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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—This lodge held its last meeting for the season on Monday, the 4th inst. at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The lodge was opened pursuant to summons by the W.M., Bro. Lewis Lazarus, at 4 p.m., and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Cogswell was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. De Silva, of the Lodge of Israel, was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the Third Degree, his own lodge having adjourned till October. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, numbering 110, including several visitors, among whom were Bros. Clarke, P.P.S.W. Devon; Stutes, P.G.S.; Cohen, W.M., 205; Austin, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; and De Silva, 205, adjourned to the banquet hall, where a splendid dinner and dessert were provided. During dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and were enlivened by a vocal and instrumental concert, by Bro. P. E. Van Norden, Miss Patty Laverne, and others. Bro. E. P. Albert, P.M., P.G.P., responded for the Grand Officers; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., the president, for the Joppa Benevolent Fund; Bro. Clarke for the visitors. The brethren passed a very pleasant evening, and parted shortly before 12 o'clock.

MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).—An emergency meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Albion, on Saturday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; D. R. Still, S.W.; W. W. Medcalf, J.W.; J. J. Avery, P.G. Treas. Devon; Treas.; H. G. Bus, Asst. G. Sec., Sec.; W. Vilven, S. D.; J. Bergman, J.D.; C. Schmidt, J.G.; Shaw, Tyler; also Bros. Klotgen, Morgan, Wright, Coppard, Wells, Lewis; and visitors, Bros. W. S. Whitaker, W.M. 1572; J. Chaney, 180; J. Kimpton, 1601; C. Daubert, 238. Lodge was opened at 2.30. Bro. Klotgen was raised by the W.M., and Bros. Morgan, Wright, Coppard, Lewis, and Wells were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Parkyns, Knott, Warden, Alpeter, and Nelson, which proved unanimous in their favour, and Messrs. Warden, Alpeter, and Nelson being in attendance, were each severally initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite. Lodge closed at 5.30 in due form. The brethren were afterwards refreshed by a capital collation provided by Bro. Jennings. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. Buss replying for the Grand Officers, the healths of the "Initiates," "W.M.," "Visitors," "Officers," and Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. During the evening some excellent songs and instrumental music were given by Bros. Bergmann (who presided at the pianoforte), Morgan, Avery, Medcalf, Whitaker, Warden, &c.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Bro. R. Taylor, W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Melrose and Johnson having given proofs of their proficiency, the former was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and the latter passed to the Degree of F.C., the working in both being gone through by the W.M. It was resolved that the festival of St John be held on the 28th inst., at the house of Bro. Hartley, the North Western Hotel, Morecambe. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—The festival of St. John the Baptist, in connection with this lodge, was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maryport, when Bro. Thos. Carey, S.W., W.M. elect., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M., Bro. T. Mandle, opened the lodge about four o'clock, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. T. Carey, S.W.; T. Moore, J.W.; J. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Robinson, Secretary; J. Smith, Organist, P.P.G. Org.; J. Fulton, S.D.; G. Goodhall, J.D.; E. G. Mitchell, I.G.; and Harris, Tyler; and a goodly number of other members of the lodge, including Bros. J. R. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. Adair, P.M.; J. Walters, P.M.; &c. The visiting brethren also mustered in strong force from Whitehaven, Harrington, Workington, Cocker-mouth, Carlisle,

and Wigton, amongst whom we noticed Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Secretary; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer 1002, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1532, P.P.G. S.B.; W. Alsop, W.M. 119, P.P.G. Pour.; E. Atter, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Pour.; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 692, P.G. Supt. Works; J. Young, P.M. 1400; P. de E. Collin, W.M. 962, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist 1002; W. H. Hoodless, P.M. 327; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. and Secretary 1002 (*Freemason*); &c. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Kenworthy took the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Carey, the W.M. elect, was presented and obligated, subsequently also being duly installed into the chair, in a Board of Installed Masters numbering no fewer than twenty. The ceremony, we may add, was as usual performed by Bro. Kenworthy in his usual impressive and workmanlike style, ably assisted by Bro. Gibson, the Provincial Grand Secretary. The newly installed W.M. subsequently appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, S.W.; J. Fulton, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer; E. G. Mitchell, Secretary; John Elliot, S.D.; Stoddart, J.D.; J. Smith, Organist; G. Goodhall, I.G.; R. Hetherington, D.C.; Milburn and Waite, Stewards; and Harris, Tyler. With respect to the Treasurer, however, it should be mentioned that Bro. Nicholson has held that important office for a number of years, and on the present occasion wished to shirk his responsibilities, in fact, objected to that part of the minutes referring to his re-election, by reason of his not being present when proposed. He also stoutly refused to come forward for investment; but happily, his brethren would not be denied, and so the old veteran felt at last bound to relent, and he was invested with much acceptance as a matter of course. Hearty good wishes having been tendered from Lodges 119, 327, 872, 962, 1002, 1400, and 1532, the lodge was closed in form. An adjournment then took place, in order to prepare for the banquet, which was provided and served in the lodge room, with much taste, by Bro. Fletcher, of the Freemasons' Arms, Maryport. Bro. Carey, W.M., presided, faced by the two Wardens, Bros. Robinson and Fulton, and a couple of hours were harmoniously spent, though the proceedings were necessarily curtailed, in consequence of the near departure of the last trains north and south. The conventional list of toasts was gone through, and the only item we have room for is embodied in the remarks of Bro. Gibson, the Provincial Grand Secretary, in proposing "The Health of the Earl of Bective," M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland. Therein Bro. Gibson forcibly alluded to the dull routine into which he feared the whole of the province had fallen. Members went to lodge night after night to hear nothing but the ceremony of initiation, passing, or raising, and beyond this they knew absolutely nothing of Masonry. This he characterised as the "dry bones of Masonry," and the only way to effect a revival was to adopt and encourage the working of the sections and lectures. These remarks were well received by all present, and we trust that the initiative will at once be taken by the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of every lodge in the united Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland. Apropos of the above, our correspondent hints that the whole mystery is explained in the almost total absence of regular lodges of instruction throughout the two counties, as, although there are now twenty lodges in the province, only two are actually registered as lodges of instruction. He thinks that if each lodge registered itself as a lodge of instruction, and appointed a Preceptor, twelve months would work wonders, and a great aid to proficiency and uniformity would likewise be provided in the interchange of visits by the Preceptors of each lodge.

CHESHUNT.—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, under the presidency of Bro. John Grocott, Prov. G.S.W., the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bro. Etherington, S.W., W.M. elect, and Bro. E. G. Pottle, J.W., P.G.S.B. The ceremony of passing Bro. Johnson to the Second Degree having been completed by the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. W. E. Gompertz, P.P.G.P., and a numerous Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Etherington was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The lodge having been called for three o'clock, the short time at the disposal of the Installing Master did not permit of much elaboration, and this beautiful ceremony was therefore shorn of much of its beauty, a circumstance much to be regretted, particularly in the hands of so capable a worker as our Bro. Gompertz. The shortcomings in the lodge were fully compensated at the banquet table, around which sat, as visitors, Bros. F. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; George Bilby, P.M. 185; George Mickley, P.M. 449, P.P.G.D. Herts; G. Levick, P.M. 1227; George Phythian, S.W. 22; W. J. Walsham, 1491; and H. W. Gompertz, J.W. 1364, and who, in response to the toast of "The Visitors," one and all expressed the gratification they felt at their visit to the Gresham, which, from the historical associations of their lodge room, may be termed unique. Bro. Binckes, in responding for "The Charities," spoke of the great pleasure he had in revisiting the lodge after an absence of nine years, and said, although he missed many old faces from the festive board, he felt very great pleasure in seeing so many earnest Masons still in connection with it, and wound up by strongly urging the brethren to give a hearty support to them all. The brethren appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Pottle, S.W.; Chapman, J.W.; Perry, S.D.; Cheese, J.D.; Mayo, Chaplain; Copstick, Treas.; Gompertz, jun., I.G.; Discon, Org.; Benard and Holland, Stewards.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge, (No. 913).—The last monthly meeting of the above lodge, which was held at Bro. Tucker's, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, was honoured by the presence of Bro. Eastes, the Deputy

Grand Master for Kent, and the Rev. Bro. Hill, P.G. Chap. for Kent; Bro. C. Coupland, P.G.J. Warden, who is a P.M. of the lodge, was also present, as well as the following, who were among the brethren and visitors:—G. Tapp, W.M. 706; F. Pownall, W.M. 13, and P.M. 1536; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; A. Le Feaux, P.M. 30; J. F. Croisdale, P.M. 706; J. Griffin, P.M. 933; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; A. Woodley, J.W. 700; D. Deeves, 1536; E. Sweeney, 706; H. Carlin, 1536; G. H. Masters, 13; W. Bidgood, 700; G. W. Hill, 700; C. Jolly (*Freemason*), 913, and others. Bro. W. T. Vincent, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers—Past Masters Tongue, P.P.J.W.; Kent Ellis, McDougall, Penfold, I.P.M.; H. Butter, S.W.; T. D. Hayes, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; E. Denton, Sec. and P.M. and P.P.G.P. Kent; C. Cooke, Organist; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Chapman, J.D.; R. J. Cook, I.G.; H. Mason, D.C.; and R. Lester, Tyler. On account of the death, recently announced in the *Freemason*, of Bro. F. Pattison, late P.G.W. England, who was the patron of the lodge, the whole of the lodge was dressed in deep mourning, the walls were hung with black cloth, and the hatchment of the deceased hung over the W.M.'s chair. Upon the arrival of Bro. Eastes the brethren rose and saluted him with the honours of "five," and he took his seat immediately on the right of the Master. The only degree worked was the Third (Bro. Haslett receiving the benefit of it), which was most impressively done by Bro. Vincent; the fine harmonium, under the hands of Bro. Cooke, and the heavy funeral appearance of the lodge, produced an effect at once solemn and effective. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose to address the brethren upon the death of our beloved Bro. Pattison. He said they had met that day under the most solemn circumstances, to mourn the loss of one whom they revered as the father of the lodge, the distinguished Mason whose name they hoped to hold and perpetuate as long as the Pattison Lodge endured, one who was not only a Mason himself for forty years, but whose father was a zealous member of the Craft before him. When, fifteen years ago, it was decided to found a lodge of Freemasons at Plumstead, its founders were not long in discovering that the chief representative of the Pattison estate was a distinguished Mason, and hence the name, which at once stamped its locality, and gave it an immediate introduction to the Craft at large, to whom the name of Pattison is as familiar as "household words." He need hardly tell them that their late brother was a Grand Warden of England. Many of them who had seen him in his seat of honour at Grand Lodge had been proud to see one of their lodge so exalted among the chiefs of their noble Order. In the name of the lodge he thanked the many brethren who had come to join their regrets with them; especially he thanked the Deputy Grand Master of their Province, and their Grand Chaplain (who if they had sought their pleasure might have found a more festive occasion), for lending their honoured presence. Their Bro. Eastes, whose name was honoured and revered amongst them, and was never omitted from their gathering, had come many miles to be with them that day, and Bro. Hill, whom they knew so well, could never pay them a visit without sacrificing some two days of his valuable time. He hoped, as there would be no festive gathering that night, that before they closed their Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, in whom they practically recognised the working centre of the province, would tell them something of Masonry in that part, and he would also ask Bro. Hill, who he had reasons to know was as well beloved throughout the province as he was here, to address a few words to them befitting the occasion. In conclusion, he moved that the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of their distinguished Brother Frederick Pattison, Past Grand Warden of England, P.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, and a member of this lodge from its foundation. In the worthy character of their late Brother, his estimable charity, his warm hearted and generous friendship, and his constant walk in the undeviating line of rectitude, the members of this lodge recognise the personification of the genuine principles of Freemasonry, and a bright example for their imitation. They therefore place on the minutes of the lodge this expression of their respect and sorrow, and direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of their late Brother F. Pattison in token of their sincere and earnest sympathy in the loss they have sustained. At the request of the W.M., the Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chaplain, and vicar of Throwly, Kent, then addressed the brethren, and commenced by remarking that there were times in every man's life when he would gladly maintain silence, and, like Aaron of old on the decease of his sons, "lay his hand on his lip, and lock up his strength." The proceedings of the evening seemed singularly to move to this—the mourning attire assumed; the strains of sad music poured forth, what they had just witnessed in the raising of one from a figurative death to a companionship with them in their toil; the emblems of mortality presented to their sight, conspired to produce a craving for quiet meditation, and to ponder on one's own inevitable destiny; but as he knew it would be a breach of duty to yield to that silence, he would speak. This was a sad day of mourning, as they all felt. They had sustained a serious loss. A "cedar of Lebanon" had fallen and lay prostrate. The sympathy of the departed founder of the Pattison Lodge and his valued counsel could henceforth be no more elicited. With good reason they had felt quite incapable of offering their wonted hospitality. In sorrow nature withdrew the appetite for food, and that night they would share only the "bread and water of affliction." And yet, possibly by this, the mind might the better flourish. From their fasting good might arise in the soul. They might better remember lessons concerning the mutability of all earthly things, and of the need of a personal preparation for death. The depart-

