairlough, Grand M. of Veils; H. J. M. Wilson, Grand Standard Bearer; W. S. S. Jackson, Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. M. Dunn, Grand Org.; G. J. Bennett, Grand Pursuivant; John Waring, James A. Malcolm, N. Greening, and A. Borngasser, Grand Stewards. The members of the Executive Committee elected are Comps. Henry Robertson, John Creasor, J. B. Nixon, J. Ross Robertson, and J. S. Dewar.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF TENNESSEE.

The 24th annual convocation of this Grand Commandery was held at Tullahoma on the 18th and 19th May last, under the presidency of Sir Knight J. B. Nicklin, G.C. All the commanderies in the jurisdiction were represented, and there was also a full muster of Grand Officers. Statistics show a slight falling off in the number of members, there being a total of 797. The receipts for the past year amounted to 1403 dollars, and the general fund to 2240 dollars, the disbursements reaching 2041 dollars. Sir Knight Henry Clay Hensley is Grand Commander for the current year, and Sir Knight Wilbur F. Foster, Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF ALABAMA.

The 26th annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of this State took place in Montgomery, on the 19th May. Sir Knight James Thaddeus Holtzclaw, G.C., presided, and four of the subordinate commanderies were represented. Owing to severe illness the G. Commander was prevented from visiting all the commanderies in the jurisdiction, but that duty had been ably carried out by the Grand Officers. The annual address dealt with matters of local interest. The financial statement was satisfactory, the receipts for the past year being 493 dollars, the general fund 1039 dollars, and the disbursements close on 592 dollars. Sir Knight Daniel Smith is the new G. Commander, and Sir Knight Daniel Sayre was re-elected Grand Recorder.

THE QUEBEC EDICT.

The *Freemasons' Repository* for August, contains the following very sensible remarks on the subject:—"The edict of Grand Master James F. Walker, issued in conformity with instructions of Grand Lodge of Quebec, on July 5th ult., appears more likely to work harm than good. It calls for and proclaims the suspension of all Masonic intercourse between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the Grand Lodge of England and all the lodges and brethren in obedience thereto. We cannot see what benefit is likely to come to the Grand Lodge of Quebec from taking this step. It will hardly move the Grand Lodge of England to abandon protection of the three English lodges in Montreal, or influence the members of those lodges to change their status; and we are confident that the course pursued will fail to receive the general hearty endorsement of American Grand Lodges. We regret the severance of relations between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of England thus announced. But while expressing this feeling, we also regret the cause that has led to such action. If the Grand Lodge of England had exerted a rightful moral influence on the lodges at Montreal allegiant to itself, no doubt those bodies would have accepted the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the present difficulty would have been avoided.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

We are pleased to record that at the last regular meeting of the Newcastle Lodge, held recently, the Worshipful Master was presented by Bro. Moodie, on behalf of the members, with a very handsome and massive gold jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge. The jewel, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, is really a splendid ornament, and reflects the highest credit on the maker. The following inscription appears on the reverse side of the same:—"Presented to W. Bro. L. J. Slattery, by the B. B. of Newcastle Lodge, No. 2097, as a token of affection and esteem, for their first Master."—*The Times of Natal.*

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, attended by Miss Philippa Bailie and Bro. Sir Robert Collins, dined with the Queen on Tuesday.

It is understood that Bro. Lord de Tabley will be succeeded as Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, a most popular and experienced Mason, who has for some time acted as D.P.G.M. of the province. A better choice could not have been made.

English as well as American Freemasons will regret to hear that Bro. Theodore T. Gurney, P.G. Master of Illinois, has been very seriously ill for some weeks past, at his residence at Chicago, from partial paralysis of the lower part of his body. There are, however, hopes of his ultimate recovery, and these, we trust, will be verified, Bro. Gurney, though we may not always find his opinions acceptable, being one of the ablest Masonic writers of the present day.

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Bro. Lord Harlech has left Brogyntyn, his seat near Oswestry, for the purpose of visiting his estates in Ireland.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Manchester returned home from their recent sojourn in Germany towards the close of last week.

During the 94 years the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has been established, 34 brethren have been elected to fill the office of Grand Master.

Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller has been continuing his inspection of the district, including County Kerry and neighbourhood, over which he has been appointed with a view to putting down moonlighting.

Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., have consented to become Vice-Presidents of the St. Pancras Constitutional Club, Fitzroy-square.

The Princess of Wales was to arrive in England from her recent visit to Copenhagen on Thursday morning, and will join the Prince at York this (Friday) afternoon, the two proceeding afterwards to Abergeldie.

Bro. Sir M. White-Ridley, Bart., M.P., has been nominated Chairman of the Royal Commission recently appointed to enquire into the organisation and expenditure of the various departments of the Civil Service.

