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THERE will be a feeling of deep sorrow in the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and indeed generally throughout the country at the news of Bro. J. PEARSON BELL's death on Sunday last. Bro. BELL had long been entitled to rank among the higher and more particular Masonic luminaries of our time. He was a Craftsman, not only of long experience in the sense of having been one of us for a great number of years and having several times filled the chair of W.M. or Z.; but he was indeed a man of wisdom, a capable administrator of our government, and well versed in the abstruser branches of Masonic lore. He was also a genial and kindly brother, one who lent a ready ear to the sorrows of his poorer neighbours, and was always anxious to arrest the progress of and arrange a difficulty or disputation among the members of the Craft. Such a man as this was certain to be popular, and our readers will be pleased rather than surprised when we remind them that about the last time on which we had occasion to refer to our deceased brother and his Masonic career was a few months ago—in April last—when he and Mrs. BELL celebrated their golden wedding, and several of his brother Masons joined together and presented to Mrs. BELL a bust of her husband as a memorial of the love and respect that was felt towards him in the Craft. This circumstance will probably be a source of consolation to many in the midst of their present grief, for when they call to mind his death and the loss sustained by it, they will also be reminded that their last association with him and his brilliant services was at the same time one of the most pleasant. We give elsewhere a brief sketch of Bro. BELL's Masonic life, but this part of our columns is the most appropriate for recording, as we do most sincerely record, our sympathy with the widow, the friends, and the brethren of our late brother, and likewise with his chief, R.W. Bro. the Earl of ZETLAND, and the Province generally of North and East Yorkshire, in whose government Bro. BELL for many years had played so leading a part.

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BY the death of Bro. E. C. MATHER our Masonic Institutions, and particularly our Girls' School, have lost one of their most valued friends and supporters. Bro. MATHER had been for many years one of the most active members of the House Committee of the Girls' School, and in that capacity had rendered many signal services to the Institution. He had served nearly a dozen Stewardships in its behalf, and had qualified as a Vice-Patron. But though his aid had been given principally to our Girls, the claims of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution had not been overlooked, for Bro. MATHER was a Vice-President of both, and had served some five or six Festival Stewardships in behalf of each of them. Bro. MATHER died at the comparatively early age of 64, when many years of useful work might reasonably have been expected of him. But it has been ordained otherwise and his place at the Committee Board or on the dais will know him no more. However, in paying this last tribute of respect to the memory of so worthy a Mason, we, and those who were more intimately acquainted with him, have the consolation of feeling that the late Bro. E. C. MATHER, while he had made for himself the respect and friendship of many, had excited the enmity of none. In our next issue we shall give a more detailed notice of Bro. Mather's Masonic career.

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WE print elsewhere an article from the Masonic columns of the *New York Dispatch* in which is reiterated the old complaint about the indifference of the brethren to Craft literature, and the writer of which speaks in the reverse of complimentary terms of much of what is published for the edification of the Craft. We feel bound to echo most of our contemporary's remarks. There is probably not another Society in the world of equal standing and strength which shows such utter contempt for all kinds of literary matter, whether ephemeral or otherwise, as that of Freemasons, and whether we regard the fact in the light of cause or effect, there is equally no doubt that much of what is palmed off upon brethren as literature is worthless. There are many standard books on the mysteries and history of Freemasonry, but the number of those who are familiar with

their contents is by no means legion. There are numerous periodical publications in which current events and matters of general interest to Masons are chronicled. Many of these publications exhibit an amount of literary ability which will compare well with that displayed in other class publications. But it matters not whether the budget of current news is limited or extended, or whether the general matter is of great or little interest, the readers are seldom forthcoming in numbers sufficient to make it worth peoples' while to run a Masonic newspaper or a magazine. The Army and Navy, the Civil Service, the Clergy, the various Scientific and Art Societies, and the majority of the different trades, have their newspaper organs in which their several interests are upheld, and a mass of instructive and interesting matter appears. We do not say that all these find the financial conduct of their periodicals is always smooth sailing—it is oftentimes far otherwise—but there is seldom a dearth of readers. The members of the profession, service, or trade to which an organ of opinion appeals for support are willing enough to have their interests well looked after, and to pay for the afterlooking. But Freemasons are, or profess to be, stolidly indifferent to what is passing around them within the limits of their own Society. Tell them they are to have a banquet the less, or wear jewels of silver instead of jewels of gold, and there is instantly a commotion in all directions, which, if it occurred in any other society, would cause a revolution or its destruction. But place before them half-a-dozen pages of home and foreign news, interspersed with remarks on the policy pursued in certain circumstances by a particular Grand Lodge, or on the latest historical discovery about Degrees or mysteries or what not, and they will have none of it. They care nothing about grades, the mysteries have no attractions for them, and as for news they attend lodge and chapter regularly, and are conversant with what passed there—what more is required of them? But if we all adopted this course, if all of us were actuated by similar feelings, there would be no society at all, no sympathy, no harmony of work, no care for anything or anyone but self and the interests of self. Elsewhere people exhibit a pleasure in reading about the pursuits of their fellows, their plans and opinions, and generally the circumstances in which they are placed; but Masons, as a rule, though the promotion of goodfellowship among all classes is one of the primary objects of their Society, show no desire to gratify this pleasure, and hence their indifference to Masonic publications of all kinds. Many, no doubt, will urge that the comparative worthlessness of many of these publications will account for most of this indifference, and we feel compelled to admit there is some truth in this. There are some Masonic publications which are hardly worth the paper they are printed on. But there are also many which, as regards literary ability, will, as we have pointed out already, compare favourably with other class publications, and our own opinion is that the tone and character of Masonic periodicals generally would be vastly improved if their proprietors and writers had more encouragement, and were able to stir their readers and supporters to a more generous display of interest. Moreover, as the *New York Dispatch* very properly points out, the Society at large will benefit in proportion as its members become better acquainted with its past and current history. However, we have said more than enough to justify our reprint of an article which, though it applies to, and is indeed intended for, American Craftsmen, will be found to contain some truths that will be easily recognisable by English brethren.

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THERE are none so blind as those who will not see. In one of our August numbers we drew attention to the offensive tone adopted by the *Toronto Freemason* in its advocacy of Quebec interests, and especially to the charge made by it against the Grand Lodge of New York to the effect that it (the Grand Lodge of New York) had "sold its principles for GOODALL'S English jewel." It is difficult to imagine anything more unwarrantable or more obnoxious to kindly feeling and good taste than this suggestion, yet our *Toronto* contemporary does not appear to consider it has written anything at all objectionable. It commences one of its articles, headed "The Quebec Question," in its September number: "The *London Freemason* takes us to task for vigorously championing the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and while deeply concerned about the language we used in expressing our views, it ignores the fact," &c., &c. In another part of its columns it reproduces "the paragraph that has aroused the ire of the *London Freemason*," and, in doing so, it takes the opportunity of reiterating its offensive attack on the Grand Lodge of New York. Thus it is clear both from the article and the paragraph that there is nothing to be gained by suggesting an observance of the ordinary amenities of Masonic journalism to a contemporary which resolutely declines to recognise that there are any such amenities to observe. In our August article we drew the necessary distinction between what may rightly be

described as "vigorously championing" a cause against its opponents, and the adoption of low abuse of those opponents as a mode of attack. We pointed out that so long as a case is arguable no one need hesitate about upholding it, and all who honestly believe that Quebec is right and England wrong in the controversy now unfortunately existing between the two Grand Lodges—though we are not of the same mind as they—will always have our most sincere respect. It is not an argument against the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of New York to assert that that body has sold its principles for the price of a jewel, presented by the GRAND MASTER of ENGLAND to the representative of his Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of New York. Such an allegation is an offence against decency, and is likely to prove far more injurious to Quebec than to England and those Grand Lodges in the United States which uphold its views. But we need not pursue this matter further. We can hardly bring ourselves to believe that the *Toronto Freemason* has erred through ignorance, and we have no alternative, therefore, but to consider its disregard of the proprieties as deliberate.

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BUT, setting aside these differences of opinion between ourselves and our Toronto namesake as to what constitutes amenity, which appear to be altogether irreconcilable, we must permit ourselves to demur to its statement that "the Grand Lodge of England is now—and has ever been—a disturbing element in Canadian Masonic affairs." If our abusive friend will be at the pains of reading up its Masonic history, it will quickly discover that its statement is without foundation. Canada derived most of its Masonry originally from the Grand Lodges of England. About 30 years since the relations between the Grand Lodge of England and its lodges in Canada became unsettled, with the result that the latter set up an independent Grand Lodge of their own, while the former unhesitatingly acknowledged such independence on condition that those of its lodges which elected to remain under its banner should do so without let or hindrance. Canada has honourably observed, and still recognises the justice of, this condition, so that, as regards this particular Grand Lodge in Canada, England has been a disturbing element, not always, but at one epoch only, and then she intervened in Canadian Masonic affairs—so far as the English lodges were concerned—by virtue of her supreme authority as Grand Lodge. She is not now a disturbing element towards her former subordinate, for they are on friendly terms, and exchange representatives. So also stands the case between the Grand Lodges of England and Nova Scotia, there being an English lodge in the territorial limits of the latter, with which the Nova Scotian brethren are on visiting terms. So might it have been the case between those of Quebec and England. The latter offered to recognise Quebec, on precisely the same condition as it had recognised Canada, that is, if the wish of its lodges in Montreal to remain under its banner was respected, but Quebec, though necessarily a consenting party to the compact with Canada when it was a part of Canada, would have no such compact with itself and it is now anathematising our Grand Lodge, because the latter is acting consistently with the policy which it has always observed, and the justice of which was once admitted by Quebec when it was a part of Canada. How, in the name of common sense, we ask, can England be the disturbing element in Canada when it is merely defending its position from the assaults of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, is on friendly terms with all the other Grand Lodges in British North America, and exchanges representatives with those of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia? Our Grand Lodge is quite prepared to allow or acquiesce in what the *Toronto Freemason* calls "Masonic home rule," but it will not permit itself to be either bullied or frightened into forcing the said "Masonic home rule" on certain of its lodges which decline having anything to do with it. We may reasonably assume that the Anglo-Montreal Lodges are the best judges in respect of a policy which will affect them so nearly, and they apparently will have nothing to say to the "Masonic home rule" so violently proffered them by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, their junior by many years. Thus it is not they or we in England who are "the disturbing element in Canadian Masonic affairs," but Quebec itself which has brought about the present imbroglio.

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WE have already referred at some length, and in sufficient detail, to the loss the Craft has sustained through the deaths of Bro. J. PEARSON BELL, M.D., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, and Bro. E. C. MATHER, one of the House Committee of the Girls' School. But it seems the sad tale is not completed, for, almost at the moment of going to press, the mournful news reaches us, firstly, that Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.G.S.B. of England and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, died suddenly on the 28th ult., and then that Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., died the following day. Both these brethren have played their part most honourably in the various positions they have held at different times in Freemasonry, Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD's greatest distinctions having been achieved during the many years he acted as Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey, while the great scene of Bro. NUNN's labours was the Board of Benevolence, of which he was President at the time of his death, having previously filled in succession the chairs of Senior and Junior Vice-President. Such a conjunction of losses as it is our sad duty to chronicle this week is almost calamitous, and it will be some time before the places, so long, so ably, and so honourably filled by our late brothers, will be occupied by Masons of as great ability and worth. As regards the late Bros. GREENWOOD and NUNN, time does not permit of our doing more than tendering to their relatives, friends, and brethren of intimate acquaintance our sincere and respectful sympathy: the particulars of their Masonic services must be reserved till next week.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Penarth, under the banner of the Windsor Lodge, the local Masonic association. The lodge was opened at the Penarth Hotel about 3.30, at which time there was a large and influential gathering. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, conducted the early proceedings, and subsequently the R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., D.C.L., invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. J. Hurman ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. C. Sladen ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Canon Walters ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" William Williams ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. White ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. N. Davies ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Jones ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" D. E. Jones ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Clay ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. B. Hughes ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Clay ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Hussey ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" G. Deane Burdett ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Taylor, 237 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" James Hughes ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. C. Vye-Parminster ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. E. Deacon ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Hawkins ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Harris ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" T. W. Jones ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" D. L. Davies ...	...	...	...	
" C. Page ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. Bullerwell ...	...	...	...	

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee and the Treasurer's accounts were passed.

Votes of 25 guineas each to the Boys', Girls', and Benevolent Institutions were passed, and a like sum to the Provincial Educational Fund. A sum of five guineas were voted to the testimonial being raised for Bro. Binckes, who, for several years, has ably filled the office of Secretary to the Boys' School.

Votes of thanks having been passed to the Charity Stewards, and to the Windsor Lodge for receiving the Provincial Grand Lodge, a sum was placed in the hands of the W.M. of the lodge for disbursement among the local Charities.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Wain at the hotel, and at which Sir George Elliot presided.

The members of the Penarth Lodge in attendance were:

Bros. A. Boelte, W.M.; R. C. Roper, S.W.; F. G. Hodger, J.W.; W. D. John, Treas.; T. H. Belcher, Sec.; John Rees, S.D.; S. D. Churchill, J.D.; J. A. Sedden, Org.; T. H. Sinking, I.G.; John Guthrie, P.M.; B. Arthur, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Robson, P.M.; W. H. Fry, P.P.G.S.; A. Jenkins, H. Snell, J. David, H. Frazer, jun., J. L. Bidout, and Carl Hansen.

The following visitors were also present:—

Bros. S. Lewis, W.M. 1578; H. Tavish, 1992; T. S. Lloyd, 36; C. W. Page, 36; J. C. Sladen, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Davies, P.M.; T. Harris, W. R. Saunders, R. D. Page, J. Hussey, W.M. Bute; Walter Nicoll, 36; W. C. Peace, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Fred. Watkins, G. D. Burdett, P.M.; T. H. Williams, D. Williams, H. White, John Ballinger, Thomas Evans, W. Hughes Morris, J. G. Vye-Parminster, W.M.; G. B. Hughes, I.P.M.; and Owen.

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present, besides the Prov. Grand Master, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., and Bro. M. Tennent, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, were:—

Bros. S. Cooper, G.S.W.; Thomas Walters, Chaplain; William Williams, Chaplain; E. H. Lloyd, Treasurer; John Hemming, Treasurer; John Jones, Secretary; W. D. Wiltshire, D.C.; W. L. Hawkins, Grand Pursuivant; George Bullerwell, Tyler; and the following P.G. Stewards—Bros. S. Coleman, James Hughes, and H. Taylor. Also the following Past Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. J. L. Lewis, P.M. 651, P.P.G. Org., Steward for the Boys' School; W. C. Peace, P.P.G. Supt of Wks., Steward for the Girls' School; George Thomas, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; H. M. Bradford, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. D. John, J. R. Davies, T. Matthews, George Allen, W. Whittington, J. C. Sladen, D. C. Jones, J. Hurman, John Rogers, and R. Capper. Likewise the following visitors:—Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary R.M.I.B.; S. G. Homfray, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Mon; R. B. Evans, J. H. Taylor, A. P. Fabian, P.P.G.S.W. Hants; George Hazel, P.G.P. Mon.; S. Davies, Past G.J.W. Mon.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

Filey was invaded on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., by an assemblage of Freemasons from all parts of the North and East Ridings, who had been convened to hold their annual gathering for the transaction of general business. During the forenoon each train landed a contingent of black-coated gentry, armed with suspicious looking cases and bags, who all made their way as fast as possible to the Spa Saloon, where the members of the local lodge had made preparations to receive their visitors. Here there were rooms for robing and other purposes, whilst in the Saloon itself there was a dais erected for the Provincial Officers, and seats in the body of the room for the rank and file. At 12 was held the meeting of the Board of Benevolence, presided over on this occasion by Bro. the Rev. Henry Greeves, and at which several grants were made to necessitous Masons and widows of deceased brethren. At one o'clock a special train brought the Earl of Zetland, whose appearance was the signal for the brethren to take their places.