ture of their lamented brother suggested solemn thoughts of the closing in of their own earthly day. That as Adam, their great ancestor, lived 930 years and then died; and Methusaleh for the long period of 969 years; and our ancient master, Moses, with an eye undimmed by age, and with natural fire unabated, succumbed on the height of "Nebo's lovely mountain," at the age of 120 years, so we must depart after the fulfilment of the brief space of three score years and ten, and less than that in the use of many then present. The distinguished founder of the gorgeous temple at Jerusalem, the royal Solomon, King of Israel, whose wisdom is to this day so highly admired, and whose pre-eminence is acknowledged in the person of the chief of this lodge he who stood pre-eminent for his proverbs, and was gifted as a naturalist and a botanist, "who spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon, even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the walls, and spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes," he has left us words—inspired words—which may well receive the thoughtful attention of the assembled mourners. "It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to his heart." Evidently this great teacher intimated in these words that rejoicing on suitable occasion was not unbecoming the most gifted and prudent; yet the suggestion seemed to convey also, that such scenes are fraught with danger. "The feast of reason and the flow of soul" might be allowed the association of friend with friend was lawful, if attended by prudence and temperance; but because too many men were easily allured by the passing present, and so forget the future, he declared that better results would arise from visiting the mourners in their grief, and alleviating their sorrows, than attending a sumptuous banquet in a great man's palace. A constant round of festivity was a mode of living most unfavourable to reflection. The calls of religion found but a poor response with the self-indulgent, while the sight of the broken-up family suggested good thoughts of the vanity of earth, a wish for a better state, and led men to ponder the solemn declaration of the sacred law as to the result of a holy life, or its opposite, and such language is the following.—"Hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The Rev. Chaplain then proceeded to exhort the brethren to the fulfilment of their duty to God, and to their neighbour; inviting them to follow the footsteps of the faithful departed; confiding that at death their faith and patience would not be forgotten. "The bright and morning star" would dispel the shadow of the tomb, and raise his loved ones to permanent mansions in heaven. To this consummation, as to a day without a cloud, he encouraged the brethren to look, and so amid separation, and change, and decay, be kept calm and confiding, and steadily progressing in every good word and work. The whole of the rev. brother's discourse was breathlessly listened to, and at its conclusion the applause was both hearty and spontaneous. The resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Coupland, was then put and carried unanimously. The D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, then in the course of an eloquent address expressed his thanks for the kind and cordial greeting extended to him, and regretted not having been able to visit the Pattison Lodge before; but during the three years he had held that office he had had so many calls upon him, that he felt sure they would excuse him for not having done so. He was well aware of the importance of the Pattison Lodge, not only on account of its numbers, but by the position held by so many of its members, past and present, in the high offices of the province. He then gave a few statistics showing what had been done in the cause of benevolence in the province, which, however, we will not anticipate, as they will be fully shown at the approaching Grand Lodge gathering at Erith, on the 4th of July. He then, after a splendid eulogium on the merits of Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, proceeded to say that the Pattison and the United Military Lodges were two of the largest in the province. Last year he had the honour of recommending one of the members of this lodge, Bro. C. Coupland, for the office of P.G.J.D., and by his energy and ability it had been matter of congratulation among the whole of the officers that he had accepted that office. Their Grand Master had, too, looked at the position taken in the province by the United Military Lodge, and had determined to give its first and respected W.M., Bro. F. G. Pownall, the position of a P.G. Supt. of Works. He had been greatly impressed by the manner in which the beautiful ceremony had been worked by their worthy W.M.; it was excellently done, and reflected great credit upon both him and the lodge. He had been deeply touched by the eloquence of Bro. Hill; it was worthy of him and the solemn occasion that had called it forth. After feelingly referring to the great loss, both to the lodge and the Craft in general, by the decease of Bro. Pattison, he concluded a brilliant address by trusting soon to have the honour of being with them on a more happy and auspicious occasion. It was then proposed and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks should be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge to Bros. Eastes and Hill for their attendance that evening, and Bro. Hill returned thanks. Bro. Eastes then withdrew, amid rounds of cheering, our esteemed brother evidently feeling the warmth of the brethren's good wishes. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. S. Butter, S.W., was unanimously chosen. Bro. A. Jessup, who has well and worthily held the position of Treasurer for many years, was then re-elected, and Bro. R. Lester as Tyler. Bro. Penfold, I.P.M., then proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to the W.M., as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and to mark their opinion of

the able manner in which he had during his year of office carried out the duties of that position. After the W.M. had returned thanks, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren dispersed their respective ways, there being no social board under the circumstances above mentioned.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard's Gate, on the 4th inst. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Jackson, presided, but there was only a small muster of members present. The lodge having been opened with the formalities of the Craft, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Bradshaw having given proficiency as a F.C., was entrusted and retired, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree he was re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. The usual proclamations were made, and the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—An emergency meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Bro. E. West's house, the Three Crowns, for the purpose of getting through with some pressing work that had been lately accumulating on the hands of the worthy and respected Master, Bro. W. Steele, who presided, assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. Ives, I.P.M.; E. W., P.M., and P.M. 1076, P.P.G. Officer Herts, &c., &c.; A. J. Manning, S.W.; W. T. Turner, J.W.; T. Geller, Treas.; N. Stanford, S.D.; J. Plume, J.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; W. J. Vance, I.G.; E. Davis, Steward. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; Treadwell, 1076; S. Carter, 13; C. Jolly (*Freemason*), 913, and others. The work before the lodge consisted of raising Bros. Lloyd, Fenn, and Beasley; passing Bros. Turner, Jones, and A. Plume, and the initiation of Mr. J. Fairbairn, the whole of the ceremonies being admirably worked by the W.M. The historical portion of the Third Degree was eloquently rendered, and the whole of the working was most excellent. After the lodge was closed a committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the summer banquet, and then the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, where a cold collation awaited them. On re-assembling, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Ives, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," called the attention of the brethren to the manner in which their W.M. sought by every means in his power to make a name for the lodge for its good work done among the lodges of the district. In the arduous duties of that evening their hearts were with him, and they were proud of such able and perfect Masonic work. Bro. Steele assured them, in response, that he felt highly gratified to hear their hearty reception of the eulogy passed upon him by Bro. Ives. He believed he had been successful up to the present in fulfilling the expectations formed of him when their united votes placed him in that chair. He knew that much was expected of him, and he had tried hard to come up to their standard of excellence, and by their acclamations he felt that at least he had not lost their confidence. He trusted they would soon be in a position to have funds enough to have a good lodge of instruction, and they might at all times depend upon his assistance and support. "The Initiate" was then toasted, and returned thanks. "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Gaskill and Jolly severally replied. In returning thanks for "The Past Masters," Bro. Ives, in eloquent terms, advocated the cause of charity, not only that charity that consists in giving money, although that was of the first import, but that beautiful charity that shows itself in kindness and brotherly love. They might give money to a man and not be thanked, because of the way it was given, but the smallest trifle, if given with sympathy and a "kind word" was more precious than "gold without love." He trusted every brother would not only be brothers inside that lodge, but would carry the divine principle of their noble Order with them into their everyday life, and the beautiful "charity of Christianity" would adorn and beautify that Masonic charity they were taught to love and practise. The toast of "The Officers" concluded the pleasures of the evening, which were much enhanced by the excellent singing of Bro. Plume and others.

TEDDINGTON.—Felix Lodge (No. 1494).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Teddington, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Bro. Francis Bradley Archer, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. G. Moore, P.M., S.W.; T. S. Archer, J.W.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M., P.G. Stwdr, Treas.; Ed. B. Grabham, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Middx., Sec.; E. A. Woolley, S.D.; H. R. M. Belward, I.G.; Geo. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.D. Somerset, D.C. Visitors: R.W. Bro Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middx.; Bros. A. H. Lilley, P.M. 12; T. L. Fox, P.M. 19; Dr. Wm. O'Connor, P.M. 28; J. B. Sorrell, P.M. 176; F. Rath, P.M. 534; S. Carey, 901, and many others. The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Mr. Henry Geo. Bevington and Mr. W. Rose, F.R.C.S., were balloted for and duly initiated by the W.M., after which Bro. W.G. Moore, P.M., was presented for installation, the ceremony being exceedingly well rendered by Bro. Knyvett, P.M. The W.M. appointed his officers, Bros. F. B. Archer, I.P.M.; T. S. Archer, S.W.; Woolley, J.W.; Knyvett, P.M., P.G. Steward, Treas.; E. B. Grabham, P.M., P.S.G.W. Middx., Sec.; Kingsmill, S.D.; Belward, J.D.; Sadler, I.G.; Geo. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, "The Health of Bro. Col. Burdett" was drunk with much enthusiasm, who, in responding to the toast, expressed his satisfaction with all that he had seen of the working of the lodge, and announced his intention of paying another visit on the completion of the new lodge-room. Bro. Archer, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," gracefully alluded to the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Moore had filled all the offices in the lodge, and predicted

for him a very happy year of office. The W.M., in responding to the toast, said he felt sure from the exceedingly kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the hearty response given to it by the brethren, that his year of office would be to him a labour of love, and in emulating the good example of his predecessor he hoped to retire from the chair retaining the good opinion of all the members. He had now a very pleasing duty to discharge, and that was to present to Bro. F. B. Archer a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the lodge during the past year and as a slight mark of the high esteem in which he is held by every member. The past year had been a very prosperous one for the lodge, and this is in no slight degree due to Bro. Archer, whose year of office has been a very arduous one. The toast was very warmly received. Bro. Archer suitably acknowledged the toast, which had been so feelingly proposed by the W.M.; the jewel which had been presented to him that evening would always remind him of the kind way in which his services had been received by the lodge, and his endeavours would always be for its continued prosperity. Bro. A. H. Lilley, P.M. 12, responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. T. S. Archer, S.W., for "The Officers of the Lodge." The Tyler's toast then brought the evening to a close, and most of the brethren returned to town, after the enjoyment of an exceedingly pleasant meeting.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The last monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Monday evening, the 21st May, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was very largely attended, and the whole of the evening's proceedings were marked by an unanimity and efficiency which could hardly have been excelled. Bro. Maurice Hart, the W.M., occupied his place in the E., and he was ably supported by Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; A. Jones, S.W.; S. Schonstadt, J.W.; Rev. Professor Prag, Chaplain; Isaac de Frece, Treasurer; B. Levy, Sec.; Rev. H. D. Marks, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Julius Franks, W.M. 203; M. H. Edwards, A. Rabow, M. T. Tueski, T. Saber, H. T. Wright, B. Woolf, A. Hart, H. Henochsberg, S. Levy, D. Gabrielson, H. Geldhard, W. Levy, H. Burnett, M. Aronsberg, M. Parkes, D. Isaacs, J. Simmons, S. Jacobs, A. M. Lyons, G. J. Somers, A. Liebschutz, A. Cohen, J. E. Davidson, &c. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Peet, S.W. 241; A. Cotter, W.M. 1264; J. W. Newman, 220; T. J. Harris, 1264; and W. Aronsberg, 1055. After the transaction of some routine business, one candidate was initiated and two brethren passed to the Degree of F.C., and the almost perfect style in which the W.M. (Bro. M. Hart) performed the ceremony (in which there were displayed all the weight of impressiveness and graceful delivery so essential in the working) elicited the universal admiration and commendation of all the brethren. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., who responded for the P.G. Lodge Officers, paid a high compliment to the superior working shown by the W.M. and his officers.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's fine hall, on Anglesea-hill. As it was the occasion of the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, more than ordinary interest was attached to it, and there was a good assembly both of the brethren and visitors present. Out of respect for its neighbour, the Pattison Lodge, whose founder and patron, Bro. F. Pattison, P.G. Warden of England, has just died, the lodge was in full mourning. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.G.J.W. Kent; W. T. Vincent, W.M. 913; J. Henderson, P.M. 13, &c.; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, &c.; S. Wilkinson, 948; F. Butterworth, 1604; J. Burnett, 1604; W. Pean, 1604; T. Davie, 87; A. Upperton, 913; G. Beaver, 700; E. Palmer, 913; J. Wilkins, 700; H. Tucker, 913; E. W. Crews, 13; T. Carter, 13; W. Cobb, 700; D. Capon, 613; W. McCoy, 700; and C. Jolly, (*Freemason*), 313. The officers present were Bro. W. Weston, W.M.; F. G. Pownall, I.P.M., and W.M. 13; R. Croisdale, P.M., and P.M. 706; G. Spinks, S.W., and W.M. elect; H. G. Picken, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; H. Shaw, S.D.; J. McCaffery, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; Wilding and Wright, Stewards; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, the Three Degrees were splendidly worked by the W.M., and then Bro. Spinks, S.W., was almost unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Murphy Treasurer, and Bro. Lackland Tyler. After those brethren had returned thanks, a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was unanimously voted to Bro. Weston, for his ability in the chair, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Pownall proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that twelve months had now elapsed since Bro. Weston took the chair, and there was not one member of the lodge who could not look back with pleasure to that time. For himself, he could safely say that no one could have been more anxious for the welfare of the lodge, or worked harder for its prosperity than Bro. Weston had. He sincerely trusted that he might long be spared to them, still to do in the future as he had done in the past, and he could assure him, that when he left that chair there would go with him the "hearty good wishes" of not only every brother of the lodge, but of the district. Bro. Weston, in reply, said for the last time he thanked them for their kind expressions. He thanked Bro. Pownall, who in his position of I.P.M. had been of most incalculable service to him in carrying out the duties of the chair. To his brother Wardens he

