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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—After a year of almost unprecedented success, Bro. F. G. Pownall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., presided over the above lodge for the last time during this his present term of office as W.M., and a large muster of both the members and friends of the lodge, and its esteemed Master, assembled to do honour to the occasion, among them being Bros. Butt, W.M. 700; W. Weston, W.M. 1556; W. T. Vincent, W.M. 913; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706 and 1536; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; J. McDougall, P.M. 913; G. Spinks, W.M. elect of 1536; T. D. Hayes, J.W. 913; R. Beaver, 700; J. W. Farr, 1536; D. Deeves, 1536; H. Green, 1076; Halloman, 1536; J. Donnelly, 706; H. Pryce, 913; W. Sallenger, 913; W. Cobb, 700; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*), 913. The officers of the lodge present beside the W.M. were C. Young, P.M.; C. F. Hills, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; G. W. Reed, S.W.; J. P. Moore, J.W.; J. Henderson, Treasurer and P.M.; H. Syer, Secretary; T. Hutton, S.D.; N. Brown, J.D.; B. Norman, Tyler; Bro. G. H. Masters acted as I.G. in the absence of Bro. Reilly through ill health. The lodge having been duly opened, Messrs. A. H. Hiscock and Leon C. Chasteauf were, after approval, admitted into Masonry, and Bros. Girdlestone, Debraclair, Sones, and Deans were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in the most impressive manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. Reed, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office. Bro. Henderson, who has held the office for 21 years, was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. B. Norman was re-elected Tyler. Auditors were chosen, and then Bro. Osgood proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, that a P.M. jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. Pownall, as a token of the esteem in which he is held, and as a recognition of his valuable services to the lodge while in the chair. Some lodge business was then transacted, and it was closed in due form. Upon re-assembling for refreshments, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts usual upon such occasions; and then Bro. P.M. Young proposed "The Health of the W.M.," drawing attention to the manner in which he had carried out the arduous work in the lodge that evening. There could, he felt sure, be only one feeling among them, and that was, respect and admiration for their esteemed W. Master, and he asked them to drink his health. Bro. Pownall in reply, after thanking Bro. Young, said that he could not help feeling a sentiment of regret at leaving the chair, wherein he had the privilege of presiding over a lodge whose members had ever evinced towards him such continual and gratifying help, kindness, and courtesy; but the time had arrived for him to transfer its honour and its responsibilities into the hands of one who was worthy of it, and deserved it. For the last time he thanked them for that toast, but the good feeling that has ever moved them to do honour to it in his person would long be treasured as a remembrance worthy of being associated with the proudest and dearest souvenirs of his life. In taking a retrospective glance at the year just past, he would mention that death had been busy in their midst; they had lost one dear old brother, who had for forty years been a member of this lodge, Bro. Williams. They had lost Bro. Sales, who was a good brother and a good man. Bro. Richards, too, had been removed from among them, and another brother, whose name was not now before him, had as well gone from among them. Speaking generally of their financial and numerical position, he had, when he took office, a balance in hand of £50, and now, after many expenses that had occurred during the year, there was a balance in hand of £80. They had during that time thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the company of their visiting brethren round the social board, and above all, they had not neglected that divine principle of charity, that was the bright particular star of their noble Order. He wished before leaving the chair to thank his officers for their constant care and assistance to him in carrying

out the duties of the lodge, his Wardens, Deacons, and Guards. He would personally thank Bro. Harding, their Organist, for the valuable assistance he had rendered to the lodge; and as for their esteemed Secretary and Treasurer he could not find words sufficiently to thank them. He felt that he had the good wishes of every brother with him, and it was gratifying to him to find so much unanimity existing among them. Every meeting had been a good one, and every one felt that it was their duty to sustain untarnished and unspotted the reputation earned for the lodge in its earliest days; and now that he was placing his trust into another one's hands, he felt that he had their good wishes, and that the universal kindness shown him would still be his in the honourable, but yet he hoped useful, retirement that always fell to the occupants of such an office as that he was now leaving. "The Initiates" were toasted, and returned thanks. "The Visitors" was the next, and in putting it the W.M. said he knew no better illustration of the good feeling shown to a lodge than by the number and position of its visitors. It improved their working, it made and cemented friendships. It brought the brethren together in unity, and he individually had to thank Masonic visits for some of his dearest and most prized friendships. Bro. Butt, W.M., replied for the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, and took the opportunity to thank the W.M. and brethren of the Union Waterloo for many kindnesses received, and wished the W.M. elect success in emulating the deeds of his predecessor. Bro. Croisdale replied for the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706, and eulogised the good work and genial hospitality of the lodge, and wished them continued prosperity. Bro. Vincent, W.M., replied for the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, and congratulated them upon the number of visitors; it was always a good sign, more particularly when among them were comprised so many of the principal officers of the district. He congratulated them upon their prosperity; it was the oldest lodge out of London, and they were proud of it, and of its life and energy. He congratulated the lodge upon its W.M., and spoke of the wonderful amount of work done by him in the many offices he filled both in and outside Masonry. Bro. Pownall would soon hold a distinguished position in the Province, for Lord Holmesdale, G.M. of the Province of Kent, had determined at the next Grand Provincial meeting, in July next, to invest him with the purple. Bro. Weston, W.M., responded for the United Military, No. 1536, and spoke of the good feeling that existed between the two lodges, which he trusted would strengthen as time went by. He wished their W.M. long life to enjoy the honours he had so well and worthily earned. Bro. McDougall as well replied, and then "The Health of the W.M. elect" was given, and responded to, and after the health of the officers had been honoured, the W.M. proposed in glowing terms "The Health of Bro. C. Jolly," for the true, full, and faithful reports of their proceedings in the organ of the Craft, the *Freemason*. Bro. Jolly briefly responded, saying that Bro. Kenning had made the *Freemason* worthy of its high reputation all over the civilised world. Many a brother Mason in far away lands read, no doubt with pride and pleasure, how the work was progressing at home, and thanked his *Freemason* for many a happy reminiscence. He trusted they would all support it, and concluded by thanking the W.M. and them all for many kindnesses received during the past year. The Tyler's toast then concluded the business of the evening.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—In consequence of the regular lodge night falling on Thursday, May 24th (Whitsun week), the meeting was postponed until the following Thursday, May 31st. The brethren having assembled at that date at the Assheton Arms, the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. George Bradbury, W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting, after being read by Bro. John Hatton, Sec., received confirmation. Bro. Reed was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. George Bradbury, W.M. The traditional history was given to Bros. Beresford, Brunt, Valentine, Hewitt, Hooper, and Reed, by Bro. John Wood, P.M., Prov. G.A.D. of C. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree in due form, and "Hearty Good Wishes" were accorded from the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, from Lodges 1588, 993, 230, and 29, Dilage America. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. The subject of the Callender Memorial Fund was brought before the brethren by Bro. John Wood, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., who made an earnest appeal on its behalf. The W.M. also commended the subject to their favourable consideration, and it is pleasing to state that nearly every brother has subscribed to the fund, and that a good donation may be expected by the Prov. Grand Lodge for this excellent object. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the social board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The Prov. Grand Officers" being warmly received, owing to the presence for the first time of Bro. Albert L. Dickens, P.M., P.J.G.W., and Bro. John Wood, P.G.A.D.C., in the insignia of their respective offices. Both brethren made capital speeches in responding to the toast. Some excellent harmony enlivened the proceedings, and a very agreeable evening was spent to the satisfaction of all the brethren.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The summer festival of this old lodge, better known as the "Feast of Roses," was celebrated on Thursday, June 21st, when there were present Bros. the Rev. J. B. Tweed, W.M.; T. J. Burton, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. Miller, S.W.; H. C. Casley, J.W.; G. S. Elleston, S.D.; C. Schulen, Treasurer; W. Spalding, Secretary; W. Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Bros. Peter de Lande Long, S.G. D. England; Dr. Alfred Meadows, P.G.S. England; W. Bobey, A. J. Barber, Phillip Cornell, also Bros. Dr. W. A. Elleston, Dr. J. E. Taylor, F. H. Fosdick, S. Wright, C. J. Meadows, W. Fraser, jun., S. Wright, and H. Ribbans.