The Emperor William of Germany, accompanied by the Empress and the Crown Prince, and attended by a numerous and distinguished suite, has been on a visit to Strasburg, where his reception has been most enthusiastic.

Bros. the Earl of Limerick (Chairman) and the Duke of Manchester were members of a Select Committee of the House of Lords, which sat on Thursday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of dealing with a group of opposed private bills.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has received messages of thanks from the Mayor of Charleston and Secretary Bayard in acknowledgment of his generous kindness in opening a Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the recent earthquakes.

The Lyceum Theatre was re-opened for the season on Saturday last by Bro. Henry Irving, whose re-appearance in "Faust" was greeted with the heartiest applause, and who, at the close of the performance, was called upon to make a speech.

The Toronto *Freemason* for last month contains portraits of the recently-elected Grand Master (Bro. H. Robertson), the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. R. T. Walkem), and the Grand Registrar (Bro. Geo. J. Bennett), of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bros. the Earl of Cawdor and Lord Harlech were among the prize winners at the recent show at Chester, of the Royal Manchester and Liverpool Agricultural Society, and at that of the Northamptonshire Agricultural Society at Burghley Park, Stamford, Bro. Lord Wantage was equally fortunate.

On the suggestion of the Prince of Wales, the Library Committee of the City of London Corporation have ordered three pieces of tapestry, at a cost of £1000, from the Royal Tapestry Works, Windsor, to be hung in the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House. The subjects will be historical and connected with some prominent events in the city annals.

We read in *Light*, the Masonic journal in Topeka, Kansas, that the Grand Lodge of Montana has adopted a very sensible resolution to the effect that "should any matter of difference or contention arise between her and any sister jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Montana agrees to submit the matter to friendly arbitration, and will not resort to edicts of non-intercourse."

We regret to hear that R.W. Bro. Lord De Tabley, who has been Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire since 1865, when he was appointed to that office by the late Earl of Zetland, G.M., in succession to the late F. M. Viscount Combermere, has resigned his post owing to increasing age and feeble health. Bro. Lord De Tabley was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1831, and has consequently been a member of our Society for 55 years. His lordship was born in 1811, and has thus attained the ripe age of 75 years. This is the fourth vacancy which has occurred among our Prov. Grand Masters during the current year, Bros. Lord Waveney, Suffolk, and Sir W. W. Burrell, Sussex, having died, and Bros. Earl Percy, Northumberland, and Lord De Tabley, Cheshire, having resigned.

Bro. L. B. Henderson, W.M. of the Mid-Sussex Lodge, No. 1141, and other members, have renovated the gravestone of a soldier Mason whose remains are interred in the old churchyard opposite to the great west door. Some years ago the stone was discovered by Bro. H. Tigg, when it was found to mark the resting-place of a sergeant in the 55th regiment of foot, whose death took place in the year 1795. It is thought that Sergeant Fincher may have died at Horsham while the regiment to which he belonged was stationed at the barracks which were then in existence where the cricket field now stands. Bro. Pennells has carried out the work of renovation. The stone is surrounded by a blue panel, in which are carved the Bible, and the square and compasses, the inscription being in the following terms: "In memory of William Fincher, late sergeant of the 55th regiment of foot, who died the 1st of April, 1795, aged 29 years."

"Frail man, beware, no dangerous paths pursue,
For you, like me, must bid this world adieu;
With Mother Earth my body's here interred
To Christ, who gave, I hope my soul's return'd."

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H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will conclude his visit to Bro. Christopher Sykes at Braminghamthorpe today (Friday).

Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., are among the Patrons of the Great Northern Central Hospital.

On and after to-morrow (Saturday) the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, South Kensington, will be closed at the hour of 10 p.m. instead of 11 p.m.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught reached Malta on Saturday afternoon, and left the following morning, per P. and O. steamer Bengal, for Bombay.

Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire, will be nominated as a candidate for election to the Grand Treasurership at the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and the other members of the Board of Admiralty commenced their annual inspection of the dockyard and other naval establishments at Chatham on Monday.

Among those present at the opening on Monday of the September sessions of the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sheriff Clark, and Alderman Whitehead.

Among those who attended the funeral of the late Mr. Samuel Morley, on Friday, the 10th inst., were Bro. Sheriff Clarke, representing Bro. the Lord Mayor, and Bros. Alderman Whitehead, Sir John Bennett, and G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P.

The usual presentation of fruit to Bro. the Lord Mayor will be made by the Fruiterers' Company on Wednesday, the 6th prox., and in the evening of the same day his lordship will entertain the Court of the Company at dinner at the Mansion House.

