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AIDS TO STUDY.

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IX.

The religious side of Egyptian history is amongst the most melancholy and perplexing things upon record. We see in the Egyptians a people highly civilised and far advanced in science and art, and once holding the pure primitive faith, degenerated into a community of the grossest idolatry, and practising the most superstitious and degrading religious rites. They worshipped almost everything in nature, from the sun in the heavens to the meanest reptile on the earth; hills, rivers, birds and creeping things, stones and stocks all were worshipped. Every town and nome had its sacred animals, including the lowest forms of animal life, the frog and the beetle being objects of especial reverence. In fact, not a single deity of Egypt was unrepresented by some beast. Speaking of the time of the nineteenth dynasty, M. Renan remarks that the entrances of all the tombs and temples of that date seemed positively invaded by a whole pantheon, the most horrible and ridiculous that the human mind ever invented." And when the gross excesses of a degenerate superstition provoked the ridicule of the Greeks and Rom an the same Greek philosopher who makes Momus, express his surprise that so many persons were allowed to share divine honours—his indignation at the Egyptian crew of apes, ibises, bulls, and other ridiculous creatures, who intruded themselves into heaven—and his wonder how Jove could allow himself to be caricatured with the horns of a ram—makes Jove reply, that these were mysteries not to be derided by the uninitiated.

The truth seems to be, as Mr. Philip Smith says, Egypt had, in fact, two religions; one which Herodotus saw, captivating the eyes of the people with pompous ceremonies, and governing their lives by minute observances; the other, of which the priests barely allowed him to catch a glimpse. It is not easy to condense a writer who has condensed some half dozen of those who preceded him, but I must attempt this with the writer whom I have just named. Of the esoteric doctrine we can learn little or nothing through the Greeks, for it had become inextricably involved with their own speculations. Modern science, however, has, in the language of the Ancients, "lifted the veil of Isis," and in the Egyptian papyri we read the secrets of Egyptian

theology. Even Herodotus had learnt that, amidst their system of polytheism, the Egyptians of Thebes recognised one supreme God, who had no beginning, and would have no end; and Jamblichus quotes from the old Hermetic books, this statement, "Before all the things that actually exist, and before all beginnings, there is one God, prior even to the first god and King, remaining unmoved in the singleness of his own Unity." (Cory's "Anc. Frag.," p. 283.) And if, like the prophet on his mission to Egypt, we ask by what name we shall announce this God, the sacred books of Egypt give the very same answer—an answer which the initiated took with them to the grave, inscribed on a scroll, as their confession of faith:—"NUK PU NUK"—*I am that I am.* (Brugsch Ans. dem. Orient). What a new light, as Mr. Smith observes, this discovery throws on the sublime passage in Exodus iii. 14, where Moses, who may be supposed to have been initiated into this formula, is sent to both his people and Pharaoh to proclaim the true God by this very title, and to declare that the God of the highest Egyptian theology was also the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob.

But if this was the original theology of Egypt, whence the outrageous polytheism—the gross superstition, which, with monstrous shapes and sorceries, abased their Maker? The answer is not difficult, and it shows one origin of polytheism and idolatry. The unity of God was lost in the plurality of His manifestations. Each of these, embodied in a personal form, became a god; while the allegorical representations of the Divine qualities gave birth to the monstrous combination of animal and human forms, and to the worship of animals themselves. All these were, so to speak, religious masks, grotesque allegorical embodiments of the original pure dogmas, communicated to the initiated at the mysteries. When once invested with a distinct personality, and with attributes which were regarded as their own, the gods became secondary agents, taking their part in the organization of the world, and the preservation of its creatures; and this polytheism was extended to embrace all nature.

Next to the Divine unity, in the original theology of the Egyptians, was the immortality of the soul, and a future state of existence. The spirit of symbolism ran through the whole religion of Egypt; and never was there a stronger case of the abuses to which that fascinating principle may sink, than in the animal worship of the Egyptians. Many fanciful theories have been devised to account for this strong religious aberration.

Diodorus quotes three reasons, which were commonly given by the Egyptians (Diod. i. 85—86). The first is a fable, which tells how the original gods, being few in number, and being no match for the iniquities and violence of men, took the shape of animals, in order to escape from them; and that afterwards, when they became masters of the whole world, they consecrated and appropriated these animals to themselves, as an act of gratitude,

The second story ascribes the custom to victories obtained by the army, under standards bearing the heads of animals—an obvious inversion of the natural order. The third rea-

son is plausible enough to have been generally accepted by the ancient writers, as well as by modern utilitarians, that the animals were consecrated on account of the benefits which mankind derived from them. But the theory, though it may contain a germ of truth, is manifestly inadequate, for, as Kenrick well asks ("Ancient Egypt," i. ch. 21). If the ichneumon and the hawk were worshipped, because they destroyed crocodiles and serpents, why the serpent and the crocodile? Or if the ibis was worshipped because it devoured snakes and vermin, why was it specially consecrated to Thoth, the God of letters? Nor were the wants of the Egyptians so opposite in various nomes as to account for their extirpating, as noxious, in one, the very animals that were consecrated as useful in the next.

There remains the one explanation—from the universal tendency of mankind to find in the peculiar qualities of animals figures of the characters of rational beings—a tendency which survives in poetry and heraldy, and which may be traced in the symbolism of other religions, though no people have carried it to the same length as the Egyptians.

The application of this principle is admirably stated by Mr. Kenrick:—"What those analogies were, which the Egyptians found or fancied between the attributes of the gods, and the specific qualities of the animals consecrated to them, we can, in general, only guess. The lordly bull, as a type at once of power and production, seems a natural symbol of the mighty god Osiris, who—whether he represented originally the Sun, the Earth, or the Nile, was certainly revered as the great source of life. The god of Mendes, for a similar reason, was fitly represented by a goat. The bright and piercing eye of the hawk made it an appropriate emblem of Horus, who was also the sun. The crocodile might naturally be adopted as a symbol of the Nile, which it inhabits (see Ezekiel xxix. 3, and Isaiah xxvii. 1); or from its voracious habits and hostility to man, it might, on the other hand, symbolise Typhon, the principle of evil."

Our limited acquaintance with the Egyptian theology, however, compels us to leave many such questions unanswered, as "Why was the ibis appropriated to Osiris? or the cat to Pasht, the universal mother? or the ram to Kneph? or the vulture to Isis? or what made the scarabæus one of the most sacred of all the animal types of Egypt?"

We may trace three stages of this symbolism. First, the placing of the head of the animal on the human form of the god—the almost universal type of the Egyptian idols. The converse symbolism represents a king, by a human head on the body of the animal, whose qualities are ascribed to him. Next, the consecration of living animals as types of the deities—a symbolism which degenerated into actual worship. Lastly, the animal was believed to be the positive incarnation of the god in three cases only—the bull *apis*, who was worshipped at Memphis, as the incarnation of *Phtha*; the bull *Mnevis* at Heliopolis, the incarnation of Osiris; and the goat at Mendes, the incarnation of *Khem*. The most revered was *Apis*, who was kept in great pomp in a splendid building, and it was esteemed the highest honour to be one of his ministering priests. When he

died, all Egypt went into mourning, and when a new *apis* was manifested, the land gave itself up to rejoicing. The body of the dead *osiris* was embalmed, and buried in a costly sepulchre or temple, which was called the *serapeum*.

The sacrifices and ceremonies of the Egyptians differed in no important respect from those of other nations. Their practice of embalment arose from their belief in a future life, and in the resurrection of the body; and the doctrine of rewards and punishments was inseparably linked with that of a future life. Resurrection was the portion of those, only, who had committed no mortal sin, either in action or in thought. The souls were weighed by Osiris and his forty-four assessors, in the hall of two-fold justice. The reprobate is condemned to annihilation, after having been subjected to a long course of torments. The just, on the contrary, purified by fire, shares the bliss of Osiris, the "good being," and feasts with him on delicious food; but not until he has expiated his venial sins by a long series of trials.

Thus it was, that, amongst the Egyptians, as amongst all other peoples of whom we know anything, the primitive and sublime truths of religion degenerated into a gross and debasing superstition, enslaving alike the body and the soul.

On the subject of this paper the student should read Bryant's Analysis of Mythology, vol. i.; Warburton's Divine Legation, b. iv., vol. iii.; Cudworth's Intellectual System, ch. iv., s. xviii.; Prichard's Analysis of Egyptian Mythology, b. iv., ch. i.; Sir Gardner Wilkinson, vol. iv.; Henrich's Ancient Egypt, vol. ii.; Cory's Ancient Fragments, and Rawlinson's Herodotus.

[Errata in No. VIII. Page 407, col. 2, line 36, for his time read this time; col. 3, line 41, Epiphans read Epiphanes, line 46, for Sceyne read Heyne; and 7th line from bottom, for Egyptologists read Egyptologists; p. 408, col. 1, line 16, the same.]

#### DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE, AND INSTALLATION OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Brethren of the St. Kew Lodge, 1222, Weston-super-Mare, was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, High-street, presided over by Bro. Major-General Mumbree, P.M., acting as W.M. *pro tem*. There was a large muster of the members of the lodge, and some distinguished visitors, among whom were Bros. Captain Henry Bridges, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, R. Herniman, P.M. 261, and Prov. G. S.W.; E. T. Inskip, W.M. 973, Prov. G.J.W.; R. C. Else, P.M. 291, P. Prov. S.G.W., and Prov. G., Sec. Dr. Charles Pope, P.M., P. Prov. S. G.W.; General H. E. Doherty, C.B., P.M. 53, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Edward White, P.M. 41, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. S. Gillard, P.M. 329 and 1168, P. Prov. J.G. Deacon Dorset; Captain Randall, R. Elton Hunt, J. Payne, and others.

The first part of the day's proceedings was the confirmation of the minutes of the election of Bro. B. Cox as W.M. elect, which was unanimously confirmed.

The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master

and his Provincial Grand Officers then entered the hall, and were received with Masonic honours.

The ceremony of dedication and consecration was splendidly performed by the Very Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. Captain Bridges, assisted by his Grand Officers. Bro. White, P.M. (scattering corn), Bro. Genera, Doherty, P.M. (pouring wine), Bro. Vizard, P.M. (pouring oil), and Bro. Major-General Mumbree P.M. (with incense), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master dedicating the hall for the worthy and noble purpose to which it has been designed.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then installed Bro. Benjamin Cox into the chair of K.S., and invested him with the emblems of office, and placed in his custody the warrant, &c., charging him carefully to preserve it during his year of office, and until the appointment of his successor. The W.M. having thanked the brethren for the honour done him, proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Major Genl. G. B. Mumbree, I.P.M.; Edward Emra Earle, Senr. Warden; F. Vigard, Jun. Warden (for Bro. Bigsby absent through illness); Edward Gregory, Treasurer; Sidney Jones, Senr. Deacon; A. W. Butter, Jun. Deacon; W. Smith, D. Ceremonies (for Bro. W. H. Davies); A. Mickenden, Assistant Dir. Ceremonies; W. Gaskell, Organist; W. H. Beadle, John Bath Stewards; John Mathews, I.G.; I. H. Parsons, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to Bro. Bath's, Railway Hotel, where a most *recherché* banquet was provided, in Bro. Bath's well-known style, (*à la Russe*.)

The banquet was presided over by Bro. Cox. W.M., supported on his right by Bro. Captain Bridges, Dep. Prov. G. Master Somerset; Bro. Herniman, Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Inskip, Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. Else, Prov. G. Sec.; and on their left by Bro. Major Genl. Mumbree, P.M., and P. Prov. S. G. W.; Bro. E. White, P. Prov. S.G. W.; Bro. Dr. Pope, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Gillard, P. Prov. G. Deacon, Dorset; Bro. General Doherty, P. Prov. S.G.W. Amongst the guests were observed Bros. E. E. Earle, C. H. Whereat, J. Mathews, S. Jones, A. W. Batten, W. Gaskell, R. H. Pearson, W. H. Beadle, F. Vigard, Captain Townshend, R. Gregory, J. Perry, F. Thomas, S. G. Baker, M. Bevans, G. Gibbons, E. Blundell, J. Gale, J. Mantell, W. Smith, Scott Jones, S. Lewis, R. Ellis Hunt, Captain Randall, Thomas Beadle, R. W. L. Fowler, J. Littlejohn, J. H. Marwood, and many others.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. briefly proposed the "Queen" which was given with Masonic loyalty. The W.M. in proposing the next toast, that of Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, remarked that the Great Architect of the Universe has been pleased to visit our Royal Brother with a severe affliction, near unto death, yet the Grand Geometrician of the Universe had also been pleased to spare H. R. H. to the nation. From no society or body of men had our Royal Brother received more warm congratulations for his recovery, than from the Masonic Brotherhood. The next toast was that of the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, G.M. of England. Then followed that of the D.G.M.

of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and officers of G. Lodge, to which Bro. Bridges, Past Grand Sword Bearer, replied. The next toast was that of the Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, which was given with honours. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Very W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Bridges, and the Provincial Grand Officers, past and present. Bro. Bridges replied in eloquent terms. The next toast (that of the evening) was given by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, who spoke highly of the W.M. (Bro. Cox.) as a Master. The W. Master in responding thanked the Deputy Grand Master for the kind compliment paid him, and the company for their mark of respect and confidence, adding that it would prove a stimulus to him during his year of office, to use his best endeavours for the success of the order, he recommended all brethren of the mystic tie who had not been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason to make such progress in the science as would enable them to obtain that position, wherein they would be able to see the outlines of many Masonic facts which are not so clear in the earlier stages of the Craft, for therein can be gleaned much that is of value. The true principles of Masonry inculcate those virtues which should bind us together as one brotherhood. Bro. Cox strongly, yet in a courteous manner, recommended the brethren to avoid rending asunder the harmony of the lodge by exposing each other's little follies, but rather that they should be the advocates of progress, the lampbearers of thought, and upholders of Masonic principles. Then they would ever be welcomed into the bosom of a Fraternity whose watchword is "Masonic Light and Love."