Visitors: E. P. Youell, W.M. 1631; N. Tracy, P.M. 376; Dr. J. H. Sladden, P.M. 376; G. J. Paine, A.P.G.D.C. 1008; and Bros. E. T. Reed, 376; S. R. Anness, 376; George Abbott, 959; C. Cook, 959; and others. After the usual lodge business the Tracing Boards in the First and Second Degrees were admirably given by Bro. P. M. Barber, and Bro. C. H. Casely, J.W., respectively. A discussion then followed as to the future prospects of the Masonic Hall at Ipswich, which unfortunately is not quite paying its way. The lodge was then closed and the brethren retired to a well served banquet; the general Masonic toasts being given in the usual felicitous style of the W.M. and ably responded to. In returning thanks for the Past and Present Grand Officers Bro. P. de Lande Long thanked the brethren of his lodge for their congratulations upon his recent appointment as S.G.D. Bro. Youell also responded most ably for the visitors, always an important toast at these meetings; and Bro. W. Roby, in responding to the toast of "The Great Masonic Charities," made a powerful and urgent appeal to the Suffolk brethren to enlarge their subscriptions still further. He thanked them most heartily for what they had already done, and reminded them that so long as they continued to bring forward candidates, so long must they keep continually increasing their subscriptions, and he trusted that they would never forget what were the three grand principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Bros. Clark, Cornell, Miller, and Abbott contributed much to the harmony of the evening. It should be added that the room was profusely decorated with roses and exotic plants from the gardens and conservatories of the brethren, and a splendid bank of ferns, embedded in moss, intermixed with the queen of flowers, gave a most pleasing finish to the upper end of the room. This was arranged with great taste by Mr. Godbold, a young Ipswich florist, under the superintendence of Bro. P.M. Cornell, and will not soon be forgotten. After the Tyler's toast 'he brethren separated, much pleased with the "Feast of Roses."

CROYDON.—Frederick Lodge of Unity (No. 452).—The installation meeting of this celebrated lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Greyhound, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Sugg, W.M. The lodge was numerously attended, the following brethren being present:—Bros. J. Robins, M. Ohren, C. W. Dommatt, W. Sugg, C. Pawley, A. J. Dickinson, J. W. Sugg, W. S. Masterman, G. Wright, A. T. Jeffery, C. H. Edmands, E. H. Sugg, F. A. Manning, C. M. Ohren, F. Cassell, G. Robins, J. Methven, J. C. F. W. Rogers, D. W. Sugg, E. S. Pugh, C. G. Scott, and the following visitors:—Bros. Ball, E. Spooner, C. S. Jekyll, Morgan, T. Hunter, Leaper, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). Bros. Astyanax Brattle and Wm. G. Hunter were passed; Mr. Wise was initiated; and Bro. Batchlor was elected a joining member. Afterwards the W.M. installed Bro. Arthur T. Jeffery as W.M., performing the ceremony in both a fluent and impressive style. The brethren appointed and invested as officers were George Wright, S.W.; C. H. Edmands, J.W.; James Robins, Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, Secretary; Charles Pawley, S.D.; Sugg, J.D. and Organist; J. Walter Sugg, the P.M., D.C.; F. A. Manning, I.G.; George Robins and J. C. F. W. Rogers, Stewards; and C. F. Speight, Tyler. The I.P.M. then delivered the addresses and was much applauded at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Magnus Ohren proposed; and Bro. James Robins seconded, a motion for the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. W. Sugg, both brethren observing that never was a P.M.'s jewel more deserved. Bro. Masterman, P.M., in supporting the motion, added that he entirely concurred in this observation. A handsome jewel was then presented to Bro. Sugg, the W.M. accompanying the presentation with the remark that what had just been said by Bros. Ohren, Robins, and Masterman was entirely in accordance with his own feelings. Bro. Sugg, in acknowledging the gift, said the kindness with which he had been received by the brethren, particularly in the year during which he had acted as Master of the lodge, had been such that this jewel, valuable as it might be in his eyes, could not add to his estimation of the brethren's kindness, and he should ever wear the jewel as a memento of the happiness he had had in the lodge, of the brethren's appreciation of any Masonic service he had performed, and as a stimulus to persevere in the path he had hitherto pursued. It was not so much the possession of the jewel that gratified him, though that was no small thing, but it was the consciousness he had that the brethren's appreciation of what he had done to promote the interests of the lodge had induced them to bestow on him this jewel. Though he was conscious of many shortcomings in what he had done, the knowledge that the brethren fully recognised the motives that stimulated him in discharging his duties would cause him to wear his jewel at all times without a blush, and it would always give him unlimited satisfaction. (Laughter and applause.) On the motion of Bro. Magnus Ohren, seconded by Bro. James Robins, five guineas were voted to the testimonial to Bro. Greenwood, Provincial Grand Secretary for Surrey; and Bro. Ohren announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Farnham, at two o'clock, on Tuesday, the 20th July. Bro. Francis having retired from the office of D.C. of the lodge, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services, and he was elected an honorary member. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was elegantly provided by the proprietor of the Greyhound. At the conclusion of the banquet, as the time was running short, the W.M. proposed the toasts very briefly. Bro. Magnus Ohren, in responding for "The Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," said it was a great pleasure to the Provincial Grand Officers in attending the Provincial Grand Lodge to see how well and worthily the position of Provincial Grand Master was

carried out. As one of the Provincial Grand Officers, he (Bro. Ohren) had had to attend the Provincial Grand Master in connection with the business of lodges in various parts of the province, and he had been very well pleased to see the way in which the business was conducted. There were many cases in which the Provincial Grand Master had to decide questions, and from his own experience he was able to say that the Provincial Grand Master had decided in all cases in a most conscientious spirit. He had shown himself a true man of business. When the Provincial Grand Master presided last year at the Provincial Grand Lodge he told the brethren, whom he appointed, that there were so many claims before him for office, that he trusted every officer appointed would be satisfied with the position he was placed in, and would consider it one of distinction. He could not make all the brethren Wardens or all Deacons, but whatever office a brother held it was one of distinction. This was quite true. Now this expression showed what the heart of the Provincial Grand Master was—that he did all he could to meet the wishes of the brethren; and he followed up his observations by appointing his own son to one of the lowest offices. The Frederick Lodge of Unity had been very successful in providing officers to the province, and the brethren of the lodge were very proud of the attention they had received from the Prov. G.M. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Initiate," and hoped that the light that had dawned on him that evening would be a benefit to him. If the initiate followed up the tenets of Freemasonry, he would find it would make him a far better man. Bro. Wise responded. He came among the brethren as a stranger, but his feeling in this respect had been considerably modified by the kind way in which he had been received by the brethren. He felt that he could not add any new lustre to such an old institution as Freemasonry, but at all events he would hope that by his conduct he might not dim the lustre which the Order had. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. E. Spooner replied. Bro. J. W. Sugg proposed "The W.M.," and complimented him on the way in which he had commenced his year of office. The W.M. in reply said he should do the best he could in doing what he had been placed in the chair of the lodge to do. But he had a very difficult task to perform when he followed such a W.M. as Bro. Sugg had proved himself to be. The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master," to which toast Bro. Sugg replied. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and the S.W. having replied, the brethren separated. The evening was a most successful one, and was enlivened by some charming singing by Bros. Magnus Ohren, Charles Ohren, and several other brethren.