returned thanks for their good and loyal service to him, both here and at Grand Lodge. To his brother Deacons he gave his warmest thanks, and well might the lodge be proud of them, for many visitors had spoken to him with especial commendation of the earnest and excellent manner in which they had performed their duties. To the whole of the brethren he returned thanks for their universal kindness and courtesy to him, and while he felt conscious that he had done his duty, he hoped to their satisfaction, he should ever look back to the time when their help and sympathy had made those duties a work of love and pleasure. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid great cheering. The visitors were next honoured, and Bros. Vincent, Woodley, Davis, Butterworth, and Saville responded severally. The W.M. elect feelingly replied to a warm reception of his name. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was well received, and Bro. Pownall responded, saying he held it a great privilege to be a Past Master, and some of the most treasured memories of his life would be associated with his Immediate Past Mastership of the United Military Lodge. He felt pleased and gratified to hear their W.M. say that his humble assistance had been of service, and he could assure them that, such as they were, they were at the service of any one in the lodge who might require them, and Bro. Spinks might at any time rely on him in carrying out the important duties to which he had just been called. After a graceful compliment to P.M. Bro. Croisdale, who had retired, he concluded a brilliant speech by assuring them of his affectionate esteem and regard. "The Officers" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. J. McCaffery, who replied, as well as did Bro. Wright, and then, after Bro. Jolly had replied to a high eulogy from the W.M. for his services since the foundation of the lodge, in reporting its doings faithfully and truly in the *Freemason*, the Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The second regular meeting of this summer lodge passed off with the usual success on the 2nd ult., Bro. J. W. Garrod, W.M., presiding, assisted by the officers, Bro. Helsdon, I.P.M., and a good muster of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. Smith and Thompson, of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, both of whom were proposed as joining members for next meeting. The lodge was opened by W.M. at 4.20. The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed the ballot was then taken in favour of Bro. C. W. Hunt, No. 1425, as joining member, and proved unanimous. The election followed of W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted as expected in favour of Bro. Vincent, S.W., that of Treasurer being equally unanimous for re-election of Bro. Dr. Rogers. Bro. Middleton was again reappointed Tyler. Several brethren were then selected on the Audit Committee to meet prior to the installation in July. This was the first occasion of the lodge meeting on Wednesday, permission having been obtained since last meeting for that day in future. On the W.M. making the usual inquiries, Mr. W. F. Middleton and Mr. E. F. de Pontchalon were proposed as initiates. Much regret was also expressed at the unavoidable retirement of Bro. Patterson, S.D. A communication in favour of a testimonial to the Prov. G.M. was favourably supported, and will be again brought forward at the next meeting. The usual Past Master's jewel was then voted to the retiring Master, and after the I.P.M., to the great interest of the brethren, had very ably worked the Second Section of the Second Lecture, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 5.30. The usual banquet followed, and the brethren dispersed at 9 p.m.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The annual festival of St. John and installation of W.M. was celebrated by the brethren of the Morecambe Lodge on Friday afternoon, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall in Edward-street. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, including also a number of the Craft from Lancaster, among the latter being, Bros. James Hatch, E. Simpson, Jno. Hatch, T. Atkinson, H. Longman, R. Taylor, J. Jowitt, W. H. Bagnall, F. G. Dale, J. T. Jackson, &c.; Mawson and Brewer (Bradford), &c. The chair at the opening was occupied by Bro. Capt. Garnett, the retiring W.M., who went through the preliminary business of the lodge. The chair was then vacated, when it was occupied by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.C.S.B. of E., who officiated as installing officer, and in a very effective and impressive manner went through the ceremony of installing Bro. William Duff as Worshipful Master of the lodge, delivering also the charge to the Master. The Master then proceeded to elect his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Longmire, S.W.; W. Longmire, J.W.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; R. Stansfeld, S.D.; W. W. Wiede, J.D.; R. Bannister, I.G.; A. E. Poole, S.S.; and G. Bingham, J.S. The charge to the Wardens was given by Bro. Longman, and that to the brethren by Bro. Jno. Hatch. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Moore for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and also to Bro. Garnett for the urbanity and courtesy with which he had filled the office of Master during the past twelve months, both votes being ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the West View Hotel, and sat down to an excellent dinner under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and in the course of the evening Bro. Garnett, I.P.M., was presented by the W.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. C. H. Garnett, I.P.M., by the brethren of the Morecambe Lodge, June 1st, 1877."—Bro. Garnett, in acknowledging the gift, said he was completely taken by surprise, and the jewel would ever hold a place in his estimation equal to his love for the Morecambe Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this exceedingly popular

lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. J. Bell, W.M., presided, and the officers present were Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; J. W. Chapman, S.W.; L. Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; W. Sandbrook, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; A. Collinson, S.; J. Pyer, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. Leslie, F. Emery, F. Wilkinson, Levy, Ray, Durden, Whittle, Savage, Squire, Buck, Williams, Keet, Ballard, Avan, Cotton, and others. The visitors were Bros. R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; C. Heywood, 186; and J. Burfield, 220. Mr. Thomas S. Bailey was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order; and Bros. Bowden and Durden were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, the work being most efficiently performed by the W.M., assisted by his Wardens. Bro. Dr. Henry Yates Pitts was unanimously elected a joining member. The following motion, proposed by Bro. Sandbrook, J.D., and seconded by Bro. Ray, was unanimously agreed to:—"That the joining fee for non-professional brethren be raised from £2 2s. to £4 4s. od., the joining fee for professional brethren (those connected with the dramatic, musical, and literary professions) to remain as at present." After one or two propositions for initiation, the brethren adjourned to banquet, over which the W.M. presided. A pleasant evening was spent, several first-rate songs and recitations being given by Bros. C. Heywood, J. Burfield, L. Courtenay, H. Leslie, W. Hildyard, and others.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this recently constituted lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Monday, the 4th inst., and notwithstanding the almost tropical heat of the weather it was numerously attended. When the founders petitioned the R.W.P.G.M. to recommend to G.L. that a lodge should be constituted in this particular locality, it was urged that it would only be supplying a want that was greatly needed, and that it would be a sure success. This favourable augury has been fully realised by the great number of local gentlemen who have joined the "Wolsey." Under certain conditions the number of bona fide subscribing members is limited to thirty, and in consequence of the W.M.'s zeal and energy in allowing so many emergency meetings to be called, for the purpose of meeting the wishes of many residents anxious to receive Masonic "light," that stipulated number of members is almost complete. There were present on the 4th inst. Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. elect of 1512; Hon. I.P.M. Bentley, P.M. 193, acting S.W. in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Sharp, P.M. 84; J. Hurst, W.M. 1512, J.D., acting J.W.; Honeywell, P.M.; Dobbie, Organist; T. W. Ockenden, I.G. 1512, Secretary; Marvin, D.C.; Scott, W.S. Bro. Pickering, P.M. 30, was a visitor. The ballot having been taken and declared unanimous, Messrs. J. H. Duffell and A. Elphick were duly initiated. The ceremony of passing Bros. Masters, Malcolm, and Piller to the Second Degree was then performed, and the labours of the evening were brought to a close by the raising of Bros. Taylor, Pinto, and Forge to the degree of M.M. The W.M. as usual conducted the whole of the ceremonies most ably and impressively. The lodge was closed at ten, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—An emergency meeting of this most prosperous and flourishing chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on the second Thursday in May. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. W. Baldwin, M.E.Z. F. Walters, P.P. 1st A.S.G. S. Middx., P.Z., as H.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.Z., as J.; W. Smeed, P.Z. The following companions were then admitted: M. D. Loewenstark, S.N.; B. Isaacs, P.S.; J. H. Spencer, J. H. Swasey, L. Samuel, W. Dunham, T. W. Adams, and others. Strange to say, there were not any visitors. The ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Henry Moore, 1326, and James Moore, 1326. Comp. William Smeed, acting as the M.E.Z., exalted Bros. Barney, Lamb and H. Moore into Royal Arch Freemasonry, the other officers being well posted in their duties, which rendered able assistance to the good, correct, and excellent working of the acting M.E.Z. Business ended the chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 18th October, at six o'clock p.m. Banquet and dessert followed, songs, glees, and recitations were given. The usual toasts were gone through. The members separated, well pleased with a delightful evening's reunion, which had been so agreeably spent. Apologies were received for the absence of Comp. John Mason, H., caused through illness, also for Comp. James Cattley Mason, J., who was out of town.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The annual installation meeting of the companions of this chapter, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 17th ult., was very numerously attended. The chapter was opened at five o'clock by Comps. H. Pearson, Z.; P. B. Gee, H.; and J. E. Jackson, J. The others present were Comps. John Ellis, S.N.; Thos. Ocleshaw, S.E.; Joseph Healing, P.Z.; Wm. Doyle, P.Z.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.Z.; Peter Ball, Janitor; James Black, Robert Black, Thomas Mason, Alexander Cotter, Walter Nelson, C. Fothergill, John Dixon, C. J. Jones, Peter Robbie, J. M. Creak, G. W. Webster, W. Fish, Robert Carter, J. H. Gregory, Joseph Hughes, Henry Firth, W. C. Webb, W. P. Jennings, W. G. Veal, G. S. Willings, and others. The visitors were Comps. Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., P.Z. 216; Thos. Clark, P.Z. 673; Jas. T. Callow, P.P.G.St.B., P.Z. 673; Thomas Evans, P.G.S.B., Z. 203; R. R. Martin, P.Z. 1094; John

Jones, P.Z. 203, Z. 1393; Thos. Shaw, H. 823; James Kelly, 673; G. Musker, 673; J. G. Parker, 605. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after the companions had retired Comp. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.S.E., P.Z., proceeded to instal Comps. P. B. Gee, as Z.; J. E. Jackson, as H.; and T. Ocleshaw, as J.; the work of installation being performed in a remarkably efficient manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following as his officers: Comps. Joseph Wood (*Freemason*), as Treas. (for the eighth time); John Ellis, S.E.; Henry Firth, S.N.; A. Cotter, P.S.; and Peter Ball, Janitor. Bro. Thomas Hunt, of 1182, and Bro. Thomas Walton, of 1264, were duly exalted to the Sublime Degree in an impressive manner by the Principals. Before the chapter was closed a splendid P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Pearson, I.P.Z., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by all the members of the chapter. A first class banquet was provided by Comp. Ball, and a pleasant evening was spent.

JERSEY.—Cesaree Chapter (No. 590).—The anniversary convocation of the chapter was held on Thursday, June 14th, at the Masonic Temple. The chapter was opened by Comp. Ph. W. Binet, Z.; supported by Comps. Jos. O'Flaherty, H.; G. J. Renouf, P.Z., as J.; A. Schmitt, P.Z., P.G.S.E., E.; J. Oatley, P.Z.; A. Viel, P.Z.; W. H. Chapman, N., and others. Among the visitors were Comps. R. Barrow, P.Z. 491; J. O. Le Sœur, J. 491; Dr. W. J. Aubin, P.S. 491; G. F. Baker, 491; F. P. Le Marquand, 491; E. Rivington, 491; J. Huelin, 244, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes Comp. A. Schmitt proceeded to instal, with all the forms proper to the occasion, the following companions to their respective offices, they having been duly elected, viz., Joseph O'Flaherty, First Prin.; A. Viel, Second Prin.; G. J. Renouf, Third Prin.; A. Gallichan, N.; Jos. Pallot, P.S.; J. Durell, P.Z., Treas.; George Rand, Asst. Soj.; and G. Rogers, Jan. Agreeably with his notice of motion, the S.E. proposed, seconded by Comp. J. Oatley and others—"That Comp. Constable be elected an hon. member of the chapter, for his spontaneous, generous, and benevolent services rendered to the Province of Jersey." The mover briefly stated the nature of his helping hand so fraternally extended to Jersey Craft, its fruits being generally known to and appreciated by every member in the Province. The proposition being put was carried by cordial acclamation. Several matters of local importance having been disposed of, the chapter was closed in love and perfect harmony, and the companions partook of a supper provided in the banqueting room, and when the usual introductory toasts had been duly honoured, the S.E. proposed "The Health of our highly esteemed and distinguished Hon. Members, Dr. H. Hopkins (Bath), W. James Hughan (Truro), and James Constable," which was warmly and enthusiastically received. The other toasts having been suitably acknowledged, the companions separated with most fraternal love and good feeling towards each other, highly pleased with the evening's proceedings.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this new chapter was held at the "Island" Hotel on Saturday, the 12th inst., to consider a notice of motion that the Chapter should be removed from the "Kings Arms" Hotel, Hampton Court, to the above mentioned place. There were present Comps. Sabine, M.E.Z.; Moss, P.Z., acting H.; Baldwin, M.E.Z. Lebanon, acting J.; Faulkner, acting S.N.; Dubois, acting S.E.; Walls, P.S. 185, acting P.S.; Johnson, acting first A.S.; W. Hammond, P.Z., D.C.; Gilbert, Janitor. The subject of the removal of the chapter having been fully ventilated, it was unanimously resolved that it should be forthwith carried out. The convocation having been adjourned until the second Saturday in the ensuing July, the companions partook of a well served collation. The customary preliminary toasts having been fully done justice to, "The Health of the M.E.Z.," was proposed by Comp. Thiellay, the Second Principal. In introducing the toast the worthy companion expatiated at length upon the great services of Comp. Sabine to the cause of Freemasonry in general. He had but recently vacated the chair of the Chaucer Lodge, he was on the road to the Master's chair of the Era, and last but not least, he occupied the high position of founder and first Principal of the Era Chapter. He went on to state that the principal members of the Lodge and Chapter were the proud recipients of Prov. Grand honours, which distinctions not only gave a lustre to their own names but shed a ray of brightness upon No. 1423. In conclusion he said that he hoped the M.E.Z. would live many years to enjoy the society of his colleagues and companions of the Era Chapter. Comp. Sabine in reply made a very telling speech, in which he augured a very bright future for the Era, and which had met under such happy auspices that day. In conclusion he told them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the chapter a great success. The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the companions separated.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Cokermouth. The proper date of meeting should have been the third Wednesday in April, but the illness and subsequent death of the M.P.S., Em. Sir Knight Rev. W. Beeby, M.A., caused a postponement. There were present Em. Sir Knights R. Robinson, P.S., as M.P.S.; E. Tyson, V.E., J. Pearson, P.S.; W. Shilton, P.S.; W. F. F. Lamony, P.S., as Recorder, High Prelate, Prefect, and Herald (*Freemason*); Sir Knights J. R. Banks, S.G.; R. Bailey, J.G.; T. Mandle, Treasurer; J. Evening, St. Bearer; W. H. Lewthwaite, Organist; W. Potts, Sentinel; T. Bird, and Stephen Thwaite. The minutes of the pre-

vious assembly at Maryport having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Quay, of Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, Harrington, was duly installed, proclaimed, and invested a Knight of the Order. The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was next proceeded with, when Em. Sir Knight E. Tyson was unanimously chosen as M.P.S.; Sir Knight T. Mandle, as V.E.; and Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, as Treasurer. Em. Sir Knight Tyson next proposed, Em. Sir Knight Lamony seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That the Sir Knights of Dykes Conclave of Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, No. 36, now assembled, herewith record their deep and sincere appreciation of the great loss to Freemasonry in West Cumberland through the lamented decease of their M.P. Sovereign, the Em. Sir Knight Rev. W. Beeby, M.A.; and further, that the same be duly recorded in minutes of the said conclave." A discussion next arose as to the best means to be adopted to infuse more vitality in the working of the conclave, and it was thought that the annual assembly in August should be a proper time to ensure a strong muster for once. Dykes Conclave was constituted four years ago, and there are now 49 members on the books.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

Tenbury was the place selected by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire Freemasons at which to hold their meeting for this year, and on Wednesday the 13th inst., the pleasant and picturesque old town on the banks of the Teme received its Masonic visitors. It appeared to be generally known that such a gathering was to take place and that portion of the proceedings which were of a public character was watched with eager interest by the inhabitants of the town. The Freemasons connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in good force, and the proceedings were marked by the usual novel—to the uninitiated—and interesting features. The brethren from Worcester left Shrub-hill Station a few minutes before nine o'clock, a saloon carriage being attached to the train for their convenience. Other members of the Craft were taken up at intermediate stations, and Tenbury was reached at eleven o'clock, the bells of St. Mary's Church ringing a welcome to the brethren as they entered the town.

