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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 30).—This lodge held its last regular meeting of the season at the Guildhall Coffee-house on Tuesday, the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Lefaux, I.P.M. (who presided in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Smith, from domestic affliction), assisted by Bro. J. Driscoll, P.M., as S.W. pro. tem., and Bro. Charles Davey, J.W., also Bros. Wm. Ansell, P.M.; Joseph Harling, P.M.; Jesse Turner, P.M. and Treas.; R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Clark, S.D.; H. Cosedge, J.D.; S. Hoare, D.C.; A. Couldry, Organist; J. W. Crossley, I.G., and other brethren and visitors. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and Bro. Marks having proved his efficiency, the lodge was opened in ancient form in the Second Degree, when Bro. Marks was regularly introduced and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was closed in due form in the Second Degree, when Bro. A. Lefaux, I.P.M., informed the lodge that a serious domestic affliction had occurred to the esteemed W.M., which prevented his attendance. On a motion duly proposed and seconded, it was unanimously resolved, "That the lodge having heard with sincere regret the serious domestic affliction which had befallen their highly esteemed and respected Bro. Thomas Smith, W.M., beg to assure him of their sincere sympathy in the hour of trial, and trust it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant him every support and consolation under the painful circumstances which have attended his bereavement, and that a copy be forwarded to Bro. Smith." In order to assist the funds of the Masonic charities, it was resolved that 20 per cent. be deducted from the annual subscriptions for that special purpose. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. A. Lefaux," who presided in the absence of the W.M., said: Brethren, the only toast I have the pleasure of proposing is that of our I.P.M., Bro. A. Lefaux, who has so ably presided over us this evening. Let us give honour to him to whom honour is due. I, as an old P.M. of this lodge, must say, and those present will agree with me, that the manner in which the ceremonies have been performed by him during his year of office, and on the present occasion, reflects great credit. He not only enters into the duties with ability, zeal, and energy, but endeavours to carry that true Masonic spirit away from here into the outside world, hoping he may be spared to be in our midst for many years to come. Bro. Lefaux, in reply, said:—Brethren, I thank you very much for the very cordial manner in which the last toast has been received and responded to, and can assure you I do not look upon it as an empty compliment coming from the members of this lodge, feeling that, during my year of office, I gained the good wishes and respect of the brethren of our ancient lodge, and it is still more gratifying to find I still retain them. I little thought I should have the pleasure of once more occupying my old seat. It is my good fortune, but unhappily, our respected W.M.'s misfortune—you all know the reason of his absence to-night. We can, indeed, brethren, congratulate ourselves upon the prosperity of our old lodge. The Treasurer has a good balance in hand, and we mean for him to always have a good balance, in that as well as in every other respect. We are not united in name only, but in reality. We have individually and collectively sent a good sum of money to the various charities connected with our Order, and trust ere this year closes we may be enabled to send a still larger amount. I hope we shall all meet at our next gathering in October in as good health and spirits as on the present occasion. Bro. Lefaux, W.M., P.M., then proposed "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," viz., Bros. Jesse Turner, Wm. Ansell, J. Harling, and J. Driscoll, to which the worthy P.M.'s severally responded. To "The Health of the Visitors" Bro. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1471, responded, expressing his great pleasure at the good working of the lodge, and the truly fraternal reception that himself and brother visitors had received that evening, and hoped, on a future occasion, to have the pleasure of paying a visit to the United Mariners' Lodge. The Tyler's toast concluded a very happy evening.

EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—This lodge met on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Swan Tavern,

Battersea. Bro. Gibson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bros. Goutham and Kempster, P.M.'s, and the W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Joseph, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; Pilditch, S.D.; Sinclair, J.D.; Young, I.G.; Giles, D.C.; and Austin, W.S. The following visitors were present: Bros. Thos. Read, 913; Geo. Jeffery, P.M. 7; H. E. Wallace, S.W. 33; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. 1237; F. H. Meredith, W.M. 1257; C. W. Hudson, J.W. 315; W. Grove, I.G. 749; L. Coleman, 186; Major A. G. J. Jocelyn; John Osborn, Sec. 1602; Chas. F. Poupard, W.M. 1441; P. Cooke, W.M. 1044; John Elliott, W.M. 1348; F. Binckes, G.S.; Thos. Baxter, 145; G. J. Carter, 145; and S. A. Ardotti, 145. After the labours of the evening the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent repast. Several excellent speeches were made, and many capital songs sang during the evening.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Thursday, May 3rd. Bros. Williams, in the chair; Kingham, S.W.; Side, J.W., owing to the absence of Bro. Douglass, through indisposition; Willing, jun., P.M. and Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Scales, S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; H. Stiles, I.G.; P.M. Michael; Bros. Tuck, Solomon, Saintsbury, Hewison, Brooker, Gilbert, Child, Lovegrove, Rogers. Visitors: Bros. Dyer, P.M.; Fortescue, Pinhey, Harris, Levy, and many others were present. Bros. Bosshart, Trotman, and Bruton were raised to the Third Degree. Bros. Hatch, Pouchot, Edmonds, and Wiltshire were passed Fellow Crafts, and Messrs. Fortescue, Parfitt, Denham, and Tombs having been balloted for, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremonies being given in a distinct and emphatic manner. This being the last meeting at the Club, owing to the great increase of members, 215, was voted towards the testimonial to Bro. W. Smith, which is being raised by a committee of the lodges and chapters meeting at Anderson's Hotel, of which committee Bro. Willing, Treasurer, is chairman. The testimonial is to be presented on Bro. Smith having completed his twenty-third year of service. Bro. McEwan was unanimously elected a joining member, and the brethren, nearly sixty in number, sat down to a most excellent banquet, and separated after a very pleasant evening. The next meeting will be the installation of Bro. Kingham, which will take place in October.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—Saturday last was the occasion of the usual quarterly assemblage of the brethren of No. 1559, but considering the total strength of the members' list, and the fact that the lodge meets but four times in the year, the muster of members upon the present occasion was a wretchedly poor one. The hour for opening lodge was 3 p.m., and punctuality was observed to a greater degree upon the present occasion than we ever remember to have been the case before. The W.M. and Sec. were the first on the scene of action, but the Deacons were close at their heels; the two initiates however by the respect they showed for time give promise of future excellence in the matter of punctual attendance. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry Keeble, P.M., the following officers occupying their respective posts at one time or other during the afternoon: Bros. Walter B. Woodman, I.P.M. and W.S.; E. Thielay, S.W.; Walter Simmonds, J.W.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, J.D.; Solomon Jewell, I.G.; T. Grummant, Sec.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer. The following brethren were also in attendance: Bros. H. Henton, Moss, Ernest Smith, Cowley, Metham, Steers, Buck, Macgillivray, Knibbs, Swain, Thornton, Willson, C. J. Hogg, P.M., P.G.S. Visitors: Bros. John Keeble, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M.; G. Andrews, P.M.; Aimé Hugon, 145; Kitson, Wellington, Bonner, 1287, and one or two others who did not sign the book. Lodge having been duly opened, Bros. Swain and Thornton, candidates for passing, were interrogated. The ballot having been favourably taken for Messrs. Stephen Wise and Edmund Fry, they were admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Swain and Thornton were then passed to the degree of a F.C., and subsequently Bros. Knibbs and Willson were similarly privileged. The W.M. having risen thrice (two gentlemen for initiation at the next meeting being proposed), the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given the I.P.M., Bro. W. Woodman, gave "The Health of the W.M." in his usual happy and facetious manner. The W.M. in replying regretted that sickness at home, as well as his own ill-health, had operated against his working in the manner he should have liked, but he should during his year of office do just as well as he was able to, and more than this the brethren could not expect. We may here put in a word to the effect that Bro. Keeble, although struggling hard against severe indisposition, acquitted himself in a highly satisfactory manner. "The Health of the Initiates" was next proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Fry replied on behalf of himself and fellow initiate. The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Ives, Andrews, and Bonner. To "The Officers" Bro. Jewell replied, and "The Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., evoked from that brother one of his interesting addresses. Some capital harmony was extracted from Bros. P. H. Woodman, Swain, Louis Beck, Bonner, and Steers, while Bro. Hogg delighted his hearers with his clever recital of "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

RAVENSBORNE LODGE (No. 1601).—The first anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, April 27th, in the Board Room of the Lewisham Board of Works, Catford Bridge. The Rev. W. Taylor Jones, W.M.; C. W. Thompson, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. Bache Roberts, J.W.; Nelson Reed, S.D.; Dr. Steele, J.D.; F. Burdett, I.G.; and Shaw, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Magnus Ohren, J. Terry, Sec., Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; W. J. Tasman, J. Kimpton, A. G. Hennell, C. Couchman, R. Moss, S. Jerrard,

B. Horton, W. H. Young, L. Sindell, E. Howard, &c., and the following visitors:—E. Rumsey, P.M. 235; T. Sewell, P.M. 21; Henley, 181; G. Honey, 1319; Laver, P.M. 211; C. Thomas, 969; J. Norton, 969; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158; (Freemason), Littell, P.M. 860; Bishop, P.M. 66; David James, ("Our Boys"), P.M. 969; H. Neville, (Olympic Theatre), W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395; C. Stewart, 1319; Sir John Bennett, No. 1; Todd, P.M. 183; A. Stewart, 969; R. Smith, 101; J. W. Burt, W.M. 18; J. West, P.M. 548; Fletcher, 1050; F. Keiley, P.M. 1293; and Prov. Grand Treasurer for Middlesex; Wilcox, 1752; Sanders, 905; and Harcourt, 1319; &c. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. F. E. Wilkinson, P.M., presented Bro. C. W. Thompson, the W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, the retiring W.M., the benefit of installation, and it was unanimously admitted that that important rite as well as the concluding addresses, were never delivered in a more correct, able, and impressive manner than was done by the reverend brother on this occasion. The new W.M. having been duly installed into the chair by a Board of Installed Masters, and the brethren below the chair admitted, he appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Roberts, S.W.; Nelson Reed, J.W.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., Treasurer; S. Edwards, Secretary; the Rev. Taylor Jones, I.P.M., Chaplain; Francis Burdett, S.D.; Magnus Ohren, J.D.; S. J. Jerrard, I.G.; Dr. F. E. Wilkinson, P.M., and Dr. C. Steele, P.M., Stewards; H. Shaw, Tyler. At the conclusion of the investment of the officers a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones on his retirement from the chair, which he suitably acknowledged. After some other business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren, according to previous arrangement, proceeded to the Ship and Turtle, in Leadenhall-street, where the installation banquet was to take place. Shortly after seven o'clock the brethren sat down, the W.M. presiding, and all the officers in their proper places, and one of the most recherché banquets was served up ever seen in Bro. Painter's famed hotel, and from its variety, quality, and quantity it really left nothing to be desired. On the withdrawal of the cloth, and grace said, the W.M. rose and said he hoped that night the brethren would not complain of long speeches, as they all knew what were the Masonic toasts, and they might always be given in a few words. He therefore without further observations asked them to join him in drinking "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," a toast which was heartily responded to. The W. Master said: Brethren, the next toast I have to propose is one that I know will be received with enthusiasm by every brother, as it is "The Health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and we must all regret that the state of his health prevented him from being present at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday last. Still we all know the deep interest he takes in all that appertains to the welfare of the Craft on every occasion, and I am sure that a more hearty and enthusiastic brother could never be at the head of the Order. I therefore give you "The Health of the Prince of Wales." The toast was enthusiastically received. The W. Master said the next toast was one of the greatest possible interest to Masonry and to the members of the Craft, as it was "The Health of the Grand Officers," and he particularly referred to those two distinguished members the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, and he was sure that all the brethren would feel great interest in drinking that toast. In their own little lodge he was happy to say that they numbered two Grand Officers; one of them was not able to be present with them though he took a great interest in the lodge, and regretted that he was unable to come amongst them that evening, but he had given a very good reason for his absence. Bro. Brackstone Baker, who was an old and most distinguished Grand Officer, however, was present, and he would call upon him to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., said he would endeavour to follow the example so worthily set by the W. Master as to being brief in their speeches, as the hour was getting late and they would hardly be enabled in time to complete the duties of the evening. The officers of the Grand Lodge, and he was sure every one else, must feel gratified by seeing the two chairs in the Grand Lodge occupied by two of the Royal Princes, which they had not seen since 1812, when the Prince of Wales, afterwards Prince Regent, was Grand Master. They would now see two Princes of the Royal blood occupying the two chairs in Grand Lodge, which showed that Freemasonry was in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding all the Papal allocutions and anathemas which had been hurled against it, and, therefore, most gratified must every one be at its extension. At that time last year the Ravensbourne Lodge was last on the list, but now there were sixty lodges beyond it, and if Freemasonry went on progressing as it had done he did not know where it would end, or where they would find accommodation for all the lodges appointed to meet at Freemasons' Hall. He thanked them for their estimation of the services of the Grand Officers, and said they highly appreciated their recognition of the duties they had performed. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Jones, I.P.M., said the toast he had to propose was one that the brethren would at once understand by seeing the gavel, the emblem of authority, once more in his hands. He cordially welcomed the Worshipful Master into the chair, and he sincerely wished him a good and successful year of office. He congratulated him on the accomplishment of his ardent desire as the founder of the lodge, for it was from his brain that arose the Ravensbourne Lodge, and most heartily did he rejoice that he now occupied the chair. He trusted that every wish he entertained for its prosperity might be fulfilled, and that he might be blessed with health and success during his year of office. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking "The Health of their Worshipful Master," a request which was most