The oldest lodge in the State of Maryland is the Washington, which recently celebrated the 116th anniversary of its constitution, and is the fortunate possessor of several relics of the great George Washington, from whom it derives its name, and by whom it was frequently visited.

Bro. Sir Edward B. Malet, British Ambassador at Berlin, left London for Aberdeen, en route for Balmoral, to pay a short visit to the Queen on Monday evening. The Lady Eryntrude Malet and Lady Ella Russell have returned to Eaton-square from Endsleigh, the Duke of Bedford's seat, near Tavistock.

Bros. Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, Lord Randolph Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord George Hamilton, Lord Stanley, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council, held at the Foreign Office, on Saturday last. Bro. Lord Halsbury, after the Council broke up, left London for Westgate-on-Sea, returning to town again on Monday.

On Wednesday next there will be a special programme given by Bro. Charles Du-Val to inaugurate the 500th representation of his entertainment in London. Bro. Du-Val will introduce his recital of "Shamus O'Brien," and a novel method of "Thought Conveyance," in which Mr. Moritt and Miss Lilian Moritt will appear. The Prince's Hall is nightly attended by large audiences.

The *Masonic Journal*, of Fort Worth, Texas, for the month of August, contains an excellent budget of news, a judicious selection of clippings from other organs of the Craft, an appreciative obituary notice by Bro. Albert Pike, of the late Bro. Luke E. Barber, Past G. Master and Grand High Priest of Arkansas, and an interesting article entitled "Masonry and Theology."

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton presided at the annual dinner, held at Chester on the 9th inst., of the North Lancashire Agricultural Society, and presented a silver bowl to Lord Winmarleigh, who has been Vice-President of the Society for the last 50 years, but was unable to be present, his grandson being his representative and receiving the bowl on his grandfather's behalf. Among those present were Bros. Lord Harlech and the Earl of Shrewsbury.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House on Saturday last on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Standish near Ascot, returning to town on Sunday afternoon. On Monday morning his Royal Highness left for Yorkshire, where he has been the guest of Bro. Christopher Sykes at Brantinghamthorpe Hall. Among those invited to meet the Prince were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford, and Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Clement Bayley Cheese, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Herts, who, on returning home on Saturday evening last, from a meeting of the Gresham Lodge, No. 809, Cheshunt, slipped and fell headlong down the stairs leading to the platform at Waltham Station. The train coming up at the moment, the deceased was placed in a compartment and so removed to Liverpool-street, where he was seen by a surgeon and conveyed to his home at Nunhead in a cab. But he never rallied from the blow received in falling, and died on Monday. At the inquest which necessarily followed, the jury, after hearing the medical evidence, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death." We offer our respectful sympathy to the widow and friends of our deceased brother.

According to the *Folkestone News*, the Masonic Hall, of which R.W. Bro. the Earl of Amherst, Prov. G. Master, some short time since laid the foundation stone, is making rapid progress towards completion, and it is even anticipated that, if what remains to be done is carried out as rapidly, the premises will be ready for occupation early in the coming winter. The hall will harmonise well with the Public Library and Museum, and other buildings in the immediate neighbourhood. The rooms are spacious, and the arrangements all that could be desired. Indeed, our contemporary sums up the case by remarking that—"when the building is finished no town in Kent will be able to boast of a Masonic Hall that is in any way comparable with this," and it adds: "Very great credit is due, both to those with whom the undertaking originated, and to those whose services have been employed in carrying out the idea."

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Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., has given a donation of £5 towards the furnishing of the new Constitutional Club, Poplar.

Bros. Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), P.G.W., and Col. Charles Harding, P.G.A.D.C., have returned to town from a sojourn in Germany.

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

Bro. the Lord Mayor has expressed his readiness to receive donations at the Mansion House towards the relief of the sufferers by the recent hurricane in the Island of St. Vincent, West Indies.

The number of subscribing members under the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska on the 28th February, 1886, was 776, and the amount of dues outstanding to the Grand Commandery on same date was nearly 1312 dollars.

Bro. the Lord Mayor left the Mansion House for Carnarvon on Tuesday morning, for the purpose of attending the Eisteddfod, and was entertained the same evening at a banquet held in his honour. His lordship left for London on Wednesday evening.

Bro. Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., conducted the sale by auction at Horsham on Wednesday of the extensive Sussex estates of the late Sir Charles Goring, the sum realised being £96,000. For some advowsons and next presentations no bid was made.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff and other English officials, with the representatives of the Khedive, left Alexandria for Port Said on Tuesday, for the purpose of welcoming the Duke and Duchess of Connaught on arriving there. Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff and party were afterwards going to visit Damietta.

The Folkestone Town Council having applied to the Commissioners of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition for a share of any of the exhibits that may be left at their disposal when the Exhibition is closed, Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen has written in reply to the effect that there is reason to believe it will be permanent.