The "Health of Bro. Major-General Mumbree" was received with a perfect *furor* of applause, and he replied in eloquent terms.

"The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Hunt, Randall, and others. The "Health of Bro. Bath," coupling with it the name of Mrs. Bath, Bro. Bath replied in suitable terms on behalf of himself and Mrs. Bath.

The W.M. then gave the Tyler's toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons, wheresoever residing on the face of the earth, whether by land or by sea, wishing them a speedily relief and a happy return to their native country." The last toast of the evening was that of "The Town Commissioners and Staff of the Local Government Board." Bro. Commander Townshend, R.N., Chairman of the Board, replied for the Board, and Bros. Smith, Cox (W.M.) and Gaskell, for the staff. This brought the proceedings of the evening to a close, and the W.M. having vacated the chair, the brethren separated at an early hour.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—NOTABLE FACTS.—Intense heat augments the annoyances of skin diseases and encourages the development of febrile disorders; wherefore, they should, as they can, be removed by these detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pains, and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's unguent, well rubbed over the affected part; immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks threatening diarrhoea, and averts incipient illness. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friends when any pestilence rages, or when, from unknown causes, eruptions, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations, point out the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and *efficacious* curative measures.—ADVT.

CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).

This prosperous and harmonious lodge celebrated its centenary at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of its genial W.M., Bro. Dr. Alfred Harris, who was supported upon the auspicious occasion by the following members and visitors, amongst others.

Members.—Bros. Wm. Conbro, S.W.; Samuel Gamman, S.W.; John Waters, S.D.; Allen R. Ramsey, J.D.; Arthur J. Hard, I.G.; Geo. Collier, Immediate P.M.; Robert Boyd, P.M.; F. Harrison, P.M.; E. B. Barnard, P.M.; H. M. Collier, P.M.; John Stewart, P.M.; Wm. Rumsey, P.M., Treas.; John Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; Chas. T. Parsons, Thos. Taylor, Wm. Medcalf, Jas. Pettengill; J. G. Stephens, E. Squirrel, Thos. G. Seahorn.

Visitors:—Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec.; J. Brett, P.G.P.; John Boyd, G.P.; R. W. Little, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex; Wm. Blackburn, P.M.; E. Sillifant P.M., Prov. G. Deacon, Middlesex; Revd. Brenchly Kingsford, 256; Henry Dearsly, P.M. 3; Joseph Davis, 3; Chas. Smithers, P.M. 101; Robt. Brown, St. Peters, Montrose; Arthur Gamman, 376; Francis Muntton, W.M. 60; Richard Seaborn, 217; Henry Smith, 907; George L. Mustoph, 134; S. Noon, 788; A. Mellish, 188; Hugh Cummings, 11; Robert Wood, 174; C. Croxford, 73.

The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M. called upon the respected Secretary, Bro. John Rumsey, P.M., to read the M.W. Grand Master's Warrant authorising the lodge to wear a centenary jewel, after which Bro. Rumsey delivered with great precision and effect, although he was only recovering from severe indisposition, the following address:—

Brethren, although the event which we have met to celebrate this evening is more especially interesting to the members of our lodge, it is also one which may fairly arrest the attention of every lover of the Craft. One hundred years have passed away since the foundations of the Lodge of Friendship were laid, and its present position and prosperity afford us another evidence, if any were required, of the vitality which distinguishes Freemasonry, when its supporters are true and upright men.

Beyond doubt our lodge has experienced periods of depression, like all other human institutions, but the broad fact remains, as an incentive and stimulus to us and our successors, that the flag of "Friendship," which was unfurled in 1772, has ever since been borne aloft by a faithful band of brothers, and is now as pure and unsullied as when first it waved. On such an occasion as this it is as well to take a retrospective glance, and to trace noteworthy occurrences in the history of the lodge, but the records of No. 206 present to us such an unbroken series of peaceful and harmonious meetings, that few comments are necessary or desirable.

It will be found that the lodge was established originally at the "Bull Inn," Wrotham, in the county of Kent, on the 9th June, 1772, by Bro. Thomas Fulljames, Sen., Thomas Fulljames, Jun., and Samuel Terry, the number then being 431. It would appear, however, that but a moderate share of success attended the labours of the brethren in that rural district, and accordingly, after a lapse of 10 or 12 years, the precise date not being known, it was resolved to remove the lodge nearer town, and it was therefore taken to the Oxford Arms, Church-street, Deptford, having previously, about the year 1781, obtained a higher place on the register of lodges by being re-numbered 340, a subsequent alteration in 1792 making it No. 280, a position which it re-

tained on the roll until the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813.

The lodge appears to have flourished in Deptford, particularly during the decade ending with 1795, in which period no less than 115 new members were admitted, including the Revd. Jethro Inwood, author of several Masonic sermons, which are preserved in the library at Freemasons' Hall, and who at the time of his initiation was curate of St. Paul's, Deptford. A large proportion of the members at this time were mariners, and several naval captains are found among the number.

The lodge pursued its tranquil and prosperous career down to the time of the union, when, as already intimated, the number was again altered from 280 to 354, the subsequent changes being from 354 to 248 in 1832, and from 248 to 206 in 1863, at which number it now stands on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. From 1813 the lodge has undergone few vicissitudes, and during that period its roll has been graced by many names well-known and greatly respected in the Masonic world. Bro. Henry Beaumont Leeson, M.D., one of the most learned masons of this or any other age, was a member of this lodge, which he joined in 1836.

The present father of the lodge, Bro. William Rumsey, was initiated on the 9th January, 1840, his membership thus extending over a period of more than 32 years, or nearly one third of the entire duration of the existence of the Lodge.

Following in his steps, I am glad to say, are many worthy brethren to whom the destinies of the Lodge in times to come may safely be entrusted, and with the example of those who have gone before to direct and sustain their exertions we may reasonably anticipate a future of increased success for the Lodge of Friendship. Let us then strive in our several capacities to promote the happiness of the brethren and to maintain not only the prestige of this Lodge, but the dignity of the whole craft, so that when revolving years shall bring to our successors a second centenary, the memory of this day shall still be fondly cherished, although the voices of those who now celebrate it with joy and gladness shall long have been hushed in silence.

With every good wish for the welfare of Freemasonry in general and the Lodge of Friendship in particular, brethren, let us continue by diligence and fidelity in the discharge of the duties of our respective avocations, by liberal benevolence and diffusive charity, by kind words and amiable deportment, to convince the world of the benefits of our invaluable institution, let it not be said that here we have worked in vain or spent our strength for nought. Finally, brethren, let us remain of one mind, live together in fraternal harmony and may the God of peace be pleased to dwell amongst us. And now, Worshipful Master and brethren, I have only to thank you for the kind attention which you have awarded to this hasty and imperfect sketch of the records of this lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a most *recherché* banquet provided in the good old "Ship and Turtle" style, by Bro. Painter.

After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the following toasts:—

"The Queen and the Craft."

"The Marquis of Ripon, W.M. Grand Master."

"The Earl of Zetland, K.T., and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Past Grand Masters."

"The Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, and rest of the Grand Officers, past and present."

This was coupled with the name of Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, who, upon rising to return thanks, was greeted with loud cheers. Bro. Hervey, having acknowledged the compliment paid to himself and the Grand Officers, drew attention to the pleasing character of the meeting, which he described as an epoch in the history of the lodge, and counselled all its members to maintain the high prestige it had

acquired at the close of a hundred years existence.

The health of the W. Master was given by one of the P.M.'s (Bro. Collier we believe), who spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Harris's urbanity and attention to duty at all times, as well as of his Masonic attainments. The toast was received with an enthusiasm which proved that the worthy brother reigns in the hearts of his brethren, and after a very felicitous reply, the W.M. proposed the health of the numerous and distinguished "Visitors," with which he coupled the name of Bro. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. for Middlesex. (Cheers.) Bro. Little in responding to the toast alluded to the important character of the event which they had met to celebrate, proving as it did that Freemasonry was no ephemeral institution, which derived its strength from popular favour—but was one founded upon principles that would ever flourish wherever friendship animated the hearts of men. (Applause.) He concluded his speech by thanking the W.M. and members of "206" for the opportunity afforded the Visitors of witnessing the proceedings of the Centenary celebration, and of tendering their hearty congratulations to the lodge.

The toast of the evening was then proposed by Bro. Harris, W.M., as follows:—"The Centenary of the Lodge of Friendship, and may its future bear improved fruits of good fellowship and friendship." The toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality, and "Prosperity to the Lodge" was the additional pledge of all present.

The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, eight of whom, he was happy to say, were present. (Applause.) Of Bro. W. Rumsey, the Treasurer, and father of the Lodge he could speak nothing but praise, and the same remark applied to the next senior P.M., their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. John Rumsey, whose services to the lodge had been so great and so valuable—in fact all the P.M.'s were worthy of the high respect in which they were held by the brethren—and he, the W.M., was sure all honour would be done to the toast of their healths. A most hearty reception having been given to the P.M.'s, and suitable responses made by Bro. Rumsey and other brethren, the "Wardens and other Officers" followed, and the proceedings of a very delightful evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

FREEMASONRY IN BERMUDA.

—A special meeting of the Loyalty Lodge (No. 385), Loyalty Lodge, was held in the Hall on the evening of the above day, for the purpose of presenting to Brother G. W. Green, a handsome Secretary's Jewel, and for the purpose of taking a farewell of the worthy G. W. Bro. Robert Barnaby, on his leaving for England.

There were present, Bro. J. C. Tucker, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. C. Thiele, J. P.M.; J. R. Longshaw, P.M.; H. J. P. Anderson, P.M.; Revd. R. Measham, P.M., and P.G.C. of Devon; and all his officers, viz:—Bros. R. Barnaby, S.W.; W. E. Warder, J.W.; G. Rothwell, Treas.; J. Bray, Sec.; S. Bostridge, S.D.; W. Amsden, J.D.; J. York, I.G.; T. Barnes, Tyler; T. Stanley, G. W. Green, E. Blackwell, J. Taylor, Tims, Hitch, &c. &c., and a number of visitors, chiefly from H.M.S. *Royal Alfred*, among whom were noticed Bros. C. Thomas, G. R. C. Eyres, W. T. Littlejohn, J. Edgecombe, R. A. H. Simmons, Francis C. Bate, Hawkins, Hayward, &c.

The Lodge being opened in due form, the W.M. in a short address called the attention of the brethren to the objects of the meeting, and Bro. G. W. Green was presented by the W.M. with a handsome Secretary's Jewel, awarded to him by the brethren for his services as Secretary for the year 1871, and Bro. Green in a few words thanked the lodge for the honour they had conferred on him. Prayer having been offered by Bro. the Revd. R. Measham, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering about 70, sat down to an excellent banquet, provided for occasion; reflecting great credit on the Stewards, Bros. Bray and Warder, for the manner in which they had performed their arduous duty. The room was tastefully decorated, by several of the brethren, and the effect delighted everyone.

Grace being said, the brethren sat down and did justice to the good things provided, at the same time the soul enlivening strains of music were sent forth by part of the band from H.M.S. *Royal Alfred*, Bro. Hecker having kindly provided an excellent programme for the occasion.

The cloth having been removed the W.M. proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft." The usual honours were given quite loyally, and the members sang "God save the Queen."

The W.M. in proposing the next toast, drew the attention of the brethren to that distinguished nobleman, who is now at the head of craft in England and who was selected to be the chief bearer of the olive branch of peace to our kinsmen in the West, to bring about a friendly handshaking between two mighty nations. The W.M. therefore rose to propose the health of the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon, M.W.G.M., the Grand Officers, and that esteemed nobleman who for 26 years ruled the destinies of the craft, the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., which toast was greeted with full masonic honours, and ably responded to by Bro. P.M. Anderson.

The next toast being that of Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to that memorable day the 27th of February, when the Royal Family went with the people to thank the Great Architect for the preservation of the life of the Heir to the Throne; hoping that the events of that day would make a lasting impression on the hearts of all. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Prince of Wales, which was greeted with the honours, the band playing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The W.M., on rising again, to propose the toast of the evening, said it was with a mixture of regret and pleasure that he rose to propose the health of the S.W., Brother Robert Barnaby; with regret at losing so good an officer and member, and with pleasure, in that he was enabled to congratulate him on the successful completion of his mission, Brother Barnaby had by his zeal and assiduity as an officer of Loyalty Lodge earned the esteem of all present. The W.M. therefore requested the brethren to fill a bumper and drink to the health of the S.W., trusting he may have a safe and speedy voyage home, and find everything all he could wish. The toast was drunk with the honours, the band playing "Auld Lang Syne" and "Home sweet Home."

The next toast was the health of our esteemed brethren from H. M. S. *Royal Alfred*, who numbered about 32, which was duly honoured and responded to by Bro. Revd. A. Measham.

The "Stewards," was next given, at the same time remarking the labour and trouble taken to cater as they had done this evening, and which reflected such great credit to which Bro. Warder responded.

The "Ladies" was drunk to heartily, and responded to by Bro. Cobb.

The toast to the health of Bro. Hecker for his kind assistance in arranging for the musical treat he has given us, especially as most of the pieces played were his own composition—which was heartily drunk to by the brethren.

The W.M. then proposed the health of our "Guests" for the evening, Bros. Rowse and Newton, and especially Mr. Rowse who, at different times, rendered great service to Loyalty Lodge by his timely advice when needed, which was ably responded to by Bro. Rowse and Bro. Newton.