A procession of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, and entered the lodge during a flourish of trumpets, and after the usual prelimi-

naires the lodge was opened, Sir C. Legard occupying the chair of S.W., in place of Sir F. Milner, who was unavoidably absent, and Bro. F. Bell being in his chair as J.W.

Lord ZETLAND began by alluding in feeling terms to the severe illness of Dr. Bell, who, for some 40 years, had worked well and diligently in the services of the Craft, 20 of those years as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Shattered health now compelled his retirement, and his lordship moved a vote of sympathy with his old and honoured brother thus prostrated on a bed of sickness. He then proceeded to appoint Bro. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett to the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and that brother was forthwith installed, and invested and saluted. The appointment was plainly most popular with the brethren, as was shown by the enthusiasm with which Lord Zetland's announcement was received.

Bro. Walter Reynolds, of Hull, was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, on the nomination of Bro. T. B. Whytehead.

Bro. WHYTEHEAD then proposed a resolution to the effect that £100 should be voted for the establishment of an Educational Fund for the children of deceased and destitute Masons, to be administered locally. This was seconded by Bro. ASCOUGH, the W.M. of the Denison Lodge at Scarborough.

Bro. TOWN moved an amendment, the effect of which would be to give a wider effect to the resolution, and this amendment, having been accepted by Bro. Whytehead, was put as the resolution, and carried unanimously, several brethren speaking warmly in favour of the idea.

Various Committees were appointed, and other business transacted, and then Lord Zetland made his annual appointment of officers as follows:—

Bros. Capt. H. Darley, 643	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" S. Walker, 1848	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Canon McCormick	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. W. Dales	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. J. White, 250	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" M. C. Peck	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Walton, 75	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Brooks, 312	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. Kirby, 236	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Major McGachen, 1991	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. S. Dixon, 543	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. B. Hingham, 1244	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Thos. Verity, 561	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" A. Sample, 236	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Fidler, 602	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Palliser, 1337	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Lambert, 1010	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

His LORDSHIP stated that four invitations had been received for the place of holding of the next P.G. Lodge, viz., from York Lodge, Lennox Lodge, the Camalodunum Lodge, and the Falcon Lodge. Inasmuch as, however, he had previously received, but not honoured, an invitation from York Lodge, he had decided that the next gathering should take place in the ancient city of York, which he believed claimed to be the most ancient seat of Freemasonry in the province.

After the conclusion of the business, a banquet took place at the Crescent Hotel, at which the Earl of Zetland presided, supported by a large number of his officers and brethren.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

[BY TELEGRAM.]

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man was inaugurated at the Masonic Hall, Douglas this afternoon (Wednesday, the 29th ult.), in the presence of a large gathering of Insular Freemasons and visitors. The Grand Secretary of England presided, and the installation of Bro. Major Taubman, speaker of the House of Keys, as first Provincial Grand Master, was conducted by Bro. J. Hicks, M.P., Grand Master for Hampshire. The Provincial Grand Officers were also invested. The visitors included brethren from the London district, and from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cumberland, Cheshire, and Queensland.

Special services were held at church, and a banquet took place at the Castle Mona Hotel during the evening. There was the largest gathering of Freemasons ever held in the Isle of Man.

[A full report of the proceedings will appear next week.]

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Cheshire was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Chester, on Monday, the 20th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W.P.G.M.M., and Deputy G.M.M. of England. Among the brethren present were—

Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, D.P.G.M.M.; the Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chaplain; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., J.W. 148; R. Newhouse, P.G.S.W.; J. Salmon, P.G.I.G.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Ellis, P.G. Stwd.; C. K. Benson, P.G.J.W.; A. Stevenson, P.P.G.M.O.; I. Matthews Jones, P.P.G.S.O.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.D.; T. C. Thorburn, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Webster, P.P.G.J.O.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.S.B.; S. W. Ramsden, P.G. Swd. Br.; George W. Marsh, P.G. Std. Br.; J. G. Parker, P.G.J.S.D.; S. Ellis, P.P.G.D.; W. M. Roberts, P.G.J.O.; J. J. White, R. W. Banks, G. J. Willis, J. E. Fletcher, A. P. Peterkin, R. Moore, W. Kohn, R. H. Middleton, Barrow, R. Foote, T. E. Nabb, and others.

The accounts having been submitted and passed, the Deputy P.G.M.M., Bro. STANHOPE, rose, and in laudatory terms moved the confirmation of the nomination of Lord Egerton as Provincial Grand Master. He referred to the deep interest which his lordship had always taken in the welfare of the Mark Lodge, and congratulated the province on having so distinguished a Mason at its head.

The proposition was duly seconded and carried unanimously, the R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master being accorded the usual honours.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in the course of his reply, adverted to the satisfactory progress of Mark Masonry in the province, and to the fact that the Degree had received further favour from the Royal Family. The Prince of Wales had now become the Grand Master of the Mark Masons, and he (Lord Egerton) felt that his Royal Highness would take as deep an interest in that as he did in the other Degrees of Freemasonry. Their Charities were in a satisfactory state, and the prospects of the Order generally were of a most encouraging character. The next annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Birkenhead. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as under:—

Bro. The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" J. P. Platt	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" A. Stevenson	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" S. W. Ramsden	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" L. Marsh	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" The Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" The Rev. J. Newell Tanner	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. K. Stevenson	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. A. Fletcher	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Newhouse	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Brassey	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. W. Banks	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Helsby	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. W. Willis	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. J. White	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Dr. Moore	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. Newell	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. T. Kirke	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. F. Edisbury	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
Bros. A. G. Peterkin and R. H. Middleton	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

Bro. Mark Alcock was elected Prov. Grand Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then voted 10 guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and at the close of the proceedings the brethren dined together, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M.

## KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

Colonel W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, of Prescott, Ontario, is, undoubtedly, one of the most reliable writers on Masonic Templary in the world. He has for long been fascinated with the study, and as an old student of the Craft, with special facilities in the past, as also for long the honoured Great Prior, or Grand Master of the Canadian Templars, it has been his pleasing duty to annually pronounce his allocution, and descant on the eventful past of that Masonic Body which in some measure may be said to represent the Templars of old. His address for 1886 is equal to any of the previous deliverances on the subject, and shows no lack of interest nor zest in the study. I always look for these annuals myself, and enjoy their perusal immensely, for though I am an indifferent Masonic Templar, the words of one of our ablest and wisest rulers are never unprofitable nor untimely, especially as they combine Masonic researches with those of a Knightly character. I need not allude to the difficulties with the New Brunswick Frates, for that has already been amply noted in the *Freemason*.

It seems preposterous, however, to think that as time rolls onwards no method has yet been found whereby peace may be attained, and brethren enabled to live in unity. It will never be brought about by coercion, for any legislation in that direction is repugnant to *free* Masonry. Colonel Moore alludes at length to the old and new rituals of the Degree, and then states, "It is useless to assert that any body or society calling themselves Templars who base their origin on 'Free and Accepted Masonry,' represent the Ancient Religious Military Order of the Crusades in any way." As the peculiar dogmas of Christianity could not be identified with the "universal creed" of modern Freemasonry, he considers a "Masonic Christian Order of Knighthood" to be an anomaly. "The idea, then, of amalgamating true Templary with Masonry destroys the very foundation of both." He considers that the Craft ignores the Templars, which is true so far as it goes—officially; but on that ground he bases his assertion that they are quite distinct, and that there is not the connection between them that so many suppose. Colonel Moore believes that on the dispersion of the early Templars (fourteenth century), those in England and Scotland brought with them the symbolic religious teaching of their old Order, the "sacred mysteries"—"Mesouraneo." The early "Christian" Masonry of the builders, which was thus preserved until the Reformation, when the combined Orders in Scotland surrendered their lands to the Crown, &c. . . . From the Protestant members of the former combined Orders of "St. John and the Temple" in Scotland their ceremonial and "secret doctrine" were obtained and privately made known. Free and Accepted Masonry is now the stepping to the Templar system; but the latter Degrees are not intended "as a continuation in 'direct descent,' as at one time supposed, of the old Orders of Chivalry." "The Templar Degrees since the Union of the Grand Lodge of England (1813) are only considered as allied bodies to Craft Masonry, and in no way a part of it." These, in brief, are Colonel Moore's matured opinions on the subject, and they are entitled to our respectful consideration. I cannot, however, follow him throughout, though no one admires our dear brother more than I do.

W. J. HUGHAN.

HESSE DARMSTADT.—It would almost seem certain that Freemasonry in Hesse Darmstadt takes its origin from the Lodge "Zu den drei goldenen Löwen" at Giessen, though mention is made of a Lodge "Zur weissen Taube" at Darmstadt, a daughter of the Grand Countries Lodge at Berlin. But of this lodge doubts exist. The Lodge "Die drei Disteln," at Mayence in 1765, afterwards removed to Frankfurt, may also be considered one of the earliest lodges in the present Grand Duchy of Hesse Darmstadt. After many vicissitudes, the Darmstadt lodges, which had at one time formed part of the Frankfurt Eclectic Union, in 1845 formed the Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht" at Darmstadt. At this present moment it has nine lodges under it. Its actual German name is "Die grosse Loge des Freimaurer Bundes zur Eintracht in Darmstadt."—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

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**THE PROPOSED MASONIC JUBILEE FUND.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your proposal for a permanent memorial of the Queen's Jubilee well deserves the support of all English Masons, and I see no reason why, if a strong and influential Committee is formed, it should not be a great success. The great difficulty to be overcome will be the apathy with which almost every proposition of such a nature is invariably viewed by the brethren. A good working Committee, composed of the representatives of London, the provinces, and districts abroad, and prepared to push its plans vigorously, ought to experience little or no difficulty in raising a substantial contribution from individual brethren and private

lodges. I fancy there is hardly a Provincial Grand Lodge which would not give its support, when once the subject has been brought formally under its notice, and I feel sure Grand Lodge will do its part as readily and generously as it did when the question was brought before it of commemorating the Grand Master's safe return from India. But none of these things are likely to happen unless some brethren of energy and influence are prepared to step forward and offer their services as a Committee, or part of a Committee, to give effect to your proposal. As, however, Committees do not generally constitute themselves, would it not be as well to call a meeting—say at Freemasons' Tavern, or some equally central spot—where those interested, or likely to be interested, in such a scheme might arrange among themselves the requisite preliminaries for giving effect to your proposal, or any other which may be preferred? I will attend for one and lend a helping hand, and I dare say many others will do the same. It is a capital time just now when the lodges are resuming their labours, after the holidays; but, if anything is done, it should be done quickly, while the idea is fresh, and the brethren have not been worried out of all patience by a host of other schemes which are not so important or, at all events, do not call for such immediate attention.—Fraternally yours,

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**NOTICES OF LODGE MEETINGS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Craft Masons have always placed implicit reliance on the Constitution as an infallible guide, and a reliable safeguard against any attempted violation of "established usage and custom."

Our revision of 1884 was considered a text book, and no brother ever more earnestly impressed on young Masons the imperative necessity of a close study of the law than the writer; but all the confidence with which he has hitherto regarded the Constitution has received a somewhat rude shock by a recent decision of the Grand Secretary.

I have an extensive knowledge of country lodges, and never met with an instance in which the seven days' notice was not considered imperative in issuing summonses for regular meetings, but very recently the attention of a D.P.G.M. was called to the fact that five days only would elapse between the date of issue and the meeting convened, and as he proposed visiting the lodge referred to, it was thought that an opportunity would arise for calling attention to the supposed irregularity. He replied (after his visit) that the objection "was not serious," as the bye-laws did "not require a seven days' notice."

Dissatisfied with this ruling, I sent a statement of the case to the Grand Secretary, who suggests that I am "entirely in error as to the law, which does not require seven days' notice to be given for lodge meetings, except in the case of a candidate proposed in writing on emergency under Art. 185," adding "that as the bye-laws of the lodge contain no restriction there was no irregularity in the issue of the summons." I replied, calling attention to Articles 106 and 185, taken conjointly, and maintained that inasmuch as the former stipulates very clearly that no business shall be transacted in lodges of emergency other than that which is stated on the summons, and 185 further provides that regular meetings of the lodge may have the business of lodges of emergency stated on the summons, and the seven days' notice is to be given in both cases, that I failed to recognise my error, and expressed an opinion that if such error had arisen I had the satisfaction of knowing that, so far as my experience of Craft Masonry went, it was universal.

Now, Sir, it may operate as a warning to all lodges whose bye-laws make no provision for what appears to me an unpardonable omission in the Constitution. To revise those laws at an early date, as under existing circumstances, they are absolutely defenceless, if their Secretary studies his personal convenience or caprice.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

Bath, September 27th.

J. COLLISON.

[You will do well to accept the ruling of the Grand Secretary that seven days' notice, except in cases of emergency or when specified by the Lodge By-Laws, is not necessary to give validity to a meeting.—Ed. F.M.]

**"OLD MASONIANS."**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You reported in May last the first meeting of the "Old Masonians" (an Association formed by the ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), and I should esteem it a favour if you will permit me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to draw the attention of Freemasons generally to an important object of the Association—i.e., the assisting of those members who are in quest of employment.

The Committee feel that there are several Freemasons who would be both able and willing to assist them in this undertaking, and with their co-operation it may reasonably be hoped that no lad will leave the School without a prospect of employment.

I shall be pleased to give any further information in reference to the Association, and should be very glad to receive the names and addresses of gentlemen willing to assist in providing situations for Old Boys of the Institution.—I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

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**GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You will be glad to hear that a great many French lodges under the Grand Orient of France deeply regret the resolutions which enabled some of the lodges to abolish the old formula A.L.G.D.G.A.D.L.U.

On the 8th January of this year the Lodge La France, No. 2060 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, received a letter of congratulation from the Lodge Concorde

et Persévérance d'Annouay, deploring the abolition of the formula, and sending us "Hearty good wishes."

You are no doubt aware that the Council of the Grand Orient de France, on the 13th February last, sent a circular to the various Craft lodges inviting observations on the ritual as at present practised.

Last week we received from the Lodge La Bienfaisance Châlonnaise, Châlons sur Marne, their report on this requisition, and they particularly beg that the old formula should be reinstated. They argue that without it a very useful institution may possibly be formed, but that it cannot, under those circumstances, be properly entitled to the name of Freemasonry.

La Chaîne d'Union, a Masonic paper, under the direction of Bro. Hubert, an old 33°, is continually regretting the unfortunate step taken. There is evidently among French Masons a strong counter-current for the re-establishment of the old formula.

I cannot refrain from the pleasure of imparting to you this good news, as we of the Loge La France are most ardently praying T.G.A.O.T.U. for the re-union of the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France, which will enable us to admit to our lodge many visitors, who are believers, but who, from want of knowledge, have unfortunately joined lodges whose certificates do not bear the proper superscription.

In the hope that the day is not far distant which will see this renewed intercourse, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

EUGENE MONTEUUIS, P.G.S.,

W.M. Loge La France, No. 2060.

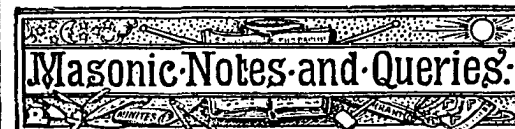
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28th September.

**THE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY**

By Bro. JOHN CHAPMAN, P.M. 189, P. Prov. G.D. of Devon; with an INTRODUCTION by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, Past S.G.D.

This handsome pamphlet, published by Bro. George Kenning, represents the substance of a lecture delivered by Bro. Chapman, in this country and in America on that interesting topic. It is dedicated to Professor C. Piazzi Smyth, Astronomer-Royal of Scotland, who has shown his interest in the lecture by kindly supplying two excellent plates of the Great Pyramid, the one exhibiting a "vertical section," and the other the "Chamber and Passage system." These alone are worth the sixpence asked for the pamphlet. The lecture deals in a popular and interesting manner with the views of Professor Smyth, following the researches most faithfully of that great authority, as also the labours of Captain B. A. Tracey, R.N., and others. Bro. Chapman seeks to tread the paths they have already opened out, and by so following up their discoveries, be able to establish some of the truths that their deductions set forth. The geographical position, construction, scientific lessons, and the historical answers in relation to the Great Pyramid are all ably considered; and, so far as our researches go, we, without any hesitation, pronounce Bro. Chapman's lecture to be the best handy-guide to a study of the subject we have met with. To brethren of the "mystic tie," who have not the time or inclination to read more pretentious works on this abstruse study, we can recommend this handsome brochure, which deserves a large circulation, especially as any profits will be handed to "The Devon Masonic Educational Fund."