The Christ Hospital boys re-assembled after the summer holidays on Friday, the 10th inst., with the exception of those of the junior branch at Hertford, whose return has been postponed by the authorities, acting under medical advice, in consequence of the existence of an epidemic of sore throat in the immediate neighbourhood of the school premises.

Freemasonry is indebted for its introduction into Alaska Territory to Bro. James Biles, at the time M.W. G.M. of Washington Territory, who, on the 14th April, 1868, granted a dispensation for holding the Alaska Lodge at Sitka. On the 27th September, 1869, a warrant of consecration was granted by the Washington Territory Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Hon. Leon Abbett, Governor of the State of New Jersey, has been appointed by his grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Representative of that Body at the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The Bro. Randolph, also Governor of the State, was Bro. Abbett's predecessor.

The members of the Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, at a meeting held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, presented a handsome Masonic jewel and an illuminated address framed to Bro. J. A. Moxey, on his leaving the neighbourhood. The address expressed the deep regret with which they parted with Bro. Moxey, and their desire to record the high esteem in which he was held by them.

Bro. Charles Du-Val's book, "With a Show through Southern Africa," has secured a large popularity both at home and abroad. There will be a new issue of the cheap popular edition shortly by Messrs. Dean and Sons, former editions having been completely sold out. Mr. G. A. Sala, in "Echoes of the Week," in *Illustrated London News*, says—"En revanche" a brightly interesting, graphic and humorous book is Mr. Charles Du-Val's."

The *Italie*, a French paper published in Rome, in a recent article on Italian Freemasonry says there are "the Black and the White Masons," the former being the Jesuits and exercising by far the greater influence of the two bodies, while the latter include the various shades of Freemasons, whose intestine divisions are the cause of its apathy and indifference to what is passing round. It mentions, however, a rumour to the effect that "a union is being attempted on a platform where all can meet," and that consequently there is a chance of the Society regaining "some of its ancient importance and power." It is not quite clear whether the union thus hoped for will be between the so called Black and White Masons, but if it is intended, we should say that it would be the reverse of beneficial to any portion of the community, and especially the Freemasons proper who have little sympathy with Jesuits.

In a long letter published in a recent issue of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, and addressed to the editor of the esteemed journal, Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of Quebec, expresses his belief that the views of the *Keystone* do not represent the opinion of the Pennsylvanian brethren on the Quebec-England controversy, and expresses a hope that Pennsylvania will support Quebec in its effort to support the American doctrine of absolute sovereignty of a Grand Lodge over the other brethren located within the limits of the territorial jurisdiction in which it resides. Our contemporary, however, in an editorial footnote appended to the letter points out very properly "that the Grand Lodge of England has never invaded, in any manner, the territory of Quebec, but has merely declined to revoke the warrants for its subordinate lodges therein. It has, very properly, as we understand, advised lodges in Quebec to connect themselves with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but it has declined to compel them to do so by the severance of their warrants. We think the Grand Lodge of England has a Masonic right to take the position it has, and unless we are very much mistaken, the great majority of the American Grand Lodges will so determine, if the question is brought before them." Bro. Isaacson does not appear to have made much by his letter.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, September 25, 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 18.

Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1767, Kensington, Kensington Hot., Russell Gardens, Kensington.
 Chapter 2048, Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.
 Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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 20.

Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-st.

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 21.

Board of General Purposes at 4.
 Lodge 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
 " 857, St. Marks, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 2045, Wharton, Willesden, Middlesex.
 Chap. 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 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.
 Ippa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Board of Benevolence at 6.
 Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Lords' Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
 Chap. 1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

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 23.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hot., Ilford.
 " 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
 Chap. 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tav., Basinghall-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, 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.
 Fredegur, 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 24.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 Chap. 1044, Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 R. and S.M. 1, Grand Masters, M.H., 8A, Red Lion-sq.

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, 8.
 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 25.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
 " 2048, Henry Levander, Harrow Station, Wealdstone.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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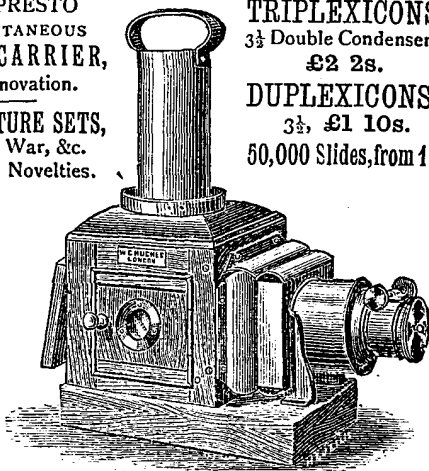
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