Bro. Charles Thiele, I.P.M., then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which they did in right good earnest, and the W.M. responded, remarking that he trusted, while in office, he had carried out the wishes of the brethren.

P.M., Rev. R. Measham, then proposed the concluding toast "All poor and distressed Brethren."

A few songs were then rendered by some of the brethren, and all dispersed to their homes highly gratified at the success of the evening.

## IMMORTALITY.

### AN IDEAL OF FREEMASONRY.

The comprehensive and grand idea of Goethe, in his imitable "Faust," inspires the soul with a volume of thought, rich and practical. It must stamp upon every thinking mind the absolute fact that every man is a co-worker with God, for

"So God created man in his own image; in the image of God, created he him! male and female, created he them." Gen. 1., 27.

There is no such thing as "Time" apart from "Eternity"—both are one and the same thing; but because the human mind cannot grasp the infinity of years, as measurements of unending time, men call that which they cannot realize, eternity. We agree with Goethe that the "loom of time" is eternal in its operations, and when God created man in His own image, possessing the immortality of soul, He placed him at that loom as its sole worker, above all other created beings, and gave him, as his highest duty, to weave in daily life by good acts, earnest and honest thoughts, intellectual improvement and study of the beautiful, the pure, and the true, and the living drapery of the Godhead in exalted and perfect humanity.

Milton, appreciating this ideal, said:

"God, who oft descends to visit men  
Unseen, and through their habitations walks  
To mark their doings."

It is peculiarly a Masonic ideal that God is a worker in this grand universe of worlds, and that man is the co-worker according to the intelligence with which he is endowed.

Think of it, brethren, that each and every human being is weaving in his own person the symbolic drapery and representation of God Almighty! It is a thought worthy of the Infinite, to know that we are a part of the Godhead in our work of goodness and love, and that the Infinite Mind of the Creator works with us in our private homes, marking our doings, and becoming with us a sharer of our glory in the triumphs of mind and soul.

God is symbolised in all that He has created—He clothes Himself in the glorious perfections of all that exists—and the nearest like Himself is the perfection of Man, whom he has created in His own spiritual and soul-like image—

"Spirit! whose life sustaining presence fills  
Air, ocean, central depths, by man untried.  
Thou for thy worshippers hast sanctified  
All place, all time! The silence of the hills  
Breathes veneration; founts and choral rills  
Of Thee are murmuring; to its inmost glade  
The living forest with thy whisper thrills,  
And there is holiness in every shade."

God is everywhere; God is everything that exists—perfect and supreme. Man, and only man, has to work at the "eternal loom of Time" to weave the garment which bespeaks his nativity in the Godhead; he, alone, bears the Divine impress of inventive power. Man alone is a worshipper. All other created beings, of whatever nature, are merely *creatures* and dependent upon laws they can neither shape, change, or understand. Infinite Wisdom has given to them instinct, but to man alone—reason. It is in reasoning power that man becomes God-like, and whatever system of Ethics or Philosophy which reduces man from the sphere of reason to the dependency of instinct, brutalises the ideal of God and puts us down to the level of irresponsible creation.

Nothing can be improved but man. All creation, animate and inanimate, except man, is per-

fect at its creation. Man has power to destroy the perfection of nature by abusing its laws, but can add nothing to original perfection, except to understand and preserve its laws.

Every man, therefore, becomes a co-worker of God, because he improves upon his original condition. The boy who is born in a hut, and making use of the reasoning powers which God has given him, and arrives at the pinnacle of science, or the chief magistracy of a nation, and evinces, in his administration, the noble and magnanimous characteristics of a gentleman and a statesman, proves before the world that he has not been an idle worker at the "eternal loom" where is woven the characteristic drapery of his Creator; he is a fellow-workman of the Infinite Mind.

God works through human agencies and natural laws only. Apart from man, it is difficult to decide which is the most intelligent part of the animal creation; but, taking them all, none have invented anything new, except God himself, and He being perfect, none but Man, by his thoughts, weaves the living drapery of the Father, of which the child is a part. How, glorious, then is the ideal that we are a part of God—free as the mountain air—as unrestrained and boundless in the legality of our conceptions of the Infinite and the God-like as God Himself! What a boundless field of perspective is here opened up to every intelligent mind. The humblest, and even the untutored soul, can lift itself up in the sunlight of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and exclaim, "I am a part of Thee!"—and what nobler prayer can any heart breathe than—"more light."

In the language of Congreve:

"His pure thoughts were borne  
Like fumes of sacred incense o'er the clouds,  
And wafted thence on angels' wings, thro' ways  
Of Light to the bright source of all."

Every human being has an idea of the perfections of God, and in clothing their impersonation, no painter has ever dared to characterise even angels in any drapery except spotless white, as the emblem of purity, hence all writers have decided that when man appears before God, he must be clothed in perfect purity, therefore when St. John in his vision of the Revelation, says:—

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." Here we have the drapery of God; and each human being is supposed to be working at the eternal loom, and weaving for himself the living habiliments fit for a heavenly home. No one of ordinary power of reason supposes for a moment that any of us shall appear in actual clothing, or that God is a tangible being, hence the only drapery here signified, is the clothing of good works, honest heart and pure soul, all symbolized by white; hence, he who shall claim the relationship of God must be clothed in good works—woven upon the "eternal loom of Time."—*St. Louis Freemason.*

## AMERICAN MASONIC TEMPLES.

The Masonic Temple, at Troy, N. Y., was dedicated April 2, 1872. It cost \$100,000. The furnishing of the Lodge Rooms cost \$10,000, besides several elegant articles of furniture that were presented by the brethren.

The Masonic Temple of Philadelphia is under roof and rapidly approaching completion. It will cost when finished \$1,000,000. It is designed to dedicate the building in June, 1873.

The Masonic Temple of New York is not yet under roof. It is progressing slowly. It will cost when finished \$2,000,000.

The Masonic Temple of New Orleans is to cost \$250,000. The corner-stone was laid on the 15th of February last.

The contract for the Masonic Temple at Macon, Ga., at a cost of \$45,000, was given out in May, 1871, and was to be finished in April, 1872.

The Masonic Temple at Wilmington, Delaware, was dedicated April 18. It is a beautiful building, 92 feet front by 214 feet deep.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The brethren in the province of West Lancashire, and especially those within the Liverpool centre, will be glad to know that all difficulties have been surmounted, active operations having been commenced in connection with the erection of the New Masonic Hall in Hope-street. The ground in front of the old building is being rapidly cleared, and there is every probability that in the course of a short time the new edifice, which will prove an honour to the craft in the "good old town" and give a great impetus to the progress of the Masonic cause, will put in an appearance as one of the architectural ornaments of the neighbourhood. The work will be carried out by Bro. Joshua Henshaw, Harmonic Lodge, No. 216 (whose name is already favourably known in connection with similar undertakings), upon plans prepared by Bro. R. Danson, W.M. 1094. Parliamentary duties will prevent Bro. Sir T. G. Fermor Hesketh, R.W.P.G.M. for West Lancashire, from being present to lay the foundation stone at the commencement of the operations, but it is probable the interesting ceremony will be performed with full Masonic honours some time during August.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).

Thursday, the 27th ult., may be considered a red letter day in the history of this prosperous and flourishing lodge. It having been decided to hold the summer banquet at the Royal Hotel, North Woolwich, and also that ladies should participate in the festival an excursion down the river was arranged, and a special steambot chartered for the occasion. About 11 a.m., the brethren and ladies, numbering nearly 150, left the North Woolwich pier, proceeded down the river, and having rounded the "Chapman" light, returned to North Woolwich about 5 p.m. Dancing was engaged on deck with great spirit to the strains of an excellent band, and luncheon was also served, to which, it is needless to say, ample justice was done. On returning to the hotel, after a short interval, dinner was announced, and the company, preceded by the band, adjourned to the spacious concert-room in the gardens, where a most sumptuous banquet was served in Bro. Holland's best style. The bill of fare embraced all the choicest delicacies of the season, and it was at once apparent that Bro. Holland had spared neither pains or expense in his endeavour to do honour to the occasion. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Ashdown, occupied the chair, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. Brayshaw, J.W., and Knox, S.D. A military band discoursed some excellent music during dinner, and the viands and wines were of the best quality, and gave great satisfaction. The cloth having been cleared, the W.M. briefly proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were heartily responded to, Bro. E. West, P.M. (6th Essex R.V.) replying on behalf of the volunteers. The health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Gaskett, I.P.M., was also very cordially received. "The Health of the Host" having been proposed by Bro. Watkins, P.M., Bro. Holland, in replying, thanked them all for the manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that should they again honour him with a visit, he would do his utmost to cater for them, as he had done that day, and trusted that the example set by the Capper Lodge would be followed by other lodges. A grand display of fireworks brought the proceedings to a close, and all returned to their homes after having spent a very pleasant day, many expressing a hope that this happy gathering would

not be the last of its kind. The thanks of the lodge are due to the committee who arranged and carried out the excursion, and especially to Bro. Sisley, P.M., who was most indefatigable in his endeavours to render the whole affair a success.

FREEMASONRY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The installation of the W.M. and the investment of the officers of the "Leinster" Lodge, No. 166 (Irish Constitution) took place on the 24th ult., the Festival of St. John the Baptist, at the Masonic Temple, Hasskeui, in the presence of a numerous attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors from other Constantinople Lodges. By request of the retiring W.M., Bro. G. R. Warren, W.M. of Lodge Caledonian, No. 489 (Scotch Constitution) and P.M. of the Oriental Lodge (English rite) acted as Installing Master on the occasion. Bro. Robert McGill, the W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of K. S. in the presence of four P.M.'s according to the ancient rites and usages. The brethren of the lodge having been called upon to salute the newly installed Master, the W.M. then invested the officers elected with the insignia of their several offices as follows: Bro. J. Roper, S.W.; Bro. W. Dorrell, J.W.; Bro. A. Dealer, Treasurer; Bro. J. Rowe, Secretary; Bro. P. Flucker, S.D.; Bro. W. Webb, J.D.; Bro. J. Cowan, I.G.; P.M. Bro. J. Bevan, D.C.; Bro. J. Blair, Organist; Bro. W. Bersonic, Tyler. The newly installed W.M. in an able speech thanked the brethren of the Lodge, on behalf of himself and officers, for the confidence they placed in them by electing them to their respective offices. A vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. G. R. Warren for the able assistance he had rendered as Installing Master. W. Bro. Warren, in the course of his reply, referred to the able and energetic manner in which the I.P.M. (Bro. J. Wetherill) had carried out the duties of W.M. of the Lodge during the past twelve months, and proposed that a P.M.'s jewel be awarded to him. The W. Master seconded the proposition. Votes of thanks were also accorded to P.M. Bro. J. Bevan (Treasurer) and Bro. J. Rowe (Secretary) for the efficient manner in which the Lodge accounts had been kept. Bros. Bevan and Rowe having returned thanks, the Lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to a collation, to which they had been invited by the W.M., when the principal Masonic toasts were given and responded to according to ancient custom, the proceedings being still further enlivened by some very well rendered songs and recitations.

The Rosicrucian Society of England will meet at the Freemason's Tavern on Thursday, 18th inst., at half-past five.

"A VISIT TO EPPS'S COCOA MANUFACTORY.—Through the kindness of Messrs. Epps, I recently had an opportunity of seeing the many complicated and varied processes the Cocoa bean passes through ere it is sold for public use, and being both interested and highly pleased with what I saw during my visit to the manufactory, I thought a brief account of the Cocoa and the way it is manufactured by Messrs. Epps, to fit it for a wholesome and nutritious beverage, might be of interest to the readers of *Land and Water*.—See Article in *Land and Water*, October 12.

"I have much pleasure in stating that though using your Pain Killer I have had, and am still having, wonderful relief from a long and painful illness, arising from rheumatic gout and nervous convulsions, which have extended over a period of seven years; causing paralysis of the limbs. But I feel sure from what I have already experienced that your medicine will entirely restore me.—W. ALLEN, Hoxton, May 1871.—To Perry Davis & Son, London, W.C."

THE GLENFIELD PATENT STARCH CASE.—Sheriff Davidson has rejected the appeal, against Sheriff Campbell's decision in the case of Wetherpoon against J. C. Anderson, Grocer, Edinburgh, by which the latter was fined £21 and expenses, for selling an imitation of the Glenfield Starch, and has granted the additional expenses.

Poetry.

LINES.

Addressed to Bro. J. Norriss, Warden, R.M.B.I. BY A MASON'S DAUGHTER.

Kind and generous, mildly ruling  
Those committed to his care,  
Ever patient and forgiving  
Through the trials he has to bear  
Sympathising in affliction,  
Feeling for each neighbour's grief,  
Often in his goodness striving  
To afford their woe relief.

Such a friend the writer found him,  
In a dark and trying hour,  
He in pity sooth'd her suffering  
To the utmost of his power.  
And her grateful thoughts reverting  
To the many friends who blest  
Tribulations of her past life,  
Breathe his name amid the rest

May our Father in His mercy  
Still prolong his sojourn here,  
That he may be spared to comfort  
Those who hold him near and dear;  
And when he, at last is summon'd  
To his home of rest above,  
In the hearts of those he succoured  
May his memory dwell in love.

Masonic Tidings.

BRITISH, FOREIGN, AND COLONIAL.

The Rev. Samuel Martin, minister of Westminster Chapel, was presented by his friends on Wednesday night with two thousand guineas on the occasion of his completing the thirtieth year of his ministry there. Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., made the presentation.