heartily responded to. The Worshipful Master said: Brethren and Past Master Jones,—I thank you most sincerely for not only drinking my health but for placing me in this chair, which it was an ardent object of my ambition to fill. I was most desirous to have a lodge in Catford, and when it was called the Ravensbourne Lodge, it was not to serve my own ambition, but in connection with my public duties to be associated with gentlemen in the Craft. We had, too, a building which was suited for the purpose, and I thought it would be a desirable thing to found a Masonic lodge there, and I am happy to say that I was warmly supported by you and all the brethren I see around me in the lodge to-night. We overcame some little temporary difficulties at first, and made a most successful start; and since last year most gratifying has been our success. In succeeding you, Bro. Jones, I cannot hope to emulate you in consequence of your greater experience in Freemasonry. I am afraid I cannot do that, but I will endeavour, although a long way off, to follow in your footsteps, and do my best to discharge my duty and make myself acceptable to the brethren. With me this Ravensbourne Lodge, and all I have done in connection with it, is a labour of love, for from its inception I have taken a keen interest in its welfare, and not only has its success in the first little year of its existence been marked and clear, but we have a happy augury for the future, and I hope those who have to follow me to preside over the lodge will be surrounded by as many good and kind friends as are with us to-night. In conclusion, I thank you most cordially for having placed me in this chair. Bro. Walter Pelham gave a comic recitation on "Penny Readings," which was eagerly listened to, and excited roars of laughter. The W.M. said the next toast he was about to propose was a toast that was always welcome in every Masonic lodge. It was always particularly welcome to the Ravensbourne Lodge, for it was essentially a social one, and possessed great advantages in promoting sociability amongst them, for it would be materially injured if visitors did not come amongst them. He was certain that within the last few minutes one of their visitors, Bro. Pelham, had amused them very much. He (the W.M.) had visited many Masonic lodges, and he never failed to find that the toast of the visitors was received with great pleasure by the brethren in every lodge when that toast was proposed. They had never yet had a meeting without having visitors amongst them, but that night they were distinguished both by rank and number, and the number of them was so imposing that a mere recital of their names would be somewhat of a lengthened task. He would ask them to drink "The Health of the Visitors" most cordially, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Sir John Bennett, Norton, and Emmanuel. (Drunk with honours.) Bro. Sir John Bennett said he felt it almost impossible to do justice to the toast, for when he saw several Grand Officers near to him it appeared that he was hardly the man who should be called upon to respond for the visitors. They had that night a most remarkable festivity, and he had come by invitation to do honour to the Craft, but more especially to pay his respects to the Worshipful Master who presided over them, and who possessed qualities of the highest order. He not only held the highest character as a Mason, but in his other duties he had laid the foundation and formed the plan of some of the most vast architectural buildings in the City of London. Himself a good Mason, in the course of his duties he had to deal with thousands and tens of thousands of pounds of property, and although there was the old proverb that it was impossible to please everybody, yet he (Sir J. Bennett) must say, at the same time, that he never heard anybody say that they were dissatisfied with him. Having alluded to the wealth of the people and charming scenery of the neighbourhood in which the Ravensbourne Lodge was held, he said that in years hence the W.M. would look back with pride to being nearly the father of the lodge, and when the visitors heard his cheerful voice, and knew his good qualities and cultivated genius, they must all feel gratified at being present that night. On behalf therefore of the visitors, he returned them their best thanks, and thus ended the first lesson, but they would endeavour to improve upon it on some future occasion. Dr. Norton, W.M. of the Maybury Lodge, congratulated the members of the Ravensbourne Lodge on having installed so excellent a Master, and he had no doubt he would be a great credit to the Maybury Lodge when the Ravensbourne had finished with him, and that, at no very distant day he should see him installed as Worshipful Master of the Maybury Lodge. Bro. Emmanuel, P.M. 213, also returned thanks, bearing testimony to the excellent qualities of the W.M., and expressed the delight he had experienced in being in the lodge at Catford Bridge to witness the beautiful manner in which the ritual of installation had been rendered by the immediate Past Master. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one that would not only be drunk with pleasure by the members of the Ravensbourne Lodge, but by all who were present that day at Catford Bridge, and witnessed the able manner in which their Past Master had performed the ceremony of installation. All who knew him had a real affection for his good qualities, and as "good wine needs no bush," anything he could say could not add to their esteem of him, and therefore he asked them one and all to drink health, long life, and prosperity to the esteemed Past Master of the lodge, Bro. William Taylor Jones. (Loud cheering.) Bro. Jones, P.M., said he returned his sincere thanks in simple language for the honour they had done him, and he wished he deserved the encomiums the W. Master had passed on him, but he accepted the kindly feelings which he had expressed towards him for having presided over the lodge. He knew at that time of the evening they could not go into what had been done during the past year, but he might say that they had not failed to support the Masonic charities; there had been complete harmony and no difference of opinion amongst them; and in addition

to supporting the charities, they had carried out the same principles in their daily life, and had not only worked for the support of their Masonic festivals, but as individuals, in either a public or private capacity, endeavoured to do good and confer the greatest happiness upon the greatest number. After a few other observations, he thanked them most cordially for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and hoped to see the lodge go on in continued prosperity. The W.M. then, in very eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Bros. Lemon and Edwards," the Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge, for which those brethren respectively returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one essentially Masonic in its nature, as it was that of the great charities with which they, as Masons, were so intimately connected, and which it was their pride to own. Their charities were dear to all of them, as they knew their value and recognised their importance. In that lodge the toast was always well received, and after alluding to the presence of Bro. Terry, asked the brethren to drink "Continued Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." Bro. Terry, in responding, said that although the Ravensbourne Lodge had only been twelve months in existence, it had made its mark in the annals of Freemasonry, for he recollected that at their first meeting the W.M. accepted the office of Steward to represent the lodge at the festival of the Benevolent Institution, and the present Master would represent them at the festival of the Girls' School. He then alluded to the large number of candidates, and the inadequacy of meeting them for want of the necessary funds, although in 1876 no less a sum than £39,000 was collected for the three institutions, which were in themselves most glorious results. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," which having been responded to by Bro. Roberts, S.W., the Tyler's toast was given, and this brought a very harmonious meeting to a close before eleven o'clock.

FAVERSHAM.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 133).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the drill hall of 2nd Kent Artillery Volunteers on the 7th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Penton, was duly installed in the presence of a numerous gathering of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, Bro. J. M. Goldfinch, P.P.G.J.D., and R. Griggs, P.M., acting as Installing Masters. The other officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows:—Bros. J. M. Longhurst, S.W.; F. Whiting, J.W.; W. H. Drake, S.D.; G. Trench, J.D.; C. A. Faure, I.G.; F. W. Underdown, D.C.; F. A. Gauge, Treas. and Almoner; F. Jackson, Sec.; and Bro. J. E. Cook, Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where the banquet was served, the newly installed W.M. presiding, the members of the lodge and visitors numbering over forty, and altogether a most profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

DARTFORD.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 299).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Bull Hotel, when Bro. Thos. Wills was duly installed in the chair according to ancient custom, the ceremony being most ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Davison. The W.M. selected as his officers the following: Bros. W. G. Wingrove, S.W.; G. W. Churchley, J.W.; E. J. Sears, S.D.; W. Heeley, J.D.; A. W. Wells, I.G.; Peter Harvey, Sec.; Noah Martin, Treas.; Miles, Charity Steward; Boardman, Org.; W. Egerton, D.C.; Light and Neech, Stewards. A handsome banner was presented to the lodge by Bro. Pearce. At the banquet which followed (superbly furnished by Bro. Bray), the W.M. was supported by Bro. A. Spencer, Grand Secretary of Kent; Bro. the Rev. J. Jamblin, Vicar of Wilmington; Bros. Spurrell, Neate, French, Hicks, T. Smith, Nettingham, Earnshaw, and many others. In the course of the proceedings the Grand Secretary reported that Freemasonry was in a flourishing state throughout the province. The warrant of the Emulation Lodge is dated 1794, but there are nine others in the province of older date, while thirty more are its juniors.

LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—The brethren of this first-class lodge set a noble example in the direction of charity at their last anniversary meeting, which, while rarely if ever equalled in the history of Freemasonry in the extensive province of West Lancashire, is certainly worthy of imitation and cordial approbation. The meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, where Bro. D. S. Davies, W.M., presided over a large assemblage, which included Bros. W. Dwerryhouse, I.P.M.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M.; J. McKune, P.G.S., P.M.; J. Beesley, P.M.; W. Laidlaw, P.M., Treas.; John Jones, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Rev. J. R. Jenkins, S.W.; H. R. Burleigh, J.W.; Dr. D. D. Costine, S.D.; Counsellor G. Fowler, Dr. Kisch, T. J. Hughes, J. Shaw, J. Busfield, and others. Bro. Cohen having, most satisfactorily and accurately answered the usual questions, was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., Bro. D. S. Davies, in a manner which elicited universal admiration from even the oldest Mason. In accordance with previous notice, Bro. W. Laidlaw, P.M., the venerable and esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, moved that a sum equal to nearly £120 should be voted from the funds to the following Masonic charities: The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, forty guineas; the Hamer Benevolent Fund, twenty guineas; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, twenty-five guineas; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, twenty-five guineas. These separate votes were cordially proposed and seconded by leading members of the lodge, and most heartily carried by the members without a single dissident. It may here be stated that the "Harmonic" has already been a large subscriber to the Masonic charities, so that its latest gift will greatly enhance its position and voting power. The W.M. expressed the pride and pleasure he felt in presiding over a lodge which had so nobly assisted that day in carrying out the true principles of charity. After hearty good wishes from a number of visitors, amongst whom

was Bro. J. Allan Jones, P. District Grand Sec. for Egypt, the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts during the evening with much pointedness. Excellent music was furnished by Bros. J. Busfield, T. J. Hughes, J. Jones, P.M., D.C.; Dr. Kisch, &c., Bro. J. Skeaf, P.M., P.G.O., playing the accompaniments with fine taste.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The meeting of this old lodge, held on the 2nd inst., was the largest assemblage of brethren that has been witnessed in an ordinary lodge for some years. Such a large attendance is, however, easily accounted for by two very special attractions, viz., the deserved and increasing popularity of the young and talented Master, Bro. C. E. Stretton, and the initiation of five gentlemen, who came, well and worthily recommended, to participate in the privileges of our mystic Craft. The W.M. performed the impressive ceremony to the expressed delight and satisfaction of two old Past Masters of nearly forty years' standing, and placed his first stones in the north-east corner of the building in a truly workmanlike manner. The candidates on this occasion were Dr. R. S. Mutch, L. P. Chamberlain, W. Langmore, R. Michie, and Mr. Scott, also Bro. C. McBride as a joining member. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S., P.P.G.M.; J. Buck, P.M.; C. Stretton, P.M.; A. Palmer, P.M.; J. W. Smith, P.M.; J. M. McAllister, P.M.; George Toller, hon. mem., Grand Sword Bearer of England; R. A. Barber, P.M. 1391; F. J. Baines, P.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.M. 523; S. Cleaver, S.W.; J. Farndale, Sec.; C. Gurden, Treas.; O. Law, S.D.; E. Newton, J.D.; J. Jessop, D.C.; T. Coltman, T.G.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren.

CHESHUNT.—Gresham Lodge (No. 86g).—The first meeting of the season of the Gresham Lodge took place in the Old Baronial Hall of Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park (so kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by their venerated Chaplain, the Rev. Chas. Erskine Mayo), on Saturday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. E. Grocott, P.G.S.W. of Herts, W.M., assisted by the Wardens and officers. The lodge being opened, the ceremony of initiating Mr. H. A. Johnson into the mysteries of Freemasonry was performed by the W.M., after which (the lodge being opened in the Third Degree), Bro. Mabey was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Gompertz, both ceremonies being performed in a very impressive manner. The next business was to elect a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year; Bro. Etherington, S.W., being elected to the former, and Bro. F. D. Rees Copstick, P.M., to the latter office, by the unanimous votes of the brethren. The Treasurer next proposed that the sum of two guineas be given to the Henry Muggerridge Testimonial Fund, and in doing so spoke of the many advantages the brethren had derived from the Masonic teaching of that revered and eminent brother. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Cheese and carried unanimously, and the lodge being closed the brethren repaired to the Green Dragon Hotel to partake of the good things provided. The usual toasts were duly given and responded to, and altogether the evening was a very pleasant one. The brethren present were Bros. J. E. Grocott, W.M., P.S.G.W.; Gilbert, P.G.J.W.; Copstick, P.P.G.J.W.; Bruce, P.P.G.D.; Gompertz, P.P.G.P.; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. and Treas.; Pottle, P.G.S.B.; Chapman, P.G. Steward; also Bros. Etherington, W.M. elect; Mugliston, P.M.; Perry, Cheese, Mayo, Chap.; Hughes, Mabey, Regnal, Gompertz, jun.; Dickie, Clegg, Johnson, and others.