The weather, although not bright, and at times threatening, was not unpleasant, and after refreshments had been partaken of at the Swan Hotel, at half-past twelve o'clock a Craft lodge was opened in the Third Degree by the Worshipful Master of St. Michael's Lodge, 1097. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Masfield (the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Royds, being unable to be present), and the Provincial Grand Officers, then entered the lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the muster roll of lodges was called, and the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths) having been audited, they were received and adopted. The next business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths was again unanimously re-elected to that important office.

The body of the church was set apart for the use of the Masonic brethren; nearly the whole of it was occupied by them, and there was a fair attendance of the general public. The service, which lasted an hour (being a shortened form), was choral, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. J. Hampton, and the lesson read by the vicar, the Rev. T. Ayscough Smith. The preces and responses were to a setting used at St. Michael's College, the choir of which was also in attendance. The anthem was well chosen for the occasion, being—"Behold how good," by Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley. Only one hymn was sung (one written for festivals of this kind), and that at the end of the service. The preacher was Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Provincial Grand Chaplain, who preached a sermon, brief, forcible, and appropriate, from the words—"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another to help him up." (Ecclesiastes iv. 9 and 10.) Having announced that the collection would be in aid of the funds of St. Mary's Hospital, the preacher said that in all great undertakings, whether social, political, or religious; in every organization, whether it were a national government or an ecclesiastical order; and, again, in every family circle, there was one principle absolutely necessary to the well-being of either, and that was the great principle of united action. The great Church, Sir Frederick Ouseley went on to point out, was framed on that ideal. Dwelling on the same thought he said, take away the principle of united action, and substitute selfish interests, and the society, or association, body politic, or benevolent association, whatever it might be, would totter and fall. That principle of unselfish, mutual aid was well set forth in the text. Having spoken of the principle of unitedness in relation to history, and to religious and secular life and in a social sense, and having insisted upon its being absolutely essential to well-being in each case, the preacher said, in conclusion, that undoubtedly those were the best Christians and the best citizens who had acquired the rare habit of thinking and working for the general good rather than for their own selfish ends. If such a spirit of disinterestedness and self-abnegation universally prevailed, this jarring, discordant, and struggling world would be converted into an earthly paradise—peace and contentment would prevail. Accordingly, every scheme which had for its object the promotion of the principle of mutual help and unitedness was worthy of most cordial support. That such principles were professed

by his hearers that day was a very pleasing thought; he hoped such profession was not profession only, but something more real. He hoped they were all so deeply impressed with the fundamental principle of unitedness that it permeated their whole lives, influencing every thought, word, and action, and thus rendering them more powerful instruments for working good to their fellow-men, their country, and their religion. The preacher drew attention to the prayer written for the anniversary of her Majesty's accession, with the reading of which he brought his sermon to a close. The collection amounted (with subsequent donations) to about £25.

The brethren then re-formed in procession, and returned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet was served shortly after four o'clock. The list of toasts was as follows:—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master of England; the Earl of Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, present and past," "Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire," "Bro. William Masfield, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past," "The W.M. of St. Michael's Lodge, 1097, and the Worshipful Masters of the other Lodges in the Province," "The Visitors," "The Provincial Grand Stewards," and "The Tyler's Toast."

A special train left Tenbury at 7.20 for the convenience of the brethren, and Worcester was reached shortly after half-past nine o'clock.—*Worcester Journal*.

Obituary.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A BROTHER IN LIVERPOOL.

Many brethren in Liverpool and other places will regret to hear of the decease of Bro. George Adams Bond, master of the Prince's and Waterloo Docks, who died at his residence, Waterloo Dock House, Liverpool, on Sunday evening, the 19th inst., after a brief illness, in the 53rd year of his age. It would appear that late on the previous Friday evening, Bro. Bond was sitting chatting cheerily with some friends, apparently in the most robust health, when he was taken suddenly ill, and almost immediately became unconscious. Dr. Cross, of Islington, was immediately summoned, and he then discovered that one of the vessels of the brain had been ruptured, and that Paralysis of the whole of the right side had supervened. Bro. Bond remained in an unconscious state till Sunday evening, when he died at half-past eleven o'clock.

The deceased, who was born in Liverpool, on the 20th February, 1825, was the son of a pilot, and devoted his early life to seafaring pursuits; he was connected with the pilot service of the port until May, 1864, when he was appointed master of the Canning Dock. In May of the following year he was removed to the George's Dock, on the retirement of Mr. Purnell, and on the 16th January, 1861, he was appointed master of the Prince's Dock. This post he continued to hold till the 7th February, 1872, when on a re-arrangement of the dock system he became the master of the Prince's and half-tide dock, the East and West Waterloo docks, the Victoria dock, and the Prince's graving dock. By his decease the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board have lost the services of a most scrupulous and attentive employe to whose care was entrusted property of enormous value, and who never failed to discharge his arduous duties in the most conscientious and painstaking manner. In token of respect for the memory of the deceased, the flags on the offices of the Prince's Dock, and also on most of the vessels in the several docks under his control, were raised half-mast high.

Owing to pressure of business, having charge of the largest and most important docks at Liverpool, Bro. Bond has of late years taken little or no active part in Freemasonry, but his heart was always in the Craft and his hand ever open and ready to help a brother in distress. It was his intention to resume active connection with Masonry in a few weeks, as an intimate friend had agreed to propose him as a joining member of one of the Liverpool lodges. Man, however, may propose, but God disposes; and our esteemed brother has suddenly been called to the Grand Lodge above, where T.G.A.O.T.U. rules and reigns for ever. Bro. Bond, it may be interesting to know, was the "first child" of St. John's Lodge, No. 971 (now No. 673), after its consecration in 1856, and he remained a subscribing member of his mother lodge for several years, esteemed as an honest, true-hearted, and enthusiastic Mason.

The mortal remains of our esteemed brother were interred in Southdown-lane Cemetery, on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th inst. The respect for the name and memory of the deceased was clearly shown by an attendance of nearly 200 persons, including a number of Masons, nearly all the dock masters at the port, a large representation of captains, private friends, &c.

BRO. ROGER DODGSON.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Bro. Roger Dodgson, of Theatre-street, Ulverston, which sad event occurred on Sunday last, the 17th inst. The burial took place on Tuesday.

Above £11,000 has been received at the Mansion House on account of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Brazil have signified their intention to be present at the Caledonian Ball, at Willis's Rooms, on Monday next.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. M. Clabon in the Presidents' chair, Bro. Joshua Nunn in the Senior Vice-President's, and Bro. James Brett in the Junior Vice-President's. The other brethren present were Bros. H. Bartlett, P.M. 167; C. A. Coltebrune, P.G.D.; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; H. Murray, P.D.G.M. China; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; W. Stevens, P.M. 1351; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; J. Shackell, P.M. 103; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 3; Thos. J. Cusworth, W.M. 813; John Dyte, P.M. 25; John Constable, P.M. 185; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; C. F. Matier, P.M. 645; Percival A. Nairne, P.M. 176; J. B. Stacey, P.M. 180; J. W. Robinson, W.M. 1585; C. H. Boddy, P.M. 1044; C. Hosgood, P.M. 192; T. H. Meredith, P.M. 1257; James W. Lambert, W.M. 142; M. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 1688; Samuel Pardee, P.M. 511; J. J. S. Lewis, P.M. 239; Geo. E. Corner, W.M. 1139; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); Bro. John Harvey, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury also attended.

The lodge first confirmed grants to the amount of £130 made at last lodge meeting. The brethren then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were seven. One grant was made of £103, two were made of £50 each, two of £20 each, two of £15 each, three of £10 each, and one of £5; making in all £302. Six cases were deferred.

Lodge was then closed.

His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, Vice-roy of Ireland, accompanied by her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough, the Lady Georgiana E. Churchill, Lord Randolph H. Churchill, M.P., and a select party, took their departure from the Pullenry Hotel, Alber-marle-street, on Wednesday morning, on a yachting excursion in the Mediterranean Sea. His Excellency, it is understood, will be absent three or four weeks on his pleasure cruise.

Rarely if ever has there been in London a virulent outbreak of Cholera or Typhus which could not be directly traced to the drinking of impure water. Yet though the Registrar General persistently warns us, month after month, that our water supply shows no signs of improvement, there are probably more houses in London without a filter than with one. It is hardly too much to say that a law compelling landlords or ground leaseholders to place in every cistern one of the London and General Water Purifying Company's patent cistern filters would reduce the Metropolitan death rate by thirty per cent. As however there is small chance of so beneficial a piece of legislation, it becomes the duty of the householder to act for himself. The filters in question are preferable to all others for several reasons. In the first place the water passes through animal charcoal, the only efficient material. Secondly, it filters upwards, so that all sediment is avoided. Thirdly, the filter requires no filling or other attention from servants. Although the first cost of these filters, in consequence of the expensiveness of the animal charcoal, is more than of some others, this outlay is more than compensated for by their greater durability and the other advantages enumerated. It therefore seems almost incredible that any man would rather run the risk of an outbreak of Typhus or some other malignant disease in his household than incur this first trifling outlay, which would probably be more than saved in the first year's doctor's bills. We are glad to be able to state that the filters supplied to our Boys' School at Wood Green, and to the Girls' School at Battersea Rise by the above Company have all along given every satisfaction and little trouble.

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.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, &c. &c. &c. and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gout, rheumatic, and serofulous attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.—ADV.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, the Chairman of the last festival of this Institution, which was held on the 9th ult., accompanied by the Hon. Miss Harbord and the Stewards of the festival, paid a visit to the School at Batterssea Rise on Monday last. In consequence of the building operations, which have for some time past been going on in the course of enlarging the establishment for the admission of a greater number of pupils, the grounds did not present the pleasant appearance they have shewn on former occasions, bricks and mortar and other building materials not being very picturesque. But everything had been done to put the best face on the establishment under the circumstances, and laying the unfinished buildings on one side, everything else was as neat and orderly as the known system pursued on the premises might lead visitors to expect. The noble Chairman was received by Bro. Little, the Secretary, Miss Davis, the head-governess, Bro. Massa, the Architect of the new building, and the House Committee, and was immediately conducted over the dormitories and offices, and shown the arrangements which are in force for the health, comfort, and happiness of the 160 pupils at present in the school. The party was afterwards conducted over the new buildings, which will very shortly be opened, and as this is the first time we have seen them since they have been in so forward a state we may take the opportunity of saying that the space at command has been utilised to the utmost, and that the means found for affording the additional accommodation, reflect the greatest credit on all concerned. When the building is opened we shall give a full description of it, but the Craft may rest satisfied that the increased accommodation has been left in excellent hands, and that the wishes of the brethren to have an establishment equivalent to the present demands of the Order have been consulted as far as practicable. The Chairman and visitors expressed the greatest satisfaction with what they saw and heard, after having made searching enquiries into the whole regime. When the inspection of the buildings had been completed, the girls were put through their famed calisthenic exercises and marching, with all of which Lord Suffield seemed much pleased, and he complimented Miss Davis, Bro. Little, and the committee on the state of perfection to which the educational curriculum had been brought. After partaking of a déjeuner his lordship presided in the hall, by which time the bulk of the visitors had arrived. Among them were Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Vaughan, Col. Peters, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, Griffiths and Mrs. Smith, Fras. Smith, Col. Fras. Burdett, H. Browne, Benjamin Head, Thos. W. White, J. Nunn, Eleanor Cox, Ada Crick, W. H. White, F. H. Finney, R., Mrs. H., and Miss Berridge; Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. St. d'Al, Mrs. and Miss Nunn, Miss Stevens, Miss, Miss A. K., and Mrs. W. Mellor; Mrs. Cox, Miss Parker, Rev. J. W. M., Miss, and Miss C. Ellison; Mrs. Mason, M. Pemberton, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. and Miss Minton, Master Barnes, Miss and Mrs. Richardson, Miss Cross, Mrs. Buford, Mrs. and Miss Eaton, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Kaye, Mrs. Watson, Miss and A. Blackman, Rev. C. J. Arnold, W. C. and Miss Moutrie, Mr. and Mrs. Noak, J. and Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Terry, H. Bailey, Miss Baker, Miss Gough, Miss Padgett, Mrs. Frayling, Miss Burram, V. C. Garman, E. Mitcherson, J. C. Garman, Emily Reeve, R. Fileuck, Mrs. Barnes, M. C. Jones, A. T. Randall, M. Tibbets, F. and J. R. Hubbard, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bridges, J. Morrell, J. M. A. and C. R. Garnett, Julia Ellis, Miss English, Mrs. Bartlett, Major S. H. Clerke, R. J. Nunn, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, J. M. P. Montagu, E. R. Harrington, J. E. Baker, M. A. Farmer, L. Nightingale, Mr. and Mrs. Kenning, Misses Kenning, Miss Hayward, B. W. and Mrs. Molton, L. Edwards, L. Hirsch, E. Spoorer, Mrs. Nelson Reed, R., J., and A. Webster; Mary J. and Margaret A. Hammond, H. Venn, A. and C. S. Melhurst, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Wood; Mrs. Henry Leah, Mrs. and Miss Webster, Mrs. Bentley, C. W. Todd, Miss Hetherington, J. T. Bentley, Mrs. and G. W. F. Loftus, Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Scarth, Miss and Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Good, H. and Mrs. Mugggeridge, C. Hogard, B. Strong, C. G. Dalton, H. H. Lamington, C. Darry, J. E. and J. Terry, T. White, M. F. and Mrs. Rath, W. Paas, B. H. Woodward, J. and Mrs. Garner, E. and Mrs. Harris, E. Cheeseman, J. Bingemann, H. Gabb, M. L. Brittain, A. Howe, Mrs. and H. Vine, R. W. and Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Horner, Rev. T. Skelton, J. and Mrs. Driscoll, J. Purrott, H. A. Bennett, T. T. S. and Mrs. Carlin, Miss Stopper, Mrs. and T. Massa, Mrs., Misses, and Master Burdett; Mrs. and Miss Clark, J. A. Rucker, E. Marsh, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Reed, E. F. Storr, W.M. 22, and Mrs. Storr, Miss Britton, J. Faulkner, Mrs. T. Jesson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee, H. Massey (Freemason), Mrs. Massey, J. H. Harris, L. W. Clarke, E. H. Brown, J. E. W. Walters, W. Standfast, E. W. Thompson, G., Miss M., and Miss E. Allen; Mrs. Terry, R. Morris, J. Boyd, Mrs. Milne, Miss Moss, W. W. Morgan, C. N. Murton, R. G. and Mrs. Hall; J. Clever, E. H. Stammerwitz, G. Phythian, W. H. Hedges, T. W. O. Mason, C. and E. Kilder, F. Orme, J. Eadon, W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; C. H. and Mrs. Turner, Sir T. Dyer, W. Payne, F. Killy, P. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. H. Leah, R. Gowing, E.A., M.D.; Mrs. R. Gooding, E. and Lydia Cox, Ada Lucy and Mrs. Crick, W. T. Howe, C. Bailey, Mrs. Bennett, the Misses Howell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dickettes, J. L. Chancellor, Miss Larking, F. Adlard, Col. Creaton, Mrs. Thornbury, Rev. C. Clarke, A. H. Diaper, Mrs. and Miss Allshorn, Mrs. and the Misses Wilson, Mrs. and Miss Vera Watkins, A. Gilliat, Miss James, Mrs. F. Porcheron, F. B. Glasspoole, Mr. A. Leclaux, E. Humphrey, the Misses Gardner, W. S. Cantrell, C. S. Davis, Miss Tippett, Mrs. W. Houghton, Mrs. Muirhead, Mrs. Patrick, M. Langford, A. Melhurst, Miss