Her Majesty has been pleased to intimate her intention of conferring the honour of knighthood on Mr. J. Gilbert Scott, the eminent architect, on the occasion of the completion of the Prince Consort's National Memorial in Hyde-park.

Mr. Baxter, M.P., has in contemplation a reform which he calculates will effect a saving of £10,000 to the imperial taxpayer. He proposes to abolish the Edinburgh General Post Office, and to transfer the Scotch central authority to London.

Mr. Russell Gurney met his constituents on Monday, at Southampton, for the first time since his return from Washington. He spoke highly of the character of the American people, and said they had a strong desire to maintain friendly relations with England. It mattered not, he said, whether we had to pay two or three millions, more or less, so long as the great principles of the treaty were acted upon.

Alderman Sir W. A. Rose has recovered from his recent attack, and has been in London again during the week.

Mr. Under-Sheriff Bro. Beard, who has recently undergone a surgical operation, is much better, and is expected shortly to resume his professional duties.

Sheriff Bro. Sir John Bennett has been elected on the Court of the Liners' Company.

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## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

## BIRTH.

YARBOROUGH.—On the 5th July, at Titness Park, the Countess of Yarborough, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

LAVINGTON—HODSON.—On the 4th inst., at St. Mary's, Lambeth, by the Rev. W. E. Faulkner, Bro. Henry Hugh Lavington, of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, to Harriet, daughter of Mr. John Crisp Hodson, of Peterborough.

PAYNE—FIGG.—On the 4th inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, Bro. George Frederick Payne, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, youngest son of Bro. Chas. Bryant Payne, P.M. 27, to Elizabeth Wilmin, eldest daughter of Bro. John Wilmin Figg.

## DEATH.

DOBSON.—On the 29th ult., at 135, Gower-street, Bro. William Francis Dobson, M.A., of Bearsted, Maidstone, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Kent. Deeply lamented.

## Answers to Correspondents.

All communications for The Freemason should be written legibly on one side of the paper only, and, if intended for insertion in the current number, must be received not later than 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursdays, unless in very special cases. The name and address of every writer must be sent to us in confidence.

G.R.S.—We shall be glad to insert any communication you may please to forward.

J.C.L.—Sleaford. A Master Mason's lodge may be opened with five, but seven must be present during the ceremony of raising—W.M. Wardens, Deacons, I.G., and Tyler, who is technically present, although not actually within the lodge.

COMMUNES.—Our reply referred to Provincial Grand Officers only. All officers of the United Grand Lodge below the Grand Secretary are entitled to the prefix "Worshipful." The Wardens of Grand Lodge are "Right Worshipful," the Chaplains, Registrar, President of the Board of General Purposes, and Secretary, "Very Worshipful." The following reports are unavoidably held over:—Lodges 954, 975, 1151, 421, 1309; Mark Lodge 151, 72, 742.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The annual Summer Fête and distribution of prizes took place on Monday, the 8th inst., at Wood Green, under the presidency of William Wither B. Beach, Esq., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight.

The programme comprised a concert by the boys, the distribution of prizes, the usual colla-

tion and a ball, with athletic sports, croquet, bowling, &c. The company assembled in goodly numbers, and apparently enjoyed themselves. Perhaps a little more sun might have had the effect of inducing a greater number of our lady friends to venture forth on this very interesting occasion.

Subjoined is a list of the prizes, with the names of the winners, and we cannot but congratulate Masters C. J. Jones, and Henry C. Bush, on the amount of proficiency they must have obtained to enable them to become the grateful recipients of so many trophies of mental warfare.

## CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Upper Form (value 21s. each).—Classics, C. J. Jones; Mathematics, C. J. Jones; Modern Languages, C. J. Jones; English, C. J. Jones;

First Class (value 15s. each).—Classics, Henry C. Bush; Mathematics, Henry C. Bush; Modern Languages, Henry C. Bush; English, Henry C. Bush.

Second Class (value 10s. 6d. each).—Classics, W. R. Holland; Mathematics, W. R. Holland; Modern Languages, Henry V. Belcher; English, Henry V. Belcher.

## COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

First Class (value 10s. 6d. each).—Arithmetic, Charles L. Bryant; History and Geography, Charles L. Bryant; Writing, James Addison; English, Charles L. Bryant.

Second Class (value 7s. 6d. each).—Arithmetic, William Boothman; History and Geography, E. G. L. Sweet; Writing, C. R. Heeley; English, William Boothman.

Preparatory Class (value 5s.).—General Proficiency, F. C. Godsmark.

Good Conduct Silver Medal, presented at the Festival, March, 1872, John Spicer.

Efficiency as monitor (value 21s.), John Spicer.

## SPECIAL PRIZES: PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Bro. Edward Cox, V.P., Canonbury Gold Medal, £4 4s. Presented at the Festival, 1872, Charles Ennis.

By Bro. William Winn, V.P., Oxford Local Examination, June, 1871, £5 5s., W. B. Redgrave.

By Bro. Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox, proficiency in German, W. L. Crampton.

By Bro. Rev. Dr. Goodwin—For Self Discipline, John Spicer; for Good Conduct, W. L. Crampton.

By Bro. H. C. Silvester—Painting, 21s., C. J. Jones; shading, 21s., F. Cottman; Architecture, 10s. 6d., A. W. Bowcock; 2nd Shading, 10s. 6d., W. R. Holland.

By the Franklin Lodge, No. 838, Boston, value £2. [A silver watch is given to the writer of the best letter, selected from those leaving the institution at Midsummer and Christmas]. E. C. Isborn.

By the Secretary, value 10s. 6d. each. Personal Cleanliness: Christmas, 1872, J. T. Merryweather; Midsummer, J. A. McIntosh.

## PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

First Prize, Value 21s. each: Writing, J. Addison; dictation, H. C. Bush; history, W. L. Crampton; geography and mapping, C. J. Jones; general attention to studies, F. Cottman; genera-

proficiency, C. J. Jones; mental arithmetic, C. J. Jones; proficiency in drill, A. Mould.

Second Prize, value 10s. 6d. each: Writing, J. T. Merryweather; dictation, E. G. L. Sweet; history, C. J. Jones; geography and mapping, W. L. Crampton; general attention to studies, J. A. McIntosh; mental arithmetic, F. Cottman; proficiency in drill, Charles L. Bryant.

Amongst those present we noticed the following:—Bros. B. Head, H.C.; R. W. Stewart, H.C.; W. Robuck, H.C.; S. Rosenthal, H.C.; R. W. Motihm; Hancock, of Derby; D. Dewer; W. Winn, Vice Patron; Needham; Dr. Edmund Cox; A. R. Green; McQueen; Webber; S. W. Dosele; W. H. Fisher; C. Horsley.

We cannot conclude our hasty notice without a word of praise to the Boys for the excellent manner in which they performed the various pieces of music set down for them on the programme, both for time and precision, &c.; it was really excellent and that treat alone would have repaid a visit. We must not either forget to mention the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Binckes, who as usual entered into and carried out every detail thoroughly.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN.

UPTON LODGE.—(No. 1227).—The annual summer banquet of this prosperous lodge, was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Royal Crown Hotel, Sevenoaks, Kent, under the presidency of the much esteemed W.M., Bro. R. Bolton. The brethren and ladies assembled at the Cannon-street station, and were conveyed in special first class carriages attached to the 10.40 a.m. train to Sevenoaks, where the party arrived after a pleasant ride of little more than an hour, and at once proceeded to the hotel, where luncheon was provided; after partaking of this the company divided themselves into two parties, one of which proceeded to Knowle Park, the seat of Lord Buckhurst (where they were permitted to view various apartments, &c., of that ancient family seat) whilst another party proceeded in a drag to enjoy a drive through some of the loveliest scenery which the county of Kent affords. By three o'clock all had returned to the Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them, and for which every one appeared to be thoroughly ready, the appetite being considerably sharpened by the exercise previously undergone. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. R. Bolton, and the vice chairs by Bro. English, S.W., and Bro. Bratton, J.W. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which received a hearty response. The toast of the "Stewards" was responded to by Bro. Slec, W.S., and that of the "Ladies" (proposed by Bro. Owen) by Bro. Gundelfinger, who in the course of a humorous speech, expressed the great pleasure it gave him as a single man, to return thanks for the fair sex, who had that day graced the festive board with their presence. The company then adjourned to the grounds adjoining, where dancing was kept up for some time, to the music of a band provided for the occasion. At 7 p.m., tea and coffee were served, after which another adjournment was made to the grounds, and a few more dances having taken place, the whole party left for the railway station, and returned to town, where they safely arrived about 10 p.m., having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

CORNWALL.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons of the Province was held on Tuesday, 9th July, at the Town Hall, St. Austell. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the provinces, there being over 200 members present. The town was gaily decorated with bunting and bands of music paraded the streets at intervals. The bells of the parish church also rang merry peals during the day.

The proceedings were somewhat marred by the indisposition, we hope temporary only, of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Augustus Smith, who had come down from town the previous day to be present at the Grand Lodge, and was the guest of Bro. Edmond Carlyon, but was unable to attend in consequence of an affection of the throat, which had given him much annoyance during the night, and from which he had not yet recovered sufficiently to be able to perform the duties which would have devolved upon him.

The following officers took their several positions in the Grand Lodge:—Br. R. Rogers, P.Prov.G.M., acting Prov.G.M.; John Rescoria, D.Prov.G.M.; Charles Read, Prov.S.G.W.; Dr. Mudge, Assist. Prov.J.G.W.; Rev. G.L. Church, Prov.G. Chaplain; William Tweedy, Treas.; E. T. Carlyon, Prov.G. Sec.; John Coombe, Prov.J.G.D.; W. Treguary, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Mitchell and W. Guy, D. of Cer.; Samuel Harvey, Prov.G. Purst.; W. Rooks, Assist. do.; W. C. Borlase, J. F. Penrose, Martin, Dunn, J. B. Kerswell, and Jacob Grigg, Prov.G. Stewards; T. Chirgwin, P.Prov.J.G.W. The following brethren were also present:—Col. Peard, P.Prov.G.S.W.; T. Solomon, P.Prov.S.G.W.; Rev. F. P. Paul, Prov. C. Chaplain; G. A. Jenkins, P. Prov. G. Reg; E. Carlyon, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. H. Jenkins, P. Prov. S.G.W.; F. W. Dabb, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. J. Johns, P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. J. Hughan, P. Prov. G. Sec.; T. Q. Couch, P. Prov. J.G.W.; John Hele, Mus. Bac., P. Prov. G.O.; T. Harvey, P. Prov. Supt. of Works; J. H. Burrall, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. Niness, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. Paull, P. Prov. Supt. of Works; L. P. Metham, D. Prov. G.M. of Devon; I. Latimer, P. Prov. G. Sec. of Devon; and the Masters, officers, and many of the brethren of the lodges of the province.

Bro. E. T. Carlyon, the Prov. Grand Secretary, said in opening the business, he was quite sure that they would all be pained to hear of the illness of their Grand Master—(hear, hear). He had been very unwell during the night, and remained unwell to-day; so that he would not be able to be present. On this occasion, therefore, it would be necessary that Bro. Reginald Rogers should act in his stead. Before retiring, he had the pleasure of stating that he had had the gratification of placing on the pedestal three mallets, the gift of the Grand Master.

Bro. Reginald Rogers, on taking the chair, expressed his regret at the circumstances which prevented the attendance of their Grand Master, whom they would all have been glad to see in his place, performing his duties. He was sure that they would all feel the greatest regret that he could not be present with them to-day—(hear, hear).

The lodge was then opened in due form, and the business, which was considerable, was proceeded with, with much promptitude.

Bro. John, clerk to the Prov. G. Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, which were duly confirmed.

The Prov. G. Master then read the replies which had been received in answer to the addresses of congratulation sent to her Majesty the Queen and the Prince of Wales, and moved that they be recorded in the minutes of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

Bro. W. Tweedy, Prov. G. Treasurer, next read his statement of the accounts.

The Prov. G. Secretary's report was then read. Number of lodges 24; No. of initiations, 103; joining members, 18; members, 786—total 907. In 1870 there were 107 initiations; 27 joining members; 735 members—or a total of 869. This shows a net increase on the year of 1871-2 of 38. There had not been any Directory pub-

lished for the present year as yet, in consequence of the annual returns not having been sent in in time to complete it.

The G. Master adverted to the inconvenience that was felt owing to the Masters of Lodges not sending in their returns earlier, and expressed a hope that attention would be given to this subject of complaint.

The reports were then passed.

Br. Chirgwin then read the report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund:—The grand total was £153 12s. 6d., being an increase of £27 11s. 6d., over the previous year—a statement which was received with much applause. The report, which was signed by Br. R. Rogers, treasurer, and T. Chirgwin, Secretary, concluded by saying:—“We have much pleasure in reporting that the income from annual subscriptions and donations still continues to increase, and has enabled us to purchase since the last annual festival meeting £200, £4 per cent., perpetual preference stock of the Bristol and Exeter Railway; and £200, £5 per cent. Russiau Bonds. The income from our present investments now amounts to £70 19s. Applications have been received from two candidates for annuities, and it will be for the Prov.G. Lodge to decide, whether more than one additional annuitant shall be elected at this meeting. The usual voting papers have been sent to each subscriber.”

The report was then received and passed.

Bros. Reginald Rogers and Thomas Chirgwin were unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Secretary of the Annuity Fund, and Bro. Guy, of St. Austell, and Bro. Niness, of Chacewater, Auditors.

Bro. Hughan, P. Prov. G. Sec., then read a series of resolutions of which he had given due notice, and the object of which was to elect two annuitants, there being two candidates, the first on the poll to have £20 a year, the second to have the balance in hand, which was £10 19s. a year, and which it was also proposed (by Bro. Chirgwin) to make up by a special vote of £10 to £20. The resolutions were ably moved by Bro. Hughan, and as ably supported by Bro. Col. Peard, and unanimously adopted.