MANCHESTER.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1009).—The festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. was celebrated on Monday, the 7th inst., by the members of this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The lodge was opened at four p.m. precisely. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Anthony Marshall, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. R. L. Mestayer, W.M., for installation, the Installing Masters being Bro. R. L. Mestayer, W.M.; C. H. Coates, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Y. Bradshaw, P.G.C.; and C. E. Austin, P.M.; Bro. F. Hepton, P.M., acting as Director of the Ceremonies. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. G. Smith, S.W.; Hollins, J.W.; Caswell, S.D.; Psaraffis, J.D.; Wilson, I.G.; Constantinides and Duncan, Stewards; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.G.C. East Lancashire, Chaplain; V. Kilborn, P.M., D.C.; C. E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; Cox, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Robberds, Org. The formal business being over, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the following brethren acting as Stewards:—Bros. Richard Hartley, P.M.; W. A. Duncan, and G. W. Wilson. The menu and toast list, compiled by the retiring Secretary, Bro. W. Talford Gunson, was graced by a n apropos and most judicious selection of mottoes from Shakespeare. The first toast on the list, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" ("Highest Queen of State"—*Tempest*), was proposed by the W.M., and drank with musical honours. "The Princess of Wales and the Members of the Royal Family" was the second toast, proposed also by the W.M. The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" ("He is the Prince of the World"—*All's Well*), was received with great cordiality. Bro. Petty, P.M., gave "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M." Bro. Coates proposed "The Health of Bro. George Mellor, J.P., Deputy Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. Mellor was unavoidably absent through indisposition. "The Immortal Memory of William Shakespeare" was proposed by the Chaplain, Bro. Bradshaw, in a speech of great learning, giving an account of the life of the great bard and an analysis of the immortal plays of the poet. The toast was drank with great enthusiasm. Bro. Mestayer proposed "The Health of the

W.M." in most eloquent terms, Bro. Marshall responding in a neat and forcible speech, thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him to preside over such a distinguished body of Masons. Other toasts followed, the brethren separating at a late hour. Amongst the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. Hooper, P.G.T. E. Lanc.; Heywood, Hind, Bonchill, Allison, Church, Benton, Timberley, Darbyshire, &c. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. T. Robberds, Thomas, and Shorrock.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at private rooms, Newton Heath, on Saturday, May 5th. The W.M., Bro. James Batchelder, was unable to be present at the opening of the lodge, having been prevented by a professional engagement. Bro. Caldwell, P.M. and D. of C., therefore opened the lodge at 3.30 p.m., supported by Bro. J. Kinder, S.W., and Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W.; Bro. T. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., was also in his place; and there was also a fair gathering of the brethren generally. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., thanked the brethren for their kind expression of sympathy with him in his recent bereavement. The lodge was next opened in the F.C. Degree, and then in the Third Degree. Bro. Richardson was raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. Caldwell, P.M., Dir. of Cer. Bro. Hyams received the same advancement from Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas. At the close of the last ceremony Bro. Batchelder, the W.M., was announced and admitted, and having taken his proper position, he raised Bro. James Smith to the Third Degree. Bro. W. J. Kinder, S.W., then presented the working tools, and delivered the Historical Lecture relating to the M.M. Degree; we are proud to record that the lecture was given in a very clear and impressive manner, and appeared to impart great interest, not only to the newly-raised, but to the brethren generally. Bro. W. J. Kinder bids fair for being a Mason well versed in Masonic lore; he is at the present time W.M. of Lodge 367, and we think we shall be correct in saying the youngest Master in the province of East Lancashire. The business in the circular having been disposed of, it was proposed by Bro. C. J. Kent, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Taylor, J.D., that the lodge adjourn during the months July and August. The result of this proposition will be declared at the June meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were brought from Lodges 467, 1011, and 1140; also from Revere Lodge, Boston, U.S.A. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The cloth having been withdrawn, "The Health of the Queen" was drunk with that loyal fervour to which Freemasons are accustomed. Then followed the toast to her illustrious son, "Our Grand Master," coupled with that of his consort, a princess whose virtues all would do well to imitate. After the usual toasts had been duly disposed of, including that of "The Visitors," and "The Officers," the brethren separated at 9.30 p.m. During the evening the brethren were favoured with some capital singing; Bro. J. H. Pearson, the well-known member of the cathedral choir, sang "The Maid of Athens" with grand effect. Bro. Goodchilde and Hyams introduced a little of the volatile element, causing more than one brother to laugh heartily.

PONTYPRIDD.—Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).—Twelve months ago the Merlin Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was consecrated with becoming eclat. Some of the notabilities of Freemasonry from the East and Western Provinces of South Wales and other provinces; the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. E. J. Morris, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, and a great gathering of the Craft met to do honour to the occasion, and to instal as first Master Bro. J. E. Price, a well-versed and deservedly popular member of the Craft. The lodge proper then consisted of the magic and Masonic number of seven, but the roll at present musters seventy. Although it was evident at the initial stage of the lodge's existence that it would be a vigorous offshoot of the wide-spreading tree of Freemasonry, it could hardly have been anticipated that the young plant would flourish to such an extent in so short a period of time. Bro. Price worked zealously for his lodge prior to its establishment, and during his term of office, and he may with good and sufficient reasons turn with pride and pleasure to the splendid results which have been achieved during a brief twelve months. It was intended to present him with a jewel at the annual festival, but it did not arrive in time. It would be invidious if we refrained from mentioning the large assistance heartily afforded him by his staff of officers, and speaking of these generally we may point to them as a model set of Masons working hand-in-hand to bring about good and harmonious results. Nothing "succeeds like success," but the gratifying results produced by the master and officers of "The Merlin" during the past year could only have been obtained by dint of great industry, discrimination, and a generous exercise of the best Masonic qualities. On Monday last the annual festival was held, when the retiring Past Master, Bro. J. E. Price, resigned the chair in favour of his worthy coadjutor, Bro. Matthew Wayne Morgan, and there was a large and influential gathering of the Craft, representing lodges from various parts of the province, including Aberdare, Aberavon, Cardiff, Llanelly, Merthyr, and other towns. The appointments of the lodge were much admired, and some of those who were present recognised the handsome canopy and W.M. chair, which had been lent by the brethren of the "Merlin" for installation purposes, at Aberdare, when Sir George Elliot was elevated to his exalted post in Masonry. The lodge-room was also chastely decorated with the choicest flowers of the season. The ceremony of installation was performed by Immediate Past Master Bro. J. E. Price in a manner which gave further illustration of his efficiency, and elicited the warm encomiums of experienced members of the Craft. The W.M. Bro. M. W. Morgan, invested the following officers

for the coming year:—Bros. G. T. Alexander, S.W.; J. Jones, J.W.; the Rev. W. Watkins, Chap.; Wm. Williams, Treas.; W. Merchant, Sec.; Dr. Hunter, S.D.; Dr. Dickson, J.W.; Dr. Leckie, D.C.; J. Rees, Org.; F. M. Cooke, I.G.; Bairdow, Tyler; Male and Morgan, Stwds. The appointment of the officers having been completed, a vote of thanks was given to the retiring W.M. for the efficiency of his services in the chair during the past year. Bro. Hurman was elected P.M. of the lodge, and notice was given to appoint Bros. Evan Jones and Weichert hon. members. The W.M. elect returned thanks in a brief and suitable address for the honour they had done him in electing him to the chair, and after the usual Masonic ceremonies the lodge was closed. In addition to those already named the following were among those present:—Bros. Evan Jones, P.M.; J. Hurman, P.M.; Rev. J. D. Griffiths, W. Merchant, Sec.; W. Tolfree, J. Williams, J. D.; A. F. Lucas, Frederick Atkins, Org. There was a full attendance of the Merlin Lodge, and among the visitors were Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.A., D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouth; Evan Thomas, P.G.D.C. 679; M. Tennant, P.P.G.W. 833; T. G. Glass, W.M. 36; Wm. Taylor, 36; D. Watson, P.G.D.C. 36; J. W. Morris, P.P.G.P. 679; J. W. Mayor, 38; Wm. Weichert, 6; S. Weichert, P.M. 960; D. Hopkins, W.M. 960; J. Jones, Prov. G. Treas. 833; R. Sothorn, 36; D. T. Alexander, 37; J. Hemming, 833; S. Cooper, P.M. 36. In the evening a banquet was held in the lodge-room, to which about seventy sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. M. Morgan, who was well supported by the members of his lodge and visiting brethren. The repast was served up by Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of the New Inn Hotel, in a manner which deserves the highest praise. The menu was of the choicest kind, and the catering liberal and praiseworthy in every respect. The wines were also of excellent quality. The evening was spent in a most pleasant manner, and the toast list was well discussed by the various speakers. "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, as also "The M.W. Grand Master" and the "R.W. Prov. Grand Master," Bro. Homfray proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in doing so referred to the rapid strides which the Merlin Lodge had made under the able presidency of Bro. Price, who had that day so perfectly installed into office a good and able successor, and he was sure that the newly-elected Master was greatly esteemed by them all. He was one who would do his best to maintain the prestige of his lodge; and he had all the capacity and generous willingness to do it. He felt sure that the W.M. had not taken the onerous duties of his office without a firm intention of carrying them out to the full extent. They had in him a good man and true, and he asked them now to cordially drink his health, and to rally round him in his year of office. The Worshipful Master, who was received with loud and prolonged cheering, suitably acknowledged the toast which had been so warmly given and responded to. The office he had obtained was one which it was only laudable ambition for every Mason to strive to gain at some time or other of his Masonic career. He should strive to carry out the duties to the best of his ability, and he relied on the support of the officers and members of the lodge to enable him to do this. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat. "The Health of Past Master J. E. Price" was warmly drunk, and replied to in an eloquent and feeling address. "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Weichert, and replied to by Bro. Major Powell, of Aberdare. Bro. M. Tennant proposed "The Lodges of the Provinces," and Bro. Hopkins, W.M. Bute Lodge, responded. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Jones, J.W., found able advocates in Bros. Tennant (Afan) and Taylor (Merthyr). Several excellent songs were sung by Bros. Jones, Leckie, Dickson, Homfray, Rosser, &c., a most convivial evening being concluded with the Tyler's toast.—*Central Glamorgan Gazette.*

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—The general meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th May, 1877, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present: Bros. W. T. Christian, W.M.; W. Groome, S.W.; W. H. Brand, J.W.; J. Pinder, P.M.; F. Hallows, Hon. Sec.; C. T. Saunders, S.D.; T. Franklin, J.D.; W. G. Hallows, acting I.G.; T. Upward, Org.; J. H. Cambridge, W.S., and W. Gilchrist, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Clark, Carter, Dendy, Delvalli, and Hurst were asked the usual questions entitling them to be raised to the Third Degree. These being all satisfactorily answered the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the above named five brethren were raised in the usual manner according to ancient rite and custom. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wm. Moffat was passed. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and two candidates were proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge. The ordinary business was then gone through, and the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until the 6th October. Among the members and visitors present were Bros. H. Field, John Bell, 1178; Walter Claridge, 1598; C. Carter, 1507; E. Brown, 1598; G. E. Laverack, 917; Samuel Morris, 1421; J. S. Baxter, 206; T. Elves, 174; J. Lake, 1471.

INSTRUCTION.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This lodge, which has been dormant for many years, is likely to find a new home at Bro. Hiscox, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-street. A preliminary meeting was held on Tuesday last, Bro. John Hammond, P.M. 201, in the chair, Bros. Peter Robinson, Sec. 201; Savage, P.M. 201; Harper, J.D. 201; and a large number of brethren from the neighbourhood were present. Certain details were

arranged, and another meeting at the above address will be held on Tuesday next, at eight o'clock, to discuss the question of Bye-laws, and other matters. Brethren, especially those of the mother lodge, are particularly invited to attend.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 14th inst., at the Sussex Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. W. B. Bacon, W.M. 874; H. B. Wilmott, I.P.M. 874; Williams, S.W. 874; Bates, J.W. 874; C. Graham, J.D. 1326 and 1540; Spencer, I.G. 874; Dunkley, and others. The lodge was opened in ancient form and minutes read and confirmed, when the W.M. vacated the chair. Bro. Wilmott occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation (Bro. Bates acting as candidate) in an excellent manner, and afterwards gave the charge of the First Degree. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees, and finally closed in due form, and the brethren separated shortly

Royal Arch.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—One of the most successful meetings of this chapter took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, Comp. H. Bickerstaff, P.Z. as Z.; Comp. E. Denton as H.; Comp. Fred. G. Pownall as J. Amongst the companions present were C. Coupland, M.P.Z. 13 and 913; J. Henderson, P.Z.; W. A. Weston, P.S.; J. Warren, A.S.; H. Shaw, A.S.; G. Kennedy, Scribe E.; J. Scott Mutch, D. Deeves, T. Hutton, J. Wilkins, H. S. Syer, T. D. Hayes, P.S. elect 913; H. Pryce, Scribe E. 913; and F. Cartland, 913. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ballot being unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. T. B. Wylie, United Military Lodge, No. 1536, to the privileges of this degree, and he being in attendance, was duly admitted and exalted, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by the M.E.Z. and his officers. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to present Comp. Coupland, who had occupied the First Principal's chair for two years, with a valuable P.Z.'s jewel, which had been voted to him at the previous meeting in recognition of the eminent services he had rendered the chapter. In so doing, Comp. Bickerstaff said it afforded him very great pleasure to present to Comp. Coupland the jewel on behalf of the chapter. It was hardly necessary for him to mention the many services he (Comp. Coupland) had performed in the interest of the chapter, or the high estimation in which he was held—his efforts had been so successful, and were known to them all. He trusted, in conclusion, that he would live long to wear in the chapter of which he was so brilliant a member the decoration that he had now the pleasure of fastening on his breast. Comp. Coupland, who seemed much affected at the cordial expression of feeling evinced, said he considered the present one of the proudest moments of his life. He would prize the jewel very highly, not on account of its intrinsic value, but of the associations connected with it. It had been his good fortune to have served, with one or two exceptions, every office in the chapter; and he enjoined the companions to be equally assiduous in the discharge of their duties to the chapter. For his part, nothing would be wanting to promote its prosperity, and to the best of his belief he had never yet missed a meeting. He again and again thanked them for their appreciation of his services. The remaining business having been disposed of, the companions adjourned to an excellent repast at Comp. De Grey's, Freemasons' Tavern.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEFIELD.—Wike Lodge (No. 142).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Derby Hotel, Whitefield, on Wednesday, 9th May, to instal the W.M. elect. Bro. Jas. Barlow, W.M., opened the lodge at 3.30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; Bro. John Jones was afterwards advanced. The chair was assumed by Bro. William Barlow, P.M., Sec., and Reg., as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Heap, S.W., was presented by Bro. Nathaniel Horrocks, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Lancashire. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge: Bros. John Davison, S.W.; Orlando Startup, J.W.; Joseph Bentley, M.O.; W. H. Kirkman, S.O.; Thomas Laycock, J.O.; Rev. George Chatton, Chap.; Richard Chambers, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Barlow, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Lancashire, Sec. and Reg.; Ralph Brickles, S.D.; Jos. Ragdale, J.D.; J. Eccles, I.G.; Whitworth, Tyler. The lodge closed at 6.15 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to banquet and an enjoyable evening, under the able presidency of Bro. Heap, W.M. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Thomas Cort and J. Brooks. The evening was enlivened by several good songs. The brethren separated at an early hour, full of zeal for the coming year.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—Alpass Encampment.—The annual conclave of the knights of this illustrious encampment for installation and other purposes was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 30th ult. The encampment was opened at five o'clock by Sir Knight J. E. Jackson, E.P., and he was supported by Sir Knights H. S. Alpass, P.E.P., P.G. Std. Bearer of England; W. Doyle, P.E.P., Prelate; Thos. Clark, P.E.P., Treas.; H. Burrows, acting as s s Constable; Richard Brown, and Constable (E.P. elect W. H. Shakespeare, Registrar; J.