**678] THE SHANKLIN EXHIBITION.**

Bro. Alfred Greenham, of 3, Alexander Terrace, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, tells me that there are a few of the catalogues still for sale, at 2s. 9d. post free. I feel assured that many brethren will thank me for drawing attention to that important fact, as the work contains particulars of over 1470 lots, and is full of value and interest to students of the Craft. Bro. Greenham, W.M. 1884, deserves to be encouraged in his efforts on behalf of the Shanklin fratres, and I am glad that there were more catalogues printed than were needed at the Exhibition, as surely there are not a few who will be glad thus to become acquainted with the numerous and costly exhibits, who could not be present on September 9th and following days.

W. J. HUGHAN.

**679] VALUABLE MSS., &c.**

In continuation of 676 (N. and Q.) I append another important MS. in M. Claudin's List, and a second one of great value historically, with the hope that they may be acquired by one of the libraries in this country, especially that of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," Golden-square, which has already some invaluable works.

**BOOKWORM.**

28720. Franc-Maçonnerie. Code et statuts généraux des tribunaux des Grands-Inquisiteurs, inspecteurs, commandeurs attachés aux ateliers du Rit Ecossais philosophique en France.—Pet. in-fol., v. porphyre, dent. 40 fr.

MANUSCRIT DU XVIII<sup>e</sup> SIECLE, d'une belle écriture. Chaque page entourée d'un filet rouge.—Ce manuscrit original est daté du 10e jour du prem. mois 5787 (10 janv. 1787) et porte les signatures autographes des membres du grand, suprême et souverain Tribunal chef d'Ordre en France. On y trouve les modèles de croix de grand-inspecteur et les planches et timbres gravés, de couleurs diverses, nécessaires pour valider les diplômes, brevets et brefs maçonniques.—Ce manuscrit, exécuté avec le plus grand soin pour les Archives du Rit Ecossais philosophique, dont il porte le timbre, porte sur la reliure les chiffres de la Mère-Loge du Rit Ecossais.

28721. Franc-Maçonnerie. Collection des vignettes employées par le 33<sup>e</sup> degré du Rit Ecossais ancien et accepté, dans la délivrance de certificats de différé, grades ou concessions de chapitres, etc.—Tres grand in-fol., dem.-rel. 60 fr.

Le titre ci-dessus est calligraphié dans un cercle allégorique orné d'attributs maçonniques et très bien dessiné à la plume. Au-dessous du titre on lit la nomenclature suivante: No. 1, planche contenant la réunion des vignettes des certificats de membres du 33<sup>e</sup>, 32<sup>e</sup>, 31<sup>e</sup>, 29<sup>e</sup>, 27<sup>e</sup>, et 22<sup>e</sup> degrés; No. 2, planche isolée pour certificat du 33<sup>e</sup> degré; No. 3, planche isolée pour certificat du 32<sup>e</sup> degré; No. 4, planche isolée pour certificat du 31<sup>e</sup> degré; No. 5, planche isolée pour certificat du 29<sup>e</sup> degré; No. 6, planche isolée pour certificat du 27<sup>e</sup> degré; No. 7, planche isolée pour certificat du 22<sup>e</sup> degré. A la suite sont sept autres planches destinées d'abord au même objet, mais refusées par la Commission du Suprême-Conseil, qui en a ordonné la correction conformément aux sept premiers. Ces 7 dernières planches n'ont été tirées qu'à 3 exemplaires. — Ces quatorze planches sont jointes d'autre part sur papier et sur parchemin, diplômes maçonniques en blanc, patentes originales de création de loges et de chapitres à Toulouse, à Marseille et à la Guadeloupe, un diplôme régulier de 87<sup>e</sup> avec signatures des hauts dignitaires de l'Ordre et muni de tous les sceaux renfermés dans des petites boîtes de fer-blanc, etc. — Cette collection provient des archives de la Mère-Loge du Rit Ecossais en France.



### Craft Masonry.

**ROYAL ALFRED LODGE (No. 780).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bro. B. E. Blasby, W.M., occupying the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Maton, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Coombes, J.W.; W. Eydmann, Treas.; Wm. Hilton, Sec.; G. A. Littlewood, P.M.; C. F. May, P.M.; T. D. Lloyd, P.M.; M. Gomm, S.D.; Wm. Rowe, J.D.; E. Cox, I.G.; E. Fylnan, Stwd.; H. I. Davis, I.G.; H. Jackson, L. D. Ketch, J. Brooks, J. E. Sharp, J. Brill, and the following visitors: Bros. G. S. Graham, P.M. Ewell Lodge, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex and Surrey; G. Gardner, W.M. 2012; G. Thomas, I.G. 1194; J. Edwards, P.M. 1662; and several others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Thos. Whittle, after which he duly installed Bro. Maton as his successor, the addresses having been delivered and the usual saluting performed. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. J. Brill. After the removal of the cloth,

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," stated that under his patronage the Order was fast increasing, and he hoped would continue to increase and prosper.

The toast of "The Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M." was then given, and referred to, in a few well-chosen remarks, as hard-working Masons, doing their best, under the guidance of the M.W.G.M., for the good of Masonry generally.

Bro. Blasby, I.P.M. then gave the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Maton," which was most cordially received, remarking that he had had the pleasure of witnessing his initiation and his progress through the various offices, and was now very pleased to have had the privilege of installing him W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge.

In responding, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the extremely hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and hoped that during his year of office he should receive the cordial co-operation of the officers and brethren in doing his utmost for the good of Freemasonry in general, and the Royal Alfred Lodge in particular.

In submitting the toast of "The Installing Master," the W.M. referred in flattering terms to the manner in which the whole of the work had been done by Bro. Blasby, and in presenting him with a very handsome jewel, wished that he might live for many years to wear it.

The toasts of "The Various Officers" were submitted, and were all well received, as was that of "The Initiate."

"The Visitors," of whom a large number were present, was then given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Graham, G. Gardner, and George Thomas, and with the Tyler's toast a very enjoyable evening was brought to a successful termination, and the W.M. is to be congratulated upon having such a goodly number of workers to support him.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Gardner, Thomas, and others, under the musical direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, who is a host in himself where music or musical sketches are the order of the day.

**MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).**—A special emergency meeting, in advance of the usual opening meeting for this month, was convened for Wednesday, the 22nd ult., and a goodly muster of the brethren rallied round the esteemed W.M., Bro. T. Gaisford, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road. This lodge, by reason of its riverain position, fully maintains that connection with our merchant marine which its name implies, and for which object the warrant for its constitution was granted nearly 30 years ago, and the meeting under notice was called to initiate Mr. Geo. F. Neale into the Order. The other business on the agenda paper included the conferring of the Second Degree upon Bros. Seage and Crabtree, and the Third Degree upon Bro. S. Hayward. The W.M. was admirably supported by Bros. F. Robinson, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; A. Scheerbohm, P.M.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; B. J. Rowe, P.M.; Daniels, P.M.; Ould, P.M.; and Bros. H. Cotter, P.M. 554; Kennett, P.M. 1716; Stephens, P.M. 1623, &c., as visitors, and numerous brethren. Bro. Pringle assisted the W.M. in the third ceremony, and after lodge business a capital cold collation was served by mine host, and the toasts, commendably abridged, disposed of, afforded opportunity for some capital singing, a truly enjoyable hour being socially passed. Among the executants were Bros. Pringle, Robinson, Timson, Cotter, Breden, Neale, Gaisford, and others, Bro. Rowe further delighting the brethren with a forcible recitation from "William Tell."

**VICTORIA LODGE (No. 1056).**—This old lodge met on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Present: Bros. S. Cochrane, W.M.; J. P. Allen, S.W.; H. J. Felton, J.W.; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Perrin, P.M., Treas.; T. S. Skelton, S.D.; G. R. Wilkinson, I.G.; H. G. Danby, D.C.; C. Allen, Stwd.; E. Rowles, P.M.; A. Calk, P.M.; J. Boulton, P.M.; W. J. Bear, J. B. Armstrong, W. Dotridge, J. Sanders, R. Cooper, H. W. Lee, H. Mitchell, A. Wright, T. Hookway, H. J. Sharpe, J. Mitchell, G. R. Atkinson, W. Hancock, Bothamley, J. Davis, W. H. Hill, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Knell, P.M. 1471; J. Stevenson, 1579; J. L. Cogan, 1365; and others.

This being the opening meeting the brethren exchanged greetings upon re-assembling after the summer holiday. The lodge work included conferring the Third Degree upon Bro. Edward Noyes, and the admission, after ballot, and initiation of Mr. H. Clarke into the Order. The ceremonies were impressively rendered, the charge to the initiate being given in full with great effect. Proposition was made of a candidate for admission, and other lodge business transacted, and the lodge was closed at an early hour.

**SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).**—On Saturday, the 18th ult., the brethren of this lodge assembled at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, for the transaction of important business. The members and officers of the lodge present were Bros. G. W. Marsden, W.M.; R. J. Voisey, S.W.; J. Hernaman, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; C. Wilson, Sec.; S. H. Goldschmidt, S.D.; D. D. Mercer, J.D.; F. W. Norman Smith, Org.; C. Gooding, Steward; and T. E. Webb, I.G. The Past Masters present were Bros. J. J. Brinton, J. Sugden, and B. R. Bryant. The other brethren were Bros. F. P. Hunt, J. Arldige, C. F. Cockle, G. J. Allen, W. Andrews, H. H. Hyslop, R. Irvine, J. M. Turney, W. Andrews, jun., C. Gross, C. R. Scriven, W. E. Crisp, R. Elgar, H. M. Crisp, J. Bradley, C. Lye, H. Chabot, and H. S. Bigg. The visitors being Bros. J. A. Lowry, 1475; A. Cooper Bradley, P.M. 1216; and J. J. Perry, J.W. 1679.

The lodge having been opened in the usual manner by the W.M., the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bros. W. E. and H. M. Crisp, which ceremony was, as usual, most efficiently performed. The brethren next proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Voisey being elected to that most important position unanimously. Bro. J. C. Reynolds was, for the 16th time, re-elected as Treasurer of the lodge, and Bro. Harrison—a most popular officer—as Tyler. An Audit Committee was also appointed, and Bro. J. J. Brinton proposed, and Bro. J. Sugden seconded, the proposition that a jewel and collar be presented to the W.M., Bro. Marsden, for his services, which he had so ably carried out during his term of office, which was carried with acclamation.

After other matters had been settled, the lodge was closed. The W.M. afterwards invited those present to dine with him. Bro. Venables had provided a most enjoyable repast in a room near the Temple.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Grand Master," and "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," all of which toasts were introduced by appropriate remarks, and were also duly honoured. Some most excellent vocalisation was interspersed with these toasts, which greatly enlivened the proceedings.

The remaining toasts being given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close.

**CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).**—A capital gathering was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the George Hotel, Millwall Dock, E., under the chairmanship of Bro. John W. Morrison, W.M., who was supported by a more than ordinarily numerous array of officers, brethren, and, as usual, visiting brethren. The business consisted of a large amount of work, including the initiation of Messrs. Banks, E. Brindley, and Chatfield; the conferring of the Second Degree upon Bros. Campbell and Wild, and the Third Degree upon Bros. Rose, Nicholson, and Greatorox. Bro. Grieves, 781, was courteously advanced to the Third Degree, so that the W.M. and P.M.'s, who ably assisted, had plenty of work.

After lodge a fine banquet was served by Host Bro. W. Clark, and the large number of brethren then assembled fully taxed the resources of the recently-enlarged hall, which presented a pleasing spectacle whilst the banquet was proceeding. At its conclusion, the usual toasts were honoured with point and brevity.

The W.M. then asked Bro. Oakley to introduce the next pleasing duty, and that brother explained that it had been long felt that the constant and obliging services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Host Clark should be recognised in some material form, and a list—to which subscriptions had rapidly and cheerfully fallen in—was started, and the outcome was in evidence that evening in a handsomely illuminated vellum inscription, and a handsome piece of plate, which the brethren wished the W.M. to hand to the worthy host, who would not value it the less because it was coupled with the name of his wife, their esteemed hostess.

The W.M. thereupon handed the large piece of silver plate, weighing 30 ozs., and the framed vellum address, to Bro. W. Clark, expressing the hope that he and his wife would live for many years to enjoy the respect and esteem of the members of the Corinthian Lodge.

The following was engraved upon the presentation plate: "Presented to Bro. William Clark and Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, our worthy Host and Hostess, as a token of respect and esteem, from the members of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382. September, 1886."

Bro. Clark feelingly responded, and the remainder of the evening was happily passed, the usual toasts being honoured, and some capital music adding much to the enjoyment of the hour.

**LOYALTY LODGE (No. 1607).**—This flourishing lodge met on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at which establishment the lodge has settled down since its migration from the Alexandra Palace. Bro. Dr. W. Gayton, W.M., was very influentially supported by, amongst others, Bros. Past Masters J. Newton (founder and Secretary), F. Brown (founder and

Treasurer), C. H. Webb, C. J. Perceval, F. Carr, E. C. Beedell, T. Jones, and J. Terry (hon. member). Also numerous brethren and visitors, including Bros. T. Nettle-ship, 1641; F. Bevan, 1756; J. S. Fraser, P.M. 174; W. Pheasant, 34; F. Croaker, P.M. 185; H. Conolly, S.W. 173; J. W. Cain, I.G. 179; E. Lewis, P.M. 1671; J. A. Brown, 1672; E. Dalzell, W.M. 1549; A. W. Oliver, 1491; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; E. Plater, 1437; A. W. Weston, S.W. 1278; and others.

The installation of the W.M. was first proceeded with, Bro. James R. Large being presented by Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M., D.C., and the ceremony was most perfectly carried out by the outgoing W.M., Bro. W. Gayton. The officers appointed were Bros. R. S. Cushing, S.W.; A. J. Clark, J.W.; F. Brown, P.M., Treas.; J. Newton, P.M., Sec.; E. Holdsworth, S.D.; T. F. Hodgson, J.D.; C. H. Halford, I.G.; J. Hattersley, D.C.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Stwd.; F. W. Rose, Asst. Stwd.; and J. Very, Tyler.

A special feature of the meeting was that before the delivery of the three grand charges a brother of the newly-installed W.M. was successfully balloted for and was initiated, and had the privilege of hearing those charges delivered in all their beauty by the Installing Master. The W.M. having signified his intention to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the brethren cordially accepted those services, and voted £10 10s. in support of his list, the brethren also handsomely supplementing the grant later on.

All business at an end, banquet was disposed of, and a brilliant set of speeches were delivered in connection with the usual toast list, the principal feature of which were the replies of the outgoing W.M. on receiving a handsome P.M. jewel—the gift of the lodge—and the toasting of "The Initiate" by the W.M., in the person of his own brother.

Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., also made one of his effective appeals for support to the Masonic Charities; and a splendid programme of music was ably rendered—always a special feature at 1607 installations—by the musical brethren engaged under the direction of Bro. J. A. Brown, the whole affording a high intellectual treat.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 16th ult. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Howes, assisted by his Wardens—Bros. Greenwood, S.W., and Brickdale, J.W.—and members present. The minutes of previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the three Degrees worked by the W.M. Bro. Richardson, 1185, by the desire of his W.M., was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bros. B. E. Obergethman and E. O. Bake were passed, and a ballot was then successfully taken for Messrs. C. Hoare and A. Langman, who, together with Mr. A. Arnstein, previously balloted for, were regularly initiated into the mysteries, the ceremony being very ably worked by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters, of which a good number were present, having been formed, the W.M. ably installed his successor, Bro. R. B. Greenwood, to the great satisfaction of the P.M.'s, who duly saluted the new Master in proper order, and congratulated him. The W.M. invested the I.P.M., and closed the Board of I.M.'s. The M.M.'s, F.C.'s, and E.A.'s then entered in proper order and saluted their new W.M. The Installing Master then requested the W.M. to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, which he did as follows: Bros. R. F. Brickdale, S.W.; W. Brasher, J.W.; J. J. Howes, I.P.M., Treas.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; J. Howes, P.M., D.C.; F. J. Rumball, S.D.; S. Renaud, J.D.; H. R. Clisby, I.G.; F. G. Cooper, Asst. D. of C.; P. R. Clisby, C. J. Smith, M. W. Worrall, and S. H. Rumball, Stewards; and E. Roberts, Org.

The lay members and P.M.'s present were Bros. E. Mallett, P.M.; T. McButt, G. H. Stephens, P.M.; A. W. Price, F. H. Linnett, O. Dane, P. A. Bolander, E. Pettett, C. G. Price, F. Goering, T. G. Hodges, A. Bishop, W. A. Hayward, G. C. Chatwin, G. Higgins, E. Bradsell, E. B. Obergethman, E. O. Bake, C. E. Hoare, A. B. Langman, A. Arnstein, and W. Smyth, Tyler.

The following were the visitors present: Bros. W. T. Allet, J.W. 1633; C. Tichiaz, I.G.; W. H. Nash, E. Francis, A. Hamilton, J.W.; J. F. Van Raalte, P.M., and H. Forss, I.P.M., of 917; Bros. T. C. Dorling and T. Simpson, W.M. 1745; Bros. B. Foster and W. H. Simons, Org. 1986; Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 73, 1309, 871; Bro. T. C. Walls, P.P.G. Svd. Br., P.M. 60; Bro. J. Houghter, 173; Bro. T. Richards, 1901; Bros. W. Staley, S.D., and J. G. Plumer, 1597; Bros. F. W. Bathurst and J. W. Jolly, S.D., 1929; Bro. B. Rollinson, P.M. 757; Bro. M. T. Callcutt, 1076; Bro. W. Rest, 1283; Bro. T. W. Beeglemyer, 1269; Bro. W. Pegrum, Treas. 1169; Bro. G. H. Foes, 172; Bro. J. H. Langdon, 1457; Bro. H. G. Gush, 1541; Bro. E. Thring, S.W. 211; Bro. S. Hill, Org. 1216; Bro. T. Butt, P.M. 1623; Bro. T. Glass, 860; Bro. T. W. Richardson, S.D. 2029; Bro. C. O. Richardson, 1185; Bro. A. Fetterle, 1538; Bro. W. T. Hunt, W.M. 79; and Bro. J. F. Gooch, 77.

Amidst this large assemblage of visitors and brethren the I.P.M. splendidly delivered the addresses, to the immense satisfaction of all present. The Auditors then gave in their report. After giving ten guineas each to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and other gifts and clearing the lodge of all debt, the general account showed a balance of £39 7s. 10d., which was considered satisfactory, and a vote of thanks was unanimously adopted, and the same entered on the minutes, to Bros. A. W. Price, F. H. Linnett, and S. C. H. Rumball, who stated the books were so well kept all vouchers, &c., at hand that it made the audit a pleasure, and begged to thank the lodge for their vote of thanks. The W.M. informed the brethren that he had then to discharge a most pleasing duty. Bro. E. Mallett, P.M., who had held the office of Secretary for a number of years, the only remaining founder in the lodge, had been obliged by pressure of other duties to relinquish his office in the lodge, and himself and his brethren could not allow that worthy brother to retire without some acknowledgment of their esteem towards him. The lodge had unanimously voted a testimonial, together with a purse of gold. He would ask Bro. Lardner, P.M., Sec., to read the testimonial, which that brother did, as follows: "At a meeting of the lodge held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, March 18th, 1886, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks

of this lodge are due, and are hereby given, to Bro. Edward Mallett, P.M. and founder, on his retirement from the office of Secretary, for the zeal and energy in promoting the interests of the lodge, and courtesy and kindly feeling displayed by him in the discharge of the onerous duties of his office. This testimonial, together with a purse of sovereigns, were presented at the annual meeting of the lodge, on Thursday, September 16th, 1886, as a mark of respect and esteem of the members. Signed, J. J. HOWES, W.M., and H. J. LARDNER, P.M., Sec. The W.M., in a most Masonic and fraternal way, made the presentation, and Bro. Mallett expressed his deepest gratitude to the brethren for their handsome gift. Masonic business being ended, the W.M. rose thrice to enquire for the good of the Craft, received the best wishes and congratulations from all present, and closed the lodge in Masonic form, and upwards of seventy brethren accompanied him to the Holborn Restaurant to partake of an abundant and excellent banquet. Bro. Hamp was thanked by the W.M. and others for his attention.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, the W.M. making an exception of "The Queen and the Craft," expatiating at length on her Majesty's long and happy reign, and the interest herself and Royal Family had shown in the welfare of the Craft, also the double pleasure he felt at presiding over the West Smithfield Lodge at the time of her Majesty's jubilee, and as an event to be ever remembered by him.

"God save the Queen" was sung very enthusiastically by all present.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M." also received a hearty welcome.

The I.P.M. next proposed the toast of "The W.M.," reminding him of the great duties he had engaged himself to perform, and promised his own and the brethren's hearty co-operation to make his year of office a pleasant and successful one.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his grateful thanks, and said he would do all in his power to make them comfortable.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and, after a good "fire," they returned thanks.

The toast of "The Visitors" met with a good response, and Bros. F. Walters, T. C. Watts, T. C. Walls, F. Van Raalte, H. Forss, Gush, T. Simpson, and others returned thanks.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was well received, and replied to by them.

The toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer" followed, and Bro. H. J. Lardner thanked the brethren for the handsome manner in which they had acknowledged the toast, and pointed out the healthy condition of the lodge. His best efforts would be used—and he trusted the brethren would unite with him—in keeping the lodge in its present high standard. He also stated he had given freely to the Charities during the past year, paid all their debts, and had a good balance in hand to commence the present year with. He must say one great feature in the lodge was that they were all united in the great purposes of Freemasonry. As their Secretary, he would do the best he could to look after their accounts, and doubtless the Treasurer would look to their monies.

The Treasurer also added a few observations, stating if they would only keep him well in hand with cash, he would farm it to their liking.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Officers," acknowledging them all equal to their appointments; also demanding attendance and strict attention to their various duties, for, in his opinion, good officers invariably tended to the prosperity of Masonic lodges.

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Brickdale, S.W., in reply, begged to thank the W.M. for proposing the toast, and the brethren for its reception. He felt sure the W.M. need have no fear that the officers would all be found at their posts, and discharge their duties to his satisfaction. For his own appointment he thanked him, and would promise to do all in his power, as his S.W., to discharge the duties annexed to his office.

Bro. F. J. Rumball expressed himself in a similar manner, as did also several others.

An unusual toast was next given—"The Lay Members of the Lodge"—to which several of the brethren replied.

The Tyler's toast followed, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a conclusion.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—The first regular meeting of the season of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 18th ult., at Ladbroke Hall, where in the future the business of the lodge will be held. The following brethren were present: Bros. C. Walter, W.M.; A. B. Barclay, J.W.; J. W. Barker, Treas.; G. Read, Sec.; A. Norman, S.D.; F. J. Oliver, J.D.; T. C. Freeman, D.C.; J. Wiggins, I.G.; W. P. Cockburn, W. B. Neville, W. G. Vassie, F. Vassie, J. H. Neville, J. Wakeham, and M. Dunstan. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Murlis, P.M. Carnarvon Lodge; C. Ellis, Wandsworth Lodge; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. Carnarvon Lodge; and W. H. Butt, Zetland Lodge.

After the lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the members for raising not being present, the officers for the ensuing year were re-elected, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a splendid repast was provided by Mrs. Lynscoth. The usual toasts observed amongst Masons were duly given and responded to, whilst in the interval excellent harmony prevailed.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bros. Murlis and Parkhouse both congratulated the brethren on their removal to the Hall, feeling assured they would have no cause to regret their choice.

During the evening the W.M. paid a passing compliment to Mrs. Lynscoth for the excellent way the banquet was served and the general satisfaction given during the evening, and also at the excellent result of the summer outing held in July last.

**VICTORIA PARK LODGE (No. 1816).**—This prosperous lodge met on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Bro. M. Hart's, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park. Bro. C. W. Carrell, W.M., was supported by Bros. A. Oldroyd, S.W.; E. W. Clements, D.C., acting for Bro. W. Watkins, J.W.; G. Morris, Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Kinipple, S.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; H. J. Cant, P.M.;

B. Carter, P.M.; D. Hodges, P.M.; C. Reeve, P.M.; J. Hughes, P.M.; H. Hart, Tilley, R. H. Carrell, A. Reed, W. B. Abrahams, Garrod, Hayns, Threshe, Wise, Harrison, J. Corfield, Sims, Goodey, S. H. Corfield, Cope, Roberts, M. Hart, and H. Stewart, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Woodland, P.M. 169; E. Triggs, W.S. 749; Hill, W.S. 1227; G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623; and others.

The ballot having proved favourable, Messrs. J. Bradford and H. E. Hillier were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and the Sublime Degree was conferred upon Bro. P. Tapperley, all work being capitally rendered, the officers ably supporting their chief. The election of officers next came on, and the J.W. was elected W.M., the outgoing W.M., Bro. Carrell, Treasurer, A.P.M.'s jewel, of the value of £10 10s., was voted to the W.M., in recognition of his services in the chair. Bro. G. Morris, who has discharged the duties of Treasurer for the past three years, was voted a jewel, of the value of £5 5s., and £10 10s. was voted to the Building Fund of a new hospital at West Ham—a large and growing centre of industry requiring such an institution.

Lodge was then closed, and, supper over, the usual toasts were honoured, and a very successful meeting ended. Bro. Sherwin, both in the lodge and at the subsequent proceedings, proved efficient, as usual, as Organist.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The usual monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., when there was a very large muster of brethren present. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. M. Pybus, assisted and supported by Bros. A. Rhagg, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M., D. of C.; John Wood, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M.; E. Shewbrooks, S.W.; Wm. Dalrymple, J.W.; W. F. Raeburn, S.D.; T. Thompson, J.D.; W. Richardson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; M. R. Wright, J.S.; and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. J. A. Dixon, W.M. 1626; W. Lyon, W.M. 406; John Page, P.M. 406; J. T. Harrison, W.M. 481; C. B. Ford, P.M. 481; J. Cook, 481; J. C. Lawson, I.P.M. 424; H. F. Usher, W.M. 541; J. Duckitt, P.M. 481; and others.

After the preliminary business, Mr. Henry Carrick was duly elected, and afterwards initiated by Bro. J. G. Smith, P.M., by permission of the W.M., the J.W. giving the working tools and the charge in good style. Two petitions to Prov. G. Lodge were adopted and signed, and two candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was then closed in due form, after which an adjournment was made to the refreshment room.

**BOLTON.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 348).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Bull's Head Inn. Present: Bros. R. H. Phillips, W.M.; W. Chadwick, S.W.; R. Jones, J.W.; J. Mantell, S.D.; W. Wood, J.D.; E. Hindley, I.G.; Thos. Higson, P.M., Prov. G. Tyler; J. Partington, I.P.M.; John Kenyon, P.M.; W. Crankshaw, P.M.; J. Wolstenholme, P.M.; R. Partington, J. Hibbert, J. Hamer, H. Heyes, T. H. Heyes, E. Gregory, J. Calderbank, C. Holgate, W. Green, R. Hampson, and S. Smith. Visitors: Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br. (hon. member), P.M. 37, 221, 1723; J. W. Poyntz, W.M. 37; J. F. Skelton, P.M. 146; J. Walker, J.W. 221; H. Critchley, 221; and J. Eatock, 770.

The minutes of the previous meeting and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The W.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board on the Craft Degree, and performed the duty in such a manner as to call forth hearty demonstrations of approval. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br., addressed the brethren, stating that, in the absence of Bro. Robert Harwood, Past Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, and an old Past Master, who was unable to attend, he had been asked, as an honorary member and a Past Grand Officer, to make a presentation to the lodge from a number of brethren who were desirous of adding to the embellishment of the lodge and add dignity to its proceedings. 1st. An elegant Brussels carpet of chequered pavement and variegated border, giving a rich and elegant appearance to the lodge. 2nd. A silver square and compasses, to be placed on the volume of the Sacred Law; and lastly, a handsome and massive sterling silver collar chain, having in the centre the square and compasses, surrounded with a silver ribbon with the name of the W.M. and date in raised letters, on each side are links formed of knots in chased silver, and the lamb and pennon, square and compasses, surrounded with a circle and figure of St. John alternately, all nicely modelled in relief and chased. The chain is mounted on light blue watered silk ribbon, and the pendant from the centre is a massive oval medallion with chased ornament on the top, a figure of St. John with lamb in the centre in relief, and surrounded with the name and number of the lodge in bright raised letters on a frosted ground. The weight of the chain is 14 ounces.

Bro. Brockbank expressed his great admiration at the beautiful works of art he had the honour to present, in the name of the subscribers, and paid a high compliment to the talent and energy displayed by the W.M., who had been most ably assisted in his labours by Bros. John Partington, I.P.M., and John Kenyon, P.M., and he commended the brethren generally for their liberality, not only towards the decoration of the lodge, but in supporting the Masonic Charities, both local and Metropolitan, Bro. Kenyon having recently served as Steward and qualified as Life Governor of the Boys' School, and also the Mark Benevolent Fund. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, after which a portion of the ancient rules and charges were read by the Senior Warden, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Temple, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. William Blunsum, W.M.; William Robert Roberts, S.W.; Edgar E. A. Dow, J.W.; Haydn P. Cowell, Org.; Edmund R. Latham, Sec.; Herman Dunkel, S.D.; C. E. Webster, J.D.; William H. Veevers, P.M., D.C.; Burton Allenby, I.G.; David Jones, Stwd.; Thomas Malcolm, Tyler; Isaac Turner, P.M.; John L. Houghton, P.M.; Anderson, Bosworth, Edwards, Forsbery, Gent, Gould, Kerr, Kafalas, Maddox, Nelson, Rowan, Riley, Rice, Story,

Tiedman, and Williams. Visitors: Bros. Jones, P.M. 220; M. Davis, P.M. 249; Tucker, P.M. 371; Kenyon, P.M. 1013; Robert Foote, P.G. Treas.; Skilling, S.D. 673; Robinson, 249; Ball, 249; and Evans, 249.

This being a regular monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Edward McCormack, and he being in attendance, was, after having conformed to the necessary preliminary, duly admitted and initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite and ceremony.

Upon this occasion the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Isaac Turner, I.P.M., who had consented, at the request of the W.M., to execute this part of the important work. Bro. Dow, J.W., explained the working tools in this Degree, after which the candidate was conducted to the S.W., Bro. William R. Roberts, who delivered the ancient charge founded on the excellence of the Institution, and the duties of its members, great attention being paid to this beautiful part of the ceremony, both by the candidate and members, all of whom were much impressed by the able manner in which this part of the work was rendered. The W.M. having resumed his position, he passed to the Fellow Craft Bros. Edwards and Forsbery in a very masterly manner, Bro. W. R. Roberts, the S.W., explaining the working tools. Several applications for relief were granted, and three propositions received for the next regular meeting, after which the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquetting room, where Bro. Casey, the House Steward, had prepared an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done. After the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," and "The P.G. Officers, Supreme and Subordinate," had been proposed and responded to, and their healths drunk, Bro. Isaac Turner, I.P.M., in a neat and appropriate speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. William Blunsum, in returning thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received, assured the brethren that no effort should be wanting on his part to further the cause of Masonry.