**WORKINGTON.**—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by this lodge, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The brethren assembled at their rooms, in Portland-square, Workington, shortly after three o'clock, there being present the following members of Sun and Sector Lodge—Bro. P. de E. Collin, W.M., P.P.G. Purst.; being unavoidably absent through an important business engagement.—Bros. J. Wood, S.W., and W.M. elect; R. Thomas, J.W.; G. Brooker, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G. Purst.; G. Kirkwood, Secretary; G. B. McMullin, S.D.; Rowland Hill, jun., J.D.; D. Reece, Steward; W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; G. T. Archibald, P.M.; R. Scott, Tyler; together with about a dozen others. Visitors also attended from Lodges 119 and 872, Whitehaven; 371, Maryport; 1002, Cockermouth; and 1400, Harrington. Bro. Gibson presided as Installing Officer, and performed the principal duties of the day, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G. J.W.; Brooker, P.M. 962; Archibald, P.M. 962; W. B. Cowman, W.M. 872; T. Dixon, W.M. 1400; W. Alsop, W.M. 119; T. Carley, W.M. 371; T. Mandie, P.M. 371; J. Young, P.M. 1400; and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002. (Freemason). The following official appointments were made:—Bro. Collin, P.M.; J. Kirkwood, S.W.; McMullin, J.W.; Brooker, Treas.; Troing, Sec.; Hill, S.D.; J. Trohear, J.D.; D. Reece, I.G.; W. Williams, Organist; T. Williams, Steward; and R. Scott, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the Treasurer produced the statement of accounts, which disclosed a most satisfactory state of affairs, inasmuch as upwards of £40 was disbursed in charity during the past twelve months, and this notwithstanding that the annual subscription is somewhat lower than most lodges in the Province. Subsequently all were entertained to banquet at the Green Dragon Hotel, Bro. J. Wood, W.M., presiding. Sun and Sector Lodge, as its number will suggest, is comparatively young, but we may add that the lodge, as at present existing, is but the revival of one of the same name that flourished in Workington more than half a century ago, and then having decayed, remained dormant for many years, up to its resuscitation in 1863. At present there are in use a few interesting souvenirs of old times, in the shape of the original bible, columns, &c., of the old lodge, which, if we remember rightly, were quite unexpectedly unearthed from the dust of obscurity of years, when the new charter was applied for. King Iron has of late years worked wonders in the dissemination of our Craft throughout West Cumberland, notably in Workington.

**SHEERNESS.**—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).—At an adjourned meeting of this lodge, on Wednesday, the 13th day of June, A.L. 5877, for the installation of Bro. Penney, the W.M. elect. There were present Bros. Bourne, W.M. (who was Installing Master); Penney, S.W.; Clarkson, J.W.; Pannell, Sec.; Isaac, S.D.; Saffery, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Parsons, Tyler. Bro. Bourne said before proceeding with the installation of his successor, the W.M. elect, he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. W. Pannell, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W., with a memento of the good feeling and respect

and the high appreciation felt by the whole of the brethren of his zeal and assiduity as Secretary of the lodge during the years 1875, 1876, and 1877. Nothing could give him more satisfaction than to present Bro. Pannell with this splendid timepiece which the lodge had unanimously voted to their esteemed brother. Bro. Pannell, in reply, said he thanked the W.M. and brethren most sincerely for their very handsome present, which would be handed down as a heirloom to his family. It afforded him a great amount of pleasure to know that his humble endeavours to promote the prosperity of the De Shurland Lodge had met with their approval, more especially as they appeared to consider it deserved to be recognised in such a tangible form as the presentation of that handsome timepiece. He should look back with pride on that day, and when he looked on their present it would cause him to use, if possible, still greater exertions on their behalf. He knew that they would give him credit for sincerity when he stated that from the first moment the lodge was consecrated he felt a great and increasing interest in its prosperity, and as long as he was a member should continue to do so. One word he should like to say, in conclusion, which was, that this kindness to one of their officers would act as an incentive to all their future officers, that in carrying out their duties to the best of their ability it would be fully appreciated by the whole of the brethren of their lodge. The W.M. elect was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Bourne according to ancient custom. The W.M. Bro. Penney, then selected and invested the following officers:—Bros. Clarkson, S.W.; Isaac, J.W.; Hancock, Treas.; Pannell, Sec.; Tomkins, M.C.; Saffery, S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Highley, Steward; Redman, Steward; Parsons, Tyler. The W.M. informed the brethren that the first duty he was called on to perform was an exceedingly agreeable one, and he trusted all the duties he would have to carry out would be equally pleasant—it was to present Bro. Bourne, the retiring W.M., with a gold Past Master's jewel. He was fully aware the brethren knew of his many excellent qualities, by which he had endeared himself to them all, and also in accepting the position of their Master for two years in succession by their unanimous wish, for which they owed him a debt of gratitude. He would not take up any more of their time. Addressing Bro. Bourne, he said, he had great pleasure, on behalf of himself and the members of the lodge, in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, and hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him for many years, to wear it on his breast. Bro. Bourne thanked the W.M. and brethren most sincerely for their handsome present, and particularly for the kind expression of feeling which accompanied the gift. He could assure them he should highly prize it, more especially as the W.M. had stated that it was by the unanimous wish of the brethren. He should be at all times ready to do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the De Shurland Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. McDonald, and seconded by Bro. Hancock, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Bourne for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master, which was carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. McDonald, seconded by Bro. Regg, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Penney, W.M., for the efficient manner in which he had invested his officers, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was closed at 4.45 p.m. The brethren to the number of fifty retired to the Fountain Hotel, where they sat down to a banquet prepared for them by Bro. Howe in his usual very excellent manner. The visitors, before retiring, expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the kind manner with which they had been received and entertained and never remembered being so kindly treated before at any installation. After spending a very happy evening the brethren retired at 10.30 p.m.

**WARRINGTON.**—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—The installation of the W.M. elect and ninth anniversary banquet of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th June, at the Masonic Rooms. The W.M., Bro. Charles Crosier, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. Richardson, I.P.M.; John Armstrong, S.W. and W.M. elect; Thos. Auckland, J.W.; J. H. Galloway, S.D.; S. Wallhead, J.D.; T. Sutton, Treas.; D. W. Finney, P.M., Sec.; R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G. S.W. England, P.P.S.G.W. West Lancashire; Bros. W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; R. Bierley, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; John Harding, P.M.; W. Pollitt, P.M.; A. Potter, John Jones, J. Baird, W. Kinsey, G. Cropper, J. Farrington, J. Curry, J. Hannah, Dr. W. P. Wood, H. Fogg, J. Knight, J. R. Jones, A. W. Brundrett, G. Mackey, W. Dean, R. Heaton, W. Taylor, W. W. Tavarack, and the following visiting brethren: Bros. W. Sharp, P.M. 148, P.J.G.W. of West Lancashire; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire; J. Bowes, P.M. 148, P.J.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; F. Derry, P.M. 482, P.P.J.G.W. Staffordshire; J. Parkington, 944; T. Tunstall, W.M. 148; T. Jones, 241; J. Pickthall, S.W. 148; J. Kenworth, 1565. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting, and of two emergency meetings were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the usual preliminaries having gone through, all brethren below the chair retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. John Armstrong was, according to ancient custom, installed into the chair of K.S., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Crosier. In due course the other brethren were admitted, and the new W.M. having been proclaimed, greeted, and saluted in the Third Degree, the appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows:—Bro. Charles Crosier I.P.M.; Thos. Auckland, E.W.; Thos. H. Sutton, J.W.; John H. Galloway, Treas.; David W. Finney (P.M.), Secretary and Director of Ceremonies; S. Wallhead, S.D.; John Knight, J.D.; George Cropper, Organist; James