Gallagher, Captain of Lines; Thos. Evans, 1st Std. Br.; Wm. Fletcher, Samuel Hickins, Henry Firth, Joseph Skeat, Thos. Chesworth, P. Ball, Equerry. The visitors were Sir Knights Captain T. Berry, P.E.P., Jacques de Morlay, P.G. Std. Br. of England, P.P. 1st G. Capt.; an Sir Knight Joseph Wood, Treas. William de la More (Freemason). The muster roll having been called over, Sir Knight H. Alpass, P.E.P., took the throne, and at once commenced the installation of Sir Knight Richard Brown as Preceptor in a manner that did honour to his name and fame in Masonry. After the E.P. had been saluted in the usual form, he proceeded to invest the following as his officers: Sir Knights Thos. Chesworth, Prelate; M. Mawson, 1st Constable; W. H. Shakespeare, 2nd Constable; H. Firth, Treasurer; J. Gallagher, Registrar; J. E. Jackson, Almoner; W. Doyle, P.E.P., Dir. of Cer.; J. Capell, Expert; J. Skeaf, Organist; H. Burrows, 1st Std. Br.; J. Widdows, 2nd Std. Br.; W. Fletcher, Capt. of the Lines; S. Hickins, 1st Herald; Chisnall, 2nd Herald; P. Ball, Equerry. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, and other formal business transacted, the Sir Knights adjourned to a first class banquet, where the usual loyal toasts were given.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

The annual communication of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held under the auspices of the Knights of Malta Lodge, at Hinckley, on the 3rd inst., and under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S.

Amongst the Prov. Grand Officers present on the occasion were Bros. Rev. Wm. Langley, M.A., D.P.G.M.; George Toller, jun., P.G.S.W.; Clement Stretton, P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.G. Chaplain; R. B. Smith, P.G.S.C.; J. G. Tippetts, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Taylor, P.G.I.G., and others.

It is gratifying to remark the increasing interest evinced in the prosperity of the Mark Degree in this province, and it is most satisfactory to be able to announce that, according to the reports from the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, that the interest continues unabated.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed his officers as follows, and invested those present:—Bros. S.S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Clarke, P.G.S.W.; R. B. Smith, P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.G.C.; Wm. Sculthorpe, P.G.M.O.; C. S. Preston, P.G.S.O.; Wm. Adcock, P.G.I.O.; Robert Waite, unanimously elected, P.G. Treas. J. M. McAllister, P.G. Sec.; R. S. Toller, P.G.R.M. C. McBride, P.G.S.D.; J. Nugent, P.G.J.D.; Dr. Meadows, P.G.D.C.; R. Taylor, P.G.A.D.C.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.J.W.; Captain Goodchild, P.G.S.B.; T. G. Tippetts, P.G. Standard Bearer; Wm. Vial, P.G. Organist; George Odell, P.G.I.G.; and J. H. Biggs and B. H. Burges, P.G. Stewards.

The heartiness of the welcome, and the arrangements made by the Hinckley brethren for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge, were highly gratifying and satisfactory.

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ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

In *Notes and Queries* of April 28th (5th S. vii., 336) under the head of "Citizen and Girdler" appears the following: "There was a company of girdlers incorporated in 1448 or 49. There were a Master, three Wardens, twenty-four assistants, and eighty-four livermen. Their hall was in Basinghall Street (now at 39, Basinghall St.)" Burke describes their armorial ensigns thus: "Per fesse arg. and or, a pale counter charged, three gridirons of the last, the handles in chief. Crest: A demi man proper, representing St. Lawrence with glory round his head or, issuing out of the clouds of the first, vested arg., girt round the body with a girdle of the second, holding in the dexter hand a gridiron of the last, and in the sinister a book ar. Motto: Give thanks to God."

"These arms were granted by John Smith, Garter, 32 Henry vi., 1454." Did the Masonic Order of St. Lawrence take its rise from this guild?

J. F.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES'S TALES, POEMS, AND MASONIC PAPERS.

In answer to our dear Bro. W. J. Hughan, and to numerous others, kindly allow me to state, that the subscribers to this little work may expect to receive their copies within a few weeks from the present time, the whole of the letterpress being nearly completed.

The work, I may add, will be supplied to subscribers only. There will be a second series, uniform in size and price (2s. 6d.) with the present, the profits to be devoted to the same benevolent and Masonic object; and the few copies of the first series still unsubscribed for will be kept for completing both series for subscribers whose names are not yet on the list, of which more anon.

GEORGE MARRHAM TWEDELL.

Every Freemason knows how worthily, persistently, and energetically the Secretaries of the Masonic charities plead for the several causes in which they are interested. Their good tempered advocacy is well known and highly appreciated. Was it therefore by accident or design that on the occasion of the great Masonic banquet, when the toast of the "Masonic Charities" was proposed, and while Bros. Binckes, Terry, and Little were collecting their thoughts, the vocal brethren present sang, "The Three Chafers?"—*World*.

Obituary.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF SHREWSBURY.

It is our melancholy duty this week to record the very sudden and unexpected death of Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, which sad event took place at an early hour on Friday morning, the 11th inst., at his town house, Dover-street, Piccadilly. His lordship was in his usual health up to a late hour on the preceding evening, but feeling faint on retiring for the night it was thought advisable to call in medical advice. Sir James Paget and Mr. Prescott Hewitt met Mr. Venning, his lordship's usual medical attendant, but after consultation it was considered necessary for Mr. Venning only to remain. He, however, at a subsequent hour recommended that Sir William Gull should be sent for, who, on arrival, spoke hopefully, like those who had left, but his lordship did not rally, and eventually in their presence his heart ceased to perform its functions. The late Charles John Chetwynd Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, Earl Talbot of Hensol, county Glamorgan; Viscount Ingestre, county Stafford; and Baron Talbot of Hensol, county Glamorgan, in the peerage of Great Britain; and Earl of Waterford, in the peerage of Ireland, was the eldest of the five sons of Henry John, eighteenth Earl of Shrewsbury, by Lady Sarah Elizabeth Beresford, eldest daughter of Henry, second Marquis of Waterford. He was born 13th April, 1830, and married 15th February, 1855, Anna Theresa, eldest daughter of the late Captain Richard Howe Cockerell, by whom he leaves issue an only son, Charles Henry John, Viscount Ingestre, born 13th November, 1860, who succeeds his father as twentieth Earl of Shrewsbury and fifth Earl Talbot, and three daughters, namely, Lady Theresa, married to Viscount Castlereagh; Lady Gwendolen, married in January last to Lieut.-Col. E. Chaplin, M.P.; and Lady Muriel, married in December last to Viscount Helmsley. The deceased peer was hereditary Lord High Steward of Ireland, as declared by the House of Lords in 1863. He was from 1851 to 1853 in the 1st Life Guards, but retired in the last-mentioned year; and was for some years major in the Queen's Own Royal Staffordshire Yeomanry Cavalry. In February, 1875, he was appointed, on the resignation of the Marquis of Exeter, Captain of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. He was a deputy-lieutenant of Staffordshire, and a magistrate for the county of Middlesex. The following account of the noble lord's Masonic career will, we think, be of great interest to our readers. His lordship was installed Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire June 24th, 1871, and at once took great interest in the various lodges in his province, establishing quarterly communications for the different parts, holding a meeting in each part every three months, so that all Masons could have an opportunity of attending Prov. Grand Lodge, and becoming acquainted with its members. He himself regularly attended these meetings, and, consequently, soon knew all the prominent members of each lodge, which enabled him much better to select the P.G. Officers at the annual meeting at Stafford. He also caused at each of these four meetings the charity box to go round, giving largely himself; the proceeds to go to a fund called the "Shrewsbury Fund," for local charity only. His lordship was installed a Knight Templar in the Godefroi de Bouillon Encampment, then meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyne, on September 13th, 1872, and served the office of Preceptor in that preceptory in the years 1873 and 1874. At the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order on April 7th, 1873, Lord Shrewsbury was appointed Great Marshal in Convent General, and also a Knight Grand Cross of the Order. On the death of Lord Athlumney in December, 1873, the late Earl was appointed Great Constable in Convent General, and this office he held until his installation as Great Prior of England and Wales on the 8th December in last year. His lordship's death occurred on the morning of the regular annual day of meeting of Great Priory. But few members knew of the loss the Order had sustained until they reached the place of meeting, and then not until it was announced from the chair. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub-Prior of England and Wales, opened Great Priory for the purpose of formally announcing the sad intelligence, and immediately closed it, no business whatever being transacted. The announcement was a great shock to many. His lordship took very great interest in the three great Masonic charities, volunteering to take the chair of each at the annual festival dinners in rotation. He began with the Boys' in 1872, at which £5510 was collected, Lord Shrewsbury himself giving a large sum he had collected from his friends to the Stewards from his province, who supported him on that occasion. In the following year he presided at the Girls' School, giving away at Wandsworth the prizes to the various young ladies who had earned them, assisted by Lady Shrewsbury and his daughter, Lady Theresa Talbot; expressing his great delight at the splendid schools, and the proficiency of the scholars. To celebrate the event the Masons of his province subscribed, and Lady Shrewsbury presented the

schools with an entirely new service of pottery ware, breakfast, dinner, &c., sufficient to supply the whole school, and a few over in case of breakage. Each article is impressed with a design of the schools, and under is the Staffordshire knot, which gives a very pretty effect, and will remind the girls of the donors. In 1875 he presided at the dinner for the Aged Freemasons, when £7020 was collected; and at the festival of the same institution, which was held on the 12th February of the present year, he presided, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, when £12,656 13s. was collected, being the largest amount yet obtained at any of this Institution's festivals. Perhaps, however, Lord Shrewsbury's Masonic love for the brethren of his province was best shown when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed at Albert Hall as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. Knowing that a good many brethren would then be in London who were not in the habit of often going, and that they would not know where to go on their arrival, he caused his P.G. Sec. to issue circulars inviting all the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, P.G. Officers, &c., who were going, to meet at his house in Dover-street, Piccadilly, where he had a splendid lunch ready, and sufficient carriages and omnibuses to take the whole of the brethren to the Albert Hall, giving to each a ticket on which was the number of his carriage, to prevent confusion, and appointing a place to meet again. When the installation was over the carriages were again waiting, and the brethren were taken back to Dover-street, the noble lord driving first in his own carriage to welcome the brethren on their arrival at his house, where another substantial meal was ready for those who would partake of it, and wine in profusion was served during the whole time the brethren were present. Such a truly Masonic gathering did not take place in any other house in London on that great day, and the Staffordshire Masons felt justly proud of their Prov. Grand Master, and it was with very great pleasure when, at the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, it was arranged to present a marriage present to Lady Theresa Talbot, who was about marrying the Viscount Castlereagh. Almost every member of the province subscribed, feeling that in so doing it would in a small way shew the respect and esteem in which they held his lordship.

The funeral took place at Ingestre, near Stafford, on Wednesday. The body was brought down from London on the previous evening and removed from the train at Colwich Junction, and from thence taken in a hearse to Ingestre Hall. The ceremony took place in the afternoon, and the body lay in state. A procession was formed at half-past one o'clock, the coffin being carried on the shoulders of bearers to Ingestre Church, which is close to the hall. The bearers of the pall were Lord A. Paget and B. Paget, Captain A. Duncombe, Hon. A. Morgan, Mr. Iveson, Mr. Praed, Lord Lovatt, Hon. A. Cockerell, Hon. H. Langham, and the Hon. G. W. Finch. The mourners consisted of the Countess of Shrewsbury, Viscount Ingestre, Lord and Lady Castlereagh, Lady Waterford, Viscount Helmsley, Hon. Mrs. North, Colonel Chaplin, Miss Chetwynd, Hon. Captain Carpenter, Lord Eglington, Hon. and Rev. T. C. Talbot, Lord Rendlesham, Hon. F. Montgomerie, Hon. W. North, Hon. G. Vernon, and other relatives, besides deputations from the Stafford Town Council and members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire. The coffin was covered with a crimson and white pall, with wreaths of hothouse flowers resting on the surface. The deceased earl's coronet was carried in front and Colonel Kerr was present as representing her Majesty. The funeral service was read by the Hon. and Rev. A. C. Talbot. The body was deposited in the family vault. Although the funeral was considered to be strictly private, a considerable number of persons resident on the estate and in the neighbourhood were present.

The *Daily Express* states: By the sudden and lamented death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Church has lost one of her most faithful and staunch supporters. His death will be deeply and widely felt by many who had learnt to reckon upon that clerical help which was never withheld from any true and hearty Church work. In London, as well as at Ingestre and at Alton Towers, many benefactions attested his kindness of heart. The clergy found in Lord Shrewsbury a ready friend. None who had the privilege of spending a week at Alton Towers, when the Church Congress was held at Stoke, can ever forget the heartiness with which he threw himself into all the arrangements for the comfort of his guests, amongst whom were several of the American bishops and other clergy. We are reminded at the present time how his lordship spoke twice at the Congress, dealing, in his latter speech, with the subject of Christian burial, and pleasantly drawing a picture of the kind of funeral which he should desire for himself, of the simplest and plainest kind. On the day before his death, Lord Shrewsbury attended and spoke with his wonted geniality at the annual gathering at St. John's College, Hurstpierpoint. None then could have anticipated that so sudden an end was at hand to one who was loved by many, and respected by all who knew him.

BRO. MAJOR HAMILTON RAMSAY.

We regret having to announce the death of Bro. Major W. Hamilton Ramsay, 30^o (of Garion), Grand Viceroy of the Red Cross Order in Scotland, and which melancholy event occurred somewhat suddenly on the 28th ult. Bro. Ramsay was a very energetic Mason, and amongst other offices held for many years the posts of Prior of the Lothians and Treasurer of the Scottish Order of the Temple. In 1875 he was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We understand that Lord Inverurie will succeed the deceased as Grand Viceroy of the Scottish Grand Council of the Red Cross Order.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
DORSETSHIRE.

Who was the first Freemason, or when the ancient fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was established, are questions which we shall not attempt to answer. It is quite clear that somebody, at some time, and somewhere, conceived the idea of a great brotherhood, drew the plan, and to day the sun never ceases to shine on Masonic institutions. There have been periods in the history of the Craft when the aims and objects sought to be accomplished by the members have been misunderstood by the outside world, and even at the present time it seems that in Catholic countries the ban is put by the priesthood upon Freemasonry, on the plea that it is a secret society. But whatever may have been the disadvantages under which the Craft was placed in bygone days in this country, or even at the present day in some parts of the continent, it is quite certain that in Great Britain and America, Ancient Freemasonry never occupied a higher or more prominent position than it now does. Royal patrons, from the days of King Athelstan, who granted a charter to Freemasonry in 926, have not been wanting, who were willing to give their support to Masonic institutions, and to cast in their lot with the brotherhood, and at the present time it is no small matter of satisfaction to every member of the great fraternity to be able to point to the fact that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne of this great country, is the Grand Master of the United Lodges of England and Wales. It is also a matter worthy of note that at no period in the history of the Craft have the various provinces been governed by a higher class of men—as Provincial Grand Masters—than at the present time. Gentlemen, moving in the very first ranks of society, and of unimpeachable character, have readily undertaken the duties appertaining to the office, and the result has been that many persons who were averse to Masonry have been led to review their fancied objections, and not a few of them have sought admission into Masonic lodges.