Fanny Haynes, Miss Platt, Miss Paget, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Whitaker.

On his lordship and the visitors taking their seats the following programme was gone through:—

SELECTION OF MUSIC AND RECITATIONS BY THE PUPILS:—Anthem, Prayer from "Mosé in Egitto"; March from "Athalie," 20 hands on 5 pianos; "See the Conquering Hero comes," 30 hands on 5 pianos; Recitation, "The Battle of Blenheim," Colina Sharp; "Bourrée," 10 hands on 5 pianos; "Lucia di Lammermoor," 20 hands on 5 pianos; Recitation, "King John and the Abbot of Canterbury," Bessie L. Morris; Sonata, 10 hands on 5 pianos; Part song, "May Morning"; Recitation, "Maud Muller," Edith Mary Nash; Preciosa, 20 hands on 5 pianos; Recitation, "Les Femmes Savantes," Acte 2, Scenes V. et VI., Blanche E. Morris, Mary E. Barnes, Louisa Hole, and Agnes Barron; Impromptu, 10 hands on 5 pianos; Glee, "Come o'er the brook, Bessie"; Recitation, "King Robert of Sicily," Josephine Mackay; Solo, "Il moto continuo," Melora F. Goodridge; Recitation, Richard II., Act IV., Scene I., Blanche E. Morris, Louisa Hole, and Mary Barnes; Symphonie I., 20 hands on 5 pianos.

At the conclusion of the programme, Bro. Lord Suffield delivered the prizes to the successful competitors according to the following list:—

Leilia Pulman, the Gold Medal for General Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Mary Emma Barnes, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Blanche Edith Morris, Louisa Hole, and Francis Harryman, for Proficiency, each a third of £5, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution.—Leilia Pulman, Blanche Edith Morris, Mary Emma Barnes, Louisa Hole, and Frances Harryman, for passing Cambridge Examination; Beatrice Ellen Gill, for Religious Knowledge; Melora F. Goodridge, Agnes Barron, and Caroline E. Holland, for Music; Ethel Hinson, for Music arranged for the Little Girls; Josephine B. Mackay, for Writing; Kathleen N. Crampton and Mary H. Davies, for General Usefulness; Florence Agnes Hide and Frances Clara Clark, for Needlework; Harriet Cartwright and Elizabeth Roberts, for Machine Work; Mary Young, General Proficiency, 6th form; Eliza Beveridge, for French, 6th form; Helena Meacock, for Perseverance, 6th form; Mary A. Chapman, for General Proficiency, 5th form; Edwina Russell Jones, for French, 5th form; Ellen Harryman, for Perseverance, 5th form; Alice Mary Newbould, for General Proficiency, 4th form; Catherine J. Scurr, for Writing, 4th form; Mary Eveline Sharp, for Perseverance, 4th form; Mary Louisa Bowler, for General Proficiency, 3rd form; Florence Forster, for Perseverance, 3rd form.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work—Sarah Young and Jessie Chesterton.

By Bro. Raynham Stewart, for Dictation.—Celia J. Andrews, 6th form; Frances E. Simpson, 5th form; Charlotte Coleman, 4th form; Susan Norrish, 3rd form.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, for French.—Blanche Edith Morris.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution.—Edith Mary Nash, Bessie L. Morris, and Colina Sharp.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct.—Anne Gertrude Earle and Emily Hollis.

By Bro. Joseph Starkey, for Drawing.—Leilia Pulman and Blanche Edith Morris.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music.—Leilia Pulman.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music.—Mary Emma Barnes.

By Bro. H. W. Hemsworth, for Amiability, as voted by her Schoolfellows.—Blanche Edith Morris and Agnes Barron.

The St. James "Yates Memorial Prize" (per St. James Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties.—Kathleen Norah Crampton.

From the Supreme Council, for Good Conduct.—Sarah Young.

By Bro. J. Faulkner, for History.—Frances E. Gardner.

His lordship, in a few brief observations, complimented Miss Davis, the head governess, on the success of her system of training, expressed his entire satisfaction with everything he had seen, and offered a prize in future for a new subject, "the theory of music." Shortly afterwards his lordship and party left, refreshments were partaken of, and the proceedings of the evening were brought to a close by the brethren, the ladies, and the children engaging in the very popular amusement of dancing.

The installation meeting of the Friendly Chapter took place on Monday last. A report will appear in our next.

The advice of the late Mr. Thackeray was as much prized by his friends as his literary genius was appreciated by his fellow-countrymen. A young lady of his acquaintance, knowing how wide and deep was his knowledge of worldly matters, one day asked him what would be the best present to make to her old friend and schoolfellow, who was just married, and was now setting up housekeeping. "My dear," replied the great novelist, "you may be certain your young friends are thinking only of the luxurious and the ornamental in their purchases. Now, suppose you take the useful and the practical side. My dear, you cannot do better than present your friends with a filter—a Lipscombe's filter, mind. It is the best kind of filter I know." This was some years since, and the merits of Lipscombe's filters have become more and more esteemed as their use has spread. We find that to meet the enormous demand for these filters Messrs. Lipscombe, in addition to their well-known house at Temple-bar, have opened extensive premises at 54, Queen Victoria-street, City, and 69, Oxford-street.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, will take place this (Saturday) afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Red Lion, Leytonstone. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D. and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The meetings of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, will in future be held at the Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood, every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The new Masonic Hall, Sheffield, rapidly approaches completion. Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will meet there on Wednesday, July 4th, prox. under the banner of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139.

The Corporation of the City of London have made a grant of 300 guineas to the building fund of the Metropolitan Free Hospital.

A special meeting of the St. Alban's Town Council was convened on Wednesday by the Mayor, for the purpose of considering the desirability of taking steps to change that borough into a city. It was resolved to petition the Queen for an Order in Council to raise the status of St. Alban's.

COFFEE TAVERNS.—The second establishment of the Coffee Tavern Company (Limited) was opened on the 19th inst. by Earl Cowper. The house is situate at 78, Lower Thames-street, opposite the Custom House.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION.—The fortieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne was celebrated on Thursday. The bells of the St. George's Chapel and the parish church were jubilant at various periods of the day, and salutes were fired from the long walk facing Windsor Castle.

General Grant has written a letter to Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, dated London, June 6th, in which he speaks warmly of his English welcome.

We (*Whitehall Review*) understand that from among the Welsh miners and their rescuers four men have been selected for the first-class Albert medal, and twenty-two for the second-class medal. The *Daily Telegraph* Fund, amounting to £1250, was distributed on Saturday by Mr. J. M. Le Sage.

A Yankee editor wishes no bodily harm to his subscribers, but he hopes that some of them in arrears will be seized with a remittent fever.

The faculty for the restoration of the Sheffield Parish Church, has been issued from the Chancellor's Court. The work will no doubt be proceeded with at an early day. Mrs. Thornhill-Gell, of Stanton Hall, Derbyshire, and of 6, Eaton-square, London, contributes the noble sum of ten thousand guineas for the general work; Mrs. Samuel Parker, of Sheffield, finds £2500, or £3000 for the south transept, to be called the "Parker Transept." The Freemasons of Sheffield have offered to erect a font in the restored building, the gift being of a very handsome and valuable character, and is in association with Mrs. Thornhill-Gell's munificent act. Mrs. Thornhill-Gell holds the alternate presentation of the Vicar of Sheffield, and recently appointed the Rev. Rowley Hill, now a canon of York, which appointment seems to have given great satisfaction.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the charges, regulations, E. A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Advt.

Captain Lord Skelmersdale inspected Her Majesty's Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard on Wednesday last in the garden of St. James's Palace.

Bro. F. H. Clemow is about to re-build Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, he having obtained a renewal of the lease from the Goldsmiths' Company.

"MOONLIGHT TRIPS ON THE THAMES."—The success which attended these evening excursions to Gravesend and back last season has induced the London Steam Boat Company to place at the service of the promoters of these trips one of their large saloon steamers. The commencement of the season takes place this (Saturday) evening, after which they will be run every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the summer.

Bro. George Smith, head waiter at Anderton's Hotel, was presented on Monday evening last with a testimonial, consisting of an emblazoned address, together with a purse containing £150, upon his completing his twenty-third year of service at this well known establishment. The address contained the names of the lodges and chapters, the members of which had subscribed for the present.

A full report of the meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity will appear in our next.

During the heat of Tuesday last the thermometer in London rose to 84 degrees in the shade, and over 80 degrees were registered in many parts of central England.

The foundation stone of St. James's Presbyterian Church, situate in Southgate-road, Wood-green, was laid on the 20th inst., by Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress (Miss White), and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

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COLONIAL and FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received are published in the first number of every month.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

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Answers to Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Bulletin du Grand Orient," "Craftsman," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Jewel," "Eclctec," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Advocate," "New York Dispatch," "The Living Age."

The following stand over:—Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire; Reports of Lodges; Imperial George, 78; Lebanon, 1326; Jordan Lodge of Instruction, 201; Stuart Chapter, 540; St. John's Chapter, Timaru, N. Z., 1137.

Had Bro. Pinaud given his address in London, we would have answered his letter, but it did not appear to be of any use to write to Bona in Algeria.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

GREENE.—On the 18th inst., at 218, Old Kent-road, S., the wife of W. T. Greene, M.A., M.D., of a son.
LEADER.—On the 17th inst., at The Lodge, Whittington, Worcester, the wife of B. W. Leader, Esq., of a son.
WRIGHT.—On the 18th inst., at Wooler Lodge, Brixton, Mary, the wife of F. R. Wright, of a son.

DEATHS.

DODGSON.—On the 17th inst., Bro. R. Dodgson, of Brook-street, Ulverston.
FELLOWS.—On the 18th inst., at Rickmansworth, Marianne, wife of H. W. Fellows, Esq.
WATSON.—On the 18th inst., William Patterson, infant son of the Rev. H. C. Watson, of Clifton.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1877.

CHARITY VOTING.