Hannah, I.G.; and Thomas Domville, Tyler. The W.M. on investing his officers made some appropriate remarks to each, and in the case of Bro. Hannah said that he had particular pleasure in appointing that brother to the office of I.G., Bro. Hannah having from the commencement of the lodge satisfactorily acted as its Tyler, of which the brethren had testified their approval by the presentation of a handsome gold watch, and he (the Worshipful Master) had no doubt Bro. Hannah would discharge his duties in such a manner as to do credit to his new appointment. The remainder of the installation ceremony was then completed. The numerous Prov. Officers and P.M.'s. present expressed themselves highly pleased with the very able and impressive manner in which Bro. Crosier rendered, without assistance, the installation ceremony, more especially as it was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to act in the capacity of Installing Master; in fact he performed the ceremony, as he has done all the ceremonies during his year of office, admirably. R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., England, P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire, &c., then addressed the lodge and said:—Bro. Armstrong and brethren, it affords me singular gratification to be with you this day, as notwithstanding my intimate connection with this lodge, circumstances which I could not control, have been such as to prevent my attendance as often as I could wish. It was my desire to have been present when Bro. Crosier was installed, but pressing Parliamentary business prevented me leaving London. On this occasion, however, I determined that nothing short of something very urgent should keep me away. You all know the deep interest I take in this lodge, and it certainly has afforded me considerable satisfaction to-day to witness the admirable manner in which the lodge is conducted, and to find that you have amongst yourselves such members as Bro. Crosier, who has just rendered the ceremony of Installation in such an impressive manner. Although unable to be with you personally I have been kept well informed of all your proceedings, and I have especial pleasure in congratulating Bro. Crosier on the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as W.M. of this lodge during the past year. Of the estimation in which we all hold Bro. Crosier I have in my hand at this moment strong proof, in the shape of this beautiful and costly gold P.M.'s jewel with which it is my pleasant duty to present him to-day on behalf of the members of this lodge. In doing so, Bro. Crosier, I can truly say that it affords me much pleasure to be the means of conveying this testimonial to you. I am sure it has been well deserved, and I trust that you may live long in happiness to wear it. (Applause from the brethren). Bro. Crosier, in reply, said: I must ask your kind forbearance on this occasion, as I do not feel equal to the task of thanking you in the way I ought to do on receiving this handsome testimonial at your hands. But first allow me, Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, to express my obligation to you for the kind and feeling terms in which you have been good enough to speak of me and of my services to the lodge. Such an expression of feeling, coming from one whose name the lodge bears, and who holds such a distinguished position in Masonry, is not only gratifying to me personally, but I am sure will be equally acceptable to all the brethren of our lodge. It is a matter of rejoicing to us all that you are here to-day in our midst, and I sincerely trust that what you have seen of the lodge and its working will be proof to you that we are progressing. W. Sir, I thank you very much for your kindness in making the presentation to me. And now, brethren, I have to tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the very handsome and costly jewel which has just been presented to me on your behalf. I need not say how much I shall value such a gift, and I trust that whenever I put it on it will remind me of a pleasant but busy year of office, and of the many acts of kindness I have received from the individual members of the lodge. I promised on being installed that I would use my utmost efforts to promote the best interests of the lodge. I have tried to do so, and it is certainly very gratifying to receive this beautiful jewel from you, as it is evidence that what I have done has met with your approbation. Our lodge, I am glad to say, is prosperous, both as to members and financially, and I shall always look back with pleasure to the work in the lodge during my year of office, no less than seven brethren having been initiated. And now, brethren, before concluding, I wish to take this opportunity to tender my best thanks to my officers for the efficient services they have rendered me during my term of office, and for the kindness and support I have received from one and all of the brethren on every occasion. Without making any invidious distinction, there is one officer to whom I am particularly indebted, viz., Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., who, as the Secretary of this lodge, is, as you are aware, of necessity more closely connected with the Master than any other officer. In Bro. Finney I have had a Secretary of the most able kind, one who thoroughly understood his work, and has performed it in a manner deserving of the highest praise. His duties, as you all know, do not terminate at the close of the lodge, and his general attention has been such that I have been entirely relieved from all anxiety respecting the conduct of the business of the lodge, and it affords me sincere pleasure to be able thus to record my testimony of Bro. Finney's untiring efforts as Secretary of this lodge. Brethren, allow me once more to thank you one and all for your great kindness, for the handsome jewel, and for the grant of £10 to constitute me a life member of one of the London Masonic Charities. The P.M.'s jewel given to Bro. Crosier is the most costly one ever presented in Warrington. It is enriched with a valuable diamond, &c., and was specially made to order. The inscription is—"Presented to Bro. Charles Crosier,

P.M., by the members of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, Warrington, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. 12th June, 1877." In addition to the foregoing presentation the brethren of the lodge voted the sum of £10 10s. to constitute Bro. Crosier a Life Governor of one of the London Masonic charities, and they are also about to present Mrs. Crosier (the daughter of Bro. George Bacon, the Sec. now and for many years past of Witham Lodge, Lincoln, No. 297) with a magnificent diamond ring. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel. The banquet was provided by Bro. Thomas Jones, of Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, and gave universal satisfaction; it embraced everything in season, and was of a bountiful description. The cloth having been withdrawn the W.M. gave briefly the usual loyal toasts, after which he gave that of H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., &c., which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Sharpe, P.G.J.W., and Bro. Alpas, P.G., Secretary, responded for the P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale and other officers of West Lancashire, and Bro. Bowes, P.G.J.W., of Cumberland and Westmoreland and Bro. Derry, P.P.G.J.W. of Staffordshire, for the Grand Officers of the adjoining provinces. Bro. Alpass in his reply reviewed the position of Freemasonry generally in West Lancashire, and gave some valuable hints enjoining precaution in the admission of candidates, and amongst other things congratulated Bro. Crosier as the retiring W.M. on the manner in which he had kept down the lodge expenses for refreshments during his year of office. The next toast, that of "The Health of Bro. John Armstrong, W.M.," was then proposed by Bro. Crosier, who said I rise to propose the next toast which is the toast of the evening, viz., "Bro. Armstrong, W.M.," and I am sorry that it has not fallen to the lot of some more able brother to do it. First, Bro. Armstrong, I must congratulate you on your appointment as W.M. of this lodge, I do this with greater pleasure because I appointed you as my S.W., and we have worked together very cordially and harmoniously. This fact, brethren, has brought me into close contact with Bro. Armstrong, and I do not hesitate to say that he will discharge his duties in not only an efficient manner, but in such a way as to reflect the highest credit on himself and the lodge over which he presides. We are most of us aware that in other branches of science, Bro. Armstrong has excelled, and I have no doubt in his career as Master he will fully sustain his previous reputation. Moreover Bro. Armstrong is an enthusiastic Mason and this I think will be a strong guarantee that everything he undertakes will be done well. I feel certain that he has the best interests of the lodge at heart and that under his rule we shall go on and prosper, and I trust, become one of the best working lodges in the Province. There was one circumstance about Bro. Armstrong's election particularly gratifying—it was perfectly unanimous, and I think this is not merely proof of the admiration in which he was held by the brethren, but clearly shows what perfect harmony and unanimity prevail in the lodge—that we are all united and are pulling together. Bro. Armstrong, I once more congratulate you on your appointment to the chair of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, and I call upon you, brethren, most heartily to drink success to him during his year of office. (Loud cheers). Bro. Armstrong, in responding, said: It is a subject of great gratification to myself that I should this day occupy the proud position of W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. I have not been a Mason four years, but have certainly taken more than an ordinary interest in Masonry since seeing the light; this I attribute in a great measure to the very impressive manner in which my initiation ceremony was performed by Bro. Nossop, a P.M. of Lodge 1250, and the very able manner in which the Second and Third Degrees were rendered by Bro. Sharp, now G.J.W. of West Lancashire. From the first I became a working Mason, endeavouring to do the duties of every office whether acting as substitute or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the W.M. for the time being, and to this only can I account for my rapid rise and first appointment by Bro. Brierley, P.M. I am proud to be surrounded this day by so many brethren of rank and distinction, and feel it as a great compliment. I trust to have as successful a year of office as Bro. Crosier has had, but hardly hope to do the duties of the chair so successfully as Bro. Crosier; I will endeavour, however, to the best of my ability, to instil into every candidate for initiation the tenets and principles of Freemasonry. I am quite sure that all who obey the laws and act up to the teachings of the Craft, will have performed their allotted task while it is yet day, and all such may safely look forward with a firm but humble confidence to the day when this transitory life shall have passed away, for they will surely meet again in that Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe lives and reigns for ever. (Cheers). Bro. D. W. Finney then proposed the health of Bro. Crosier as Installing Master, and in the course of an able speech testified to the very able manner in which the Installation ceremony had been performed, and highly complimented Bro. Crosier upon the tact and business abilities which he had displayed in all the lodge concerns. Bro. Crosier in reply assured the brethren that although no longer Master of the lodge, he should always have its interests at heart, and it would always be a pleasure to him to do anything tending to its benefit. The remaining toasts included that of the W.M. and officers of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, responded to by Bro. Tunstall, W.M., and Pickshall, S.W.; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Bowes; "The Visiting Brethren" responded to

by Bros. Morris and Milner. The W.M. called upon the Tyler to propose the last toast about 10 o'clock, after which the brethren separated in perfect harmony.