Bro. Blunsum proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and spoke in very high terms of the practical assistance they were rendering him in the duties of the lodge.

Bros. Turner and Veevers responded.

Bros. Roberts, Dow, and Allenby responded on behalf of "The Officers," and Bro. M. Davis, P.M. 249, on behalf of "The Visitors."

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by selections of music and songs, ably rendered by Bros. Cowell, Roberts, Webster, Davis, and the newly-initiate, Bro. Edward McCormack. Bro. Haydn P. Cowell, Org., presided over the musical arrangements.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The final meeting of the season was held on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the Railway Hotel. Punctually at three o'clock the W.M., Bro. William Robert Vassila, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., opened the lodge. There were present Bros. J. Laurence, S.W.; E. A. Smith, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; C. W. Baker, S.D.; W. Walters, J.D.; W. H. Walters, I.G.; S. Wheeler, F. Dunstan, H. Forss, P.M.; and A. Lawton, Stewards; J. R. Cox, Asst. Sec.; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., P.M.; E. Mallett, P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; J. C. Goslin, A.D.C.; E. J. Whelan, J. Montgomery, Frank Smith, W. Kite, W. H. Davey, J. Talbot, R. H. Sworn, and others. The visitors were Bros. Thomas Piper, Morning Star; A. C. John Smith, 77; Carlo Tichiaz, I.G.; and some others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Howard Sworn, who was with Mr. William Hook Davey, previously balloted for, was initiated. Bro. John Montgomery was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Frank Smith was raised.

The W.M. was heartily congratulated for doing all his work unaided in such a painstaking, correct, and impressive manner, although but just recovering from a severe illness. His interest in the Charities, and his kind and genial manner, has already endeared him to the lodge as W.M., and firmly established his popularity. The wisdom of Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., &c., taught the members to be just to themselves, and very generous to a P.M., who is stricken down with a 13 months' illness, by voting nearly all the contents of the Benevolent Fund—10 guineas—leaving a nucleus for any other unfortunate applicant. A petition of a P.M., not of this lodge, to the Board of Benevolence was unanimously supported. Agreeably to a previous vote of the lodge, all the lodge proxies were signed and given over to Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., P.M., for a most deserving girl's case he was working for. Bro. F. Walters secured several of the members' votes for the boy Smithers, who has no father or mother, and no means.

The lodge was then closed, and the Secretary, as is his wont, wished every member and visitors "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." The lodge will hold its meeting on Saturday, May 21st, 1887. A banquet followed.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, John-street, on Friday afternoon, the 24th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors from other lodges. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John C. Moor, P.P.G. J.D., who was supported by Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. Grand Secretary Durham, I.P.M.; J. Deans, S.W.; the Rev. J. J. Brown, J.W.; J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97, Secretary; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389, Treasurer; J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80, Director of Ceremonies; W. A. Priestly, S.D.; R. A. Brown, J.D.; J. G. Nesbet, S.D. 97, I.G.; W. Milburn and R. Redpath, Stwds.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; Bros. W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97, Deputy P.G.D. of C. R. Kinmond, P.P.G.P.; J. F. Craggs, W.M. 2104; T. G. Garrick, W.M. 94; J. J. Wilson, W.M. 80; J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389; J. R. Smart, P.M. 94; J. Mitchinson, P.M. 80; J. Egglestone, P.M. 949; T. Sharp, P.M. 97; W. Hawdon, P.M. 80; D. Huntley, P.M. 80; W. H. Sharp, P.M. 94; J. B. Wilkinson, W.M. 1389; Mark Douglass, P.M. 80; G. W. Bain, J.W. 949; the Rev. R. H. Yeld, S.W. 1389; R. Singleton, S.W.; T. Atkinson, S.W. 80; J. Wetherall, S.W. 531; C. M. Wake, J.W. 97; Wm. Dawson, S.W. 94; J.



Burn, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Appleton, Sec. 2104; A. Waller, 940; Drake, 240; Bigelow, 80; T. Curry, 80; C. Pemberton, 94; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, J.D. 97; Dr. Beattie; and others.

After the transaction of ordinary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. John Deans, S.W., was introduced by Bro. J. C. Moor, W.M., to Bro. R. Hudson, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary Durham, by whom the installation ceremony was most ably performed, and Bro. Deans was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted and proclaimed in due form, proceeded to invest the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. C. Moor, P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; the Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C., S.W.; Wm. A. Priestly, J.W.; Rev. W. P. Swaby, Chap.; Joseph R. Pattison, W.M. 97, Treas.; F. S. Cowper, S.W. 764, Sec.; Robert A. Brown, S.D.; Dr. H. Liston, J.D.; John E. Nelson, P.M. 80, D. of C.; James Hudson, So. Org.; William Milburn, jun., I.G.; R. Redpath and W. Scott, Stwds.; and J. W. Brown, Tyler.

The "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren from Hartlepool, Stockton, South Shields, and from all the lodges in Sunderland were expressed towards the newly-installed Master, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

In the evening the festival of the lodge was celebrated by a high tea at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, the W.M., Bro. John Deans, presiding. There were a number of ladies among those present at the tea. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. the Rev. J. J. Brown, S.W., and W. A. Priestly, J.W. A number of toasts were proposed, and several selections of music were given by Bros. Jas. Hudson, T. A. Simpson, C. M. Wake, and W. A. O. Sutcliffe. The tables were tastefully decorated with plants and flowers.

### INSTRUCTION.

**FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. R. Ross occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Guyer, Hansen, Gregory, Messer, Smith, Solomon, Dimsdale, Bleakley, Wilkes, and others.

After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Guyer worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Bleakley as candidate. The lodge having been opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree, a letter was read by Bro. Dimsdale, from Bro. E. Storr, P.M. 167, accepting the invitation of the lodge to work the ceremony of installation on the fourth Wednesday in November. Bros. Wilkes, 1744, and Smith, 1044, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Messer was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, after which Bros. Smith, Guyer, Hansen, Messer, and Dimsdale gave several songs and pianoforte pieces as usual.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill. Present: Bros. C. Coleman, W.M.; R. Dillon, S.W.; J. Müller, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas., and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. P. Clarke, S.D.; A. G. Hayman, J.D.; S. Klingenstein, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; E. W. Scattergood, W.M. 753; S. J. Humfress, and C. J. Grove.

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. Scattergood candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Coleman having vacated the chair, Bro. Baker rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Coleman was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren having saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, Bro. Baker delivered the addresses in a very impressive manner. The lodge being resumed to the Second Degree, the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Dillon was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**TEMPERANCE-IN-THE-EAST LODGE (No. 898).**—The above lodge having removed to Bro. Jev's hostelry, the Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, the first meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., under the presidency of the W.M. of the parent lodge, Bro. W. E. Butcher, who was supported by Bros. Carter, senr., S.W.; Carter, junr., J.W.; Graveley, P.M., Treas.; Duck, acting Sec.; Byford, S.D.; Hammond, J.D.; Nunn, I.G.; Pulsford, P.M., Preceptor; Jevs, Dixon, Boyd, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of the Third Degree was ably worked, Bro. Boyd acting as candidate. This occupied the evening very profitably. Lodge was closed. The new quarters selected are very comfortable, and brethren are cordially invited to pay the lodge a visit on any Wednesday evening, when they may be sure of meeting the brethren of the lodge.

**CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).**—This lodge has resumed its meetings for the season, and held a capital meeting on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Railway Tavern, Stratford. Bro. Bryce, W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. Temple, S.W.; Crow, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Preceptor; J. H. White, Sec.; Still, S.D.; March, I.G.; F. Brien, P.M.; G. H. Stephens, P.M.; W. H. Harris, W.M. 1076; Forby, Blackburn, Cramphorn, Ward, Trew, Oldroyd, Buckle, Tycheridge, Piddock, 1107, and others.

Lodge was advanced, and with Bro. Buckle as candidate, Bro. Harris worked the Third Degree. Lodge was resumed, Bro. Piddock was elected a member. Bro. Temple was elected W.M. for next meeting.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington. Present: Bros. H. Crookes, W.M.; E. F. Ferris, S.W.; E. M. Daniel, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. and D.C. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Hardy, S.D.; E. C. Mulvey, I.D.; Jos. Bailey, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; E. J. Day, Org.; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; H. Purdue, P.M. 834; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; J. Stephens, I.P.M. 1425; O. L. Haines, W. G. Parnell, W. Seaman, J. Hutchings, P. W. Rogers, W. Death, W. Matthews, R. E. Cursons, W. H. Wadham, and J. Smith. Visitors: Bros. Capt. J. G. Lee, 217; Jos. Crookes, 2087; John Davis, 169; and J. G. McGary, 646, U.S.A.

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. Jos. Crookes being the candidate, after which he answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Haines being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and called off and on. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Speigel, assisted by the brethren. Next Monday being "officers night," Bro. Ferris was elected W.M. for the 11th inst., and appointed the officers in rotation. The following were elected members: Bros. Capt. Lee, John Davis, Jos. Crookes, and J. McGary. A sincere vote of condolence was ordered to be entered on the minutes with the family of Bro. Capt. Andrews, who departed this life a few hours before the lodge met; also a vote of thanks to Bro. H. Crookes for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. G. E. Saunders, W.M.; Restell, S.W.; Spon, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treas., acting Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Davies, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; Wombell, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Harris, Salter, Baddeley, W. R. Arnold, Jackson, Holland, Power, Hayes, and Clarkson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Salter being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hayes. Bro. Power answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Power duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. resumed the chair. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously directed to be recorded to the W.M., for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. 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 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; W. Ham, S.W.; H. Sammons, J.W.; Frank Gulliford, S.D.; A. Gammell, J.D.; E. C. Mulvey, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. Kedge, Henry Crookes, J. W. Tacon, L. Gunzel, R. J. Harnell, James Watts, A. Clark, C. A. Itter, F. M. Noakes, W. Culverhouse, John Schew, G. H. Reynolds, G. F. Swan, and C. Grassi.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. R. J. Harnell worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge called off and resumed. Bro. L. Gunzel having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. A. Clark offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put, well answered, and he retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction:—Bros. Francis M. Noakes, Walsingham Lodge, 2148, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, and seconded by Bro. A. Clark; and John Schew, Manchester Lodge, 179, proposed by Bro. E. C. Mulvey, and seconded by Bro. R. J. Harnell. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. C. Mulvey proposed that Bro. W. Ham, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. Dr. S. R. Lovett, W.M.; W. Windsor, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; S. Cochrane, W.M. 1056, J.D.; T. W. Heath, I.G.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M. 834; R. H. Williams, P.G.J.D., W.M. 865; D. Stroud, S.W. 2090; W. C. Williams, S.W. 1585; S. W. Keene, S.D. 865; F. Craggs, I.G. 834; J. Rayner, and H. D. Haslett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Keene being candidate. Bro. Rayner offering himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rayner being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the first Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, when it was proposed by Bro. Read, and seconded by Bro. R. H. Williams, that Bro. Stroud become a joining member of this lodge—carried unanimously. Bro. Stroud replied, thanking the brethren. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Read proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that Bro. Windsor be elected W.M. for next meeting—carried unanimously. It was also proposed by Bro. Read, and seconded by Bro. S. Cochrane, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner that the W.M. had worked the ceremonies for the first time in any lodge. The W.M. the brethren for the appreciation of his services. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Williams, W.M.; Austin, S.W.; Purdue, P.M.; J. W.; Whittle, S.D.; Brietbard, J.D.; Cavers, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Cuff, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Child, P.M.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Jennings, Marsh, Love, Prosser, Rogers, and Strout.

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. Cuff, P.M., being candidate. The questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Marsh. The 2nd and 3rd Sections were worked by Bro. Davies. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Cuff, P.M. 511, was elected a joining member. Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. J. Davies announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on the fourth Thursday in October. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1802).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. V. Wing, W.M.; W. W. Williams, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; D. Stroud, S.D.; Coombes, J.D.; J. Sims, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Purdue, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; C. F. Dopson, J. Davies, and A. Tilbury.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Purdue, P.M., offering himself as candidate, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a perfect manner. Bro. C. F. Dopson offering himself as candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. C. F. Dopson, W.M. 834, being the candidate. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when on the proposition of Bro. Ayling, seconded by Bro. J. Brown, Bro. W. W. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes" were given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**CROYDON.**—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Katherine-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when there was a good attendance, including Bros. Kilmington, W.M.; Nicholls, S.W.; Penn, J.W.; Cambridge, S.D.; Matthey, J.D.; and Holden, I.G.

The lodge was duly opened, and four brethren were elected as joining members. The ceremony of the Third Degree was rehearsed, Bro. Dr. Wilson being the candidate. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed.

At a regular meeting of the Electric Lodge, No. 2087, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 25th ult., Bro. James Hookey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months.

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

### Royal Arch. INSTRUCTION.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. C. F. Hogard, M.E.Z.; F. Brasted, H.; J. P. Parkes, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; W. Radcliffe, S.N.; J. Russell, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor; E. Lewis, and J. Funston.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lewis acting as candidate, which was sustained in an able and impressive manner by the above mentioned officers. On the whole an instructive evening was spent.

### Mark Masonry.

**NEWARK.**—Fleming Lodge (No. 265).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Savings' Bank on Friday, the 24th ult. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors. Bro. J. M. McLeod, in the absence of the retiring W.M., officiated in the chair. Among those present were Past Masters Bros. Rev. F. V. Russell, P.P.G.S.W., and H. George, Past G.A.D. of C. England; and among the visitors were Bros. Thomas Cox, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire, Derbyshire, and Northamptonshire; Percy Wallis, Past G.D. England; T. C. Lazenby, P.P.G.S.W. Lincs.; T. Roberts, P.P.G.A.D.C. Notts; Aldam, P.G.A.D.C. Notts; Reader, and T. Salisbury.

The lodge having been opened, and preliminary business despatched, Bro. McLeod advanced Bros. Frank Hutchinson, T. Watson Lovibond, and H. J. Smith to the Degree of M.M.M. The Treasurer's accounts, showing a fair balance in favour of the lodge, were received and adopted. Bro. Henry George, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C. England, then proceeded to instal Bro. J. Hickling Tomlinson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. F. H. Appleby, J.W.; Rev. A. W. Wood, J.W.; G. Wilson, M.O.; S. Ironmonger, S.O.; H. W. Hutchinson, J.O.; Rev. F. V. Bussell, P.M., Treas.; J. M. McLeod, P.M., Reg. of Mkcs.; Henry George, P.M., Sec.; C. Brown, S.D.; W. Ironmonger, J.D.; J. Harston, I.G.; J. V. Bettle and C. E. Rossington, Stwds.; and J. Dooly, Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented to Bro. J. Dooly a suit of P.G. Lodge clothing, voted to him by the lodge. A proposition of a candidate having been received, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed, after which the brethren retired to the Robin Hood Hotel, where Bro. Lane had a capital banquet awaiting them.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs and recitations, brought this successful meeting to a close.

### Scotland.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

**GREENOCK.**—Greenock Chapter (No. 17).—At the annual general meeting of this chapter, held in St. John's Hall, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., the following companions were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: Comps. Wm. Allison, M.E.Z.; John McArthur, H.; D. McCallum, J.; Wm. Smith, 1st P.S.; Alex. McArthur, 2nd P.S.; F. E. Lisbon, 3rd P.S.; D. McDonald, S.E.; John McQuarrie, S.N.; Wm. Black, Treas.; Alex. McIntyre, J. Todd, Geo. Munro, and Wm. A. Cairney, Captains of Vails; Rev. J. Trew, Chap.; Robert Glover, Architect; John Lang, Std. Br.; John Dunlop, Mark Master; Wilson Coburn, James Taylor, Wm. Hamilton, and Charles McKinnon, Stwds.; Wm. Hughes, I.G.; Thomas Wilson, Janitor; and J. W. Gillies, D. of M.