The Province of Dorset, which consists of thirteen lodges, has been governed from the earliest days of its formation by a succession of Grand Masters, who have sought at all times the advancement of the Provincial Grand Lodge and also the subordinate lodges in the province. The result has been that the membership during the last twenty years has greatly increased, and the Province of Dorset, small as it is compared to that of those of the more thickly populated counties in the north of England, has sent up to the Masonic charities in London larger subscription lists than have many other provinces with double or even treble its membership. The late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Gundry, &c., of the Hyde, Bridport, was greatly respected and honoured by the brethren, and as a tribute to his great worth a deputation attended his funeral from almost, if not every, lodge in the province. The question was then very generally asked by Masons of each other—"Who is to be our Provincial Grand Master?" There were those in the province who had gained great credit for being good Masons, and who from their social positions were mentioned as probable successors to the office, but generally the name of Bro. Montague Guest came uppermost, and when it was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, had appointed this gentleman to the high office, every Mason regarded Bro. Guest as "the right man in the right place." It is a trite saying, and often used in a meaningless way, when it is said of a person that he is "respected by everybody who knows him," but to say this of Bro. Montague Guest is only to utter what is true to the very letter. His appointment, therefore, was received with unbounded satisfaction, and we are sure that Masonry in Dorsetshire under his rule will gain many fresh adherents, whilst the lodges in working will vie with each other in seeking to extend the principles which they are established to propagate.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, which assembled at Wimborne on Saturday afternoon last, was probably the largest Masonic gathering which has ever taken place in the county. Certainly not less than 350 members assembled at the Corn Exchange, which, we should mention, is the property of the members of Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622. The large room was prepared in due form by the Wimborne brethren, who seemed to consider no amount of trouble too great to render the meeting a success. No doubt they regarded it a great honour that a member of their lodge was to be elevated to so high an office, and that on this account the installation ceremony was to take place in Bro. M. Guest's own lodge. According to announcements the lodge was to be tyled at two o'clock, but this did not take place until after three o'clock. As a matter of course, it took some considerable time to obtain a correct list of the brethren present, together with their various titles. This was got over more easily than might have been expected. Bro. R. N. Howard, Provincial Grand Secretary, was quite equal to the occasion, and the names of all present were duly recorded. On the members entering the lodge they arranged themselves under their respective banners, and Bro. William Smith, P.M., the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, was indefatigable in his exertions in getting everything in perfect order previous to the arrival of the Grand Lodge Officers. About three o'clock the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master of England; Sir A. Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies; G. Kuhe, Grand Org.; Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent; Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and other distinguished members arrived, and entered the lodge with Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers. The Deputy Grand Master, on entering, was saluted according to ancient Masonic form. After some routine business had been gone through, the Right Worthy

Deputy Grand Master briefly addressed the lodge, stating the object of the meeting that day.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Shaftesbury on the 14th September last, were then read. These minutes included a resolution to the R.W. Bro. W. Eliot, Past P.G.M., congratulating him on having been a subscribing member of the Lodge of All Souls, No. 170, Weymouth, for an uninterrupted period of sixty years, and on his being the oldest member on the provincial roll, and that in recording this interesting fact on its minutes, this Provincial Grand Lodge would bear testimony to the highly moral and religious character of the R.W. Bro., who has thus during his long life so well and worthily represented the true principles and practical teaching of our Order.

The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate, Bro. M. Guest, having been announced, and the patent directing his installation duly examined, a deputation of Masters retired with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce him to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony of installation, which was of a very impressive character, then took place, and on the new Provincial Grand Master taking the chair he was duly proclaimed and saluted. We may here mention that all the brethren, with but few exceptions, were attired in evening dress, and as most present wore jewels of various kinds and Masonic clothing, according to their respective offices, the scene at the installation ceremony will not soon be forgotten by those whose good fortune it was to be present.

It is the custom among Masons for the Provincial Grand Master to appoint his own officers, and this was done on this occasion by the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master. The appointments were as follows:—
T. B. Hanham, P.M. 472 Prov. G.S.W.
C. Tucker, P.M. 707 Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. H. Everett, 417 Prov. G. Chap.
R. Case Prov. G. Treas.
R. Leigh, 1,367 Prov. G. Reg.
R. N. Howard, P.M. 170 Prov. G. Sec.
G. M. Evans, P.M. 707 Prov. G.S.D.
A. J. Budden, W.M. 622 Prov. G.J.D.
R. Eyres, W.M. 1266 Prov. G.S. of Wks.
W. Smith, P.M. 170 Prov. G.D.C.
G. F. Stokes, W.M. 1168 Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. H. Dean, S.W. 417 Prov. G. Swd. Br.
S. Champ, 707 Prov. G. Org.
J. Fenn, P.M. 1331 and 417 Prov. G. Purst.
J. Lovelace, 417 Prov. G. Tyler.
Stewards: Bros. T. Wootton, 1367; E. Tolman, 1367; J. Lowe, 707; J. S. A. Herford, 622; W. D. Dugdale, 137; J. K. Shopland, 1266.

We may mention that the above officers, with one exception, are the same as those appointed at the provincial meeting held at Shaftesbury in September last. The exception is that of Bro. Case, as Treasurer, who has well earned his appointment by the assiduity with which he has worked in various ways in his own lodge—Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester—and also as a Provincial Grand Lodge officer.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was brought to a close by the passing of votes of thanks to the installing officers and to the members of Cuthberga Lodge for making the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting that day.

Amongst those present were:—Officers of Grand Lodge—Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. and P.G.M. West Lancashire; Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wilts; Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M. Kent; M. J. Guest, P.G.D. P.G.M. Dorset designate; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Sir A. Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D. Cers.; T. Fenn, P.G.A.D. Cers.; C. W. Kuhe, G. Org.; Lord H. Thynne, Hon. R. Harbord. Officers and members of Prov. Grand Lodge—A. E. Guest, V. F. Bennett-Stanford, T. B. Hanham, C. R. Rowe, H. S. Edwards, J. P. F. Gundry, G. R. Crickmay, L. H. Ruegg, Rev. W. M. Heath, P.P.G.S.W.'s; J. Jacob, J. Graves, J. S. Webb, G. L. Thorne, H. C. Burt, P.P.G.J.W.'s; Rev. H. Everett, P. G. Chaplain, G. H. Gutch, W. P. Cockeram, F. T. Johns, P. Hooper, H. T. G. T. A. Hanne, J. T. Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; R. N. Howard, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Case, P. Prov. G. Sec.; J. New, S. S. Moore, H. Ling, J. Lundie, E. T. Budden, J. Soppitt, P. Prov. G.S. Deacons; W. Chick, C. F. Arden, W. S. Gillard, T. R. Charles, W. W. Stickland, C. Yearsley, A. J. Budden, P. Prov. G.J. Deacons; G. J. Gregory, W. J. Fletcher, C. W. Wyndham, E. Edsall, J. W. Luff, J. Hudson, R. Eyres, P. Prov. G. Supts. of Works; W. Smith, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; G. W. Good, H. W. Abbott, R. C. Gillman, G. F. Stokes, P.P.G.A. Dirs. of Cer.; R. G. Long, J. T. Green, J. B. Cole, W. A. Dean, P.P. G. Std. Brs.; J. Robinson, C. Keats, R. Radford, J. T. Hillier, S. Champ, P.P.G. Organists; T. Radcliffe, W. Osmond, S. S. Hunt, T. Hunter, J. Fenn, P.P.G. Purs.; E. Tolman, J. Lowe, J. S. A. Herford, W. D. Dugdale, J. R. Shopland, P.G. Stewards; and a numerous attendance of brethren from the lodges in the province and numerous visitors.

[The proceedings at the banquet will be given next week.]

A Special Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 18th instant.

Bro. E. J. Harty's letter on the Grand Historical Steel Engraving reached the office too late for insertion in this week's issue. It shall appear in our next.

Bro. George Powell, of the Norwich and London Insurance Office, has been admitted to the livery of the Spectaclemakers' Company.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

The annual General Meeting and Election of this Institution takes place on Friday at twelve, too late for a report to appear in this issue of the *Freemason*. A SECOND EDITION will be published on Saturday morning, and will contain a full report of the proceedings, including a list of the successful and unsuccessful candidates, with the number of votes polled. Subscribers wishing to have a copy of Saturday morning's edition sent to them, will please forward 2½d. in stamps to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, has most kindly consented to preside at the Seventy-ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 27th proximo.

There will be an "Old Wellingtonian" dinner at the Criterion on Tuesday, June 19th, at half-past seven p.m.

The consecration of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, when Bro. H. Muggeridge, late collector to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be installed first W.M. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

It is the intention of the Prince of Wales to inspect H.M.S. Thunderer, at Portsmouth, early next week. The Lords of the Admiralty will go over the ship with his Royal Highness.

It may interest the Craft to know that the amateur performance, promoted by Mrs. Monckton, resulted in a net balance of 210 guineas, to be divided between the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

The medals awarded to the officers and crews of Her Majesty's ships Alert and Discovery, and the Pandora, for services in the Arctic expedition, are in course of distribution.

A NEW LODGE FOR THE PROVINCE OF KENT.—The consecration of the Tonbridge Lodge, No. 1678, is to take place on Wednesday next, when Bro. G. Langridge will be installed as W.M., his Wardens being Bros. Fredk. Spencer and Rev. Jas. Amos, M.A.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft presided at the distribution of prizes won by students of the Protestant Educational Institute at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday last.

Comp. George Newman will be installed M.E.Z. of the William Preston Chapter, No. 776, at the next convocation, which will be held on Thursday next, at the Cannon-street Hotel, at half-past 4.

The dedication and consecration of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, will take place on Thursday next, the 24th inst., at the Town Hall, Newark-upon-Trent.

Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Kent, has selected Erith to hold the next meeting in, of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge. A preparatory meeting will be held at Ramsgate.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. TWEDDELL.—The *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* thus notices the testimonial now being got up to our well known brother:—"A testimonial is being got up to be presented in the agreeable shape of a purse of gold to Mr. George Markham Tweddell, the well known Cleveland poet, essayist, and lecturer. The appeal is a touching and affecting one. The testimonial is intended to help Mr. Tweddell through heavy losses and family affliction, over which he had no control. The Cleveland district has always been rich in men abundant in literary ability. Before iron was discovered and Middlesborough was made, Cleveland, like the Tyne, had a reputation for literary culture and scientific research. It is quite a mistake to treat Cleveland as a modern place. It has a character of its own. Cleveland has an old life, as marked as that of Newcastle, and its literary reputation is greatly due to such men as Mr. Tweddell." We have already alluded to it favourably and warmly in our columns. Bro. George Kenning is the London Treasurer to the fund.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Robert Wentworth Little on his recent appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, in the room of Bro. Sir George Eliot. Our worthy brother's labour for this distinguished province has entitled him to this honour, and we sincerely wish him an early restoration to better health to enable him to enjoy his new office.—*The Masonic Record of Western India*.

The installation meeting of the Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge, No. 1602, will take place at the Agricultural Hall, on Friday next, at four o'clock. The installation of Bro. Edward G. Sim as W.M. will be performed by Bro. E. Somers, I.P.M.

The Queen has expressed her desire that some adequate provision should be made for the Misses De Foe, the lineal descendants of the author of "Robinson Crusoe," and Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct that a pension of £75 per annum should be granted to each of these three ladies.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Father Burke (W. E. G.)—Many thanks, will appear in our next.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hospital Sunday Fund," "Masonic Record," "Key-stone," "New York Dispatch," "Scottish Freemason," "Masonic Journal," "Official Directory for the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall," edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, "The Treatment of Iron."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

CLERK.—On the 12th inst., at Priston, Bath, the wife of A. Clerk, Esq., of a daughter.
HARRIS.—On the 27th ult., at Llandefalle, Rectory, Brecon, the wife of the Rev. W. Harris, of a daughter.
MARRYAT.—On the 12th inst., at Shedfield Grange, the wife of G. S. Marryat, of a daughter.
WELCH.—On the 13th inst., at Southsea, the wife of Capt. W. D. Welch, of a daughter.
WOOD.—On the 9th inst., at The Hall, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, the wife of J. B. Wood, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BONNEWELL—WARREN.—On the 12th inst., at the Parish Church of St. Sepulchre, London, Bro. William Henry Bonnewell, of Old Bailey and Fleet-street, E.C., eldest son of Charles Bonnewell, Esq., H.E.I.C.S., to Caroline, elder daughter of the late Thomas Morton Warren, Esq., of Mincing-lane, E.C., and Mrs. S. Thompson, of Bennett Park, Blackheath, Kent. No cards.

DEATHS.

ARNOLD.—On the 29th ult., at Ellough Rectory, the Rev. Richard Aldous Arnold, in his 85th year.
CARD.—On the 16th inst., at 1, Clifton-villas, Upper Lansdowne-road, South Lambeth, Edward J. Card, Esq., Professor of Music, late of 29, St. James's-street, in his 61st year.
DARBY.—On the 13th inst., at Warbleton, Sussex, in her 83rd year, Sarah, daughter of J. Darby, Esq.
SHREWSBURY.—On the 11th inst., at his residence, 39, Dover-street, Charles John, 19th Earl of Shrewsbury, and 4th Earl Talbot, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Staffordshire, in the 47th year of his age.
VANE.—On the 7th inst., at Brynderwen, near Usk, Morgan Vane, Esq., in his 43rd year.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1877.

DEATH OF LORD SHREWSBURY.