**HAMPTON.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—On Saturday, 16th inst., at the Red Lion, Hampton, the regular meeting was held. Bro. E. Gilbert, W.M., in an able and efficient manner raised Bros. W. Priddy and S. initiated W. Butler, J. Maxwell, and W. Kay. The elections were unanimous in favour of Bro. C. W. Fox, S.W., being W.M.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer, re-elected for the fifth time; J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Middlesex, re-elected Tyler for the eighth time. Bros. H. Gloster, W. Stanton and W. R. Varsila were elected Auditors, in addition to those provided by the bye-laws. The usual seven guinea Past Masters' jewel, on the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P. G.J.D., Middlesex, P.M., was unanimously voted to Bro. E. Gilbert, W.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge. Ten guineas were voted from the lodge funds to the Boys' School, and several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, July 21st, to meet at 2 o'clock. After business came the banquet, which was well and efficiently served. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The visitors were:—Bros. E. Beckwith, 1423; Scott, 1656; T. Ockden, 1512; H. T. Murphy, 1512, &c. There were present besides those mentioned—Bros. J. Hammond, P.M., S.D.; J. C. Woodrows, P.M., Asst. Sec.; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., I.G.; J. T. Moss, P. G.R., Middlesex, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.G.D., Middlesex, P.M., and several others.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. This was the first meeting of the members here, as the lodge was formerly held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, situated at the north end of Liverpool, and the change of place was thought necessary in consequence of being more convenient for the majority of the brethren. The installation of the W.M. was thought a fitting inauguration of the new meeting place, and there was a large gathering of members and visitors to celebrate the "house heating." Bro. F. Knight, W.M., presided at the opening of the business, and he was supported by Bros. H. Ashmore, P.M.; Crosby, Leighton, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Burgess, S.W.; J. H. Bradshaw, J.W., C. Winkill, Sec.; T. Foulkes, S.D.; R. B. Burgess, I.G.; H. Robertson, S.; M. Williamson, Tyler. The members of the Stanley Lodge present were Bros. T. Henderson, G. Argyle, P. M. Campbell, A. W. Theastone, A. Samuels, P. J. Rose, S. Gordon, W. Bell, S. Hill, T. Wiseman, J. Falkingham, H. Tibbs, H. Hughes, J. Holmes, J. P. Bragan, J. Threlfall, R. P. Quick, J. Peakman, J. Ashton, and M. Cain. The list of visitors included Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G.Sec.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Salmon, P.G.J.W. North Wales and Shropshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Cheshire; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G., Registrar; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.D.C.; the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C. West Lancashire and Cheshire; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W.; W. Jones, P.M. 220; W. Matthews, W.M., 721; J. Smith, 1035; J. Houlding, S. W. 823; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; T. Roberts, W.M. 673; H. Borrowes, S.W. 673; J. Williams, 249; T. Gray, 1276; W. Townshend, 876; R. Kenney, 203; J. M. Coop, 1325; T. Hatton, 203; J. P. Gamble, 1264; G. Wynn, 673; J. T. Callow, P.M., 673; W. R. Roese, 673; H. Williams, P.M., 1264; T. J. Walker, 1208; P. S. Johnson, 1356; G. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; W. T. Bromley, 1393; W. Humphries, 1473; C. Birch, 203; F. Barnett, 249; T. Johnson, 823; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, and others. After the Worshipful Master had opened the lodge and the minutes of previous meeting had been read, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Ashmore, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. James Whittaker Burgess as the W.M. for the coming year, a ceremony which he performed in a highly efficient and impressive manner. After a Board of Installed Masters had been formed, and the brethren had saluted in the usual manner, the following officers were invested:—Bros. F. Knight, I.P.M.; J. H. Bradshaw, S.W.; C. Winkill, J.W.; H. Ashmore, P.M., Treas.; T. Foulkes, Sec.; R. B. Burgess, S.D.; N. Robertson, J.D.; S. Hill, I.G.; C. Leighton, P.M., D.C.; A. Samuels, S.S.; J. Peakman, J.S.; J. P. Bryan, hon. Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served by Bro. Ball. The ordinary loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given and enthusiastically responded to. The toast of "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M. W.L.," was coupled with the name of Bro. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W., who spoke in the highest terms of his lordship as a nobleman, a neighbour, a landlord, and a Mason. He was no superficial Mason, but had a more intimate knowledge of it than many would expect. "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., who spoke in eulogistic terms of the praiseworthy efforts which had been made to bring the Stanley Lodge to its present prosperous condition. He stated that it afforded him great pleasure to see that these efforts had been successful, and wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office. Other toasts, including "The Worshipful Master," were heartily responded to. A very interesting portion of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Knight, I.P.M., on behalf of the members of the Stanley Lodge. A number of songs and recitations were given by various members, the accompaniments being furnished by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Bro. J. P. Bryan, honorary Organist.

**WOODSTOCK.**—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1399).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday the 18th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Woodstock. Nearly every lodge in the province was re-

presented, and amongst the visitors were Bros. R. Bird, P.M. 537, D. Prov. G.M. Oxon; H. A. Pickard, P.M. 357; J. Potts, P.M. 599; J. Galpin, P.M. 1515, P.P.G. S.W. Oxon; J. Pratt, W.M. 340; Starmer, P.G. Org. Lincolnshire; W. Eagleston, 1515, P.P.G.S.B. Oxon (Mayor of Oxford); C. Park, P.M. 340. The officers present were Bros. H. Williams, W.M.; W. A. Reynolds, S.W.; J. Long, J.W.; E. Prescott, acting S.D.; J. S. Palmer, acting J.D.; and H. O. Crane, I.G. After the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, Bros. Butler and Dorrell were raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. P.M. Brown in his usual impressive and solemn manner. Bro. W. A. Reynolds was then introduced to the W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master. On the re-admission of the brethren the usual honours were offered to the newly installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. P.M. Brown, the manner in which the orations, &c., were delivered being the theme of universal admiration. The following were then nominated as the officers for the present year:—Bros. Prescott, S.W.; Crane, J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Boon, J.D.; Williams, Treas.; Brown, Sec.; Salter, I.G.; Bayliss, Tyler; Butler and Debron, D.C.; Spackman, Org.; Tibbetts and Calcutt, Stewards. Previous to the closing of the lodge a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Williams, the presentation being entrusted, by desire of the W.M., to Bro. Brown, who expressed his satisfaction in conferring upon him the jewel he had so well earned, for during his year of office the lodge had continued to prosper, and its working reflected the greatest credit upon him. Bro. Williams, in suitable terms, expressed his thanks. The banquet which followed the business of the lodge was served by Bro. Haynes in his usual admirable style. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Provincial, Grand Lodge, and the Health of H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.M.," remarking that it was a great honour to the Province of Oxford to have a member of the Royal Family as its Grand Master. The name of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Bird, having been coupled with the toast, he expressed his sincere thanks at the manner in which the Prov. Grand Lodge and its Royal Master had been received. He complimented the lodge on the proficient manner in which that day's work had been executed, and referred to the difficulty he experienced in recommending to His Royal Highness officers to serve in the Prov. Grand Lodge. That position was attained only by a strict attention to the working of the lodge, and amongst so many brothers who were wont to become good Masons and attend officially to their duties, they could readily understand the difficulty he experienced in making a selection. Those who were disappointed at the last meeting he hoped would not give in, but would readily and willingly press forward and make themselves the more competent to occupy such a position of honour on some future occasion. It was a source of great satisfaction to the Craft to notice the interest His Royal Highness exhibited in Freemasonry, and particularly in his own province; for only the last time he had the honour of conversing with the Prince, he intimated his intention of being present, should circumstances permit, at the opening of the proposed new lodge. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the D.P. G.M., and responded to by Bro. Reynolds, who expressed the gratification he felt in being placed in the honourable and proud position of W.M. It would be his utmost endeavour to maintain the reputation of the Marlborough Lodge during his year of office, and he hoped the officers he had chosen to assist him would, by their united efforts, work with that harmonious spirit which was the secret of all success. The toast of the visitors was next given, and responded to by Bro. Galpin, P.M. of the Bertie Lodge. In responding to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Pickard, of the Apollo University Lodge, said he was sorry and glad to be present—sorry because he had not before made the acquaintance of the Marlborough Lodge, and glad that he had taken this opportunity of doing so. When a brother visited a lodge he liked to see good work, and he must say he had seen good work that afternoon to his heart's content; in fact, during the whole of his twenty-five years' Masonic experience he had never seen it done better. "The Sister Lodges" was responded to by Bro. Pratt, W.M. Alfred Lodge; and the toast of "The Officers" by the S.W. Several other complimentary toasts were given and duly acknowledged. The Tyler's toast brought the pleasures of the evening to a conclusion. The glees, part-songs, &c., delightfully rendered by Bros. Crane, Hallewell, Meadley, and Wentworth, were greatly admired and appreciated.