The brethren were then formed into order of procession by Bro. Samuel Harvey, the P.G. Pursuivant.

The procession passed through the town, the bands playing the quaint well-known Masonic March music. The streets were crowded with people, and as the weather was exceedingly fine there was nothing to mar the interest of the scene. The services were conducted by the Rev. Bros. Paull, Ferris, and Bloxsome. The Rev. Bro. G.L. Church preached an excellent and appropriate sermon, founded on Malachi iii, 17—“And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels.” In the sermon the preacher entered fully into the merits of Freemasonry, and showed how thoroughly these principles harmonised with the great doctrines of Christianity and the precepts which our Saviour inculcated. Without trenching on the mysteries of the Order, the Rev. gentleman showed how much the doctrines of Masonry promoted all the moral, domestic, and social virtues.

On the return from church, the acting Grand Master reported that there were 319 votes for Bro. Collins, and 257 votes for Bro. W. Harvey. He thereupon declared that Bro. Collins was first, and Bro. W. Harvey second annuitant.

Bro. E. T. Carlton then proposed a vote of £10 to Br W. Harvey, £5 to the widow at Fowey, and £5 to the widow at Helston.—Bro Jenkins, Mayor of Truro, seconded, the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro Roscobla, D.Prov.G.M., then proposed a vote of £25 to the Annuity Fund, and £25 to the Education Fund. Bro Colonel Peard seconded the motion, which was also carried unanimously. The latter Fund is only now established.

The Grand Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Grand Chaplain for his excellent sermon. This was duly seconded, and the Rev. Bro Church acknowledged the compliment.

The Lodge was then adjourned for half an hour to allow the Deputy Provincial Grand Master consulting the Grand Master as to the appointment of his officers.

The amount collected at the church was

£9 6s. 3d. One-fifth was voted to the clergyman of the parish, two-fifths were voted towards the fund for the church restoration at St. Austell, and two-fifths for the Cornwall Annuity Fund.

Bro. Mason suggested that next year they should visit Callington and hold the Grand Lodge there.—Bro. Carlyon said it was the wish of the Grand Master that they should hold their next Grand Lodge at Callington, where eighteen years since he was appointed Senior Grand Warden—(cheers).

Bro. Hughan proposed that they should vote ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a similar sum to the Institution for Girls. He said that these sums could be got out of the “fees of honour.” But the Treasurer showed that all the funds had been for the present appropriated.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said that they had educational institutions in the province, and it was thought that for the present it should stand over.

Bro. Hughan altered his motion for five guineas to each of the two institutions. They had three boys in the school, who were benefitted to the extent of £120 a year, while the whole of the contributions amounted to only £100.—The S.G. Warden seconded the motion, adding as a rider, “if the funds of the province would allow of it.”

The motion, as amended, was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Anderton suggested that all their votes should be sent to Bro. Hughan, who would effect beneficial exchanges in favour of their candidates.—Bro Hughan said that they had only 250 votes in the province, while it required 1,000 votes to get a child elected. That fact showed how much indebted they were and had been to other provinces.

Bro Boscorla called attention to the very beautiful large ivory gavels which their Provincial Grand Master, Bro Aug. Smith, had that day presented to the Grand Lodge, and while sympathising with him in his illness, they should also convey to him their thanks for his handsome present. This was agreed to with much applause.

Bro Hosken, Prov. G.O., of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principals, Penryn ably presided at the organ, both in the church and the Town Hall.

The company then went in procession to the Assembly Rooms, where they partook of a banquet provided by Mr. Matthews, of Plymouth.

The D.G.P.M. Bro. R. Rogers presided, and a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and speeches made, thus bringing a pleasant day to a most happy conclusion.

HAMPSHIRE.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Royal Hotel, on the 4th inst. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Fenn, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. C. Carne, I.P.M., G. Purst. Hants; Capt. Richards, R.E., S.W.; J. Osmond, P.M., J.W.; R. White, Sec.; B. Fitter, S.D.; T. Lawrey, J.; U. Lucas, O.G. The lodge was opened in form, in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Sergt. Thomas, 7th Hussars, was proposed as a candidate for initiation. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No 804).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Good, W.M.; assisted by his officers. Bro. R. Giles was raised in an able manner by the W.M. Bro. J. N. Hillman, P.M., then took the chair, and a Board of nineteen Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. H. Martin Green, S.W., was installed as Master for the ensuing year. He appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Clay, S. W.; Francis, J. W.; Weeks, P.M., Treasurer; Roach, Sec.; Hillman, P.M., M. C.; Harrison, S.D.; Lintott, J. D.; Fabian Cox, I.G.; Parnell, Org.; and Stallard

and Porter, Stewards. An excellent banquet, to which no fewer than sixty two brethren sat down, was afterwards provided by Bro. Parnell at the Dolphin Hotel, Havant, and after spending a most enjoyable evening the company separated.

#### LANCASHIRE WEST.

**LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No 673).—**INSTALLATION AND PICNIC.—The brethren of this highly prosperous lodge met in strong force at the Royal Mersey Yacht Hotel, Duke-street, Liverpool, on the morning of Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the most interesting business being the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. James T. Callow), which was immediately followed by a pleasant pic-nic excursion to the charming village of Kirby. The St. John's "festival day" had everything to make it completely successful and enjoyable, as there was an unusually large muster of influential leaders in masonry at the early day work, and splendid weather for the afternoon "out." It may be interesting to note, *en passant*, that the past year of the lodge has been the most successful in every respect which it has enjoyed during its lengthened existence, and this fact, no doubt, gave additional *clat* to the day's proceedings. The indefatigable W.M., Bro. Henry Nelson, opened the lodge about half-past nine, when he was supported by the following officers: Bros. T. Clark, I.P.M.; S. Johnson, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; G. Ludmore, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; J. T. Callow, S.W.; E. Kyle, J.W.; R. Pearson, Treas.; J. B. Widdows, Sec.; J. V. Digger, S.D.; T. Roberts, J.D.; W. T. May, P. M., D.C.; H. Burrows, I.G.; J. Meador, S.; W. Crawford, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. Alderson, W. D. Bygott, J. Heggie, W. Myers, R. Maxley, C. E. Cooper, T. Edwards, R. Hulme, C. Blood, S. Hague, H. Hill, J. Harper, M. Mearns, J. Carty, J. Loheny, S. Christenson, T. Lawrence, H. Morris, J. Atkinson, S. Lyle, W. Crane, M. Corless, S. Porter, T. Granan, J. Tranter, H. F. Cooke, R. Holt, J. Dawson, J. J. Tietz, J. Seddon, T. Meares, W. Bradshaw, E. Lloyd, J. Ball, W. Bennett, H. Jackson, W. Donovan.

The lodge was favoured with the presence of the following visitors:—Bros. T. Armstrong, P. G.T. 155; T. Achmore, P.M. 823; W. Doyle, P.M. 667; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treasurer, 220; W. G. Veale, P. Prov. G.O. Devon; W. Woods, P.M. 1182; C. Auchinleck, 1182; O. S. Venson, J. Bowden, W.M. 336; F. H. Evans, J.D. 1393, 823; R. Ing, W.M. 394; W. Crane, P.M. 243; Larien, P.M. 394; G. Scott, and others. After the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M., as the last act of a busy and prosperous year of office, proceeded to initiate Messrs. T. Hague, A. Trimble, and Wm. Morris into the mysteries of the Craft, the work being performed with rare fluency and efficiency. Bro. Nelson then vacated the chair and proceeded to instal Bro. J. T. Callow as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed throughout with a completeness and impressive effect worthy of the occasion, the charges to the following officers for the year, invested by the newly installed W.M., being delivered by the much respected Bro. J. Hamer. Bros. E. Kyle, S.W.; C. Blood, J. W.; R. Pearson, Treasurer (re-invested); Joseph Ball, Secretary; J. K. Digges, S.D.; T. Roberts, J.D.; H. Burrows, I.G.; R. Hulme, Org.; T. Clark, D.C.; and Meador, Alveary, and Garrett, Stewards; Bro. W. Crawford was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. After the interesting ceremonial, the W.M., in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. H. Nelson, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. H. Nelson, P. M., by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, of Free and Accepted Masons, as a token of respect and esteem, and in recognition of past services, 3rd July, 1872." In making the presentation, the W.M. said he felt sure that he was only echoing the feelings of every member of that lodge, when he said that the chair had never been so well and efficiently filled as during the year Bro. Nelson had occupied it, and he was quite certain that he (the I.P.M.) carried with him the earnest wish of every brother for his

long life and happiness. Bro. Nelson expressed his deep gratitude for that recognition of his services—something of which he would always be proud, and he assured the brethren that in the future, as in the past, he would always find pleasure in doing his duty. The lodge was subsequently closed in solemn form. The musical portion of the morning's work was admirably conducted by Bro. W. G. Veale, P. P.G.O., who presided at the harmonium. The serious business of the forenoon made the pleasure of the afternoon all the more acceptable, and the party of about 150 which started from Tithebarn-street station, the brethren being there joined by their wives, daughters, and sweethearts, were evidently bent upon making the pic-nic to Kirby as enjoyable as the most exacting could wish. Shortly after the arrival of the company at the Railway Hotel, a splendid banquet, embracing many of the delicacies of the season, was served by Bro. Pepper in a marquee erected on the croquet lawn. The *menu* and toast card, containing at the top well-executed photographic likenesses of the W.M. and I.P.M., was a model of good taste, and universally admired. After full justice had been done to the "creature comforts," the W.M. wisely curtailed the toast list so as to allow the amusements to proceed. He simply gave "The Queen and Royal Family," and "Bro. Nelson, Our W.M.," both of which were received with cordiality and greeted with Masonic cheers. While some found their chief amusement in dancing to the strains of Mr. Martin's quadrille band, others found congenial pleasure in a friendly game of bowls, or strolling in search of the "lions" of scenery and village. The time passed pleasantly until the time for departure, when everyone returned to town, voting the "out" most enjoyable.

**LIVERPOOL.—Mariner's Lodge (No. 249).—**The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, the principal business being the installation of Bro. Edwin Hughes as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of the brethren of the lodge, and a good attendance of visitors. Bro. H. Pearson, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. E. Hughes, S.W.; J. K. Smith, P.M.; R. R. Martin, Treas.; G. de la Perelle, Secretary; P. Pinnington, P.M.; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas. and P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; J. J. Rose, S.D.; J. Lloyd, J.D.; W. Yates I.G.; R. Carter, S.S.; J. Hayes, J.S.; C. Leighton, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; T. Ramskill, R. Carter, A. Humphreys, A. Walker, A. Barnard, J. Chisnall, S. Kirkpatrick, C. Hains, C. R. Jones, G. Molley, R. Collings, J. Riley, T. Forster, R. Morriss, J. Wood, H. Harding, T. Joseph, T. E. Edwards, E. Rason, J. Pemberton, C. Warner, H. Curwen, P. Ball, P. G. Tyler, J. Honeyford, H. A. Bell, M. Swash, Bolitho, H. P. Price, and J. Nicholas. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. H. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England, P. Prov. G.D.C. W. L.; P. Prov. G.S.D. Durham, and P. Prov. G. P. Northumberland; J. R. Gospel, P.M., S.W. 155; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; E. Clay, W.M. 204; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; T. Ashmore, P.M., 823; M. Mawson, 1013; J. Speirs, 1094; J. W. Kelly, I.G. 1299; W. G. Veale, P. Prov. G.O., 394 and 1356; H. Ruskin, 606; G. Weaver, 292, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for five candidates, and declared to be unanimous. The chair was then vacated by Bro. H. Pearson, W.M., who has filled the duties of his office during the year with invariable courtesy and efficiency, and his place was taken by Bro. J. Hamer, to whom Bro. Edwin Hughes, as W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. J. K. Smith and W. Crane, P.M.'s, for installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Hamer with great completeness, and after the W.M. had been saluted by the brethren in the three degrees, he invested the following brethren as his officers, addressing a few well-chosen words to each:—Bros. J. J. Rose, S.W.; J. Lloyd, J.W.; J. K. Smith, Treasurer; R. Collings, Secretary; A. Humphreys, S.D.; J. Hayes, J.D.; Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain; C. Leighton, I.G., and Org.; W. Crane, M.C.; and J. Chisnall and H. P. Price, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler for the

year. After the installation ceremonial, five candidates were initiated by the newly elected W.M. in a most effective and competent manner, which promises well for the satisfactory performance of the duties of the chair; and the "working tools" were also presented by Bro. Lloyd, J.W., in a highly impressive style. A.P.M.'s jewel was subsequently presented by the W.M. to Bro. H. Pearson in recognition of his valuable masonic services and the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Adelphi Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided and admirably served. The W.M. presided, and was supported right and left by several distinguished Masons. After dessert had been tabled, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen," remarking that whatever peculiar feelings they might privately hold, he was certain there was but one feeling of loyalty and veneration for what he might call that sainted name—the Queen. (Hear, hear.) That was a toast, above all others, which was invariably received in assemblies like that with the greatest heartiness, and he would ask the brethren to drink it in bumpers. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, Bro. Veale playing and singing the national anthem, the brethren joining heartily. The W.M. next proposed "Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal family," and in doing so said the name of their Royal brother was always honoured before he became a mason, but now that he had joined their ancient and honourable fraternity, the toast was even more worthy of their hearty acceptance. No Liverpool lodge had yet been honoured with the presence of their Royal brother, but the fact that he had undertaken the duties of W.M. of a lodge showed that he had the good of the craft at heart. The toast was drunk in bumpers with great cordiality. In giving "The Marquis of Ripon, M.W.G.M., and the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M.," the W. M. remarked that with reference to the G.M. he need say nothing, as his merits were too well known. While they must all admire his Masonic zeal, the country was greatly indebted to him as a statesman, because in that capacity he had brought about arbitration instead of the bayonet, bombshell, and cannon, as a means of settling international disputes. (Hear, hear.) He had ably fulfilled his masonic duties, and the brethren ought to be proud of having such a nobleman at their head. The toast was honoured with true Masonic enthusiasm. The next toast was "Sir T. G. Fermor Hesketh, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, W.D. P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers," and in proposing it Bro. Hughes said their G.M. performed his duties conscientiously, and whenever necessity required was always ready to give his time and services for the good of his province. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Brabner, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. G. de la Perelle, P.G.S. Bro. Pearson, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." From the manner in which he had carried out the work that day, they must all feel that he was "the right man in the right place." He (the W.M.) had fully realised their expectations, and there was no doubt that a year of great prosperity lay before them. The W.M. assured the brethren that to reply to the toast was one of the most difficult tasks he ever had, and they would understand something of his feelings when he told them that if there was anything he ever craved in the whole course of his life—promotion in the army, success in his own profession, happiness in social intercourse—he never craved so much as to get into the chair of the W.M. of that lodge. He believed himself to be the representative of the entire lodge, and that without soliciting a single vote, and therefore he felt all the more proud of being their Master. He would endeavour to prove worthy of the charge and follow in the footsteps of the many excellent and worthy P.M.'s who had preceded him in that capacity. The remaining toasts were "The Installing Master," proposed and acknowledged by the W.M. (in the absence of Bro. Hamer); "The W.P.M.'s of Lodge 249," responded to by Bros. J. K. Smith, P. Pinnington, W. Crane, R. H. D. Johnson, and G. de la Perelle; "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bro. P. Hains, Chaplain, who made a very happy speech;