Our worthy Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., says that we have done injustice to his views, and misrepresented his statement in respect of the powers of a central committee, (not necessarily a London committee), and certainly we plead guilty at once to having so understood his original suggestion and object. Curiously enough, Bro. Hughan, a not inattentive reader of the *Freemason*, "P.P.G.C." and "An Old Chairman" all understood the matter in the same way. This misapprehension was based on the following words in the printed reports, to which our attention was called by Bro. Simpson:—"It is further suggested that committees of charitable associations should intimate in their voting papers that subscribers who have no means of ascertaining the comparative merits of the candidates, or who for any other reason decline to exercise their privilege of voting, should sign and send their proxies to the committee, to be distributed amongst the poorest and most deserving." This is, practically, as we understand the words, to give the central committee the power of recommendation and allotment, and is the point which has misled us all, for it seems that Bro. Simpson does not agree with that recommendation, and does not propose anything of the kind for our Masonic Charities, and we therefore acknowledge our misconception of his views, though it was one, we think, not altogether inexcusable under the circumstances. We, however, object to the suggestion of the Charity Reform Association, for this reason. If the candidates are carefully selected, it is far better, in our opinion, for the subscribers to vote for the cases they consider the most deserving. It is all very well to blame the Committees for letting in candidates too easily, or receiving improper cases, but the fault in this rather rests with the subscribers than with the committee. But any attempt to enable the committee to support special cases will aggravate the evil instead of lessen it. And here we may observe that we do not think that we have much more to say upon the general question, for we do not know of any real abuses, and we cannot conceive what there is to reform. Canvassing cards have a good side to them in the shape of public notice and local interest, and the polling day is, in our opinion, absolutely indispensable to purity of election and fair play to all the candidates. We note that Bro. Simpson repeats the words "certain well-known abuses," as being rampant in our midst, and "to a fair and pure system of election," as if such did not now exist. We really do not profess to understand what these "well-known abuses" are, and as regards the present system of election, it is as fair as fair can be, in our humble opinion, and after some special experience of the matter, we do not realize in any way in what it is susceptible of improvement. For these and many other like reasons we say, let well alone. One abuse we shall be very happy to aid Bro. Simpson or any one in mitigating, the admission of doubtful or improper cases, though the matter is a very difficult one, for many reasons. And, as we said before, it is not so much the committees, as ourselves who are to blame. The candidates conform to the rules of the institution, and without new rules, there is no power in the committee to reject them. But why do the brethren support such a case as the following, one among many similar?—A brother who has only subscribed the actual sum of qualification, leaves the Order, and after some years, never having again subscribed to a lodge or the charities at all, dies. After his death the friends of the orphan claim, in virtue of his qualification, that the child be placed on the list of candidates. Now is it fair that the orphan of one who left the Order living, and died out of it, should be elected over the head of an orphan of a brother who lived and died in Masonry, and supported our charities? We say, then, increase the minimum of subscription and make it imperative that a brother shall not have died out of Masonry. We do not say, exclude the orphans of such altogether, but

give a preference to the orphans of all who have lived and died as subscribing brethren of a lodge? This is the most needed of all reforms, and would remedy many prevalent evils and reform many serious abuses.

FAIR PLAY IS A JEWEL.

This old axiom of Anglo-Saxon morality is Masonic in the highest degree, and will be acknowledged and acceded to by all Freemasons "more Masonico," under the benign principles of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. The great truth involved in that proverbial expression is realized by them in theory and developed in practice. We wish we could equally say that it was always so abroad. But we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that, without for one moment denying the absurd and wicked intolerance of the Roman Catholic Church, of the Ultramontane faction, many of the words of foreign Freemasons are very unwise, and many of their acts very unmasonic. We take up our good contemporary, the *Monde Maçonnique* of June, for instance, and at page 332, we read as follows, from a correspondent at Milan:—"By the information which the Commission (of the Lodge La Ragione) has acquired, it results that the Roman Catholic oratories in Milan are, for the most part, attended by youths directed by the priests, and some attended by girls, directed by the sisters of charity. These oratories are found in the different quarters of the town, and especially in those localities which are mostly peopled by the working classes. They are frequented by about 6000 young people of the two sexes, recruited among the less well-to-do families from earliest youth, and it is remarkable that these young people continued to frequent the oratory until the age of enlistment. Almost all the oratories are alike, according to their general idea. The schools are large, altogether clerical in character, the direction is always in the hands of the curate. The interior government is confided to priests, assisted by the préfets, councillors, elected or nominated among the oldest pupils. In some of these oratories they pay from three to four francs annually for each scholar; the others, and they form the majority, are completely free schools. . . . The instruction is catechetical, based on religious exercises, which are repeated in the morning and evening. . . . By their 6000 'éleves' the priests exercise a great influence over 6000 families of the town, and these enfants can be employed to serve as a chain of union between the Church and the family, against this continual struggle for the development of the civil life. The Commission (of the lodge) proposes two remedies. 1. To erect, in opposition to the Roman Catholic oratories, civil institutes, asylums, clubs or recreation halls, with a purely liberal basis, destined to gather in, to educate, and amuse the young people on the days of fête. 2. To subject the Roman Catholic oratories to the intervention and surveillance of the public authority, exercised in a manner to transform their tendencies and to direct along the road of the necessities of the country and the spirit of the times the young people confided to them, entirely infusing the charters of foundation and private rights. A copy of this report has been sent to all the members of the Chamber of Deputies, all the members and Secretaries, and I have the happiness to tell you that we shall not wait long to see the fruits of this famous campaign which the Milanese Masons by the means of the lodge ('la Ragione') has begun against the priests." Now, we have no hesitation in saying that such a position is, according to our view, utterly unsound and unmasonic. As Freemasons, we have nothing to do with education, per se, and we have no business whatever to attack this or that particular religious institution. If the Milanese Freemasons like to set up Masonic schools, à la bonne heure, let them do so by all means, and may they succeed. But to set up Masonic schools, simply to attack the clerical schools, and then to ask the aid of the State to interfere with the ordinary Roman Catholic schools, which are necessary and useful, and, according to their own account, very successful, is a parody on the principles of Italian

constitutional liberty, and a direct invasion of the rights of religious liberty, and of a "Free Church in a Free State." Indeed, the reason of the opposition seems to be because they are religious schools, and it never is the duty or intention of Freemasonry to attack a religious body qua a religious body. We say all this in all friendliness to the Milanese Freemasons, but we should not be doing our duty, as honest Masonic journalists, if we did not protest against any deviation from the straightforward path of freedom of worship and liberty of conscience, from any idea that such theories and such proceedings are founded on true Masonic teaching, at least as we understand it. The Freemasons at Milan have a most perfect right to set up Masonic schools if they deem it well, but they have no warrant from Masonry to make its name a rallying cry against any religious body whatever, be that body what it may. Into these inter-necine contests, as between Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism, we Anglo-Saxon Freemasons cannot and do not enter, neither can we approve of them. The evil they bring on Freemasonry is very great. We defend ourselves, indeed, when attacked unjustly, but nothing more; but we never assail religious institutions, as religious institutions, and we deprecate making education above all a question of heated and polemical warfare. We cannot conscientiously or Masonically approve of the animus or the attitude of the Milanese Freemasons.

THE RECENT STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

We publish in another page a remarkable letter from a French brother in London to Bro. Hubert, the editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, which we think it well to reproduce in its own language, because it represents the views we have ventured to express on the Masonic struggle in France from time to time. He admits, as will be seen, the great inadvisability and error of the change. He does full justice to our happy neutrality in England on all matters pertaining to politics or religion. We wish that his words may impress some of our French brethren with the reality of the mistake an active section is apparently bent on committing and forcing upon French Freemasonry. We observe, as if to show the hesitation of French Freemasons in this sterile controversy, that, according to the last *Bulletin du Grand Orient*, 106 lodges had then made no return to the question, and we are inclined to hope not only that there are many French Freemasons who disapprove of so great a revolution, but that there is yet time to put an end once for all to a mischievous and hurtful agitation. If French Freemasonry is excluded from the great family of Freemasonry, it never can be said of us that we "daubed the wall with untempered mortar," for we have, we fear, offended some of our French brethren, by the freedom of our remarks and the outspoken manliness of our sentiments. But we wish them, once for all, to remember, that what we say we mean, and what we mean we say, and though our language be a little plainer and, perhaps, more uncompromising than they are accustomed to, we wish them well, and seek to offer them friendly and fraternal advice.

THE ADMITTANCE OF NON-MASONS TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The announcement which appears in the programme of the Boys' School Festival some of our alarmist brethren may think a "coup de Binckes." But, to say the truth, we do not think that there is much in it. It is not a purely Masonic Festival, it is what the French term "La Maçonnerie Blanche," inasmuch as our fair sisters who have long looked down on their "Lords and Masters" enjoying a good dinner, have been permitted, wisely we think, at the last Boy's School anniversary to share in the good things provided by the zeal and care of the most considerate and liberal of Stewards. Indeed, some young Masons have been heard to say, Take the goods the gods provide you, Lovely Thais sits beside you. Being young men we pardon the quotation, though in the sentiment we fully concur. It is

then another step in advance to admit non-Masons to the dinner, and, as we said before, the gathering is not purely Masonic, we do not see that it much matters one way or the other, especially at the Alexandra Palace. We do not conceal from ourselves that this change is an innovation, and one about which Masons will greatly differ, and about which a great deal may be said on both sides. But, having made a note of it, we leave it now, for the information of the Craft, and the remarks, if any, of our correspondents, as we always think it a pity to make unnecessary difficulties, or to make use of "Red tape" of any kind.

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.]

THE RECENT INCIDENT IN PARIS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,— As I think you are quite right in clearing the good name of Freemasons from any participation in the opinions expressed by Bro. Bonnet-Duverdier, by the remarks of one of your leaders last week, I send you a few lines.

It has been alleged that he was arrested on leaving a Freemasons' Lodge, and thence it seems advisable for Freemasons to disown any sympathy whether for the principles or the position he has thought proper to assume, I lay down no law of political prepossession one way or the other, but simply protest against Freemasons having anything to do with disrespect to lawful authority, communism, or assassination. As a contemporary reports: "M. Bonnet-Duverdier, the President of the Municipal Council of Paris, was sentenced, on Friday last, by the Tenth Correctional Chamber, to fifteen months' imprisonment and 2000 francs fine, for insult to the President; and under the circumstances, you will hardly think the sentence too severe for the language used by a man in such a position, and to such an audience. Though present, or being already into custody, he insisted, by his counsel, on allowing judgment to go by default; as did also the three other persons incriminated with him, though the latter were only charged with holding illegally a public meeting. In so acting, they meant, I presume, to parade their conviction that the sentence pronounced upon them, whatever it might be, was destined, at no long date, to be rescinded wholly, or commuted, by a Government more to their taste. It was clearly proved that the meeting, which professed to be 'private' and for the 'formation of a club,' was in reality 'public,' and 'for political purposes.' Among other proofs of the latter object was the letter of Duverdier himself when replying to the invitation to attend, in which he says: 'Dear Citizen, you know I am always at your service for the purposes of propagandism and political organisation.' But there could be no doubt of the character and object of the meeting. The language laid to the charge of Duverdier, and cited as proved against him in the judgment, was as follows. I give it in the original, the better to retain its true character:—

'Le maréchal imbécile sera bientôt traduit à la barre du peuple pour expier son crime. . . . Nous sommes gouvernés par des soudards, des robes noires, des traîneurs de sabres. . . . Le maréchal voudra peut-être essayer de tirer sa loyale épée contre la démocratie. . . . le maréchal ramolli. . . . mais le fourreau est vide. Il a laissé l'épée à Sedan, le lâche; il n'a pas capitulé, mais il s'est laissé glisser de son cheval pour faire croire qu'il était blessé. . . . Rochefort a promis dix mille francs au médecin qui prouverait qu'il a été blessé.

'Les manœuvres du ministère nous ramèneront les Prussiens; mais nous ne combattons pas sous des généraux incapables. Le patriotisme ne va pas jusqu'à se faire tuer par ces gens-là. Il faudra commencer par exécuter MacMahon et son gouvernement, et après cela nous nous arrangerons avec l'ennemi.

'Tous les moyens sont bons. Luttons d'abord avec les urnes. . . . puis il y a le moyen légal que vous connaissez.'

"The judgment further adds in aggravation that 'it was proved that the last words of the above were accompanied by a gesture significant of firing a shot.'

"The above requires, I think, no comment; and, despite a letter of Sir E. Watkin which appeared in the *Times* of Monday, is at once a sufficient excuse for the sentence, which is based especially upon the 'position held by the prisoner' and the 'quality of the audience he addressed.'

In protesting against such language as most contrary to the ever loyal teaching and spirit of Freemasonry I think it well that our Masonic position in such a matter should be well and clearly understood.

I am, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

FREEMASONS IN THE LAW COURTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some weeks ago I trespassed upon your indulgence and the patience of your readers with a dissertation upon that very lively and exciting theme "the stamp duties" of our country. Incidentally to that diverting argument I found that I was bound to bestow some consideration upon a then recent discussion, whereby in the Westminster County Court, Bayley, Q.C. C. C. J., had held,—and I thought, and expressed that I thought, soundly

held,—that an initiation fee and lodge dues could not be recovered by ordinary process of law.

In your last impression the question of the legal status of members of the Craft has cropped up again, and I venture, *ecce iterum Crispinus*, to intrude my personality again upon your readers, parrying any thrusting charges of egotism by premising that I only seek to endeavour to help my brethren by the diffident expression of the conclusions at which I have arrived after some time devoted to serious consideration of the subject upon which I presume to put pen to paper, and sincerely professing that I write with a full conviction of the soundness of the Shakespearian motto, that "good counsels must perforce give place to better."

But, first of all, please indulge me by letting me have my fling at the "emotionalists," the "gushers," the "young lions" of the cheap daily press. I am perfectly aware that the skilled editor can command an article upon any subject, from lunar equations to St. Giles's lodgings, by selecting the appropriate "young man" to "lay on" for the purpose of "doing it." Scoffers at the *modus operandi* of the (vile and inaccurate colloquialism) "fourth estate," do say that the juvenile feline commanded to wag his tail or "shake the dew drops from his mane" in a given direction, is shut up in an encyclopædia lined apartment, and—the key turned, and copious four-penn'orths of gin-and-water, many clay pipes, and a general "muchness" of shag tobacco provided—is "requisitioned" to provide "copy" on pain of—death? no, dismissal—on any desiderated subject within any fraction of the interval between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. on any of the six working nights of the week.

Is the "old Joe" of the gushing scribbler, who, being required to write by order on Chinese metaphysics, was shut up in the editor's room and advised to con the indispensable encyclopædia for the respective words "metaphysics" and "China," and then "combine his information," wholly an allegory? Is the theory that the joke is a libel supported, or presumably displaced, by the recent exertations upon the sea serpent we have had the privilege to read in that journal, the initials of whose title, unfortunately, coincide with those of a disorder induced by the excitement engendered by indulgence in "undue stimulation?" I know not—I care not. Only in the interests of that public, a boon to which is desiderated in our desire to see the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth disseminated, it would, I think, be as well if the hirer of the young lions would "lay on" to wag their tails feline specimens, who know something by experience,—actually "know, you know,"—of the subject upon which they "gush" for so much a line.