**CHISELHURST.**—Chiselhurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Black Bull, Chiselhurst, on Saturday, and was well attended. The proceedings commenced at half-past two, and there were present Bros. Guest, W.M.; Kipps, S.W. (W.M. elect); Gloster, J.W.; Coutts, P.M., Treas.; Griffin, Secretary; Mason, S.D.; Hutchings, I.G.; Fox, D.C.; Hunt, W.S.; and Rawles, Tyler; also the following members: Bros. Dowsett, West, Goldsmith, Hooker, Masters, Drinkwater, Russell (P.M. 299 and P.P.G. Asst. D.C. Kent), Babenna, Seager, Williams, Hayhow, Dana, Nunn, Hollis, Griffiths (P.M. 901), Wain, and E. Kipps, and the following visitors: Bros. C. Nash, H. Roberts, and J. Shaw, P.M.'s of 79; Macdonald, I.P.M. 1158; Wills, W.M. 299; Spreight, W.M. 147; Ireton, S.W. 1348; Bell, S.D. 79; Croft, 1326; Good, 871; and Skips-ton. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last regular lodge and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Humphrey and Drinkwater were raised to the Sublime Degree. The report of the audit committee was then presented and proved to be a very satisfactory document, there being a substantial balance in hand. It was stated that during the year

there had been four initiations and two members had joined, and that the lodge, which is only two years old, has no less than 84 subscribing members and 7 honorary members, the latter including the Prov. G.M., and Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Kipps was then presented by Bro. Griffin as the W.M. elect, and was afterwards installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom and fully saluted, the imposing ceremony being very ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Guest. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Guest, I.P.M.; Gloster, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Coutts, P.M., Treasurer; W. O. Goldsmith, Secretary; Griffin, S.D.; Hutchings, J.D.; Fox, I.G.; Hunt, D.C.; E. Kipps, W.S. and Grant, Tyler. A very beautiful Past Masters jewel, with the addition of a collar and jewel attached, were presented by the W.M. to Bro. P.M. Guest on his retiring from the chair, as a mark of the respect in which he was held by the lodge and as a recognition of his valuable services. Several alterations were then made in the bye-laws with the view of making the lodge a summer gathering, and the regular meetings were fixed for the fourth Saturday in March, May, June, and September. The initiation fee was raised to seven guineas, and the joining fee to three guineas. It should be stated that letters were read from the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M., stating their inability to be present. The business being over the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren re-assembled at the banquet table, the arrangements for which were admirably conducted by Bro. Wain. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. Russell, in responding for the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present, regretted that they did not attend the Chiselhurst Lodge more frequently, as it was admitted throughout the province to be one of the best. He congratulated the lodge upon the rapid progress which had been made and upon the large balance they had in hand for so young a lodge. He had been connected with a lodge for fourteen years, and it had taken them twelve years to realise the balance which the Chiselhurst brethren could boast of. He pointed out that it was sixteen years ago that Lord Holmesdale was installed as Prov. G.M., and at that time there were only fourteen lodges in the district, but now they boasted of forty-three, and warrants were being applied for right and left. His lordship however watched very carefully the matter, and warrants were only issued to those in whose hands they could safely be entrusted. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Guest, I.P.M.—who believed that the W.M. would be one of the best Masters who ever filled a chair, and wished him a year of prosperity. The W.M. in response hoped he should discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge, so that they might say at the end of the year "He has done his work well." "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" were the next toasts, and were suitably responded to. The proceedings, which were of a very enjoyable character, concluded with the Tyler's toast.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).**—Bro. Albert Marvin presided at the annual meeting on Tuesday last, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, supported by Bros. Ockenden, S.W. and Sec.; Errington, J.W.; Hiscox, J.D. and Treas.; Fox, I.G.; D. O. Wood, acting P.M., and other brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, it was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees and closed down to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., and the first two sections worked by Bro. Wood, assisted by the brethren. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Marvin and recorded on the minutes, for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony, particular credit being due to him, as he was only admitted into Masonry in March last. Bro. Ockenden was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The supper announced for the 26th inst. has been postponed.

#### Royal Arch.

**YARMOUTH.**—Friendly Chapter (No. 100).—The annual meeting and installation of officers of this flourishing chapter took place on the 18th of June, the ceremony being performed by our veteran companion H. J. Mason, P.Z., who installed and invested the following companions—Jas. Bond, M.E.Z.; Bonfellow, H.; Martin, J.; A. Hanlon, E. and Treas.; Wright, N.; Hubbard, P.S.; Fowler and Hammond, A.S.; and Rolfe, Organist. Comps. Wrightson, Stratherne, and P. Glover were balloted for and accepted as joining members. Bros. G. H. Cooper, W.M. 71; J. Tennant, Rev. H. J. Bode, G. F. Crane, John J. Harvey, and A. D. Stone, jun., were exalted, each of the newly appointed Officers doing his own work, and in a highly creditable manner, seldom equalled and never excelled by older hands. Among the other companions present were Comps. Chippefield, P.Z.; Franklin, P.Z.; J. F. Maybank, Captain Dods, Fisk, Swar, Owles, Stanier, and others. The companions then adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a very sumptuous banquet awaited them, served in Comp. Franklin's well known style, after which a most enjoyable convivial hour was spent.

**BARNSTAPLE.**—Chapter of Loyalty and Virtue (No. 251).—A quarterly meeting of this old and flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the Masonic Hall. The chapter was opened by Comps. Wm. Britton, Z., John Terrell Shapland, H., and J. Hancock, as J. The following companions were also present:—J. Brewer, S.E.; Wm. Boyle, S.N.; W. J. List, Treas.; W. Young, P.S.; A. Herbert, A.S.; J. Wadham, H. J.