"The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," responded to by Bro. R. H. D. Johnson in eloquent and sympathetic terms; "The Visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bros. Hill and Brabner; and "Poor and Distressed Masons." Several capital songs were given by Bros. Veale, Bell, Rose, &c., and the brethren separated after spending a pleasant evening.

LANCASTER.—*Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—The installation of this young, but flourishing lodge, took place on Tuesday, the 2nd instant. The attendance of members and visiting brethren was numerous, including Bros. Wyley, Provincial Grand Registrar; Case, P.M. 995; Dodgon, P.M. 995, Installing Master; Pearson, P.M. 995; R. Dodgon, S.W. 995; F. Bell, S.D., and several other distinguished brethren from neighbouring lodges. Bro. John Barrow, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Dodgon, W.M. 995, in an impressive and most effective manner. After the usual proclamations, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the year; the selections were:—C. Hartly, P.M.; J. Bell, S.W.; W. Heald, J.W.; W. Barrow, Secretary; J. Acton, S.D.; J. Coulton, J.D.; R. Wolfenden, I.G.; J. H. Williams, S.S.; W. Bulfield, J.S.; Bro. Taylor, Organist; the lodge having elected at a former meeting W. Holmes, Treasurer, and J. Watson, Tyler. The W.M. then presented a beautiful Past Master's jewel, subscribed by the brethren, and furnished by Bro. Kenning, of London, to Bro. C. Hartly, the retiring Master; after which the assembled brethren adjourned to Bro. W. Bulfields, Cross Keys Hotel, and there partook of a most excellent repast, provided for the occasion. The tables were loaded with abundant supplies of creature comforts, and were beautifully decorated with flowers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, Bro. Wyly, P.G.R., responding to "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," remarking that he was very proud to meet so large an attendance of members. As he was the Consecrating Officer of the lodge just twelve months ago, and rejoiced in being godfather to so good a lodge, and he urged all the brethren to rally round their newly-installed Master with that feeling of unity, friendship, and brotherly love, for the good, the welfare, and extension of Masonry, and prayed to the Great Architect that he might preserve all present to meet again next year, not only with their present number, but a greater extension of members. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. C. Hartly, the Retiring Master," who had during the past year discharged the duties incumbent upon him with the utmost urbanity and good judgment. Bro. C. Hartly, in responding, thanked the W.M. for the forcible manner he brought his name before the brethren, and stated that no Master could be treated more cordially in everything that was done in the lodge during the past twelve months than he was, and begged to tender his very warm thanks to the Wardens and the other officers of the lodge for the support he had received; but before he sat down, he had great pleasure to propose to the brethren "The Health of the Worshipful Master," as he was an old, staunch, and true Mason, and was very proud to have him his S.W. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner they received the toast, which indicated that it fared well for his year of office, for the difficulties of the position in which you have placed me are great; but I rely on your assistance, and I trust at the close of my year of office, I may retire in the same manner as Bro. Hartly, the present retiring Master. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was now given as their train hour had almost expired, which was responded to by the Installing Master, Bro. Dodgon, who briefly stated it gave him great pleasure to attend and perform the duties required of him, and would feel happy at all times to render whatever assistance he could to the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. He intended making a long speech, as many of the brethren were very young in Masonry, but must defer until some other time, Bro. Case also briefly responded. "The Healths of the other Officers" were duly given and responded to, when the brethren separated, all seeming satisfied with their day's business.

LIVERPOOL.—*Merchants' Lodge*, (No. 241).—The installation of W.M.G. elect of this lodge place on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a large gathering of members and visiting brethren. The Installing Master was Bro. J. W. Baker, the retiring W.M., to whom Brother John I. Knight, was duly presented for installation. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. W. Baker, I.P.M.; John Halton, S.W.; W. M. Chudley, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, Treas.; T. Mercer, Sec.; R. Brown, S.D.; George Hutchin, J.D.; J. Peat, I.G.; and H.C. Mott, P.M., D.C.; Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected and invested as Tyler. In accordance with arrangements previously made, the brethren, after labour, took the train for Southport, where a magnificent banquet was prepared by the manager of the Palace Hotel, Birkdale. The repast was of the most sumptuous character, the tables laid with most perfect taste and models of beauty while the general arrangements were so satisfactory, as to elicit a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks to the caterer at the close of the proceedings. The W.M. presided, supported by all his officers, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Councillor D. Campbell, 216; Rev. H. Carpenter, 357; Stephenson P.G.S.B., Cheshire; C. H. Hill, P.M., 754, 1276; Dr. Spiers, 1294; W. Crane, P.M., 249, 1299; H. Newman, 1094; &c. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest cordiality. It may be stated that an important engagement alone prevented Bro. J. Pearson, the Worshipful Mayor of Liverpool, from being present. The usual monthly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., when the W.M. was supported by the whole of his officers. There was a good attendance of members, and several visitors. Two candidates were initiated by the W.M. in a remarkable efficient manner, but as this was his first night in the chair, he delegated the ceremony of passing two Entered Apprentices, and raising one Fellow-Craft, to Bro. Baker, I.P.M. After some other business the lodge was closed in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—*Merchants' Lodge of Instruction* (No. 241). On the 28th ult., a highly interesting gathering in connection with this lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, where valuable services were acknowledged in a very substantial way. For a period extending over 13 years Bro. A. C. Mott, P.M., 241, has been connected with the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, and during the last 10 years he has fulfilled the duties of Preceptor with a diligence and efficiency which have contributed in a large degree to the knowledge and fitness of youthful masons. Bro. Mott, notwithstanding the value of his disinterested services, has steadfastly set his face against accepting any testimonial as an acknowledgement of the good work he has done, but the brethren, determined to show their appreciation of the work he has carried out resolved, through him, to present Mrs. Mott with a handsome timepiece and gold ring as a mark of their esteem for her husband. Bros. J. W. Baker, P.M., C. H. Hill, P.M., J. Halton, S.W., and R. Brown, S.D., were appointed a committee. The presentation took place at a dinner given on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, at which Bro. R. Wilson, P.M., presided, and in making the presentation he referred in eloquent terms to the long and valuable services which Bro. Mott had rendered to the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Mott replied in suitable terms. The following was the inscription on the clock:—"Presented to Mrs. Mott, with a gold ring, by the members of the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241, as a token of the respect in which her husband, Bro. A. C. Mott, P.P.G.S.D., of West Lancashire, is held by the brethren, and in recognition of his unwearied attention to their interests while acting as Preceptor to the Lodge, for the period of 10 years."

MIDDLESEX.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual meeting of this province was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 29th ult., and was attended by a large

number of brethren. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Francis Burdett, assisted by the following officers of the year:—Bros. J. Glaisher, F.R.S., S.G.W.; J. Taylor, J.G.W.; H. G. Buss, G. Treas.; A. J. Codner, G. Reg.; R. Wentworth Little, G. Sec.; T. Cubitt, S.G.D.; W. Smeed, A.G.D.C.; J. G. Marsh, G.P.; J. T. Moss, E. Sillifant, J. Freeman, J. W. Barrett, and R. D. Odell, G. Stewards.

The minutes of the last annual meeting at Uxbridge were read and verified, after which the Auditors' report of the accounts for the past year was read, approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows; the Treasurer being, according to custom, elected by the brethren:—

- Bro. Raynham W. Stewart... D. Prov. G. M.
- „ Sigismund Rosenthal... Prov. S.G.W.
- „ William Smeed... Prov. J.G.W.
- „ Rev. David Shaboe ... } Prov. G. Chaps.
- „ Rev. W. Taylor Jones }
- „ Henry G. Buss ... Prov. G. Treas.
- „ Charles Horsley ... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ R. Wentworth Little... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ John T. Moss ... Prov. S.G.D.
- „ Edwin Sillifant ... Prov. J.G.D.
- „ Joseph Freeman ... Prov. G. S. of W.
- „ William H. Green ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- „ Octavius H. Pearson... Prov. A.G.D. of C.
- „ J. Woodward Barrett Prov. G. Swd. B.
- „ Henry Parker... Prov. G. Org.
- „ Charles Tye ... Prov. G. Purst.
- „ Richard Bouncey ... Prov. A.G. Purst.
- „ John Gilbert ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Stewards:—Bros. Joseph C. Parkinson, W.M. 778; Hickson Briggs, P.M. 865; Isaac D. McDougall, P.M. 788; W. F. Laxton, W.M. 1238; Robert Kenyon, W.M. 1293; John H. Butten, W.M., 1309.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet in the very commodious dining room of the hotel. The following toasts were given and enthusiastically received.

- "The Queen and the Craft."
- "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family."
- "The M.W. Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G."
- "The Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master (Earl of Carnarvon), and rest of the Grand Officers," responded to by V.W. Bro. Hervey, G. Secretary of England."
- "The Provincial Grand Master," proposed by Bro. Stewart, Dep. Prov. G.M."
- "The Visitors," coupled with Bro. G. Cox, P.G. Deacon."
- "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and rest of the Provincial Grand Officers."
- "The Provincial Grand Stewards," coupled with "Bro. Parkinson, Chairman."
- "The Tyler's Toast."

The musical repertoire comprised the under-mentioned selection, and gave unqualified satisfaction:—

- Grace—"For these and all thy mercies" (A.D. 1545).
- National Anthem (Dr. John Bull)—Solo: Miss Kate Nott.
- National Air (B. Richards) "God Bless the Prince of Wales."
- Serenade (Stella) "I wait for Thee," Bro. Frank Elmore.
- Song (Bishop) "Love has eyes," Miss Kat Nott.
- Song (Prince Poniatowski)—"The Yeoman's Wedding," Bro. Frederic Penna.
- Solo Piano (H. Parker)—"L'assemblée des Fées," Bro. Henry Parker.
- Ballad (Linley)—"I waited till the twilight," Miss Kate Nott.
- Duet (Braham)—"Oh! Albion," Bros. Frank Elmore and Frederic Penna.
- Quartet (Sir Henry Bishop) "Sleep, gent'e Lady."

It was the universal feeling that the meeting was the best in point of comfort and completeness since the establishment of the province, and

great credit is due to Bros. Buss, P.G. Treas.; Little, P.G. Sec., and the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, Bro. Parkinson, for the attention and care they bestowed upon the general arrangements.

#### SOMERSETSHIRE.

##### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Proy. G.M. of Somerset, summoned a Provincial Grand Lodge for the 20th inst., at the Mechanics' Hall, Frome, for the disposal of business connected with the province, and to appoint officers for the ensuing year. On the evening of the 19th, however, a telegram was received from his Lordship, expressing his great regret that indisposition would prevent his attendance.

The chair was in consequence taken by the V.W.D. Prov. G.M. Captain Bridges.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at one o'clock.

The whole of the lodges in the province were represented, and the accommodation provided for the comfort of the brethren gave great satisfaction.

The decoration of the hall was entrusted to Mr. C. Holloway, and the effective manner in which he performed his task fully entitled him to the praise which he deservedly received; the appearance of the interior of the hall in the daytime is not of the gayest description, but on Thursday last it was transformed.

On entering the hall, the first thing which attracted attention was the organ gallery, which presented all the appearance of a grove, the gilded pipes of the organ harmonising with the dark green colour of the laurel shrubs by which it was surrounded. The platform, which was carpeted, was arranged as a dais, and around the throne was placed some beautiful ferns, kindly lent for the purpose by Bro. A. R. Baily. The walls on either side were festooned with evergreens, looped up to a point between each of the niches, and surmounted by a group of flags of all nations, springing from a shield bearing a Masonic device. Altogether, the appearance of the hall was such as we have not seen at any previous Provincial Grand Lodge in the county.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 18th of July, 1871, at Crewkerne, and also the minutes of the special Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 5th of March last were read and confirmed.