**LEITH.**—Perseverance Chapter (No. 152).—The annual meeting of this chapter, on the occasion of the autumnal equinox, was held in the Trafalgar Hall on Thursday, the 23rd ult. There was a good turn out of members, and the chapter being opened in ample form, the following office bearers were duly installed by Comp. Turner, Past Principal: Comps. John Taylor, Z.; D. Laird, H.; C. Slater, J.; David, Turner, P.Z.; D. Stalker, Depute; W. D. Johnson, S.E.; E. Drummond, S.N.; C. Ritchie, Treas.; P. Dresner, 1st Soj.; Wm. Mills, 2nd Soj.; A. L. Lundgreen, 3rd Soj.; W. Turner, Chancellor; George M. Davidson, Director of Music; R. Gilroy, Steward; and A. Henderson, Janitor. The business of the chapter being over, the companions sat down to well-spread tables of cake, wine, fruit, &c.; and, after the preliminary toasts,

Comp. the Rev. James Park proposed "The Health of the M.E. First Principal." In an interesting speech the reverend companion spoke of the deep interest taken by Comp. Taylor for many years in Freemasonry in general, and the great value placed on his assistance and advice, which had been of such advantage to the chapter since it was instituted some sixteen years ago. Comp. Taylor had now thrice held that high position, and they were one and all proud that they had been successful in retaining his services for yet another term. Bro. Park concluded by presenting the First Principal, in the name of the members, with a massive gold Albert with R.A. appendage, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Comp. John Taylor, First Principal, by the members of Chapter Perseverance, No. 152, as a mark of respect for valuable services rendered. Leith, 23rd September, 1886."

Comp. Taylor, in accepting the gift, made a feeling speech, remarking on the wonderful prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in Leith, and the satisfactory condition of the funds, &c., of the lodge.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by Comps. W. H. Darling, Robert Law, W. D. Johnson, and others, and altogether one of the most enjoyable meetings in connection with Royal Arch Masonry in Leith was brought to a close.

Bro. Henry Irving has subscribed £100 towards the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquakes at Charleston, U.S.A.

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



## OPENING OF A FREEMASONS' HALL AT DOVER.

An event of considerable importance to the Craft at Dover took place on Monday evening, the 20th ult., when the first meeting was held at the newly-acquired premises Snargate-street. The two Craft lodges, Peace and Harmony, 199, and the Corinthian, 1208, together with the Royal Arch Chapter, 199, and the Mark Master Masons' Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, 152, have hitherto met at different hotels in the town, and, although several attempts have been made to obtain premises which could be devoted entirely to Masonic purposes, it was not until the present year that the growing desire to get away from licensed premises has been accomplished by a suitable building being secured for a Freemasons' Hall. The premises, which are well adapted for the purposes for which they are required, consist of the hall, used as a lodge room, with three ante-rooms, lavatory, &c. The hall has been very tastefully decorated and handsomely furnished, and contains, besides several other gifts from the brethren, three stained-glass windows, presented respectively by the W.M. of 199, the W.M. of 1208, the First Principal of Chapter 199, and the W.M. of M.M.M. 152. These windows add very much to the beauty of the hall, whether viewed from the interior or exterior.

A very large number of the officers and brethren of the local lodges assembled at the opening hour, 6 p.m., on Monday, it being the first monthly meeting this session of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208. The W.M., Bro. Woldemar O. Kennett, presided, and was supported by the W.M. of Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Bro. Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.P.G.C.; and Bros. J. D. Terson, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Bordeaux, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. Fenn, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Prescott, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Browning, P.P.G.S. Wks.; T. J. Perkins, I.P.M.; and several Past Masters of 199 and 1208, together with Bros. Colonel Cumming, P.P.G.S. Sussex; J. A. Hendy, 655 (Australia); J. W. Bussey, W.M. 199; J. H. Higgins, 31; E. Buss, 181; H. Cruttenden, P.M. 503; besides others from the district.

During the evening, Mr. Martyn Mowll was initiated in a very impressive manner by Bro. W. O. Kennett, the W.M., who afterwards gave the charge. The ceremonies were musically performed, the choral service by Bro. J. Plant (of Canterbury Cathedral), P.G. Organist, being used, and was very effectively rendered by Bros. Plant, Igglesden, Bordeaux, and Higgins, Bro. Charles Winterbon conducting and presiding at the organ.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren then sat down to a supper provided by Bro. Oldfield, P.M. The usual toasts and a very cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. were afterwards given, and duly honoured.

During the evening a programme of glees and songs was performed by the brethren who had assisted at the choral service.

The brethren afterwards separated, and it was felt that a decided step in the best interests of Freemasonry had been most successfully inaugurated.

## DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

In response to a circular issued by Bro. J. B. Gover, P.M. and Sec. of Lodge St. John, P.P.G.A.D.C., the energetic Hon. Sec. of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, a number of brethren met at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Saturday evening, the 25th inst., to devise further means than already exist whereby the funds of this excellent Institution may be materially benefitted. As the result of the lengthy and practical discussion it was decided to ask Bro. Hearder, P.M., to arrange a popular concert at an early date, to take place in the Plymouth Guildhall. Mr. Löhse, the conductor of the Plymouth Vocal Association, and Mr. Weekes, the conductor of the Choral Society, are being communicated with with a view to one or the other of the societies giving a high class concert in aid of the Institution. It was also resolved that Bro. Hughan, P.G.S.D. of England, be asked to arrange a Masonic Exhibition of curios, relics, interesting documents, and such like, to take place at the Huyshe Masonic Temple at a convenient date. It is proposed to hold several concerts in aid of the Devonshire Educational Fund during the winter.

## MASONIC READING.

There are very many valuable Masonic newspapers published all over the world. There is much printed and sent broadcast regarding Masonry, in book-form. There are a number of histories of the fraternity. There are voluminous proceedings of Masonic Grand Bodies. The world is full of books on the subject of Masonry, yet there is very little known of the true essence of the Craft-teachings. The fact is, there is very little Masonic literature that is read. A Mason thinks because he is a Mason he must have some history of the Order in his library, just as he thinks he must have some diploma or Masonic chart framed and hung over the mantle in the front parlour. The book adorns the shelf as the picture adorns the wall, a matter of ornament merely, not to be consulted for information. And then some Masonic widow or orphan comes around with "Adison's Knights Templar," "Mackey's Cyclopaedia," or some other good work, and out of sympathy and may be, a real desire to help a worthy sister, or what is more likely just to get rid of the agent, he buys the book, never opens it, except to read the title page, puts it away and forgets it.

There are various reasons for all this. The first and greatest reason perhaps is the brother does not feel that deep interest in the Masonic fraternity that he thought he did. For, after all, the number of really interested Masons in the vast army of five hundred and ninety-six thousand that the United States contains, to say nothing of the rest of the world, is very small. They are ignorant of what Masonry has been, what it is to-day, in organization, teaching and benefit. Many, perhaps the vast majority join Masonry out of mere curiosity, and when that curiosity is gratified by the Degrees they take, they have all they want of Masonry, never attend lodge meetings, never read a Masonic book and never take a Masonic journal. Others join because it has pleasant social advantages, and they enjoy the lodge, take delight in helping to confer the Third Degree, without realizing what the great, under-

lying, fundamental principle of the drama is. They never read, only to be posted about the ritual of the Degrees, so that the few who remain, whose interest is sufficient to lead them to search the records and read the current literature, must support the publications themselves.

The complaint comes from all over the world that Masons do not read, that they do not support the publications of the Order. From India, from New Zealand, from Canada, from our own country, every where the same cry goes up. This, of course, ought not to be so. Every Mason should be an intelligent Mason, and if he fails to avail himself of the many opportunities for gaining knowledge, he is culpably negligent. There is also another side of the question. Brethren ought not to be expected to read *everything* that is found in Masonic periodicals, for there is much printed that is the merest trash. There should be, on the part of those who publish Masonic newspapers, an effort to have the tone of the paper very high. Low, scurrilous articles ought to be excluded. Only the pure and beautiful should be published. Masonry is a system of beautiful symbols, and around it should be gathered everything that will bring out clearly and distinctly every hidden glory, and nothing that will tarnish or destroy. There should be variety, not strained monotony. There should be freedom, not stilted stoicism. All should be just such as would appeal to the nobler, higher, purer instincts of the man. Long, prosy articles on some exploded theory that may be very beautiful to stand off and look at, are a burden, and make a magazine heavy and *never read*. There has been very much of this in Masonry, too much, and it has been a direct injury to all Masonic publications.

Many of the periodicals, as they are published to-day, are unworthy the names they bear. They are nothing but the scrapings, the peeling, while the fruit has been thrown away. There is a great deal of genuine talent in Masonry, and the very best of it should be employed on the literature. The trash should be weeded out, and only the true stuff should be preserved. Then the publication ought to be presented in an attractive form, good type, clear and plain, good paper, and the whole workmanship should exhibit a master workman. Let those who essay to write be careful to give only their thoughts, carefully prepared, and those who print, do it in a workmanlike manner, and it may be, some of the trouble will be removed. There are some Masonic publications in the world whose very appearance would create a feeling of disgust rather than admiration. The type, the paper, the whole "get up" is so careless and uninviting that you would expect to find the matter inside equally distasteful. This corrected and then the matter carefully prepared, so that one may "pick something out of everything he reads," and the cry of want of support will be lessened, and the ignorance of the Craft will be supplanted by knowledge, and the tenets of the Order will be understood and more widely practiced, and the grand mission of our noble Institution made secure beyond a peradventure.—*New York Dispatch*.

## MASONIC "AT HOME."

On Friday evening, August the 20th, the brethren of the British Kaffrarian and Memorial Lodges entertained a large party of their friends at a dance in the Odd Fellows' Hall, King William's Town, Cape of Good Hope, the walls of which were decorated with the banners of the two lodges, the 12 bannerets of the Royal Arch, and the tracing boards of the Craft, whilst across the proscenium of the stage other five bannerets of the Royal Arch were hung. The stage was prepared as a drawing room, and made a pleasant lounge for those who did not dance. The retiring rooms on either side of it were used respectively for cards and for tea and coffee, and supper was served in a temporary room, formed by enclosing the verandah, the lodge room usually appropriated for this purpose being set aside on this occasion for dancing. Masons are famous for the cheeriness of their hospitality and for their zeal in promoting the enjoyment of their guests, and well did they maintain their reputation that evening, no one willing to dance being allowed to sit for want of an introduction; for instance, we noticed in one of the sets of Lancers especially that every lady who had been seated in the body of the hall was taking part in the dance, and it is this kind attention and looking after their guests that always makes Masonic parties so thoroughly enjoyable.

The brethren who are to be especially thanked for this are the Masters of Ceremonies, Bros. W. F. Sissing, D.G.S.; J. S. F. Johnson, P.D.G.S.B.; W. G. Smith, D.C.T.; the Stewards, Bros. T. W. Robertson, D.G.S.W.; J. Clarke, P.D.G.S.B.; W. Lord, G. A. Hay, E. E. Well-beloved, and Dr. Hartley, V.C.; and the Honorary Secretaries, Bros. C. W. Blumh and W. H. Potts. At the opening of the party the brethren formed up and received the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Dr. Egan, and the D.D.G.M., Bro. G. P. Perks, accompanied by the Masters of the two lodges—Bros. Sissing and Smith—and the District Grand Master then welcomed the guests, and expressed the hope of himself and his brethren that they would thoroughly enjoy themselves, which hope was evidently realised, the party passing off splendidly.

The music was supplied by bandsmen of the C.M. Riflemen, and was very bright and in good time.

## MASONIC PRESENTATION AT BINGLEY.

On Wednesday evening a large gathering of the Freemasons of the Bingley, Keighley, and Haworth lodges took place at the Fleece Hotel, Bingley, for the purpose of presenting a beautifully-illuminated and congratulatory address to Past Master John Craven Taylor, of Bradford. Bro. Taylor was appointed the Master of the Scientific Lodge, No. 439, in the year 1836, and the meeting was held for the purpose of celebrating his 50th year. He has been connected with the lodge half-a-century, and is held in high esteem by all Freemasons. He has filled several important offices in the higher branches of Masonry, and has been a subscribing member ever since the lodge was commenced.

The presentation was made by Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire. The Mayor of Bradford, Alderman Thomas Hill, was present, and Bro. Henry Smith, D. Prov. G.M. There were all the local lodges represented, and hearty congratulations were given to Bro. Taylor.

## Obituary.

BRO. J. PEARSON BELL, M.D., P.G.D., PAST D.P.G.M. AND PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

Bro. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., of Hull, whose death occurred on Sunday last in the 78th year of his age, and who—as we mention in our editorial remarks—was one of the foremost among our English Masonic luminaries of the present day, was initiated in the Humber Lodge, 57, on the 16th October, 1838. Two years later, he became J.W., and in 1841—on the occasion of the late Duke of Sussex, then M.W.G.M., visiting the Province of North and East Yorkshire—the minor distinction of a Prov. Grand Stewardship was conferred upon him. In the year following he was elected to the chair of his lodge, and thenceforward the honours conferred upon him fell thick and fast, so that in a very short time Bro. Bell became the right hand man of the late Earl of Zetland, G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, as we know he has been of his nephew and successor in the latter office, the present Earl. In 1843, he was invested Prov. G.S.B.; in 1849, and again in 1850, he was appointed Prov. G.J.W.; and in 1860—on the death of the late Bro. Jeremiah Stark—he was specially invited by his late chief to undertake the difficult and oftentimes thankless task of Provincial Grand Secretary. In 1866, Bro. George Marwood, Deputy Provincial G.M., died, and since then till quite recently our deceased brother had continued in that post, the able supporter of his late and present chief's dignity, and the friend of all their subordinate brethren. In R.A. Masonry, of which he was the Grand Superintendent of his province, Comp. Bell was M.E.Z. of the Humber Chapter, No. 57, in 1851, and a second time the year following, and in 1858 he accepted the same position in the chapter attached to the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, which about that time he had helped so materially to reconstitute. In 1859 he was re-elected Z. of the same chapter, and was appointed Third Principal in the Prov. G. Chapter. Seven years later he was chosen Prov. G. Superintendent, and in the 20 years that have since elapsed had done more than any other Mason on behalf of this branch of Constitutional Masonry. But these represent only a part of his labours. During his Prov. G. Secretaryship he compiled a new code of bye-laws, which afterwards received the approval of the province. He was also the founder of the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, which has a handsome sum invested, and is able not only to relieve the wants of many local brethren, but also to remit, from time to time, a considerable amount of support to our Central Charities. He has likewise, as may well be imagined, taken a leading part on several occasions in the Masonic ceremony of laying foundation-stones, and has more than once been presented with the trowel for his services. There is also another field of Masonic labour in which our late brother occupied a high position, namely, as a literary member of our Order, and for his valuable services as a lecturer on R.A. Masonry, as the historian of his province, and as the author of the chart, entitled "The Stream of English Freemasonry," Bro. Bell will always be remembered with respect. He was likewise a supporter of all the Institutions, and the recipient of many testimonials from his Yorkshire brethren, notably in 1872, when, to commemorate his appointment to the Grand Senior Deaconship of England, they presented him with a silver epergne and salver, value 250 guineas; and again, early in the current year when, on the occasion of his golden wedding, Mrs. Bell received from them a bust of him whom she had been united with in marriage for half a century. Such a Masonic record as this, so varied in its features, and yet so pre-eminent in its claims on the affection and respect of all Masons is by no means frequent, and our sorrow at his loss is proportionate to our knowledge of the rare merit he had shown in all the positions of distinction and trust he had been called upon to fill.