Hancock, and others. The minutes of the previous chapter meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Gaydon, of Lodge 251, was balloted for, unanimously accepted, and duly exalted to this Sublime Degree in Freemasonry.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The companions of this rising and favourite chapter met for a long period of labour on Wednesday evening, June 12th, when there were present Comps. Alderman John Richard Bull, J.P., P.M. 540, M.E.Z.; J. M. Cuthbert, P.M., J.; Colonel Stuart, W.M. 540, P.M., P.S.G.W., G.L. Eng., P.G.H., Supt. G. Chap., R.A. Eng., &c., &c., and P.Z. 540, acting as H. (in room of Comp. Cookson, who had suddenly been taken unwell); Rev. J. Faussett Ward, Chaplain; Rev. William Tebbs, P.M. 285, J. 285, P.P. G.C. Somerset, &c, P.S.; Billson, P.M., 1st A.S.; Capt. Colburne, E.; Fisher, P.M., N.; together with Comps. of Chapter, Capt. Nash, Harris, Allan, Thody, and Lambie; and visiting Comps, R. Boughton-Smith, H. of Leicester Chapter, and an officer of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Leicestershire. After the minutes of the last chapter had been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. proposed, and the J. seconded, and carried unanimously, that Comp. Tody be elected Organist of the chapter. Comp. Thody was then duly invested, and afterwards contributed materially by his excellent playing to the beauty and solemnity of the ritual. The next business was the balloting for three new members of the chapter, the result being, of course unanimous election. The candidates were Comps. Alderman Sergeant, P.M. and Treasurer of Stuart Lodge, 540, Bedford; W. Higgins, of St. John Baptist Lodge, 475, Luton; and Arthur Knox Lindsell, Lieut. 18th Beds. Light Infantry, of St. Andrew's Lodge, 803, Biggleswade. Bro. Higgins was unfortunately absent through illness, but Bros. Sergeant and Lindsell were duly presented and exalted, the ceremony being performed in the most impressive manner, evidencing not only the labour bestowed by the M.E.Z. and his Officers upon the work, but rendering evident the fact that labour is a labour of love. The committee appointed to frame bye-laws for the chapter then presented their report, which, on the notice of Comp. Stuart, P.Z., seconded by Comp. Nash, was unanimously adopted, and a most excellent set of rules thus passed into law. Our attention was drawn to the fact, and we mention it for the benefit of the many London companions who so frequently visit the chapter, that the Anniversary Convocation will for the future be deemed to be the one in March, and that the banquet will then take place. The chapter then proceeded to one of those graceful acts which reflect equal honour upon those who give and those who take the dignity; Comps. Barfield, P.Z., Mount Sinai, 19, on the proposition of the M.E.Z., and Col. Stuart, P.Z., and G. Reed, P.Z., Andrew, 833, and J. 19, on the motion of Comps. Cuthbert, J., and Rev. W. Tebbs, P.S., were unanimously elected Honorary Members of the Stuart Chapter, as a mark of appreciation of their numerous kind services to it. After this lengthened time of labour the brethren proceeded to refreshment, and during the toasts which followed a most feeling allusion was made to the sad accident which had deprived, at least for some time, the chapter of the services of their 2nd A.S. Comp. Robert Barry Stafford, and great commiseration was expressed for him in his consequent suffering. We must not omit to notice the gain that the chapter has made in the addition to it of Comp. Sargent, whose skilful use of a most excellent voice was fully appreciated by the companions at refreshment; other companions, too, enlivened the evening, which was a most enjoyable one.

**TYWARDREATH.**—Chapter of Unity (No. 1151).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, on Tuesday, the 19th June. Present: Comps. Dr. Davis, M.E.Z.; W. Polkinghorne, H.; Collvill, Scribe E.; T. G. Stephens, P.Z.; W. Tomkin, N. H. Lamb, W. Rowe, J. B. Williams, J. Wellington, J. Stephens, &c. Visitor: Comp. Emra Holmes, P.Z., St. Luke's Chapter, Ipswich. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, all the companions who had not passed the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Principals was formed when Comp. W. Polkinghorne was installed as M.E.Z., W. Tomkin as H., and Capt. H. Collvill as J., Comp. Stephens performing the duty of Installing Principal. The companions having been readmitted and having given the customary salute, the rest of the officers were appointed and invested by the M.E.Z. as follows:—N. H. Lamb, Scribe E.; S. Trevail, Scribe N. (by proxy); F. B. Williams, Prin. Soj.; W. Rowe, Treas.; J. Wellington and T. Stephens, Asst. Sojs.; H. Elliott, Janitor. The retiring M.E.Z., Dr. Davis, briefly returned thanks to the companions for the way in which they had supported him in the chair during his year of office as First Principal. M. E. Comp. Polkinghorne also briefly addressed the brethren, and the customary business of the chapter having been gone through, Dr. Davis proposed Comp. Emra Holmes as a joining member of this chapter, which was seconded by Comp. Stephens, who said he had read the proceedings in Grand Conclave of Knights Templar, and the part Comp. Holmes took therein, and he was sure he would be equally energetic and take the same interest in this chapter of the Royal Arch. There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form and the companions departed.

#### Mark Masonry.

**MARYPORT.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Maryport, on Thursday, the 21st inst. There were present the following officers and members:—

Bros. J. Gardiner, W.M., P.G. Inspt. of Works; W. Armstrong, as S.W.; T. Mandie, J.W., and W.M. elect; J. R. Banks, M.O.; J. H. Banks, J.O.; J. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer, and P.P.G.S.W.; P. Dodgson, Secretary; T. Moore, R.M.; J. W. Robinson, J.D.; E. J. Mitchell, I.G.; J. Harris, Tyler; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G.O.; G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.I.G. Eng.; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P. G. Secretary; J. W. Thompson, R. Hetherington, J. Lawson, T. Dixon, J. J. Coverdale, Jas. Quay, and W. F. Lamonby (Freemason). The visitors were Bros. F.W. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.S.D.; W. Court, P.M. 60; and J. D. Wivell, W.M., 147. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Harris, the new Tyler, was duly obligated a M.M.M., after which the chair was taken by Bro. G. G. Hayward, as Installing Master, when Bro. Mandie, the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of A. The charges were delivered by Bro. F. W. Hayward. Bro. Mandie appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. Gardiner, I.P.M.; J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. H. Banks, J.W.; P. Dodgson, M.O.; T. Moore, S.O.; W. B. Gibson, J.O.; Jos. Nicholson, Treasurer; J. Quay, Secretary; J. W. Robinson, R.M.; G. W. Tickle, Chaplain; E. G. Mitchell, S.D.; J. W. Thompson, J.W.; R. Hetherington, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; T. Dixon, M.C.; J. J. Coverdale and W. Jackson, Stewards; and J. Harris, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to Bros. G. G. Hayward and F. W. Hayward, the lodge was closed in form. Subsequently the brethren were invited by Bro. Mandie, W.M., to partake of an elegant collation, and a couple of hours were harmoniously whiled away in toast, song, and sentiment.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. LIEUT.-COL. PILSWORTH.

Freemasonry in Leeds has sustained a great loss in the death of our lamented Bro., Lieut.-Col. Pilsworth, Staff Officer of Pensioners, and P.M. of Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, as well as P. Prov. G.W. of the Province of West Yorkshire. For Bro. Pilsworth was one of those Masons too few everywhere, who loved Masonry for what it was, what it taught, what it did. He did not seek its honours from any personal egotism, he did not value its advancement for any petty ideas of consequence or outward show; he was not so much a fluent talker, as an active doer, always ready for work, always glad to help, the first to come, the last to depart, a thoroughly zealous, honest, courteous, loyal, upright Freemason.

Few Masons have more steadily kept to his proper work than did Bro. Pilsworth, and into Masonry he brought with him the orderly and disciplined principles of that great profession of which he was not an undistinguished member. A good soldier, a good Mason, a good man, his name will long be held in affectionate remembrance by his surviving brethren of the Philanthropic, where for some time to come those who attend that famous old lodge, will sadly miss his genial presence, and his kindly smile, his unpretending discharge of every duty therein. They will be glad to think, with all who knew his merits admire his virtues, and mourn his loss, that he has found the "rest that remaineth," that rest which many a brave English soldier has found before him, whether it be in a soldier's grave abroad or in a quiet cemetery at home.

##### EXTENSIVE ROBBERY OF MASONIC JEWELLERY.

At the Guildhall Police Court on Tuesday last, William Hurren, a cabinet maker, was charged with stealing rings and Masonic jewellery to a very large amount from Bro. Kenning's warehouses, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Little Britain.—Mr. George Clarke prosecuted, and Mr. E. Pratt appeared for the prisoner. Mr. Clarke said that Bro. Kenning was a Masonic jeweller, and in his warehouse were numerous cases in which he exhibited his goods. The prisoner was employed by the manufacturer of those cases, and consequently was frequently in the warehouse. The doors of the cases shut with a spring, but were not locked. In consequence of Bro. Kenning missing some jewellery inquiries were made about it, and the result had been that most of the missing property had been traced to the possession of the prisoner. Bro. Henry Cox, foreman to Bro. Kenning, said that about a fortnight ago he missed some rings and jewellery. The prisoner had been in the habit of coming to the premises on and off for the last 18 months or two years. The cases were unlocked, and shut with a spring. Henry Webb, detective serjeant, said that he and Detective Trafford apprehended the prisoner on Monday afternoon, in Cow-cross. He told him the charge would be on suspicion of stealing a number of gold rings and a quantity of Masonic jewellery from Bro. Kenning's premises, within the last month, and pledging the same at a pawnbroker's in the Holloway-road. He said he knew nothing about it; he had not stolen any, neither had he pawned any. He took him to Snow-hill police-station, where he found on him a number of racing bills, a Masonic gold ring, and 3s. 7d. in money. Witness told him that he pawned a diamond ring on Saturday, and he replied that that was his own ring and had nothing to do with what he had pawned there besides. Bro. Kenning was taking stock, and he already found a large deficiency. Sir Andrew Lusk remanded the prisoner for further evidence.