An address was signed congratulating the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.D.G.M. of England, and R.W. Prov. G.M. of Somerset, upon his recovery from serious illness, and the presentation of such address was moved by the V.W.D. Prov. G.M.

The Treasurer (Bro. E. T. Payne) next presented his accounts, by which it appeared that Masonry was making a steady and satisfactory progress in the Province, and the accounts having been previously audited, they were now presented and passed.

The various offices having been declared vacant, and the insignia of office delivered at the foot of the pedestal, the V.W.D.P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. Herniman, P.M. 261	Prov. G.S.W.
„ Inskip, W.M. 973	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. W. Spragett, C. 973	Prov. G. Chaplains.
„ Rev. W. Tebbs, C. 285	
„ E. T. Payne, P.M. 53	Prov. G. Treasurer.
„ W. H. Davis, W.M. 291	Prov. G. Registrar.
„ R. C. Else, P.M. 291	Prov. G. Secretary.
„ Loder, W.M. 379	Prov. G. S. D.
„ Jno. Chaffin, W.M. 329	Prov. G. J. D.
„ Wilcox, W.M. 41	Prov. G. S. W.
„ Hodge, S. W. 291	Prov. G. Dir. Cers.
„ Saunders, W.M. 285	Prov. G. A. D. C.
„ Capt. Phayre, P.M. 53	Prov. G. S. B.
„ Macfarlane, W.M. 1296	Prov. G. Organist.
„ Bragg, W.M. 1197	Prov. G. Purst.
„ Mountstevens, S. W. 1199	Prov. G. A. Purst.
„ Woodward, T. 291	Prov. G. Tyler.
„ Carter, T. 53	Prov. G. A. Tyler.

Bros. R. A. Baily, J. D. 973; S. J. Parsons, Sec. 973; R. Baker, 1917; Douglas, 41; Batten, 29; Gore, 379; were appointed Prov. Grand Stewards.

The following resolution was then proposed by Bro. E. T. Payne, P.G.D. of England, P. P. G.S.W., P.G. Treas., and seconded by Bro. R. C. Else, P. P. G.S.W., P.G. Sec., and carried:—

“That a committee be appointed to regulate (so far as the Governors and Subscribers resident in the Province will permit) the support to be given to the various candidates for admission to the benefit of the Charities belonging to the Order with a view to prevent the waste of strength which has occurred of late—and that such committee be permanent—and to name the members of such committee if appointed.”

Bro. Payne then nominated the Committee, which was agreed to.

A sum of £15 was granted to the representatives of the widow of Bro. Hellier, P.G.T., deceased, to defray funeral expenses; a contribution of £10 towards a fund to purchase a small annuity for the widow of the late Bro. Farebrother of 285; and £2 to the widow of Bro. Miller, of Bath. A collection was then made in the lodge, which amounted to the sum of £3 14s. 5d.

At 3.30 the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Mr. Brunson, in the Assembly room, George Hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, lent for the occasion by Bros. J. Baily and A. R. Baily. The viands were both plentiful and good, and ample justice was done to the good cheer provided.

The toasts were: “The Queen and the Craft;” “The M.W. Bro. the Marquis of Ripon, G.M. of England;” “The M. W. Bros. the P.G.M.'s of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Earl of Zetland;” “The R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M. of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present;” “The R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M. of Somerset;” “The V.W. Bro. Capt. Bridges, D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. officers, past and present;” “The Visiting Brethren;” “The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973;” “the W.M.'s and Wardens of the other lodges in the province;” “The Masonic Charities;” and “The Tyler's Toast.”

The whole arrangements at the hall and at the banquet, were greatly praised, and reflect credit on those to whom was confided the pleasing duty of catering for the comfort of the numerous visitors.

#### SUFFOLK.

##### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

On Monday afternoon the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was opened at the Town Hall, Sudbury, by the R. W. Sir Robert A. Shafto Adair, Bart., P.G.M., assisted by the W. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, M.A., D.P.G.M.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, which is over a century old, held its annual meeting for the first time at Sudbury. The rector of St. Peter's declined to allow the use of his church for the service, and although there is another church in the town, it was felt to be more complimentary to the W.M. of the Stour Valley Lodge, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P. G. Chaplain of England, to hold the service at Melford church. The unusual procedure must have been very gratifying to the Rev. gentleman, but not more than he deserves, both as a good mason, and a most kind and courteous gentleman. Probably but for him the town would not have had the honour of a visit from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Previous to the lodge being opened, the Finance Board had met at half-past eleven o'clock in the morning, at the Audit Room of the Hospital, Long Melford, after which the brethren attended the fine old church at Melford for Divine service. The parish appeared to be quite *en fête*; the bells were rung merrily, bunting was profusely displayed, and the inhabitants, who turned out in full force to witness the procession of the Masons, had erected a triumphal arch over the gateway leading to the church, ornamented with evergreens and flowers, and bearing the following inscriptions. On the side facing the street, “Bear ye one another's burdens,” and on the reverse, “Glory to God, good will to men,” flanked by two masonic emblems—the square and compasses and the united triangles.

The church, which is a fine ancient architecture, is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, and

is a Gothic structure about one hundred and eighty feet long, with a small square tower of more modern construction, in which is a peal of eight bells. The sacred edifice, which possesses five very beautiful stained glass windows, contains several ancient brasses, and monuments of the Martyn, Parker, and Cordell families, especially one of Sir William Cordell, Speaker of the House of Commons in the reign of Philip and Mary. The register commences in 1559.

The service, which was well attended both by the inhabitants and the brethren of the lodge, who were attired in their elegant Masonic costumes, was full choral, and commenced with the following Masonic hymn, sung to tune 125, “Hymns Ancient and Modern”:—

“When I laid the foundation of the earth, the morning stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for joy.”

When the Almighty Architect  
Had planned the heavens and earth,  
The hosts on high in concert joined,  
To sing aloud its birth.

The sons of God, the morning stars  
In one glad hymn unite  
To praise the work, while angel choirs  
Welcome the new born light.

And so one song of harmony  
Rang through the heaven above;  
The note they sing in glad accord  
Is God's unending love.

And we too, Lord, before Thee met,  
Our feeble hymn would raise,  
With hearts as one, we try to tell  
The great Creator's praise.

O God, thou could'st the glorious light  
From blackest chaos move;  
Then sin dispel from human hearts,  
And light them with thy love

Maker of all things, end they plan,  
Bind hearts of men as one,  
Till we, like brothers, hand in hand,  
Shall seek our Father's throne.

And thus with thy inspiring love  
A new creation frame,  
And saints above shall join with us  
To praise the Maker's name.

Great Master Builder, prais'd be thou,  
The God whom we adore;  
Be glory as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

The usual afternoon service up to the Psalms was then intoned by the Rev. Mr. Brigg. The Psalms, which were the 15th, the 19th, and the 133rd, were chanted to Barmby in E; the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to King's Service in F, and the responses were those of Hopkins. The lessons, which were very appropriate to the occasion, were read, the first by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bennett, and the second by Bro. the Rev. Mr. Beaumont, then commenced his sermon preaching from the 4th verse of 1 St. Peter, II. chap. to verse 17, inclusive. The second portion of the service was intoned by the Rev. Mr. Brigg, and the Anthem, which was the collect for Quinquagesima Sunday, was J. Marsh's. Bro. A. J. Barber, Provincial Grand Organist, and Bro. A. Orlando Steed, Organist of the church, presided at the organ. The sermon was preached by the former, being II. Chronicles, chapter ii., and the latter the Very Worshipful the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, M.A., rector of Melford, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Worshipful Master of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury. The prayer offered by the Rev. gentleman, before the sermon, was as follows:—

O Almighty God, Great and Grand Architect of the Universe, at whose word the pillars of the Sky were raised, and its beauteous arches formed. Endue with a competence of Thy Most Holy Spirit, thy servants who are assembled in Thy great name to acknowledge Thy power, Thy wisdom, and Thy goodness, and to implore Thy blessing, that we may be enabled to trace Thee out in all Thy wonderful works, that Thy praise may resound with the fervent love of Thy creatures from pole to pole, grant this O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The preacher, before commencing his sermon,

informed the brethren and the congregation, that by the wish of the Provincial Grand Master, a collection would be made at the end of the service, the proceeds of which would be divided in two equal portions; one-half would be presented to St. Leonard's Hospital, Sudbury, and the remaining portion would be reserved, to be given away to the poor of Melford during the coming winter. The Rev. Bro. Martyn preached a most appropriate sermon, taking for his text the 2nd chap. of the 2nd Book of Chronicles: "Behold I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him."

[We regret that the great pressure upon our space prevents our giving the sermon this week. It will be given *in extenso* next week.]

The service was brought to a close by the singing of the 37th hymn (Ancient and Modern.)

"O Lord of Heaven, and earth and sea,

To Thee all praise and glory be."

and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

The brethren then walked in procession back to the hospital, and having disrobed, proceeded to the meeting of the Lodge at the Town Hall, Sudbury, in vehicles provided for the occasion by the Rev. J. Martyn.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at four o'clock at the Town Hall, Sudbury, by the R.W. Sir R. A. S. Adair, Bart., Prov.G.M., assisted by the W. Bro. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, M.A., D.Prov.G.M. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. R. B. Barton, L.L.D., P.Prov.G.M. Grand Lodge West India; Bagshaw, Prov.G.M., Essex; The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G., Chaplain; Benjamin Head, Prov.G.S.D.; W. H. Lucia, Prov. G., Secretary; W. Wilmshurst, P.Prov. G.S.B.; E. Dorling, P.Prov.G. Sec.; J. F. Hills, Prov.G.S.; W. T. Westgate, P.Prov.G.D. of C.; C. H. Wood, Prov.G.S.; W. Armstrong, Prov. G.S.; A.W.G. Atkins, Prov.G.S.; E. B. Powell, Prov. G. Sup. of W.; Barber, Prov.G.O.; S. H. Wright, Prov.P.G.S.D.; E. Holmes, Prov.G.A.D. C.; G. S. Golding, P.G.S.B.; Newson Garrett, P. Prov.G.R.; S. Freeman, P.G.T.; C. S. Pedgriff, P. Prov. G.R.; T. Newman, P.G.P.; W. Hayward, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. E. Bailey, P.G.A. Sec.; G. W. Brownlow, W. Jones, W. G. Woods, G. Harper, J. T. Parker, J.W. 1224; R. W. Beaumont, S.W.; A. B. Woods, S.W.; F. Grimwade, W. Kersey, J. Martin, T. Grimwood, W.M.; C. Byford, W.M.; J. Whithead, P.M.; S. Prentice, S.W.; S. E. Rope, W.M.; R. Davies, W. G. Walford, P.M.; Alex Barber, A. Last, J.D.; W. Clarke, J. C. Squirrell, G. H. Grimwood, J.D., 1224; R. Postle, I.G.; H. Goldsmith, Rev. Dr. Bennett, Rev. R. Evans, E. Warren, W.M.; T. G. Beaumont, J. Turner, P.M.; S. Ellis, I.G.; W. J. Nunn, A. O. Steed, W. O. Ward, P.M.; T. Holland, P.M.; E. H. Adams, P.M.; R. Betts, P.M.; C. F. Long, W.M.; G. Spalding, G. Thompson, P.M.; T. J. Huddleston, P.M.; J. H. Jardine, J. Davies, J. Warren, R. Howard, &c.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and a Lodge of Emergency held to adopt congratulatory addresses on the recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, were read by the P.G. Secretary and confirmed.

The P.G. Secretary then called over the roll of lodges, and found that the following were represented. Doric, Woodbridge; British Union, Ipswich; St. Luke's, Ipswich; Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh; Perfect Friendship, Ipswich; Prudence, Halesworth; Phoenix, Stowmarket; Waveny, Bungay; Adair, Aldeburgh; Prince of Wales, Ipswich; Royal St. Edmund's, Bury; and Stour Valley, Sudbury.

The P.G.A. Secretary then read the minutes of the Board of Finance, which stated the accounts to be in a satisfactory condition.

The following brethren were then appointed P.G. officers, and were invested by the R.W.P. G.M., viz:—P.J.G.W., Bro. J. F. Hills, Sudbury; P.G. Registrar, Bro. Emra Holmes, Ipswich; P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. W. Beaumont; P.G. Steward, Bro. Prentice, St. Luke's. The other Stewardships were not filled up, nor was the office of Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Master, in appointing Bro. Emra Holmes to the office of Provincial Grand Registrar said that he had always borne in mind the fitness of officers for the posts to which they were appointed. He had read Bro.

Holmes' Masonic writings with much interest, and he hoped that brother might be induced, in his capacity as Registrar, to write the history of some of the Masonic lodges of the province. He had great pleasure in appointing him to the office, and he trusted that he would continue for the present to act also as Director of Ceremonies—a post he had so ably filled that day—until a successor should be appointed.

On the proposition of Bro. Gissing, seconded by Bro. Westgate, Bro. Spence Freeman was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Boys' School, and a like sum to the Girls' School; and £5 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Society, and £20 was given in relief of distressed brethren and widows.

The Prov. G. Master then addressed the lodge on Masonic topics, congratulating the brethren on the steady progress of Masonry in the province during the year, and announcing that next year the Prov. G. Lodge will be held on the first Tuesday in July instead of Monday.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in due form, and about eighty brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where Mrs. Hansell had provided a most *recherché* banquet.

After grace had been sung,

The first toast proposed by the Prov. G.M., was that of "The Queen and Craft," which was received with the enthusiasm that this toast always receives among the Craft.