I do not venture, Sir, so far to intrude upon your space as to ask you to reproduce the very flippant and very ignorant—what shall I call it?—Editorial?—No, I believe leaderette is the proper word? *more Americano!* which appeared in one of your contemporaries on the recent case of Voight v. Trevor and another, on Monday the 11th inst. I only meekly suggest to the august potentates who rule, guide, and direct the *Daily Telegraph*, that it might not be an undesirable qualification in a writer who aspires to clothe himself in type, with Masonic matter for the material of his garment, to have a slight, say a merely elementary knowledge of what he is writing about.

The writer of the paragraph (I do not of course allude to the quoted report in your columns of last week taken from the *Standard*) in question, assumes that the dictum of Field, J., confers upon our beloved Craft some special, and, therefore, some exceptional status in the eye of the law never before conceded to it. The brethren will at once perceive that our learned and illustrious brother's expression does nothing of the kind. Too much jealousy cannot be evinced of a manifested tendency to "oust," as the legal expression is, the jurisdiction of the law courts in matters of controversy between citizen and citizen, *quâ* citizen, on purely civic rights. I have sat, one year with another, on the Board of General Purposes for ten years. I have constantly attended, watched, spoken, and voted upon the proceedings of that body. I have, both by speech and vote, had the privilege and honour—I say it deliberately and proudly—to support the conclusions that assemblage has arrived at in Grand Lodge, and, although now no longer a member of that august—august inasmuch as it is a dignified, deliberative and respectable—body, I can solemnly aver that this question of the due discrimination between a man's civic rights, as the member of a national community, and his duties and reciprocal dues as a fellow of a universal brotherhood, has ever received the most attentive consideration of that, the cabinet council—so to speak—of the Craft. What has been the result? I venture to say that it has been the affirmation of what is a purely common sense principle, that in matters common to all citizens, in their generic character as such, the authorities of the Craft will decline to interfere, but that in questions as to their relations as Freemasons, *ex generis naturâ*, a tribunal is provided to which they, having by their affiliation to the brotherhood agreed to submit, are estopped, at all events in honour—certainly, according to the obligations voluntarily entered into by each one on his initiation—from submitting their Masonic differences to what I may call, by a figure of speech, a lay tribunal. No similar privileges can be claimed, as the emotional scribe assumes, by the Odd Fellows, the Druids, or the Most Ancient Order of Antediluvian Buffaloes, because, in the first place, their obligations entail no such submission to a common and recognised tribunal, and, in the second place, because the organisation of those very respectable and very useful brotherhoods have not obtained that legal recognition which our ancient fraternity has acquired.*

* 39 Geo. 3rd, cap. 79, secs. 5 and 6; 57 Geo. 3rd, cap. 19, sec. 26.

Take an instance—two instances; In "The Hervey Lodge v. Fielder"—*Freemason*, Oct. 26, 1876, the question was essentially pecuniary, and was decided on the legal proposition that no civic status was conferred upon a lodge to sue and be sued. I venture, Sir, to say that nine-tenths of our brethren accept that as a logical result of the purely voluntary character of our association. A case which came before the Board of General Purposes in my time was some wretched social dispute about an alleged libel promulgated by one Mason against another, not *quâ* his character as a brother Mason, but solely in respect to his position, or his conduct as a member of a local School Board. Here, and as I think, very properly, the disputants were left to their independent rights as members of the general community. The question came before Grand Lodge, and that supreme body took this, as I think, indisputably constitutional view. But the case under discussion "is to be distinguished," as they say in Westminster Hall. A brief *resumé* of the facts will, I think, show how. Certain members of a lodge, as I am informed of the circumstances, combined together to blackball, irrespective of qualifications, every candidate for initiation. The conspirators were detected—how—the *modus operandi*—I am not called upon to describe. It is not my province to praise the device employed, nor to animadvert upon its employment. They were detected. It is deemed to be a Masonic offence worthy of—let us say, briefly and not invidiously "gibbetting." The bye-laws of the lodge provide, not unreasonably, for *incroyables* (to use a mild conventional term towards our irreconcilable brethren) being—again to use a gentle phrase—eliminated. The question then comes in whether their conduct, constituting an offence, which, if an offence at all, must surely be deemed purely Masonic, is cognisable by the general law courts of the realm; cognisable, that is to say in this way, whether the publication of what is averred to be their misconduct is such an aspersion upon their general reputation as members of the general body politic as to bring them within the risk of incurring that hatred and reprobation which is deemed by the common law ground for the awarding of pecuniary damages by an assessment of a jury of their common Masonic and un-Masonic fellow citizens.

Perhaps such a publication may be, as it is technically termed, "evidence to go to a jury," and the estimate of what a jury would give in such a case, all the circumstances proved as I have narrated them, cannot affect the question; but what we have, as Masons, to consider is this: Are we to wash our dirty linen, when it is clearly our own fouling, at home, or to seek to blanch it in the law courts? Is such imputed misconduct within the purview of the Book of Constitutions, or must we resort to the tribunals of the realm open alike to exoteric and esoteric? I venture to think that there can be but one reply. The report seems to imply that our illustrious M.W.G.M. has declined jurisdiction in the matter. I think that this must be a misapprehension of what has really occurred. Has the case been submitted to the Board of General Purposes? I treat with the disdain it merits the suggestion in the paltry exercise I have alluded to, that the learned magistrate before whom the case came appends to his illustrious name any of the misquoted titles the sensational and ignorant scribe has besmeared it with. That Mr. Justice Field is a brother Mason I am proud to recognise, but I detect the valued fact rather in the sound discretion he apparently evinced in discriminating between what are and what are not subjects for the exercise of Masonic jurisprudence, than in the wild speculations of the writer, that the principles of our beloved brotherhood involve the proposition that Masons seek any emancipation from the ordinary obligations of law-abiding Englishmen.

I have trespassed, sir, I fear, too long upon your space and your readers' time. Exhaustively and irrefutably as you have treated the subject in your last week's impression, I find myself reduced to imitate the ready insolence of the young advocate, (a very old joke by the way), who pleading before certain "grave and reverend seignours" of the bench, was reminded by one of them that he had already advanced the same argument twice, "And I am afraid, my lords," he retorted, "I shall have to re-iterate it twice more, for I see before me four learned judges."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
SAMUEL POYNTER,
P.M. and Treasurer Burgoyne, No. 902;
P.M. Atherton, No. 1491.

ILLEGITIMACY AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have received a fraternal and truly Masonic letter from my dear friend and brother, Commander C. Scott, P.M. 350 I.C. (P.P.G.W. of Devon, &c., &c.), with respect to the subject about which we have been writing of late.

There is no doubt as to our enthusiastic brother being in the right as to the custom in Ireland, though that, of course, does not of itself prove it to be correct in the present era of Freemasonry.

We should remember that the Society has passed through many stages, and that at the present time every Grand Lodge is not in the same advanced state as England, which may be said to exclude no one for faults not of his making, so long as its liberal pre-requisites are observed.

I have taken the liberty to publish Commander Scott's letter, and thank him for the same, though this time I cannot altogether follow his views. We generally, however, are one in Masonry, and always one in heart.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN.

[We print these letters, but, for several reasons, we wish the discussion now to close, and will publish no more on the subject.—Ed.]

Dear Bro. Hughan,—

This is a very interesting subject to all Freemasons, and no doubt many various opinions exist. As for the late Bro. Dunckerly, it appears by the many accounts of this esteemed Mason that he was a Freemason, and delivered addresses to various lodges before he was acquainted with the secret of his paternity, which he made known to the captain of his ship shortly afterwards, and asked his advice, &c., thereon.

In Ireland the bar sinister has always been looked upon as a defect. I am well aware there is no Grand Lodge of Ireland law on the subject, but it is considered to be included in the ancient charges, and a landmark, I may say, of the Order.

All the old Masons I have ever met in this country declared they could not be even present at the making or raising of an illegitimate person. Bro. J. O. Andrews, of 154 and 513, I.C., is quite correct as to the views held in this country, and I may also add that in 1804 there were ninety-two lodges in Tyrone, and two lodges, viz., 710, Sandholls, and 806, Rock (or Zermon), did receive illegitimates, and that all such persons desirous of becoming Masons were admitted in these lodges, and afterwards were received as visitors in other lodges.

I had a conference with several very intelligent Masons about this question. We believe that free born means of honest parentage, not born of fornication, and that the words in the Gospel of St. Matthew iii., 7, "generation of vipers," and St. John, viii., 41, "born of fornication," applies to this subject. We dedicate our lodges to the holy saint St. John, and, of course, are deeply interested in our patron saint's Gospels. I am of the same opinion as my brethren that this is a defect which can be removed by a dispensation from the Grand Master, but it would be a cruel act to make an honest and upright man, as a candidate, apply for such. I know you can show affidavits of candidates' parents being lawfully married early in this century; this was chiefly owing to Presbyterian marriages not being registered, and I really do not condemn our ancient brethren being so particular, as it tended towards morality.

I fear I have trespassed on your time unduly, and with most fraternal feelings towards all brethren who may differ from

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES SCOTT,
365, S.C., Halifax; 230, E.C., Devonport;
350, Omagh.

THE ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. "J. C." desires an authoritative opinion to appear in the *Freemason* as to how the three orders of architecture are to be appropriated, and I have pleasure in responding thereto by referring him and those interested to the Book of Constitutions, pp. 133-4 (edit. 1873), as follows, re order of procession.

The Corinthian light:
The column of the Junior G. Warden.
The Doric light:
The column of the Senior G. Warden.
The Ionic light:
The Pro G.M. and M.W.G.M., &c.

It is quite clear therefore that the Grand Lodge appropriates the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic orders respectively to the Junior and Senior Wardens and the Master, and so that is a sufficient authority for all lodges so to do.

I have the authority of our well known and respected brother Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., &c., for stating that it is also the practice in the famous "Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and that such also was the opinion of the revered Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson is evident from an examination of the Tracing Boards painted under his superintendence, the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic columns having thereon statues of H.A.B., H.K.T., and S.K.I. respectively.

Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie follows the same views in the "Royal Cyclopaedia," and so does Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., in the "Masonic Cyclopaedia" (proofs of which as to this matter I have in my possession), and in the magnum opus of Dr. A. G. Mackay (the "Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry") a like order is observed. These three Masonic encyclopedists write accordingly as follows:—

Ionic.....East.....Wisdom...Master.....S.K.I.
DoricWest ...Strength..Senior Warden..H.K.T.
Corinthian ...South ...Beauty ...Junior Warden..H.A.B.

The reasons for so doing I may refer to at another time.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The position of the candlesticks is clearly laid down in the Book of Constitutions (small edition, 1873, pp. 133-4), where the Corinthian light is to be borne before the J.W., the Doric before the S.W., and the Ionic before the W.M. I venture to suggest to many inquirers in your columns a careful perusal of that book before writing to you.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
EMULATION,

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A short time ago I was in the same perplexity as your correspondent, "J. C.," with reference to the proper assignment of the three columns in a Craft lodge, and found as much uncertainty among the P.M.'s I referred to for information as he appears to have done.

An enquiry, addressed to our worthy Grand Secretary, however, set the matter at rest. He informed me that the W.M.'s column is the Ionic, the S.W.'s the Doric, and the J.W.'s the Corinthian.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
Lux.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For the information of "J. C.," I beg to state that the columns of W.M., S.W., and J.W., should respectively be Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic—types of wisdom, strength, and beauty; which qualities again were those contributed to Solomon's Temple respectively by the three holders of those chairs, K.S., H.K. of T., and H.A.B.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
W. T.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any American brother inform us what the Grand Lodge of Missouri (La Grande Loge constituée en 1865 sous le titre de Grand Loge de l'Etat du Missouri), is, and what the Grand Lodge of Ohio, (La Grande Loge constituée en date du 27 Decembre, 1829, sous le titre de Grande Loge de l'Etat de Ohio), pretends to be?

Are these the regular Grand Lodges of these two states, and have they ever been recognised by the Grand Orient of France before? See page 81, *Bulletin du Grand Orient*, Mars et Avril, 1877.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
QUERIST.

FREEMASONRY IN THE LAW COURTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me call attention to the following extract from the *Tattler* of June 16:—

"A secret society, which claims jurisdiction over its own members to the exclusion of the courts of law, and which has its claims admitted by the judges in the land, is a curious anomaly, and its judicial cognizance should horrify and scandalise all who cannot hear of a theory without pushing it to extreme conclusions. What would have happened had Mr. Justice Field been unaware, as he might well have been, that a case lately before him was 'eminently' for the jurisdiction of the Masonic Grand Master? And what will happen if the Grand Master persists in refusing jurisdiction? And is a Masonic plaintiff debarred from suing in the Supreme Court if he appears before a judge instructed in Masonry, but not otherwise? The subject is as fertile in such questions as the historic battles for jurisdiction between the courts civil and the courts ecclesiastical."

Yours fraternally,
Lex.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

We re-publish from the *Monde Maçonnique* for June the following extracts from a most interesting letter which appears therein, and which we think well to allude to in a leading article:—

The letter is from Bro. Léon Clerc to Bro. Hubert, Editor of the *Chaîne D'Union*.

Nos agréables rapports dans le passé, autant que l'amiable accueil que vous me fîtes lors de mon dernier voyage à Paris, me rendent facile l'exécution de ma promesse, celle de vous tenir au courant de l'effet que pourrait produire en ce pays les discussions des Loges Françaises tendant à la suppression du paragraphe 2, art. 1er de la Constitution du Gr. Or.

Depuis mon retour, j'ai visité la loge Royal Jubilee, No 72, Or. de Londres, Thomas Hines, Vén. J'ai de plus conversé avec un grand nombre de Frères de diverses autres Loges, et je ne suis que l'écho de tous en vous affirmant que, si pareille suppression a lieu, le résultat pour la Maçonnerie Française sera des plus déplorables dans la Grande-Bretagne.