We deeply deplore the loss which the Craft in general, and Staffordshire in particular, has sustained by the loss of our distinguished brother, the Earl of Shrewsbury. He died very suddenly on Friday morning at 6 a.m., having only been taken ill at 2. The cause of his death, the *Times* of Saturday states, is "believed to be syncope of the heart." His love of Masonry, and his kindly presence will long be remembered by the brethren, and he will be a very missed man among his tenantry and a large circle of friends, and especially in that great Order of ours, of which he was so distinguished a member. We print an obituary elsewhere.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. M. J. GUEST, AS PROV. G.M. FOR DORSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., an influential gathering of Freemasons took place at Wimborne, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Montague John Guest, P.G.D., as Prov. Grand Master of Dorsetshire. The ceremony was conducted in the Masonic Hall, Wimborne, under the direction of Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter) P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D. and P.A.G. D.C. The R.W. Dep. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, presided as Installing Master, and was supported by the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Wiltshire, Lord Methuen; the R.W. P.G.M. of Kent, Lord Holmesdale; the R.W.P. G.M. of Hampshire, Bro. Beach, M.P.; the V.W. Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, P.G.W.; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. Hon. Ralph Harbord, Bros. Vere Barnett Lanford, M.D.; Arthur Guest, J. P. Gundry, Kube, P.G.O., and many other distinguished brethren. Bro. Joseph Parks Gundry, son of the late Prov. G.M.; was appointed P.D.G.M., and the other officers were re-appointed. After the ceremony the Prov. G.M. entertained nearly 300 of the brethren at a magnificent banquet at the mansion of his brother, Sir Ivor Guest, Canford Manor. The dinner was supplied by Messrs. Gunter's in a style which could scarcely be surpassed, and the hospitality of the Prov. G.M. was acknowledged with the most enthusiastic cheers when his health and that of his brother, Sir Ivor Guest, were proposed. Our readers will see a report in detail in another column.

A LABOUR OF LOVE.

We are most glad to call attention to a paragraph in another column by which it is stated that the talented wife of our very esteemed brother, the President of the Board of General Purposes, assisted by a genial band of skillful amateurs, has most kindly, by the successful theatricals at the Opera Comique, obtained for the two great Schools of the Craft, 210 guineas. We thank very much, as all our brethren will do, that kindly company and our "gifted sister."

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Our second great charity gathering has passed over for 1877, and may be said to have resulted in the return of £10,000, in round numbers, to that most admirable Institution of ours, the Girls' School. There is, as our readers will note an apparent falling off in this amount, as regards the first collection this year, for the Benevolent Institution, but it is one which we think is explicable by several causes, which are just now very active. One of the speakers, (we believe Bro. Binckes), spoke of the positive, comparative and superlative degrees of the charity returns, but in this special case it was rather an Irish way of putting the cart before the horse, unless, indeed, he meant, as he probably did—for Bro. Binckes is very facetious—that the positive represented Bro.

Little, the comparative Bro. Terry, and the superlative himself. Be it so. We shall join in the superlative wish, that Bro. Binckes may be favoured with superlative everything—weather, attendance, results, for his great gala in June. Yes; let us all say—"So mote it be." But do not let us run away, on the other hand, with the idea that the charity returns are going to fall off, (as we are all often alternately over sanguine and over depressed in things Masonic and profane), because the Girls' School festival is a little behind Bro. Terry's magnificent "throw off" for 1877. In the first place, trade has not recently been flourishing, and is still lagging sadly behind, affecting, no doubt, Freemasons as much as any one else. The returns of the Bankers' Clearing-house show this most conclusively, and though they are somewhat formidable to the non-expert in figures, and to those who, as we say, have forgotten their "tallies," yet we think it well to repeat them here, as they make this fact quite clear and conclusive. During the last year these wonderful returns amounted to the enormous sum of *four thousand eight hundred and seventy-three millions of pounds sterling*. And even this amount, large and marvellous as it seems, is 500 millions less than last year. As trade is slowly recovering, and would recover at once were it not for Eastern complications, we may hope that better days are in store for Freemasons generally. In the next place, we must remember that we have been working at "high pressure" for some time as regards our charities, and that in all human affairs and efforts there is always the ebb and flow, the elevation and the depression, the advance and the retrogression. There is nothing, therefore, abnormal or alarming in this slight falling off. Again, it is a mistake to suppose that the Craft is a very wealthy body. We have many very opulent members, but the great bulk of our fraternity are hard-working bread winners, to whom a life governorship represents a considerable sum. We do not deny that there is yet a virgin soil to be tilled by our good brethren the Secretaries as regards lodges and chapters, and therefore we do not yet see the limit by any means of what may be done for the charities. So that, on the whole, when we call to mind what a few years ago we considered a "noble return," and what zealous brethren have done for the goodly cause of charity, we feel strongly more than ever how much cause we have to be proud of our charitable brotherhood, and we sincerely congratulate the executive of the Institution, and especially our esteemed and worthy brother R. W. Little, on the result of the Girls' School Festival in 1877 which is about £1200 in excess of last year. As regards the returns themselves they are very suggestive indeed. The metropolitan brethren have contributed, (all honour to them), the goodly figure of £5228; West Yorkshire, always active in the cause of charity, and keeping up its high character, has sent up forty-six Stewards and £840; while Middlesex has manfully supported Bro. R. W. Little with £745, and Lancashire, W. Division, has forwarded £310 16s. Then follow Durham with £286; Sussex, £233 7s. 6d.; Hants, £222 12s.; Norfolk, £209; Dorsetshire, £180 12s.; Warwickshire, £176 5s.; Kent, £175 4s. 6d.; Hertfordshire, £143 16s. 6d.; Gloucestershire, £135 9s.; Wiltshire, £122; Berks and Bucks, send £114 9s.; and Northamptonshire and Hunts, £105. There are several smaller amounts, making up the Provincial returns £4600. The twenty-two returns which are wanting are not likely to make any material difference in the net amount, but, on the whole, we may congratulate the Craft on a return of subscriptions of about £10,000 for our Girls' School.

THE INCREASE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The proceedings of the General Committee, reported in our last impression, suggest one or two very serious considerations. In the first place we cannot disguise from ourselves, do what we will, and with the best feelings in the world to all concerned, that matters are assuming a rather hazy and incongruous appearance. There is, it

seems to us, a forgetfulness of the original reference of the Quarterly Court to the House Committee, and we do not note that any reference whatever has been made to the recent "instruction of another Quarterly Court." We cannot understand, either, why the matter has again to go to the House Committee. The House Committee having reported to the General Committee, for the duty of the General Committee, as we understand it, is to pass the report on to the Quarterly Court, and if the General Committee does not see the need of a Special Court it should say so by distinct resolution. The consequence is, and will be, that the matter will be "hung up" until the next Quarterly Court, and the subject, perhaps, hastily decided, without giving to it that cool, calm consideration which it undoubtedly demands. We regret this, as we feel sure that all that is wanted is a clear business-like statement of needful additions to the School to secure the assent of our liberal Craft. We remark also that in the report reference is again made to the "preparatory school," and it is suggested that the boys from eight to twelve shall be located in the "new buildings," and from twelve to sixteen in the "old." Now, this is an entirely novel suggestion, and we apprehend scholastically unworkable and quite contrary to the normal condition of similar institutions. It is one thing to have a preparatory school in another building, which may be a good thing, and quite needful in the progress of time, and development of the larger school; but it is quite another thing to have the actual school and the preparatory school in the same building and under the same head master. We cannot believe that it will answer, and we know no precedent for it. We are also struck, as all must be, with the financial calculation. On what authority is based the apparently singular statement that you can accommodate 120 boys for £25,000, and seventy for £22,000? We do not profess to understand on what system of probable expenditure such an estimate can be founded. Altogether we feel bound to repeat our humble opinion, previously expressed, that the proposal as originally contemplated for the preparatory school, and the suggestion of the increase at Wood Green, are rather hasty in their inception, and incomplete in details, and require alike architectural estimates and more minute information, in order to be appreciated and understood. We are very glad to see that Bro. Jesse Turner, whose business habits are well known, agrees with the view we have ventured to express, that by a small outlay for dormitory accommodation, £1800 or £2000 (which he says is quite feasible), we may increase the school to 200, for which number it was expressly built, (with additional dormitories), and so with the increase of eleven boys (a very sensible augmentation), the school may be left for the next three years to work on in peace and quiet. It may be then a question of large needful increase. We shall not grudge it if it be really required, but just now, for many reasons, we feel sure that it is most inopportune and unwise to announce fresh building operations, and to make a new appeal to the Craft.

CHARITY VOTING.

We have read the remarks of our able Bro. R. J. Simpson on this very difficult subject with the attention which they deserve, and we feel bound to say, at the outset, that we are like the lady in dispute with her good husband in the old story—we are "not convinced." We think that our respected P.G.C., with the best intentions in the world, over-estimates the "evils" he complains of, and that the "remedy" he suggests would be decidedly "worse than the disease." After giving the very closest attention to the subject in all its bearings, alike theoretically and practically, for years, having incidentally seen more of the minute and actual working of the Masonic voting system than falls to the lot of most of the Craft, we beg at once to demur to Bro. Simpson's theory of great abuses or evils existing in our present charity voting system. Like all purely earthly institutions it has its weak points

no doubt, and is susceptible of improvement, for nothing is perfect here. But the "reform" which Bro. Simpson suggests, would simply be revolution, in that it would bring with it evils greater than any now existing, and would put a stop to all personal interest in the charities, and would, as far as the provinces are concerned, simply take away from them the voting privileges for which they have liberally paid and manfully laboured. To delegate to a committee in London, made up only of metropolitan brethren, the whole voting power of selection for the charities—for no provincial brother could afford time or money to attend the needful assemblies of the central committee—would introduce a very questionable novelty, and would practically deprive the candidates of all provincial support or local interest, and would, ipso facto, "kill the golden goose." We say nothing of the breach of faith involved, as regards those who have largely subscribed on the faith of certain well-known rules and regulations. Who of us, seriously speaking, is prepared to delegate to a committee sitting in London, composed of you will of the elite even of the brethren of our Order, either the power of selection or the power of erasure; the right of limiting the number of candidates or recommendation of special cases? The only result of such a system must be—we say it with all respect to our good brother the Past Grand Chaplain—favouritism and partiality. Nay, do we not open the door to possible jobbery of the most malignant character? At the present moment the only evils we know of are counterbalanced by publicity, open voting, and free discussion; but give us the proposed central committee, shadowed out by our kindly critic, and all these requisites will be wanting. In the next place, there are no evils attendant on the present system which cannot be checked by careful supervision, by the action of open discussion and public opinion. The polling days are admirably conducted, and fair play is given to all petitioners and all cases. By no possibility could a central committee advance the cause of comparative or absolute selection, because in the nature of things we defy any one to lay down infallible canons and absolute axioms of what constitutes the "most distressing case." So long as an application for relief is a *bonâ fide* and proper one per se, so long has it a "fair claim upon our charity," and in so far as it conforms to our regulations in so far as it is a befitting case to be submitted to the notice of the subscribers. It is impossible to believe that 10 or 20 brethren, however gifted, would be in a better position to select the most absolutely distressing cases than the subscribers, and until we can agree upon some distinct conditions of ineligibility, all cases which conform to our regulations, and are in themselves *prima facie* proper and justifiable, have an absolute right to be entertained. On one point only do we agree with Bro. Simpson, viz., that in the original reception of the case the committee of the institution should make a little more enquiry, and require a little more evidence of absolute poverty! Why should not a special paper of questions, be prepared by each charity and made a condition of acceptance? This is a common pre-requisite in all well conducted charities. The questions need be few, but they might be pertinent and go to the root of the matter, the distinct need of eleemosynary aid. For, as we recently observed, the greatest evils lie in the want of conscientiousness in those who put forward applicants for relief, when their family or relations might fairly spare the funds of the charity. But how this evil is to be remedied by our good Past Grand Chaplain's proposals we do not profess to see or understand. We feel sure that the general feeling of the Craft will be to "let well alone," inasmuch as the evils in our Masonic charity voting are so few that they can very easily be removed by the public opinion of the Craft, while the "cure" proposed for the imaginary malady savours, in our humble opinion, something like those imaginative advertisements, which skilful empirics put forth for the attraction and edification of the easy-going and credulous. We deprecate in conclusion the use of great names as an "argumentum ad rem," or "ad hominem," as we feel strongly that we all have reason and intellect

given to us by T.G.A.O.T.U. for good purposes and proper use, and we decline to submit our own clear perceptions of what is needful and right, to any "Pope," or any number of "Popes" in the world! Thanking our worthy brother for the kindly enunciation of his views, we regret that we can neither record our agreement with his argument, nor our approval of his suggestions, though made, we know and believe, with the best motives, and with the most fraternal feelings. We will next week go into the question of exchange of votes, to which some objection is raised.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By a singular error you do not seem to be aware that H.R.H. Prince Leopold is W.M. of the time honoured Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2. H.R.H. was elected W.M. February, 1876, and is still W.M., our esteemed Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., being the Dep. Master.

I am, yours obediently and fraternally,

A MEMBER OF THE ANTIQUITY.

[We have to apologise for the error, which certainly ought not to have appeared in the *Freemason*.—Ed.]

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to contradict the statement contained in your report of one of the speeches at the recent festival of this Institution, that I was not present on that occasion. With the exception of the forenoon, when I was engaged with the noble Chairman at his lordship's house, I was at Freemasons' Hall the whole of the day and evening, examining and arranging the Stewards' lists, in which work I received the able assistance of Bros. T. W. White and R. B. Webster. These brethren accompanied me into the dining hall where Bro. White kindly announced the lists, in consequence of my voice being weak.

I should not trouble you with this correction were it not for the fact that the statement has somewhat startled some of my friends.

Yours truly and fraternally,

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With pleasure I make you the following statements, as you wish:—

About ten years ago some German Grand lodges denied not only the initiation of Jewish aspirants, but also the right of visiting the lodges to brethren of Jewish faith. It was the first step, when all German Grand Lodges conceded the right of visitation. The next position was gained when the Grand Lodge of Concord at Darmstadt, the independent Lodge Minerva at Leipzig, and the Grand Lodge of Royal York at Berlin altered the sections in the constitution which prohibited the initiation of non-Christians. A new position was won, when the German Grand Lodge League (Grand Masters' Union) voted and published a series of fundamental principles, which should be a common basis for all German lodges. In this declaration there was no profession of faith required for admission into pure ancient Freemasonry in a universal brotherhood in the sense of the Old Charges of 1723.