## The Craft Abroad.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF LODGE STAR IN THE FAR SOUTH, PAKAPURA.

The anniversary of the opening of Lodge Star in the Far South was celebrated in the lodge room, Protestant Hall, Pakapura, on June 18th. It was decided to give the affair the character of a social gathering, embracing Masons belonging to the lodge and their friends, and to commence the proceedings with a kind of "high tea." At the lodge meeting held a few weeks previously a Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Walker, D. Wilson, S. Walker, B. R. Brown, Clark, E. W. McLennan, and G. Willis, to carry out the necessary arrangements, and, aided by Mesdames J. Walker, D. Wilson, S. Walker, Brown, the Misses McLennan, Willis, and other ladies, the Committee brought their arrangements to a most successful issue. About nine o'clock the hall was cleared for the subsequent entertainment, which the R.W.M. of the lodge prefaced by an address on the principles of the Order of Freemasonry. After the address the lengthy dance programme was commenced, Mr. W. Wilson ably undertaking the duties of M.C. The dancing was interspersed with excellent songs rendered by Bro. Dr. Erson, R.W.M. Lodge Wairoa and W.M. Lodge Harmony, Bro. Hunt, and Messrs. Shanaghan, W. Simms, and W. J. Wilson; and choice readings and recitations from Bros. Dr. Erson and S. Walker. During the evening Bro. Slaton, P.M., and Prov. G. Sec. N.I.N.Z. (S.C.), delivered an appropriate address, which was well received. The proceedings continued with unflagging zeal until four o'clock a.m.

LODGE ARA, No. 348 (I.C.), AUCKLAND.

On June 24th, being St. John's Day, the brethren of this lodge, with numerous visiting brethren, assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street, Auckland, New Zealand, for the annual ceremony of installation of W.M. The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. J. R. Hanna, the retiring W.M., the minutes of the preceding meeting were read, and the routine work gone through, after which Bro. Alfred Kidd was presented to the W.M. and the lodge as the W.M. elect, and the obligation duly taken. The lodge having then been raised, a Board of P.M.'s proceeded to install the W.M. with customary ceremonies, after which he was introduced and saluted by the assembled brethren in the three Degrees. The W.M. next proceeded to invest his officers with the insignia of their respective offices as

follows: Bros. J. R. Hanna, I.P.M.; D. F. Evans, S.W.; C. C. Macmullen, J.W.; F. J. Whitaker, S.D.; G. Robson, J.D.; A. S. Russell, Sec.; Dr. Kidd, Chap.; W. J. Mitchell, Treas.; J. D. Wickham, I.G.; A. Wright, P.M., D.C.; A. Hanna, Org.; W. M. Chapman and Carl Westpfahl, Stwds.; and Capt. Tonge, Tyler. The brethren partook of luncheon after the lodge had been closed, and the annual installation banquet was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Monday, July 5th.

#### LODGE ALPHA, No. 2014 (E.C.)

The installation of officers of Lodge Alpha, 2014 (E.C.), Cambridge, took place in the lodge room on the 24th June. There was a large number of brethren present, including visitors from Auckland, Hamilton, and other Waikato townships. Past Masters Bros. Seabrook, Hartley, Edgecombe, Dey, and Brunskill occupied seats on the dais. Bro. William Lodder, D.D.G.M., installed the W.M., Bro. T. W. Sargent, after which ceremony the P.M., assisted by Bro. Brunskill, installed the following officers: Bros. J. W. Russell, S.W.; H. R. Lyall, J.W.; J. Simpson, S.D.; C. Boyce, J.D.; J. P. Thompson, Treas.; H. W. Westby, Sec.; W. S. Stewart, I.G.; and J. Mullions, Tyler. At the close of the installation ceremony the brethren adjourned to a banquet prepared by Bro. Boyce, which eclipsed all his previous efforts at catering. Loyal and fraternal toasts were given in the usual Masonic manner, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

#### LODGE BETA.

The installation of officers of Lodge Beta was held on July 1st. There was a large gathering of the Craft, some fifty being present. The installation ceremony was performed by Past Masters Bros. Day and Murray, and Past Masters Bros. Primrose, McPherson, Brunskill, and Sergeant were also present. The following officers were installed: Bros. S. E. G. Smith, W.M.; C. J. W. Barton, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; F. Bell, S.D.; White, J.D.; R. O'C. Biggs, Chap.; George Edgecumbe, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; H. Biggs, I.G.; and F. Pascoe, Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a really elegant and bountiful supper, provided by Lodge Beta. Ten sister lodges were represented among the visitors, and the members of the Cambridge Lodge Alpha mustered in force.

#### CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Early in September, Bro. E. C. Mitchell, M.W.G.M. of Pennsylvania, assisted by his Grand Officers, had the satisfaction of consecrating two new lodges—one at Bangor, in Northampton County, and the other at Riegelsville. There was a large attendance at both ceremonies, and there is every likelihood of the newly-constituted bodies proving worthy of the Society of which they are now a part. A full account of the proceedings is contained in the *Keystone* of the 11th ult.; but, for the benefit of those who have not access to that journal, we may state briefly that on the first day—the 3rd September—Bro. Coppee Mitchell, G.M., with Bros. Joseph Eichbaum, D.G.M.; Clifford P. MacCalla, G.S.W.; the Hon. J. Simpson Africa, G.J.W.; Thomas R. Patton, G. Treas.; Michael Nisbet, G. Sec.; the Rev. James W. Robins, D.D., G. Chap.; Conrad B. Day, Past G.M.; and others in attendance, left Philadelphia in a special car, provided for their accommodation by the Penn-

sylvania Railroad Company, for Bangor, where, on their arrival, they were courteously met by Bros. Gershom G. Blake, W.M., and Raymond Marks, Secretary, of the proposed new lodge. They were at once conducted to the lodge room, and the ceremony of consecrating the new lodge—now known as the Bangor, No. 505—was successfully carried out. The following were afterwards installed as officers for the year, namely, Bros. Gershom G. Blake, W.M.; Robert S. Wagner, S.W.; Samuel E. Raesby, J.W.; John Slack, Treas.; and Raymond Marks, Sec. In the evening a grand visitation of the new lodge was made by the Grand Master, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the lodge officers, under the superintendence of Bro. Coppee Mitchell. The Grand Officers having remained the night at Bangor, at the Mansion House, where they were most hospitably tended by Bro. Marks, left early on Saturday morning, the 4th ult., for Riegelsville, for the purpose of consecrating the Prosperity Lodge, No. 507. At the close of the ceremony, which was most impressively carried out, Bros. Edward W. Larch, W.M.; Alex. S. Jordan, S.W.; and Newton S. Rice were severally installed in office, and the proceedings being concluded, the visitors were entertained at dinner, at the Riegelsville Hotel, by the officers and members of the new lodge. After a most agreeable meeting, and the usual toasts, the Grand Officers returned by railway to Philadelphia.

The same number of the *Keystone* contains a most interesting sketch of Bro. William Adcock, who was the first Grand Master of the independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Adcock succeeded Bro. William Ball as Prov. G. Master of the Prov. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, under our "Ancient" G. Lodge in 1782, and in 1786 was Chairman of the Committee of Delegates from the different lodges in Pennsylvania which resolved on setting up the present G.L. of Pennsylvania. He was elected its first G. Master, and so remained till December, 1788, when he declined re-election, and was succeeded by Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith. Bro. Adcock died full of years and honours in 1817, when the Grand Lodge, which he had had a principal hand in establishing, had been in existence for upwards of 30 years.

#### GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, NEW YORK.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters held annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, New York, on Tuesday, the 7th September last. Comp. J. W. Coburn, G.M., supported by Comps. J. L. Brothers, D.G.M., and R. C. Christiana, G.P.C. of W., presided, and there were present, in addition to the other Grand Officers and the representatives of 24 subordinate councils, the representatives at the Grand Council of New York of 24 other Grand Councils in the United States. The Grand Council having been opened, and the several Committees appointed, the Grand Recorder's report, showing that Cryptic Masonry in New York was in a very flourishing condition, was read and gave great satisfaction. The Grand Officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and installed, and the first Tuesday in September, 1887, having been fixed for the next annual meeting, which will take place in New York, Grand Council was closed.

SHAW-STEWART LODGE, No. 711 (S.C.), SYDNEY, N.S.W.

A large gathering took place in the Town Hall, Peter-

sham, Sydney, N.S.W., on Tuesday, July 20th, to witness the installation of the officers for the year of this lodge. The D.G.M., Bro. Dr. Sedgwick, the D.G. Wardens, and D.G.S. were present, with a large number of visitors. After Bro. Paterson, R.W.M., had initiated Mr. A. E. Hurst into the mysteries, Bro. McLaughlin, D.G.S.W., installed the following officers: Bros. J. M. Waddell, R.W.M.; P. Paterson, I.P.M.; J. H. Kendle, S.W.; A. Robbie, J.W.; W. H. Sadler, S.D.; G. Lance, J.D.; G. Frew, I.G.; W. Hall, S.M.; F. Walsh, Chap.; J. Prior, Sec.; T. Cross, Treas.; A. J. Swinerton, J. Hill, and W. Harrison, Stwds. After the ceremony had been ably carried through, with the assistance of Bro. Rofe, P.M., the company, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, adjourned to another part of the hall, where a repast was done justice to and a lengthy list of toasts proposed. The retiring R.W.M., Bro. Paterson, was presented, in open lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, of artistic design, by the D.G.M., on behalf of the lodge, to show their appreciation of his exertions and conduct during his term of office.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania was held at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 2nd ult., under the presidency of Comp. Geo. W. Kendrick, M.E. Grand High Priest. In the course of the proceedings the Grand Secretary's report was read, from which it appeared that there were 107 chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, with an aggregate membership of 11,769, and three Mark lodges, with a membership of 1521. Comp. Kendrick announced the deaths of Comp. Andrew W. Cox, D.D., Grand High Priest, and Comp. Rev. Thomas J. Davis, Grand Chap., and memorial notices were read in their honour by Comps. Charles E. Meyer and Dr. Piper respectively. The Degree of R.A. Mason was fully exemplified by the G.H.P. and his G. Officers, and Comp. Kendrick announced that at the next Quarterly Convocation, the Order of High Priesthood would be fully exemplified. There was a large attendance of G. Officers and companions, all of whom took a deep interest in the proceedings of the meeting.

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

##### BIRTH.

KENT.—On the 27th ult., at 11, Westbourne-terrace-road, the wife of G. Harold Kent, of a daughter.

##### MARRIAGE.

VAN DER PANT—WAKEFIELD.—On the 23rd ult., at the Church of St. Mary, East Molesey, by the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, M.A., Vicar of the parish, Francis John Van der Pant, of Elm Lawn, Kingston-on-Thames, and Dudley House, Sea View, Isle of Wight, to Emma (Emmie), only daughter of Richard Wakefield, of East Molesey Lodge, Surrey, and Eynsham, Oxon.

##### DEATHS.

BELL.—On the 26th ult., at Hull, Bro. J. Pearson Bell, aged 78 years.

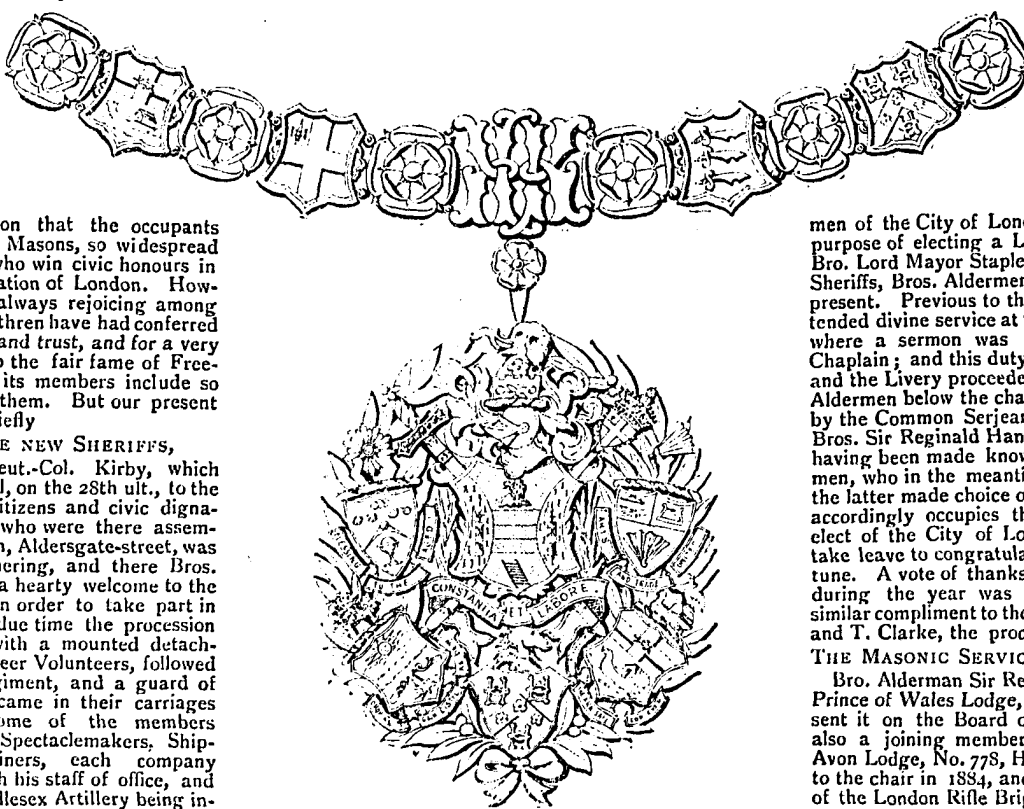
HARPER.—On the 9th ult., at the Wellington Hotel, Harrogate, Yorkshire, Mary, widow of the late Benjamin Harper, aged 74 years.

#### THE NEW SHERIFFS AND THE LORD MAYOR ELECT.

The worthy citizens of London who have this week entered upon their responsible duties as Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and the Alderman who, on Wednesday, was chosen to succeed Bro. Lord Mayor Staples as the Chief Magistrate of the City, happen, as was the case last year, to be members of our Society, and our readers doubtless will be pleased if we give more prominence than usual to events which are not strictly Masonic, though, from the circumstances we have just recorded, they cannot fail to be of interest to our brother Masons. Indeed, nowadays it seems to be the rule rather than the exception that the occupants of the offices in question should be Masons, so widespread is our membership among those who win civic honours in the ancient and honourable Corporation of London. However, be this as it may, there is always rejoicing among members of the Craft when any brethren have had conferred upon them positions of distinction and trust, and for a very good reason—it adds immensely to the fair fame of Freemasonry, when it is known that its members include so many good men and true amongst them. But our present concern is to describe somewhat briefly

THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SHERIFFS, Bros. Alderman Isaacs and Lieut.-Col. Kirby, which took place as usual at the Guildhall, on the 28th ult., to the gratification of the many worthy citizens and civic dignitaries, past, present, and to come, who were there assembled. The favourite Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, was the scene of the preliminary gathering, and there Bros. Isaacs and Lieut.-Col. Kirby gave a hearty welcome to the invited guests as they trooped in order to take part in the time-honoured ceremony. In due time the procession was formed, an escort of police with a mounted detachment of the Tower Hamlets Engineer Volunteers, followed by the drums and fifes of the regiment, and a guard of honour, leading the way. Next came in their carriages the Masters, Wardens, and some of the members of the several Companies of Spectaclemakers, Shipwrights, Fanmakers, and Loriners, each company being attended by its beadle with his staff of office, and the bands of the 1st and 3rd Middlesex Artillery being introduced at intervals and enlivening the way with some excellent martial music. The State equipages of the Under Sheriffs and Sheriffs completed the cortege, and Guildhall Yard having been reached, the occupants of the carriages made their way into the hall, and the Sheriffs-elect having been formally introduced to the Court of Aldermen, a procession was made to the Hustings, where, in the presence

of Bro. the Lord Mayor and many of the Aldermen and others, the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, administered the usual declaration to each of the Sheriffs in turn, and their predecessors having taken off their chains of office and placed them on Alderman Isaacs and Lieut.-Col. Kirby, the ceremony was at an end, and the company returned to the Albion, where the usual breakfast, followed by the usual toasts, was served.



The chain of office, with the badge attached, of Bro. Sheriff Lieut.-Col. Kirby was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and is of very chaste design, as will be seen by the accompanying illustration.