Ces FF. m'assurent qu'aucun Maçon Français ne sera admis comme Visiteur dans les Loges de l'Obédience Anglaise. Vous savez que la Grande Loge Unie d'Angleterre compte plus de 1500 Ateliers, sans parler des Grandes Loges d'Irlande et d'Ecosse; et il n'y a pas à douter que celles-ci suivront l'exemple de leurs sœurs. L'Amérique, les colonies Anglaises, toutes imbuës des idées de la mercantile, même langue, mêmes croyances, mêmes mœurs, les imiteront aussi. Il faut ne pas connaître la race Anglo-Saxonne pour avoir des hésitations sur ce chef, et je n'ai pas passé plus de vingt années dans son sein pour ignorer ses tendances.

Que deviendra alors l'universalité de la Francmaçonnerie, si celle prêchée par le Gr. Orient de France est ainsi rejetée, stigmatisée par la moitié du globe?

Et serait-il vrai que là sont les aspirations de la Francmaçonnerie Française! Elle, qui ne date que d'un siècle et demi, prétend, par un vote, vouloir briser une croyance aussi vieille que le monde et qui vivra autant que notre globe, simplement parce qu'elle est vraie, naturelle, nécessaire.

Pardonnez-moi cette réflexion, mais une pareille prétention m'a l'air d'une gaminerie. C'est l'enfant disant à son père d'un ton mutin: Eh bien! non, tu n'es pas mon père.

Loin de moi le désir de vouloir enlever à la Maçonnerie aucun des fleurons de sa couronne, particulièrement la science qu'elle a pu acquérir et puis disséminer.

Je voudrais bien avoir le temps d'établir un parallèle entre la Maçonnerie Anglaise et la Maçonnerie Française, tel que ces regrettables débats me le font envisager; toutefois je ne peux pas m'empêcher d'affirmer que celle-ci méconnaît, sur son propre terrain, sa mission.

L'avenir du Grand-Orient de France repose dans le maintien, pour toujours et sans hésitation, de ce grand principe reconnu par lui dans sa Constitution et que l'on prétend aujourd'hui effacer.

Est-ce que nos Fr. Anglais s'occupent de religion ou même de politique? L'une et l'autre sont impitoyablement exclues de leurs travaux; et comment pourrait-il en être autrement, si l'on veut, si l'on doit pratiquer cette première des vertus Maçonniques, à savoir le respect de toutes les croyances?

Et cependant, Maçonniquement parlant, ces Frères Anglais datent leur existence avant la nôtre; ils sont infiniment plus nombreux, plus répandus sur le globe, plus puissants à plus d'un titre, j'ajouterais même généralement plus respectés. Leur but, c'est de prêcher l'amour de l'humanité, de la soulager, de s'en-tendre partout où ils se rencontrent. Ils invoquent à tous pas le nom du Gr. Arch. de l'Un., et leur poétique rituel est puisé dans les codes moralistes de tous les temps, de toutes les religions, sans cependant s'occuper de dogmes.

Croyez-moi, cher Fr. Hubert, c'est un vent de souffre qui passe en ce moment sur la Maçonnerie Française, et je vois avec bonheur que vous cherchez à le détourner. S'il ne peut être conjuré, vous verrez bientôt des scissions sans fin dans l'Orde, qui, dès lors, aura perdu son universalité qui fait sa force.

Est-ce à dire qu'en Maçonnerie nous dussions avoir bientôt autant de nuances qu'en politique, et la France présentera-t-elle, dans l'une comme dans l'autre, ce triste spectacle de divisions qui parmi les nations amies excite déjà, en politique du moins, leur sincère pitié! Non, il ne faut pas que cette mesure passe.

CONSECRATION OF THE CRUSADERS' LODGE (No. 1677).

The consecration of this lodge took place on Wednesday, June 13th, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, in the presence of a large assemblage of influential Masons. The presiding officer was Bro. James Terry, who went through the ceremony of the consecration in a most able manner, assisted by Bro. James Hill, as S.W., and Bro. Henry Marsh, as J.W. For some time past the necessity for a new lodge in this locality had been strongly felt, and several members of the Craft, dwelling or carrying on their avocations in Clerkenwell, made their determination to supply the requisite demand. Bros. Dr. W. J. Hunter and Thomas Goode were, we believe, the first instigators of this movement, and they were soon joined by Bros. Jarvis Maples, J. G. Defriez, J. W. Simmonds, A. J. Millward, F. Rothschild, R. C. Davis, J. S. Knight, W. C. Gay, and others, who became the founders of the lodge; and their efforts have been crowned with signal success. Very shortly after the Grand Lodge was petitioned the warrant was granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of all the Masons of England, and in due time and form the lodge was launched into existence amidst the good wishes and goodwill of Masons representing a large number of lodges. Among the visitors present were Bros. H. Field, 1602; W. H. Hooper, P.M. 435; R. D. Cummings, 704; R. W. Mountstevens, 27; J. Hill, W.M. 228; C. H. Miller, P.M. 907; R. H. Marsh, P.M. 1196; G. E. Fairchild, 1196; S. S. Bacca, 1196; W. J. Randall, 228; J. Woodman, 228; J. Tovell, 1489; D. Posner, W.M. 185; W. Rest, 1288; E. Wits, P.M. 144; C. Pinkston, 205; A. Mullord, 1288; A. H. Hickman, A.D.C. 228; J. Ward Verry, P.M. 554; H. Paine, 228; J. Newton, P.M. 174; T. Lawler, jun., 1297; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; J. Freeman, 1288; C. Means, 1107; C. Koester, P.M. 435; R. Snare, S.W. 228; J. E. Crump, 1223; G. C. Baker, 228; J. Walker, 27; S. Price, P.M. 1288; T. B. Payne, P.M. 27; Dr. H. Franklin, 228; J. Kew, P.M. 179; S. Rolly, 1602; and others. The brethren formed in procession, entered the lodge room at 4.30, and the Presiding Officer having taken the chair and appointed the Wardens pro. tem., the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees.

Bro. Terry (consecrator) then addressed the brethren at some length, explaining the principles upon which Freemasonry is based, and dilating upon the duties incumbent upon Freemasons and their relations towards one another. He dwelt at some length upon the objects and aim of Freemasonry—that it is a peculiar system of morality, and that none but free, honest, and upright men should belong to it. One great end of Freemasonry has in view is to assist in charities, thereby reducing the sum of human suffering. Obedience to the laws of the land, wherever Masons might dwell, and reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, were also principles that Freemasonry taught.

The remarks of the Presiding Officer were attentively listened to, and Bro. Terry resumed his seat amidst general approbation.

The Invocation having been given, the lodge board was uncovered, and the Master and Wardens pro. tem. carried the elements of consecration three times round the lodge, to the solemn music of the Old Hundredth. The Master took the censer three times round the lodge, the brethren chanting "When once of old in Israel." On arriving at the east the Consecrating Officer strewed corn, the emblem of plenty, and solemnly dedicated the lodge in ancient form to Masonry, the brethren responding musically "Glory be to God on high." During the second circuit the brethren sang "When there a shrine to Him above," the Consecrating Officer, in the east pouring wine, the emblem of joy and happiness, and solemnly dedicating

the lodge to Virtue. During the third circuit the brethren sang "And we have come, fraternal bands," and the Consecrating Officer poured oil, the emblem of unity, and solemnly dedicated the lodge to Universal Benevolence, the brethren responding "Glory be to God on high."

The dedication prayer over, the brethren sang a vesper hymn, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah." The Presiding Officer then constituted the lodge, which was resumed in the Second Degree.

The installation of the W.M., Bro. Jarvis Maples, P.M. 144, then followed.

The W.M. proceeded to the appointment of his officers, selecting Bros. J. W. Simmonds as S.W.; W. J. Hunter, J.W.; Thomas Goode, S.D.; F. Rothschild, J.D.; R. C. Davis, I.G.; J. S. Knight, D.C.; A. J. Millward, W.S.; and J. G. Defriez, Secretary.

In the absence of Bro. Simmonds, who was unavoidably away at sea, Bro. J. Piggott acted as S.W. pro tem.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry and his assistants, which was seconded by the J.W., and was carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry was then unanimously elected an honorary member of the Crusaders' Lodge.

The lodge was then closed in the usual way, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. W. C. Gay, which was served in the great hall of the old and venerable building. The menu was a very extensive one, embellished with appropriate quotations from Shakespeare.

When the cloth was removed the usual loyal toasts were proposed, which were received with musical honours.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Terry, acting as I.P.M., in very felicitous terms, to which the W.M. replied, saying that he felt the honour conferred upon him by the members of the Crusaders' Lodge in electing him to the chair of King Solomon, and that he would strain every effort to serve the lodge faithfully, and sustain, during his year of office, the honour and prestige of Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officer" was then proposed by the W.M., to which Bro. Terry suitably replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" then followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Marsh, who took occasion to say on behalf of himself and his brother visitors how delighted they all were at the very kind and generous hospitality they had all received, and he ventured to say that the Crusaders would show themselves worthy of the fame and reputation of Freemasonry, by being careful in their selection of candidates.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, each officer appropriately replying.

The toast of the Tyler brought to a close a very interesting, and in all respects a remarkable gathering of brethren.

In the course of the evening Bro. Marsh recited, in the style of a veteran, the "Charge of the Six Hundred," and Bro. Fairchild gave "My Pipe," in excellent spirit. The music was under the direction of Bros. Miller and Millward, the latter singing "Come into the Garden, Maud" and "The Thorn" very ably and with great expression.

Royal Order of Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 11th inst. R.W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Prov. G.M., presiding.

The following companions were admitted, and advanced to the Order of H.R.M. of K.L.W.N.G.:—The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, 33; Richard Joseph Nunn, M.D., 33, S.J.U.S.A.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, 31; the Rt. Hon. Lord de Clifford, 18.

Under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order in Edinburgh, the Robert Bruce Chapter of H.R.M. of K.L.W.N.G. was duly constituted and opened at 4 p.m. by the R.W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Prov. G.M., with the usual ceremonies, and the following candidates were advanced to the Order:—Comps. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, 31; the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, 18; the Rt. Hon. Lord Brooke, 18; the Hon. William T. Warren Vernon, 31; Major Gen. Sir H. Charles B. Daubeney, K.C.B. 30; the Honourable and Rev. Francis, E. C. Byng, M.A. 18; the Ven. Archdeacon, C. G. C. Dunbar, D.D. 18; Ralph D. Makinson Littler, Q.C. 18; Lewis W. Cave, Q.C. 18; Samuel Graham Bake, Dep. Controller, 18; the Rev. Dr. H. Ernest Brette, 30; Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadsen, R.B.G. 32; Thomas Clarke Latham, 18; Kenneth Robert Murchison, 18; Lieut. Col. J. Herbert Fremre, R.B.G. 18; Major Francis Charteris Wemyes, R.B.G. 18; Charles Sherwood Ickwell, 18;

W. Bro. the Rev. Frederick Kill Harford, M.A., was then inducted as the first T.R.S.T.A. of the Royal Bruce Chapter, and proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master.

The following officers were proposed and elected by the chapter:—Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, Dep. T.R.S.T.A.; the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, Sen. Guardian; the Hon. and Rev. Francis E. C. Byng, Jun. Guardian; the Rt. Hon. Lord Brooke, Marshal; Ralph D. Makinson Littler, Q.C., Dep. Marshal; M. Gen. Sir Chas. Daubeney, K.C.B., and the Rt. Hon. Lord de Clifford, Stewards; Capt. Portlock Dadsen, Treas. and Sec.; Thos. Clarke Tatham, Guard.

The chapter was then closed, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of R.S.Y.C.S. having been duly opened, the above named companions were promoted to the knighthood of

the Order. Among those present on this occasion were—V.W. Bro. Major-General H. Clerk, F.R.S., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; C. F. Matier, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire and Cheshire; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; Samuel Rawson, Prov. S.G.G.; Rev. T. F. A. T. Ravensham, P.P.G.G.; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. S.G.G.; Raphael Costa, Prov. G. Sec.; Major Shadwell H. Clerke, R.B.G., Prov. Grand Treas.; W. Hyde Pullen, Prov. Grand Marshal; S. Rosenthal, Prov. Dep. Grand Marshal; Lt.-Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Sword Bearer; G. Lambert, Prov. Grand Guarder; C. Edwin Willing, Prov. Grand Organist. W. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, Major Charles Harding, E. B. Webb, Walter Spencer, Joseph F. Starkey, and Charles Allen.

The banquet took place at the Café Royal, 68, Regent-street, at 8 p.m., the R.W. Bro. F. K. Harford, the T.R.S.T.A., presiding.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The members of the Old Scholars Reunion dined together at the Holborn Restaurant on the 5th inst., the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master of the Institution and President of the Reunion) being unavoidably absent, the chair was taken by Mr. A. W. Dutton, who was one of the first boys to be educated in the old building at Wood Green. The chief toasts of the evening were "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and to the Reunion." All ex-scholars of the R.M.I.B. who have not joined the Reunion are requested to communicate with Mr. G. W. Martin, 123 and 124, Newgate-street.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 29, 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, JUNE 23.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill (Installation).
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion Tavern, Leytonstone (Consecration).

Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

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, JUNE 25.

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 Town.
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-st., 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, JUNE 26.

Lodge 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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, Wheatsheaf 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, JUNE 27.

Anniversary Festival R.M.I. for Boys.—See Advt.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrews, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-hdg.-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, Maismore 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, Havlock 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, JUNE 28.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland, M.H., Mason's Avenue.

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, JUNE 29.

Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
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'-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts, 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. Kensgtn.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.

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" 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool, (Installation).
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Overton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Lodge 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, M.H., Prescot.
" 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1052, Callender, Pub. H. Rusholme.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

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