Notwithstanding all these progresses, there were some daughter lodges of Royal York, in which all Jewish candidates were blackballed, as they did not like to have any Jewish brother in the ranks of their members. But this is, as you will perceive, only a local prejudice, as the law of Royal York does not hinder the initiation, and a great many of its lodges have initiated Jewish candidates and affiliated Jewish brethren.

At present there are only two Grand Lodges which rest on a unmasonic basis—viz., the Grand Mother Lodge of Three Globes and the Grand Countries Lodge (Swedish Rite) at Berlin.

At the annual Grand Lodge Conference of the Grand Mother Lodge of Three Globes, the Jewish question was discussed three times, and twice the majority of lodges voted for repealing of the famous section 165 of the constitution, without success, as some brethren voted against it and so prevented the necessary majority of two-thirds. We hope for better success this month, as the great majority of lodges, and the whole of the Grand Lodge Directory will vote in the sense of Masonic universality. In the Grand Lodge of Three Globes the matter is only a question of time, for the abrogation of the section which demands a two-thirds majority.

Of the Grand Countries Lodge (Swedish Rite), which rests on thorough unmasonic principles, laws, and traditions, or, as Bro. Schiffmann has proved in accordance with the statements of my own ("History of Freemasonry") "only by fraud." I say of the Grand Countries Lodge nothing is to be hoped, as it is intolerant in all its convictions and traditions, and neither Masonic in doctrine, nor in law, nor in its historical fundamentals, nor in its usages. Founded by a Masonic swindler (Von Zinnendorf) without any legal warrant, this Grand Lodge is the worthy rival of the Roman Catholic Church and of

Papacy; it is a shame of our brotherhood and the permanent source of discord and scandal within our holy circle. Some years ago I declared that I could not acknowledge it as a regular, just, and perfect Grand Lodge, but as the very contrary of all Masonry, and some months ago I made the proposition that the German Grand Lodge should no longer acknowledge it, and have no connection with it at all.

This Grand Countries Lodge has excluded from the whole fraternity the venerated and merited Bro. Schiffmann, because he has written some historical articles of great value, but the German Grand Lodges have not acknowledged this unjust verdict of exclusion, and have nominated Bro. Schiffmann as honorary member.

So, I hope, you will now be clear, that only the Grand Countries Lodge (Swedish Rite) is to be expelled from the fraternity.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
J. G. FINDEL.

Leipzig, May 14, 1877.

PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A short time since I accidentally met with Mr. Emanuel Deutsch's Report on the Operations of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and I was so much interested in perusing his observations on the singular marks discovered on the foundation courses of the great wall of underground Jerusalem, that no apology is necessary for introducing them to the notice of your readers and the Craft in general. These marks were discovered ninety feet below the present surface of the city, and Mr. Deutsch in reference to them says:—"I have come to the following conclusions. 1. The signs cut or painted were on the stones when they were first laid in their present places. 2. They do not represent any 'inscription.' 3. They are Phœnician." He considers them to be partly letters, partly numerals, and partly special Masons' or quarry signs. Some of them are recognisable at once as well-known Phœnician characters; others, hitherto unknown in Phœnician epigraphy, he was able to identify on undoubted antique Phœnician structures in Syria such as the primitive substructure of the harbour at Sidon. He also observed these marks on the bevelled stones taken from ancient edifices and built into later work throughout Phœnicia. A striking and obvious instance of this is the ruined citadel standing above Saida, the stones of which are old Phœnician stones immured in their present place at subsequent periods. These stones teem with "fantasies" identical with those of Jerusalem. The signs have never been noticed before, Mr. Deutsch having been the first to point them out to the excavator of the Ashmunazar Sarcophagus. He further states that although he found extremely well preserved painted frescoes in Phœnician tombs, all the stone marks just alluded to were cut, not painted.

Mr. W. K. Loftus, in his "Researches in Chaldea and Lusiana," gives six columns of builders' marks found by him in "Shushan the Palace," now Shush. Those he gives are from composition bricks, and the marks, when not scratched in the wet clay while the composition was soft, are framed with dark-coloured enamel, or are laid on in glaze. It also appears that marks of a similar kind occur upon many ancient stone buildings in the East, as at Takt e Suleyman, near Persepolis; also at the base of the sculptured rock of Bisutun; in blocks near the Zender-und, and in the garden of the Chehil Situn at Isfahan; and especially on the walls of Al Hadhr, near Mosul. It is not improbable that those observed in the Chehil Situn were derived from more ancient structures erected by Adeshur Bubezan, A.D. 230. With regard to others of similar kind elsewhere, it has been suggested that they are the marks of Chaldean masons. However this may be, it is curious to find them existing on edifices far apart, and erected at various periods from 335 B.C. to the end of the sixteenth century of our era.

In the ninth plate of Dr. Aveling's "History of Roche Abbey," founded in 1147, there are fifty-nine Masons' marks, very clearly given, all found at Roche.

In my reading I have also found some very interesting information about Freemasons as ecclesiastical builders, but my present communication has already encroached so much on your valuable space that I must defer this subject to a future occasion if you will kindly allow me space for the purpose.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
W. E. N. No. 766.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is a respectable and well-conducted man ineligible to be made a Freemason on account of his being illegitimate by birth?

Yours fraternally,

ENQUIRER.

[Undoubtedly, by the old rules of the operative guilds the candidate must be born in wedlock, and be the issue of a lawful marriage; and the "filius nullius" was inadmissible. The rule of the Craft is adverse to the reception of all not born of "honest parentage."—ED.]

MASONIC CLUBS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly inform me, through the medium of your journal, if there are in or about London what are called Masonic Clubs, as I am told there are many.

A Masonic Club, I am told, is a Lodge of Instruction held without a warrant on Sabbath evenings by brethren

that cannot attend Lodges of Instruction, with a warrant, during the week, and are called Masonic Clubs because neither the M.W.G.M., nor any private lodge, will issue a warrant for a Lodge of Instruction to hold its meetings on the Sabbath day.

If you would kindly state if such meetings are held by the brethren in London I would feel greatly obliged.

Yours fraternally,

T. B.

N.B.—The Masonic Club held at 101, Queen Victoria-street, I presume is altogether of a different nature to those to which I refer.—T.B.

THE MACE FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have much pleasure in announcing that the result of our appeal on behalf of the above fund has been so far satisfactory as to have enabled Mr. Mace to have studied at Queen's College, Cambridge, for the last six months.

He has passed his preliminary examination, and will be sufficiently prepared by a few months' further study to undergo his final examination prior to presenting himself for ordination.

We feel that, having gone thus far, the brethren will not allow the fund to lack support for so worthy an object as assisting one of our Masonic boys, who, having carried off the silver medal and Maybury prize at our school, pursued his studies at his own expense, after his day's work was done, in the evening classes of King's College, London, and there, by hard work, gained the Divinity prize, several first-class certificates, and the associateship of that college.

We feel, therefore, justified in appealing for further subscriptions, which we hope to receive early, as the fund at present is entirely exhausted.

We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. PORTLOCK DADSON, Treasurer.
FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the leading article in the *Freemason* of the 12th inst. on "The Struggle in France," I would beg leave to remind you that for very many years Craft lodges have existed and worked in France under two separate jurisdictions, namely, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Grand Orient. Now, whatever the Grand Orient may think fit to decree, or its lodges to practise, the Supreme Council and the lodges under its jurisdiction, are bound to acknowledge the Great Architect of the Universe, and this was most explicitly acknowledged by the delegates sent from that body to represent it at the Lausanne Congress in 1875.

It is now as ever the rule of the Rite.

In Belgium the Supreme Council possesses the undoubted power of establishing Craft lodges under its jurisdiction, but for weighty reasons that body was anxious to follow the example of the Supreme Council of England, and leave the government of the Craft degrees to their Grand Orient. Should the Grand Orient of Belgium, however, follow the example of France, it is possible that the Supreme Council, which also is bound by the treaty of Lausanne, will assert its rights and powers.

Should England, therefore, be forced to cease Masonic relations with one or both of the Grand Orients and the lodges under their jurisdiction, there is no reason why the large number of Craft lodges working under the authority of the Supreme Council of France should be included in the same measure, nor why it should be extended to those which exist, or may be established under the Supreme Council of Belgium.

Would it not, on the contrary, be but right to extend the hand of fellowship to those Masonic bodies which are combating for the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and who acknowledge the Deity even as we do ourselves.

As many lodges will thus exist which English Masons can conscientiously visit, there can be no valid reason or necessity for petitioning the Grand Master of England to establish English lodges in foreign jurisdictions.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

ONE OF THE ENGLISH DELEGATES TO THE
LAUSANNE CONGRESS.

[We do not profess to understand how the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite anywhere can claim to establish Craft lodges, though we are glad to note the statement of our esteemed correspondent.—ED.]

FREEMASONRY IN PERU.

The following has been forwarded to us for publication:—

"An answer to Mr. Artidi Martin's extracts from the 'Bulletin' of the so-called Supreme Council of Peru, pages 137 to 139, of the *Chaine d'Union* for March."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I take the liberty of addressing you under this fraternal title, although you do not deign to use it in your extracts when referring to me I beg to inform you that I am no doctor, but merely a brother Mason.

After extolling the Peruvian brethren with complimentary gallantry, for which accept my thanks, although I do not hail from the section of the fraternity that you defend, or whose publications have served you for extracting your information, but rather representing the Grand Orient of Peru, in the name of which I permit myself the liberty of addressing you now. Allow me, as a Mason that should always speak and write the truth, to protest also, as a resident of Lima for the last twenty-three years, and have never been absent from this city during that period for six months in succession, against your assertion of having seen in this capital, in the processions, women

dancing before the same, disguised and masked (travesties et masques) in the streets of Lima, to the airs of dances from "Traviata," or any other tune or tunes.

Probably you may have seen the Indians on some festive occasion, masked and disguised, dancing in the streets in commemoration of some of their ancient usages, but it appears strange that during my long residence here I have never seen the burlesques that you refer to in the religious processions in Lima.

Notwithstanding the state of ignorance of the population of Peru, they have not found a "Miraculous Virgin of Lourdes," nor the salvation of their souls by the celebrated waters of that place, which is imported here from France.

Your astonishment at learning that from the Entered Apprentice's Degree to the Thirty-third pays into the treasury of the so-called Supreme Council 4743 francs, may be increased when you learn that although 10,000 Masons have been initiated in Peru, the aforesaid body has not got a foot of ground they can call their own, nor even a house on lease, and this after thirty years' administration, whereas a symbolic lodge (Peace and Concord, No. 445) installed ten or twelve years since by your humble brother, in union with two others in Callao, have built a Masonic Hall which has cost them 100,000 francs.

I must request you to take note that the majority of the members of the so-called Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and last degree of the A. and A. S. Rite in Peru are foreigners, and the Peruvian brethren cannot be blamed for the sins of others, as Dr. Antonio Sausa Ferreira (Sov. G. Com.) is a Portuguese, and his son-in-law, Richard H. Hartley, says he is an Englishman; these two worthy Sov. G.J.G.G. have managed to get and keep hold of that lodge, and as to the funds, all I can say is that they have not five hundred francs in the world, either in cash, stock, or valuables.

You will find this corroborated by reading the bulletin, No. 23, of the Grand Orient of Peru, which I have the honour to forward by this mail to your address, and therein you will see, pages 490, 492, 503 to 509, why the Grand Orient of Peru still exists, the Bulls of the body that receive its life from the Grand Orient not producing any effect against us.

The Masonic Hall in Lima has existed in the Calle de San Francisco since time immemorial, say for the last thirty years; the address printed on the official paper of the Grand Secretariat of the Grand Orient of Peru is that of San Francisco. Probably this may be the reason why the brethren that publish the Calendar of the Grand Orient of France may have supposed that all regular Masonic bodies in Peru held their communications and meetings in the Lima Masonic Hall, Calle de San Francisco. But I appeal to those illustrious brethren to say whether I ever gave them the address, as you appear to insinuate.

The decree that you mention from the spurious bulletin in question, of the building of a Masonic Hall, will never produce any other effect than the consignment of it to printed pages.

Referring to your last extract about the History of Freemasonry in Peru, I have the honour of being its author and compiler from the archives of the Grand Orient, and that the second and last parts of that history were never seen by the members of that so-called Supreme Council till they saw the former in the pages of the *Chaine d'Union*, and will read the last part in the *Freemason* when published. This is not the only one of my compilations, that the said brethren have laid hold of, having others belonging to yours fraternally,

ARTHUR M. TINSLEY, 33°,
W.M. Order and Liberty Lodge, No. 1,
P.Z. R.A. Chap. Agemmon, 167,
G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Peru, and
G. Sec. of the Grand Orient of Peru.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. Eminent Analysts declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. Economists advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. Testimonials in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). Families are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgia Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills much assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.—A D.V.T.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

The ceremony of installing Bro. William Simmons Hammond, P.M., as District Grand Master of Tasmania, and of opening the District Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, took place in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, 27th February, 1877. The dais was reserved for the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and other members of the District Grand Lodge; the west end of the hall was set apart for the Master Masons. Admission to non-members of the District Grand Lodge was by card, and the proceedings, which were on a grand scale, were, of course, of a semi-private character. The number of brethren present was about 120.

Out of 27 who could claim to sit in the District Grand Lodge, 23 signed their names in the attendance book. Among those present were the following:—Lodge 536, Hobart Town: Worshipful Master, Dr. Huston; Past Masters, C. Toby, F. H. Wise, L. Susman, John Clark, W. A. B. Jamieson, and W. H. Burgess, jun.; Wardens, R. Fitzgerald and John Perkins, jun.—Lodge 618, Launceston: Past Masters, J. F. Hobkirk, W. R. Davey, G. Smith, R. M. Johnston, R. J. Sadler, and C. W. Rocher.—Lodge 801, Hobart Town: Worshipful Master, T. H. Magrath; Past Masters, Rev. R. D. P. Harris, H. Nelson, J. R. Scott; Acting Senior Warden, T. M. Evans; Junior Warden, G. Richardson.—Irish Lodge, 345: Worshipful Master, B. Webb; Past Masters, J. T. Robertson, S. Smith, C. H. Miller, and R. Hood. In addition to these, there were several other Masters, Past Masters, and officers of both the Irish and Scotch Constitutions. The brethren all appeared in evening dress, and full Masonic (Craft) regalia; the officers of lodges wore the insignia of their respective offices.