Among those present were Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs, Lieut.-Col. and Sheriff Kirby, J.P., Alderman

Col. Sir R. Hanson, M.A., Alderman Whitehead, Alderman Evans, Ex-Sheriff Clarke, the Earl of Donoughmore, W. H. Saunders, Farra, A. M. Broadley, Pearce, Morrison, C.C., Sir John Bennett, Barrow Emanuel, M.A., Augustus Harris, Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., G. Shaw, C.C., A. J. Altman, C.C., Ex-Under-Sheriff W. E. Baxter, P. F. R. Saillard, Capt. H. F. Youle, Lieut.-Col. T. D. Sewell, Ex-Sheriff C. W. Hutton, J. Judd, C.C., W. Walford, C.C., Deputy Walford, W. H. Pannell, C.C., Under Sheriff G. Rose-Innes, jun., C.C., Ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith, George Kenning, T. Beard, C.C., H. H. Lavington, J. Renals, W. J. Soulsby, Sir W. A. Ogg, and others.

#### ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR.

On Wednesday there was a Common Hall of the Liverymen of the City of London held in the Guildhall for the purpose of electing a Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided, and the newly-installed Sheriffs, Bros. Alderman Isaacs and Lieut.-Col. Kirby were present. Previous to the election, the civic dignitaries attended divine service at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, where a sermon was preached by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain; and this duty fulfilled, they returned to the Hall, and the Livery proceeded to the election, the names of the Aldermen below the chair who were eligible being read out by the Common Serjeant. From these were chosen two, Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson and De Keyser, and the result having been made known to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, who in the meantime had retired from the hustings, the latter made choice of Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, who accordingly occupies the proud position of Lord Mayor elect of the City of London, and whom accordingly we take leave to congratulate on his well-deserved good fortune. A vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for his services during the year was unanimously passed, and with a similar compliment to the Ex-Sheriffs, Bros. Alderman Evans and T. Clarke, the proceedings were brought to a close.

#### THE MASONIC SERVICES OF THE LORD MAYOR-ELECT.

Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and was elected to represent it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1884. He is also a joining member and Past Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court, having been elected to the chair in 1884, and was one of the founders, in 1882, of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1902, and is still connected with it as an honorary member. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, on 6th June, 1879, and has had many other opportunities of showing his interest in Freemasonry, having served on the Board of General Purposes, and having qualified as a Life Governor of our three Institutions, with a Festival Stewardship in the case of each of the Schools.

## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The Prince of Wales has decided that the Colonial and Indian Exhibition shall close on Wednesday, the 10th November next.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., left town last week for Mar Lodge, Aberdeenshire, on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Fife.

The Prince's Theatre in Coventry-street, Haymarket, has by permission of the Lord Chamberlain been re-named "The Prince of Wales's" Theatre.

The Prince of Wales left Abergeldie Castle for Mar Lodge on Monday for the purpose of enjoying a few days' deer-stalking with Bro. the Earl of Fife.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley, after a short absence from London, resumed his duties at the War Office as Adjutant-General of the Forces on Thursday, the 23rd ult.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie have arrived at South Kensington Hotel from Aldershot. His lordship is in command of the detachment of the 10th Hussars stationed at Kensington.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Creation Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush.

Bros. A. Brookman, E. D. Rogers, and G. Shaw were among the guests at the dinner given by the Special Guildhall Improvement Committee at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday.

The will of the late Sir Charles Trevelyan, Bart., has been proved by the executors, of whom Bro. Sir George Otto Trevelyan, Bart., is one, the personalty being sworn at upwards of £50,000.

The Grand Duke of Hesse and his daughter, the Princess Irene, arrived in England on Saturday morning last, and after a brief stay at Buckingham Palace, left for Balmoral Castle late on Sunday evening on a visit to the Queen.

Bro. Alderman Isaacs, at the time Sheriff-elect, and now Sheriff of London and Middlesex, was presented by the inhabitants of his Ward of Portsoken, at the City Carlton Club on Thursday, the 23rd ult., with his chain and badge of office, the chain, which is of solid gold, weighing 19 ounces.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren and the other Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police have just inspected and approved of the new patent Victoria hansom, which is now plying for hire in London, and which has the merit of being capable of being so adjusted as to be opened or closed at the will of the passenger.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was unfortunately prevented from being present at the cricket match between the Honourable Artillery and Guildhall Cricket Clubs on Saturday last; but Bros. Under-Sheriff Rose-Innes, W. H. Pannell, H. Squire, Sir J. B. Monckton, and Major Spicer were among the spectators. The H.A.C. were victorious by 21 runs.

Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., presided at an extraordinary general meeting, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 24th ult., of the Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway Company for the purpose of confirming a contract which the directors had entered into with Messrs. J. E. and M. Clark for the purchase of the concession and for the construction and equipment of an extension of the existing railway from its present eastern terminus at Mercedes to Buenos Ayres. The contract was confirmed, and a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman at the close of the proceedings.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the Masonic Hall, Victoria, on the 10th June last, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Trownce, Grand Master. The meeting was of a stormy character, Grand Master Trownce's conduct being severely animadverted on, and the Grand Officers he had suspended restored to all their rights and privileges. The following are the Grand Officers for the new year, namely: Bros. William Dalby, G.M.; A. R. Milne, D. G.M.; J. C. Hughes, G.S.W.; William Stewart, G.J.W.; Right Rev. Bishop Sillitoe, G. Chap.; H. F. Heisterman, G. Treas.; E. C. Neufelder, G. Sec.; and William Trickey, Tyler.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted engagements to lecture on the ritual of Freemasonry in the Royal Standard Lodge, 1290, at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Upper-street, Islington, on Wednesday evening next, the 6th inst., at seven o'clock; and, for the third time, in the Hampshire Emulation Lodge of Improvement for Master Masons, at the Masonic Club, Portsmouth, on the 13th prox. Bro. Stevens asks us to state that he will be pleased to arrange for the delivery of his lectures in any lodge—metropolitan or provincial—whose members may be desirous of making an otherwise blank evening profitable by instruction in ritual and ceremonial.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., a very "pretty" wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, East Molesey, when Bro. F. J. Van der Pant, 162, took unto himself a wife, Miss Emma Wakefield, only daughter of Richard Wakefield, Esq., of East Molesey Lodge, and niece of Bro. W. S. Wakefield, W.M. 1703, P.P.G.S. Oxon. Bro. the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, 357, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., vicar of the parish, officiated. Bro. W. H. Causton, P.M. 1726, accompanied the bridegroom to church, and several other brethren were of the party. As a mark of respect and esteem for the bride's family, the choir of the church attended, and rendered the musical parts of the service very effectively, Miss Partridge presiding at the organ. A large party was entertained at East Molesey Lodge after the ceremony, and the array of valuable, ornamental, and useful articles was greatly admired by all. Bro. Van der Pant took his bride off to Sea View, Isle of Wight, in the afternoon, amid hearty good wishes from all assembled.

Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, has been elected W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, and will be installed at the next meeting in November.

Bro. R. Richardson-Gardner, M.P., has been re-elected President of the Windsor Phoenix Athletic Club.

Bro. Lord Harlech has returned to his Shropshire estates after a short fishing excursion in Ireland.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Milltown arrived a short time since at Russborough House, their seat near Blessington, Wicklow, for the autumn.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, meeting at the White Hart, Cannon-street, E.C., will re-assemble for work on Thursday, the 7th inst., at 5.30.

Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of England, left town on Saturday afternoon last for Cornwall, where his lordship will spend the first part of the recess.

Bro. Captain Shaw, C.B., Chief of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, reached Liverpool by the Guion Line Steamer Arizona after a lengthened stay in America.

Bro. C. Harris has been charged with the duty of organising and arranging the historical and spectacular display in connection with the forthcoming Lord Mayor's Show.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress visited Kennington Oval on Saturday last, when her ladyship distributed the prizes to the successful members of the South London Harriers.

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

Bro. J. Coffin will be installed as W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 167, at Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Edwin Storr.

The St. Mark's College Lodge, No. 2157, will be consecrated on Friday next, the 8th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

Bros. the Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury), Lord Stanley of Preston, and the Earl of Kintore were members of the Royal Commission which prorogued Parliament on Saturday last, the Queen's speech being read by Bro. the Lord Chancellor.

A subscription has been commenced among the members of the City Liberal Club, in which Bro. Earl Granville has taken the lead, for the purpose of placing a bust or portrait of the late Samuel Morley in the Club house. Subscriptions not to exceed one guinea each.

The Prince of Wales attended the Council held by the Queen at Balmoral on the 24th ult., and on Sunday his Royal Highness, with the Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor and Princess Louise of Wales, dined with the Queen.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught reached Bombay on Monday, and, on landing the same evening, met with a most enthusiastic reception, the day being observed as a general holiday in honour of the event.

The session of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, No. 975, will commence on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at half-past six o'clock, at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street. Comp. T. Brown, Preceptor, will be pleased to see as many of the members as can attend without inconvenience.

Bros. the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Dunraven, Earl Granville, Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., and Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen are members of the Royal Commission, just appointed by the Queen in Council, to see after the proper representation of the United Kingdom at the forthcoming Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., is on the point of making a short continental excursion, but his absence from England will not extend much beyond a fortnight, as his lordship is under engagement to be present and speak at the National Union of Conservative Associations, which is to be held at Bradford on Tuesday, the 26th instant.

Bros. the Lord Mayor (in the chair) and Aldermen Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir H. E. Knight, De Keyser, Whitehead, Evans, and Cowan, and Ex-Sheriff Clarke attended the Court of Aldermen at the Guildhall on Tuesday. Leave of absence for six months was granted to Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.

A preliminary meeting of bankers and merchants of the City of London was held, on the invitation of Bro. Lord Mayor Staples, at the Mansion House, on Monday, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Prince of Wales's proposal to establish an Imperial Institute for the Colonies and India as a memorial of her Majesty's Jubilee. His lordship presided, and among those present were Bros. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Alderman De Keyser, Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Isaacs, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Alderman Cowan, Sheriff Clarke, Sheriff-elect Lt.-Col. Kirby, and Sir W. A. Ogg. It was resolved that a small consultative Committee, to be chosen by Bro. the Lord Mayor, should be appointed to consider the necessary steps to be taken in the matter, and it was arranged that the office for the receipt of donations should be at the Mansion House. A vote of thanks to Bro. the Lord Mayor brought the proceedings to a close.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Great Need.—The blood is the life, and on its purity depends our health, if not our existence. These Pills thoroughly cleanse the vital fluid from all contaminations, and by that power strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over-excited action, and establish order of circulation and secretion throughout every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills commend them to the favour of debilitated and nervous constitutions, which they soon resuscitate. They dislodge all obstruction, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are, on that account, much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons who are naturally weak, or who, from some cause, have become so. —ADVT.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Percy were to leave Foxston Hall on Thursday for Alnwick Castle.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., was present at the annual dinner at Kendal, on the 23rd ult., of the Kendal Agricultural Society.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

Bro. the Earl of Arran and the Lady Alice Gore have arrived at their residence in Hertford-street, Mayfair, from Castle Gore, County Mayo.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., left town on Tuesday for Heydon Hall, Norwich.

Bro. the Earl of Fife had the honour of dining with the Queen on Saturday last, and the Marquis of Hartington had a similar honour on Sunday.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, President of the Board of Trade, left town late on Saturday evening last for Witherslack Hall, Lancashire.

During his visit to Ireland, it is expected that Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, will carry on the duties of his office in Dublin.

Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox have joined the family circle now staying with the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon at Gordon Castle.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and the Attorney General for Ireland returned to Dublin from London on Monday.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill will preside at a Conservative demonstration which will be held at Dartford, Kent, to-morrow (Saturday), and on Monday next will leave for the continent for his short excursion.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has accepted an invitation to open the new Victoria Hospital at Barnsley, the ceremony in all probability taking place on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, accompanied by the Lady Ermytrude Malet, left Eaton-square on Saturday morning last for Berlin, in order to resume his Ambassadorial duties at the Court of Emperor William of Germany.

Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood were among the company present at the annual sale of the Belhus hunters on the 23rd ult.

Bro. Sir Roper and Lady Lethbridge, Bro. Sir John and Lady Gorst, Bro. and Mrs. Dixon-Hartland, and Bro. and Miss Puleston were of the party present at the Beaconsfield Club on the 23rd ult., when Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., unveiled a portrait of the Earl of Idlesleigh.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough, we regret to hear, is suffering from gouty inflammation of the throat, and in consequence has been forbidden by his medical attendants from speaking or preaching in public for some time to come.

Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., in celebration of his appointment as Her Majesty's Solicitor-General, will be entertained by the Surrey Sessions Bar Mess at a complimentary dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 1st November next.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be proposed for re-election as M.W.G. Mark Master of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales, &c., at the winter half-yearly communication, which will be held on Tuesday, the 30th November prox.

We regret to announce the death, on Monday last, of Bro. Capt. Henry S. Andrews, late 74th Regiment. Bro. Andrews was a founder of the St. Mary Abbotts Lodge, and has been an active Mason for many years, having been initiated in 1860. We shall probably give a more extended notice of Bro. Andrews' Masonic career in our next.

The Toronto *Freemason* for September contains an account of the reception of the members of the Lake Ontario Commandery of Knights Templar hailing from Oswego, New York, by the Sir Knights of the Geoffrey de St. Aldemar and Odo de St. Amand Commanderies of Toronto. The Pilgrims appear to have had a high time of it.

The oldest Freemason in Ontario, if not in all Canada, is said to be Bro. Joseph P. Huyck, who was born in Albany, New York, and initiated in the Moira Lodge, now No. 11, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Canada—then the Belleville Lodge, No. 496, on the roll of United Grand Lodge of England—in 1819. Thus Bro. Huyck has been a Mason for 67 years, and has been continuously till the present time a member of his mother lodge.

In accordance with the desire expressed by the Prince of Wales that the testimonial proposed to be presented to his Royal Highness as Executive President of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition should be handed over to the Fund for establishing in London an Imperial Institute for the Colonies and India, the Sub-Committee charged with the arrangements for the said testimonial, have resolved in acquiescing in the Princes' wish and have agreed to a resolution stating that this step on the part of H.R.H. only strengthens his claim to public consideration for his services in connection with the Exhibition.

The annual returns of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, U.S.A., were received by the Eminent Grand Secretary on Friday, the 17th inst. The statistics are as follows: Number of chapters, 21; admitted to membership, 125; restored to membership, 1; dismissed, 17; died 38; membership forfeited for non-payment of dues, 4; exalted, 115; present membership, 2517; increase, 67. The largest chapter is Mount Horeb of Manchester, 288 members. The financial report shows a gratifying increase in receipts. The following have been commissioned as representative of the Grand Chapter: Comps. Henry M. Porter, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory, and Alexander D. MacGillivray, of Sydney, Nova Scotia.

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### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, October 9, 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, OCTOBER 2.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton.  
Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

#### 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, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn-fields.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.  
" 1625, Iredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court.  
" 2098, Harlesden, National School, Harlesden.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav.  
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-st.  
Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, 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, OCTOBER 5.

Colonial Board at 4 o'clock.  
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-road, E.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.  
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, Woolwich.  
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.  
" 2032, Richmond, Richmond, Surrey.  
" 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham-cross.  
Chap. 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square, W.  
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.

Mark 315, Henniker, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.  
" 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.

#### 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 Bds., at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.

Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.  
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.  
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn-fields.  
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
" 1766, St. Leonard's, Town Hall, Shoreditch.  
" 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
" 598, Temperance in the East, Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.  
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
Mark Grand Masters', 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.  
K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-square, W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoynne, 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, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue, Basinghall-st.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot., E.C.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemason's Hall.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., Bayswater.  
" 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., Manchester-sq., W.  
" 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., Westminster.  
" 1700, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.  
Chap. 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 181, Universal, Freemason's Hall.  
" 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

#### 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.  
Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.

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

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 509, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st.  
K.T. D, Mount Calvary, 8a, Red Lion-sq.  
" 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

#### 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, OCTOBER 9.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12 o'clock.  
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1904, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Mark 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.

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