The Prov. G.M. next gave the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." It was unnecessary for him, he remarked, to speak in encomium of the Royal Family of this empire, but there were special reasons why they should receive this toast with honour and with sympathy. On the last occasion, when they met, it was to acknowledge, with thankfulness, the restoration of the Prince of Wales from a perilous disease, and the relief of the Princess of Wales from the anxiety that a wife must have in daily waiting upon her husband in time of affliction. It had a peculiar significance to them, because, at the moment, when the Prince was stricken down with disease, they were hoping to meet him at a Masonic gathering. (Hear, hear.) For the second time he had to announce, within three years, that, but for the accident which he owed in the first place to the province, he should, at that moment, have been paying his respects to His Royal Highness, at one of the leading lodges in London. At that very moment, he apprehended his health was being drunk as Master reinstated of the Alpha Lodge in London. He begged to propose the toast with Masonic honours.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Prov.G.M. said the next toast he had to give was that of the Grand Master of England, the Marquis of Ripon, who had already justified the trust that had been reposed in him. It was a satisfaction to know that he had had the opportunity of comparing the practice in England with that of the United States. As he was quite sure that if there was anything to be learnt, their Grand Master would bring it home, if it was worth learning. (Applause.)

The Prov.G.M. then, having done honour to the distinguished Mason, who is at present administering the Craft of England, said he should next give the health of one who stood high in the regards of the Masons of England, the Earl of Zetland, and the past Grand Masters of England. (Applause.) He gave them also the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge who were carrying on the management so well. He coupled with the toast the name of P. G. D. Head. (Applause.)

Bro. Head, P.G.D., expressed the pleasure which it gave him to come again among his old friends in Suffolk, and said he felt he must pay a tribute to that really good, righteous, benevolent, and charitable man, the Earl of Zetland, who he felt would be appreciated years hence even more than he had been during his lifetime. He also remarked that although he had been on certain subjects opposed to the Earl of Carnarvon, he now believed him to be a thoroughly good Mason. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of

England, also responded, assuring the brethren that it was at all times his hearty wish and desire to do all he could for the good of Freemasonry. (Applause.)

The D.P.G.M. begged to submit for the consideration of the brethren what he thought was the toast of the evening—the health of the Prov. G.M. of Suffolk. (Loud applause.) He was afraid that they might feel so confident and secure of the P.G.M.'s services that they might really for a time be unconscious of the blessing he was to them. (Hear, hear.) But let him be absent for a time and then they looked anxiously for his return. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically and with due Masonic honours.

The Prov. G.M., in his response, alluded to the good understanding that had always existed between himself and the brethren, and attributed it to the desire that was always evinced to discuss every subject fairly. The continued spread of the Craft here had left him no uneasiness as to the position that this province held, and as he believed from the first, he believed now. There was in this province an expansive power of progressive attachment to Masonry which could not fail to develop itself more and more every year. (Applause.) He assured them that the best reward he could have for such small exertions as he had made was to find they had met with their approbation and concurrence. To economise time he begged to propose "The Health of the D.P.G.M.," whose services were so valuable to the province from whom he, as P.G.M., derived such good advice, and who was present in the province when he (the Prov. G.M.) was absent. (Applause.)

The D. Prov. G.M. briefly returned thanks, remarking that what little he could do was done with a good will. (Applause.)

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. C. J. Martyn, P.G., Chaplain, and of the Wardens and Officers, past and present, of P.G. Lodge." With the toast he begged to associate the name, in the absence of the Wardens, of Bro. Emra Holmes, who had been acting that day in a double capacity,—namely as Director of Ceremonies and as P.G. Registrar. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. R. W. Beaumont responded as Chaplain, and Bro. Emra Holmes as P.G. Registrar.

The Prov. G.M. next proposed what he characterised as the toast of the evening, namely the Worshipful Master and Members of the Stour Valley Lodge, who had exerted themselves under very difficult circumstances indeed in a manner without parallel for the reception, and hospitable and craftsmanlike entertainment of this Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked Bro. Martyn for his admirable sermon which gave to the outer world a knowledge of their principles, and illustrated the symbolism that, after all, concealed nothing that they were ashamed of. He expressed a hope that it might be published, so as to have a more extended usefulness. The P.G.M. then alluded to the respectful and gratifying way in which they had been received at Melford, by those who could have no idea of the meaning of the symbols they carried, a reception which he attributed to the love which the people had for their Rector. They believed that the companions and friends of a good man must be good men themselves, and the result was the most attention and respectful reception that he had met with in the course of his Masonic experience. (Applause.)

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, in responding, said he felt quite proud of his people when he found that without a word from him they had been up early in the morning, erecting the arch which the brethren had seen, because, as they said, the Rector's club was coming—(applause and laughter.) He had Masonry at heart, and he had done what he could to welcome them, but his exertions would not have been nearly so successful had it not been for the valuable help given by the members of the Stour Valley Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. D. Bennett here repeated the wish that the excellent sermon of the Rev. C. J. Martyn might be printed and circulated. (Applause.)

The Prov. G.M. next proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Masters, and the Visiting

Brethren of other provinces, coupling with the toast the name of Prov. G. M. Barton, the Past Provincial Grand Master of West India, one of the largest provinces in the world, who responded in very humorous terms.

The Prov. G.M. next gave the toast on "Masonic Charities" to which Bro. Head responded.

The next toast was that of "Worshipful Masters of the Province," also given by the chair, which Bro. Long acknowledged,

The Prov. G.M. then proposed the health of the P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Spencer Freeman; the Prov. G. A. Secretary; Bro. W. E. Bailey, who each acknowledged the compliment.

The last toast was that of the "Ladies," for whom Bro. Capt. Huddleston responded.

The Prov. G.M. then announced that the next P.G. Lodge will be held at Woodbridge; and the Rev. C. J. Martyn having given the "Tylers" toast, the proceedings were brought to a close.

The musical glee party, which assisted so agreeably at the banquet, was under the direction of Bro. Montem Smith, and was the same party which gave so much pleasure at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Ipswich last year.

The arrangements made by the Sudbury brethren were excellent, and all who attended the Grand Lodge and the proceedings connected with it, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

#### SURREY.

**SUTTON.**—*Frederick Lodge of Unity* (No. 452.)—This body met at the Station Hotel, Sutton, on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Sugg, W.M., who was supported by his Wardens and other officers, including the esteemed Secretary, Bro. Magnus Ohren, C.E., P.M., and the Treasurer, Bro. Robbins, P.M. Two gentlemen were initiated during the course of the proceedings, one being a brother of the W.M. After the lodge was closed the usual banquet followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent. Bro. W. S. Masterman responded for the Provincial Grand Officers, and the toast of the "Visitors" was associated with the names of Bros. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex, and John E. Russell, S.W. 22, both of whom returned thanks in appropriate terms. Bro. Ohren's health was given as a special toast and received with great cordiality—a compliment which was gracefully acknowledged by the worthy brother. After the Tyler's toast was proposed by Bro. Speight, the brethren separated.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

A Grand Council of the Ancient Order of Red Cross of Constantinople and Order of the Holy Sepulchre was opened for the State of Pennsylvania, authority of the Earl by Bective, Grand Sovereign, on Friday morning, June 14, at nine o'clock. Brothers C. L. Stowell, M.I.G. Sov.; C. F. Knapp, G.V.E.; Jno. L. Young, G.S.G.; Theo. F. Schaeffer, G.J.G.; H. C. A. Hoffeditz, G. Treasurer; Alfred Creigh, R. Rec. were elected as officers. A Constitution was adopted, and much important business transacted.

The Thursday succeeding the 3rd Wednesday in February next, was selected as the time of meeting.

This is the first Grand Council of this Order in America.

Brother the Right. Hon. Lord Dunboyne, has arrived at Lisdoonvarna, from Knoppogne Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

#### Obituary.

#### BRO. W. F. DOBSON.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. W. F. Dobson, M.A., which took place at his residence, Gower-street, Bedford-square, London, on Sunday evening, June 30th. The deceased brother, who resided for many years in Gravesend, took a very active part in local and other matters as Chairman of the Local Conservative Association, served the office of Mayor in the years 1853 and 1854, afterwards being placed in the commission of the peace for the borough. As a Freemason, Brother Dobson exerted himself for the well being and prosperity of the Masonic Charities. Brother Viscount Holmesdale, on his being installed Provincial Grand Master, appointed him as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. As far as we can judge, it was one of the most popular appointments ever made. At the meeting of the Gravesend Lodges, Freedom, No. 77, and Sympathy, No. 299, held on the 17th of last month, a letter was received from Brother Dobson, resigning the office of Treasurer, in consequence of failing health (he having held the office over twenty years), and a vote of thanks and sympathy was unanimously passed by both lodges. On leaving Gravesend, a few years since, he resided at Bearsted House, near Maidstone, and had only a short time since removed to London. He was universally respected throughout the Craft.

#### ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT IN LIVERPOOL.

During the First Lord of the Admiralty's recent visit to Liverpool, he called upon the "thriving, public-spirited" town to join with others in doing something for voluntary coast defence, and the hints then thrown out by Mr. Goschen have already been acted upon with an alacrity and spirit which promises to crown the naval volunteer movement with success. In the race for patriotism special praise is due to several distinguished Masonic brethren for the active part they have taken in at once endeavouring to organise the First Royal Naval Volunteers. Bro. H. Scott, J.W., of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, has taken the lead as Honorary Secretary, with his characteristic energy, and he has been admirably seconded in his efforts by Bro. W. Crane, P.M. 249, 1094, and 1296, also Hon. Sec while Brothers J. K. Smith, and J. Lloyd have given their adhesion and active support to the cause. A great number of gentlemen have promised support and personal service in connection with the work, and there is therefore a strong probability that the prospect will be afloat before the end of the month. In reply to a letter from Brother Scott, detailing the steps already taken, Mr. Goschen expressed his satisfaction at the prompt and cordial manner in which his suggestions had been taken up, and saying he would be glad to learn further particulars, with the view of causing practical suggestions to be put into shape.

Besides waiting upon Captain Ward, President of the Mercantile Marine Association, who promises the most hearty support to the scheme. Brother

Scott has also written to Lord Sandon, Mr. S. R. Greaves, and Mr. W. Rathbone, members of Parliament for the borough, both of whom sent a courteous reply, expressing the most cordial sympathy with the movement. Mr. Greaves says, "the fact that 50 names were enrolled (at the first meeting) is very gratifying, and confirms my conviction that we possess in our seaports and on our coasts the most ample materials for defending, at a small cost, our shores from all possibility of invasion if we will but utilize them." In the course of his reply Lord Sandon says, "I shall have the greatest pleasure in co-operating with my colleagues in doing whatever is needful in Parliament to assist in carrying out the scheme of naval defence which the First Lord of the Admiralty shadowed forth at Liverpool, if, on learning the details, we think that the scheme is adequate to the occasion. A ship for training purposes has been promised by the Admiralty, at a meeting and to be held in Liverpool last (Friday) night the matter was to be further discussed, and these letters submitted for consideration.

On the 14th of last month Brother William Holland, W.M. 157, (North Woolwich Gardens,) entertained the members of his lodge, and a few friends at his private residence, Southwood Lodge, Eltham. With his usual liberality he provided a splendid banquet. There were present Brothers Smith, Mills, Cubitt, Branden, Leah Drew, Briggs, Silcock, Coste, Baylis, Foster, Massey, &c. The evening being fine made it a most enjoyable outing. All were well pleased with the handsome entertainment provided. The brethren returned to town having spent a most pleasant and happy re-union, which made a nice break during the long vacation which all winter lodges have at this time of the year.

Bro Seymour Smith, Organist 890, on resigning the post of Organist of Hampstead Parish Church, on Thursday, 20th June, the members of that Choir entertained him at a dinner, and afterwards presented him with a very elegant silver snuff box, and a purse containing ten guineas. He is a well-known and highly respected brother, and the above fact shows he is as popular in the outer world as he is in the Craft.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 19, 1872.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 13.

Lodge 176, Cavenc.  
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1361, United Service, Swan Hotel, Wimbledon,  
 Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters First Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.  
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.  
 Sphinx Lodge of Instruction (1329), Castle Tavern, Camberwell-road, at 730; Bros. Thomas and Worthington, Preceptors.  
 Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
 Manchester Lodge of Instruction, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro Ash, P.M., Preceptor.

MONDAY, JULY 15.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall at 12.  
Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.  
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. James Terry, Preceptor.  
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.  
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.  
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.  
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Willey, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.  
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 7; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.  
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

Board of General Purposes at 3.  
Lodge 435, Salisbury, 71, Dean-st., Soho.  
" 704, Camden, York and Albany, Gloucester-gate, Regents-park.  
" 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.  
Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel) at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's Wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.  
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.  
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.  
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hotel, Upper Clapton.  
Chapter 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel Cannon-street.  
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange's Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's Road, Kentish Town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.  
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.  
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8. Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.  
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.  
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerly, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Duke of Edinburgh Tav., Stockwell.  
Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court.  
Rosicrucian Society of England, Freemasons Tavern at 5.30.  
The R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor. Ceremony, explanation of R.A. Jewel and Solids, part sections.  
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.  
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.  
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.  
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30.  
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

House Committee Boys' School.  
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria road, Deptford, at 8.  
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.  
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.  
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. R. Lee, (P.M. 193, W.M. 1298), Preceptor.  
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.  
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733) Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.  
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.  
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.  
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson, Preceptor.  
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.  
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Gladstone Tavern, Brompton-road, S.W.  
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M., Preceptor.  
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.  
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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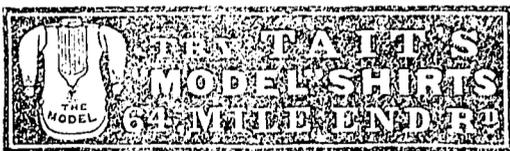
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