The doors were opened at 5 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock they were closed. The authority of the R.W. the District Grand Master for opening the District Grand Lodge having been read, it was proposed, seconded, and carried that Bro. P.M. Toby act as Installing Master; Bro. P.M. Wise acted as Senior Warden; Bro. P.M. Susman as Junior Warden; and Bro. P.M. Clarke as Sword-Bearer.

The District Grand Lodge was then opened in form, and an announcement was made by the sound of the trumpet, by Bro. P.M. Smith, as Herald, that the R.W. the District Grand Master desired admission, to receive the benefit of installation, which having been duly reported, and his patent of appointment received and read, a deputation, consisting of Bros. P. Masters Jamieson, Scott, Davey, and Smith, the Chaplain, and four Stewards withdrew, for the purpose of introducing the Grand Master, and re-entered in the following order:—Two Stewards, bearing the Grand Master's insignia (apron, collar, and jewel) on a cushion; the four Past Masters, the Chaplain, the D. Grand Master, and two Stewards.

As the procession moved up the centre of the hall, the organ, at which Bro. H. W. Chapman presided, played a march. The D. Grand Master having been introduced by the Past Masters, was conducted to a seat on the left of the Presiding Master, and presented for installation. The Installing Officer addressed him in prescribed form on the importance of the office to which he had been appointed. He was then requested to kneel while the Chaplain offered up the installation prayer; and, still kneeling he was obligated by the Installing Officer, after which he was clothed and invested with the insignia of his office and conducted to the chair. The Herald sounded the trumpet, and Bro. P.M. Wise proclaimed the installation, and the brethren saluted the Deputy Grand Master according to ancient form, passing round the lodge, the organ playing the march from "Eli."

The Deputy Grand Master then appointed his Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. P.M. George Smith, who was obligated, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient form. The D. Grand Master appointed the other officers of the D. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. F. H. Wise, District Grand Senior Warden; L. Susman, D. Grand Junior Warden; Rev. R. D. P. Harris, D. Grand Chaplain; C. Toby, D. Grand Secretary; W. A. B. Jamieson, D. Grand Senior Deacon; C. W. Rocher, D. Grand Junior Deacon; J. A. Ferguson, D. Grand Director of Ceremonies; John Clark, D. Grand Sword-bearer; Geo. Beaumont, D. Grand Tyler; Jno. Hamilton, D. Grand Steward for Lodge 536; W. R. Davey for Lodge 611; and G. W. Fletcher for Lodge 801. Bro. W. H. Burgess, jun., was elected by the D. Grand Lodge to be the D. Grand Treasurer. All these officers, with the exception of the D.G.D.C., were severally invested with the insignia of office. Bros. Jno. Hamilton and T. M. Evans were appointed as Auditors, and the following brethren as a Committee of General Purposes, viz., the Senior and Junior D. Grand Wardens, the D. Grand Chaplain, D. Grand Treasurer, D. Grand Secretary, Senior and Junior D. Grand Deacons; G. F. Huston, W.M.; T. H. Magrath, W.M.; J. Perkins, jun., and R. Fitzgerald, Wardens of Lodge 536.

The D. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired, the processional march being repeated.

At eight o'clock there was a grand banquet in the hall, about 110 members being present, on the invitation of the D. Grand Master. Everything was prepared in splendid style, the caterer being Bro. Currie, of the Club Hotel; the wines were of really first-class quality, and highly praised. The D. Grand Master presided, supported on the right by W.M.s, and on the left by the P.M.s, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. P.M. Wise. After the removal of the cloths, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," and "His Excellency the Governor," were proposed by the Chairman, and enthusiastically received. Bro. F. H. Wise, in proposing "The Right Worshipful

District Grand Master," said: Right Worshipful Master and brethren—After some twenty-three years' active experience in Freemasonry in Tasmania, to be permitted the pleasure of witnessing such a gathering as assembled in lodge this evening to do honour to you, Worshipful Sir, was indeed truly gratifying. The toast placed in my hands at so short a notice is one that I cannot render that justice to which it deserves upon the present occasion. Upon so memorable an event I could have wished, had time been allowed me, to offer for the information of this younger brethren a short history of Freemasonry in the colony, but, as I cannot do so, I must content myself with recalling to mind a few of the events which have passed under my immediate experience. It will be in the recollection of some of our older brethren how, years back, we had to carry on the good work of Freemasonry under serious difficulties. Many will remember occasions during the last twenty years when we could scarcely gather enough members to open a lodge, and others will recollect when for a time we did not meet at all. But, thanks to the indomitable perseverance of a few brethren, who, knowing they were associated in a good cause, strove manfully to preserve our ancient and honourable institution, and to tide it over the difficulties which surrounded it, happy am I, Right Worshipful Sir, that those difficulties have been satisfactorily surmounted, and that instead of meeting few in number and in an unsuitable building, we now hold our lodges in a hall which is the admiration of our visitors, and in which our brethren can assemble in numbers with a feeling of honourable pride and comfort. (Cheers.) The Fund of Benevolence, contributed to by the lodges in this city, has done much good, and is now, owing mainly to the continued exertions of its energetic Secretary, in a most flourishing position. (Applause.) Yours, indeed, Right Worshipful Sir, must have been a pleasing duty this evening to preside over so many brethren occupying high social positions, not only in the city, but also in the northern capital and in other parts of the island. When I observe that besides the brethren who were to-night invited to your District Grand Lodge, the attendance included nearly the whole of those entitled to that distinction, I cannot but feel that you, Right Worshipful Sir, must be satisfied that the honourable position which His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master of England has been pleased to bestow has fallen upon one justly considered by his brethren worthy of precedence. The power now placed in your hands, Right Worshipful Sir, will, I feel assured, be conscientiously exercised for the general benefit of the Craft; and should differences of opinion arise amongst Masons, I believe all here present have sufficient confidence in your ability and good judgment to bow to your ruling, and cheerfully abide by your decision. In conclusion, I earnestly hope that henceforth a brighter era in Freemasonry is dawning upon us, and that those brethren who to-night have assisted in the ceremony of your installation will all combine, under your guidance, in forwarding the cause of Masonry in Tasmania. The pleasing duty is mine now, Right Worshipful Sir, of asking the brethren to unite with me in wishing you health and happiness and a long and prosperous Masonic career.

The toast was received with Masonic honours and heartily responded to.

The District Grand Master, in reply, returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the kind and considerate remarks of the proposer. He was fully sensible of the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and he trusted that he should realise the hopes that were entertained respecting his performance of the duties entrusted to him; at all events, he should endeavour to exercise the power he had for the general benefit of the Craft, and he knew that he should have the support of his brethren. He could endorse all that had been said by Bro. Wise concerning the Craft in this colony, and he trusted with him that Masonry would progress in Tasmania more than it had ever done before.

The remaining toasts were: "The Deputy D. Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Smith, D.D. G.M.; "The W.M.'s and P.M.'s of Tasmanian Lodges under the E.C.," proposed by Bro. J. T. Robertson, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Huston, W.M.; "The W.M.'s and P.M.'s under other Constitutions," proposed by the D.D. Grand Master, and responded to by Bro. J. T. Robertson, P.M., and Bro. Conway, P.M., for the Irish Constitution; "Our Visitors," proposed by Bro. F. H. Wise, and responded to by Bro. Conway, P.M.; and "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. C. W. Rocher, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Coates.

The entertainment was interspersed with songs by Bros. Dr. Smart, Ferguson, Chapman, R. J. Harris, Rogers, Moir, and others, Bro. Packer presiding at the piano; and a most enjoyable evening was closed by the company singing the National Anthem.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, S.C.

Thursday, the 22nd February, 1877, will long be remembered in the annals of Christchurch Masonry, for on the afternoon of that day the first lodge, holding under the ancient Scottish rite, established in the Canterbury capital, was consecrated to the service of the Craft. A large number of brethren assembled at the St. Augustine Lodge room, and the lodge was duly opened by Bro. Donald, District Grand Master of E.C., kindly acting as deputy for Bro. J. Hislop, the Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand, Scotch Constitution. After the opening ceremonies were concluded Bro. Donald addressed the brethren assembled in a very eloquent manner, pointing out to them the importance of the step which they were about to take in establishing a new lodge devoted to the sacred principles of Freemasonry. After the charter and dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland had been read, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with,

and the Robert Burns Lodge was opened in ample form. The following officers were then installed by the W.D.D. G.M.:—Bros. Jas. P. Parker, R.W.M.; W. M. Smith, W.D.M.; W. Ferguson, W.S.M.; L. A. Elerig, W.S.W.; J. Johnson W.J.W.; Fulton, Treas.; Spence, Sec.; R. Brown, S.D.; W. McLean, J.D.; T. J. Newbury, I.G.; R. McLean, O.G. A banquet was held in the evening. Songs, recitations and toasts were given with great spirit, and the company present seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. A large number of visiting brethren attended the opening and the banquet, and several country lodges were represented on the occasion. The only Dunedin Lodge represented was the Celtic, S.C., the representative of which offered "hearty good wishes" for the success of the Robert Burns, on behalf of the Dunedin Masons.

Reviews.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL, Edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M., P.G.D., P. Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall.

We are glad to note that this useful little work is in its seventh year of publication, and edited by our well-known and able Bro. W. J. Hughan, comes before us with every sign of vitality and utility. It contains a great deal of information in respect to the province of Cornwall, alike most valuable and needful, and we always hail its appearance, in common with many other equally serviceable Provincial Directories and Calendars. The only one addition we should venture to announce is the last "Annual Balance Sheet." It seems that there are in Cornwall twenty-seven Lodges and 1467 Masons, an average of sixty-one members per lodge. There are also nine chapters. We thank Bro. Hughan for his little work.

DAME EUROPA'S REMONSTRANCE AND HER ULTIMATUM. Kerby and Endean, 180, Oxford-street.

We have received this little brochure, which we have read with much interest, and which we see has already reached a tenth edition. Its very reasonable price of 6s. will command for it, we feel sure, a ready sale and a large circulation. At this time, when the East is once again likely to become the theatre of stirring events, and war has again loosed its angry "dogs," all that fixes an attention on that remarkable portion of the world, has its deep interest for the reflecting and the discriminating. We agree with the view of the writer of this little "piece d'occasion," whosoever that writer may be, and we sincerely trust that the result of this great struggle will tend to the pacification of Europe, and the liberty of oppressed populations. It is quite true, high time, indeed, in our humble opinion, that such atrocities as have been perpetrated in Bulgaria should be put an end to, and Europe has a right to demand that if the Turk is unable to pursue his abnormal position in Europe, for the reign of a Mahomedan victor in Europe is practically a solecism, that Christian populations shall be protected and preserved alike in safety and honour and in peaceful progress, and under good government. How far it may be true that the time has come that the Ottomans should retreat to their original country, we do not pause to enquire, nor do we profess to lay down, as the slim logic of facts, what will probably overthrow all the dispatches of diplomats and all the supposition of politicians. We do not, however, believe that the balance of power depends on the maintenance of the Turks in Europe. At the same time, we feel satisfied that the dominant interests of Great Britain in all that especially concerns the East, will be carefully watched over, and gallantly upheld, by Her Majesty's Government. We commend this little pamphlet to the notice of our readers. It is most clearly written and admirably expressed.

THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.

We greet No. 7 with much pleasure, and we sincerely trust that the *Scottish Freemason* has a long career of usefulness before it. If the Scottish brethren will accord to our zealous publisher the support he so fairly asks from them, we have no doubt but that the *Scottish Freemason* will soon "pay its way." We see many papers day by day, and we know of none that excels it in neatness of appearance and the thorough workmanlike style in which it is produced. It promises to be a very valuable and readable journal.

MASONIC MUSIC.—New Masonic Anthem. "Hail thou Source of Love." Manchester: J. S. Jones and Co., 44, Corporation-street.

Bro. J. Batchelder, W.M. of Lodge of Truth, 1458, Manchester, has issued this very effective anthem, which he has dedicated to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for E. Lancashire. We beg to call the attention of our brethren to it, for the purpose of consecration and church service, as they will find it alike most suitable and seasonable for such interesting occasions.

THE MASONIC ADVOCATE OF INDIANAPOLIS.

The *Masonic Advocate* of Indianapolis is in its eleventh volume. We wish it all success. The *Masonic Advocate* is most interesting to Masons, and we read it regularly, and "pleasure and profit" are the "mutual result."

The *Globe* states that Lord Zetland has intimated that with the sum, amounting to between £4000 and £5000, which he has received as compensation for the abolition of patronage in Orkney and Shetland, he intends to found several bursaries in connection with the Faculty of Arts in Edinburgh University. His lordship, in so disposing of the money, has in view the advancement of the educational interests of those islands, of which the intending bursars must be natives.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, May 25, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 19.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London-Bridge.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Park R. Dalston, Consecration.
Chap 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate St.
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

MONDAY, MAY 21.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Tow. Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

TUESDAY, MAY 22.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's R., St. James's
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tav., Watworth.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.

- Gen. Com. Grand Lodge.
Lodge of Benevolence.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 107, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
" 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., St. John's Wood.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MAY 24.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor Hot., S.W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
FRIDAY, MAY 25.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qutrs. Hon. Artillery, City-rd.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N. Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Encamp 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 26, 1877.

MONDAY, MAY 21.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-Buildings, Southport.
" 763, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.

TUESDAY, MAY 22.

- Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H. Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 24.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 241, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 25.

- Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
SATURDAY, MAY 26.
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.—We have received the first number of this new periodical, which is very creditably got up in style and contents. Several attempts were hitherto made to establish a Masonic periodical in Scotland, but after a short time the journal ceased to exist. Bro. George Kenning, the spirited proprietor of the London *Freemason*, has established the new paper, and there is not the slightest doubt that it will keep its place in Masonic literature, and we sincerely hope, for the honour of Scottish Freemasonry, that the brethren in Scotland will support the new journal. There are a great many Masonic irregularities which require looking after in Scotland, and the discussion of these matters will meet with greater attention if ventilated in a journal on the spot than in one at a distance.—*The Masonic Record of Western India.*

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