We are requested to state that the "St. Mary-lebone" and "La Tolerance" Lodges of Instruction have respectively adjourned their meetings for the summer until the first Friday and the first Wednesday in September.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The seventy-ninth annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at the Alexandra Palace, Wood-green, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants. and the Isle of Wight. The Chairman was supported on his right by Bro. Benet-Stanford, M.P.

Among the brethren present were:—Capt. Wordsworth, T. Cubitt, F. Adlard, S. Rosenthal, Hyde Pullen, William Rosbuck, Raynham W. Stewart, J. L. Thomas, Thomas Meggy, E. Middlemas, John Seex, Wm. Mann, E. Harris, J. G. Chancellor, H. C. Levander, F. Binckes, R. Wentworth Little, James Terry, J. B. Shackleton, A. W. Hume, J. Carter, H. Massey (Freemason), W. J. Crutch, S. B. Wilson, E. Moody, Jno. Mason, J. E. Curteis, T. W. Coffin, Rev. Watts, D. W. Pearse, C. E. Layton, W. Dodd, Dr. Morris, G. Phythian, A. Lucking, N. Greene, S. S. Partridge, &c.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The Queen," said—Loyalty is a plant of deep growth in English soil, and it has taken a firm hold of Englishmen's hearts. They have a conviction that under the mild constitutional sway of a Sovereign they enjoy more real liberty than falls to the lot of people under any form of government in any other part of the world. During a long reign her Majesty the Queen has by the manner in which she has discharged her high functions, endeared herself to the hearts of and lives of the whole of her subjects. I ask you to drink "The Health of the Queen, the Patroness of this Institution."

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales," said—The Prince of Wales has no light duty to perform. Very important matters are entrusted to him, but he never fails, by the courtesy of his demeanour, to make a favourable impression when he is called upon to discharge a duty. That has ever been the case in England, and it was the case with him in India. He never fails, also, to support useful institutions, and to give up no small amount of his time that they may have the benefit of his presence and his liberality. Our allegiance, as Freemasons, is especially due to him as the Grand Master of our Order, and also as the President of our Institution. It is in connection with that I would ask you peculiarly to drink his health.

In submitting the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, &c.," the Chairman said—I naturally, brethren, take a great interest in the Masonic career of our Pro Grand Master, because I had the privilege a good many years ago of initiating him into Freemasonry; and I will only say that he has amply justified the expectations that were entertained of him. His well-known ability led us to imagine that he would do a good deal for Freemasonry, and he has not belied the expectations that were entertained of him. In his absence he can fully rely upon Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, who, although he has a very large province, one, I may say, of stupendous dimensions, yet is never absent when the cause of Freemasonry demands his presence in London; and I am certain that he has inspired the fullest confidence in his zeal for Freemasonry. I will couple with this toast the name of a well-known Freemason, that of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, who we have always seen with us for many a long year, and whom we hope to see for many a long year yet to come.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, in reply, said—I reply with great pleasure to the toast which has been drunk in honour of our second chief. He is a brother who deserves your praise and every honour you can bestow upon him. I am exceedingly proud to hear our Chairman say that he was the means of initiating him into our good Order. It must be a great source of pleasure to him, as well as to us, to have to congratulate him on having done so noble a deed. With respect to Lord Skelmersdale, we know that he also is a good officer. Among those officers we have our worthy Chairman, who is always doing something for Freemasonry. All

the Grand Officers do the same. What I do as one of them is little; but I do it from a spirit of real love to Masonry, and to all those connected with it. I am proud to see its charities successful, and I am proud to see Bro. Binckes so successful with this Institution. He says he likes innovations when the innovations are good; and the innovation he has introduced in these festivals is good, because we all enjoy the presence of the ladies among us, to participate a little in Freemasonry, and enjoy themselves at the same table with us. It is a little pleasure for them to look forward to; they see what are the fruits of our Freemasonry, and that we are ready to stretch out our hands to give assistance to those who require it—to those to whom it is our duty to give the best help we can. The Grand Officers of England, for whom I am responding, are always proud to encourage every Masonic Institution, and to do everything that they can for the good of their fellow Masons, more especially the ladies.

Bro Benet-Stanford proposed "The Health of the Chairman." He said—I will promise to be as short as possible because I am certain on occasions of this sort we are all longing to get out into the open air. The toast which Bro. Binckes gave me to propose affords me as much pleasure to propose as I am sure it will you to accept, because it is the "Health and Long Life to our most excellent Chairman, Bro. Beach." I have had the pleasure of meeting my friend, Bro. Beach, for some few years, and I have had the pleasure and honour of knowing him in more than one avocation. I may say that in every one of those avocations he has done well. First, and foremost, I take this opportunity of saying that I have never heard an inauguration or installation at a lodge more beautifully done than it has been by my Bro. Beach. Secondly, as a brother member of Parliament, we are in perfect accord, because we both sit on the same side of the House; and I may mention also as a director of the line of railway on which I live, I always find my excellent friend, Bro. Beach, to be the most gentlemanly and courteous of English country gentlemen that we ever could wish to meet. When I saw that our excellent Bro. Beach was going to take the chair on this occasion I did not wait for him to ask me to come down to support him, as I told him I should come down whether he liked it or not. All I would add to these very few words is that it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to come here this afternoon to see this charming company and to support the gentleman who takes the leadership.

The Chairman, in reply, said: Accept my best and most sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health, I assure you it gives me very great pleasure to be here this day, and to see so many gathered together to support this charity. If I may say a few words about myself, I will give you an account of what occurred to me soon after I was first initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. of my lodge, the Apollo University, Oxford, enquired one day who would serve as a Steward for the Masonic Boys' Institution, and I, a neophyte, said to my nearest neighbour, "What is the Boys' Institution?" He was enabled to inform me, and I instantly sprang to my feet and said, "I will serve as Steward." It was from that I saw then, from being convinced that the Boys' Institution was a most noble one, that I first made a resolve in my own mind to do a little if I really possibly could for the interests of an Order which gave birth to such a magnificent Institution as this, and from that moment I have never relaxed in the interest I have taken in Freemasonry and in those noble Institutions which do credit to the Order. I will not detain you longer about myself, but I will proceed to propose a toast which comes home to all our minds and hearts this day, and I would ask you to give me your attention for a few minutes, and I hope I shall not unduly trespass upon you. This Institution is one now of considerable date, but it has increased considerably by means of the liberality of the Freemasons. In the year 1857 the boys educated in this school were only seventy, there are now 180, and you may judge that it has been no light expense to increase the resources of the Institution in proportion to that number. But there has

been some complaints that the cost of education in the school has been too great. You have the figures before you, and therefore I will not advert at any length to the statistics, but there is one fact to which I will direct your attention. The cost of the boys per head in the year 1866 was £47 16s. 4d., and in 1876 it was £43 18s. 10½d., and during that time there has been a considerable increase in the price of provisions. So I think you will agree with me in saying that there has been no undue extravagance on the part of the managers. The boys in that Institution receive a most excellent education. It is not of one kind only; it is not an education that would only fit them for one pursuit in life; but it enables boys, if they show capacity, to fill one situation, and if they have not so much, to fill another. There is a classical and a commercial education; and in both they receive a sound and solid one; and from the honours they have taken in the University local examinations, I think we may congratulate the master and the managers upon the result of their education (cheers). Throughout the world there are many buildings magnificent in their design and in their proportion, many of which are devoted to the purpose of Freemasonry; but none of them possess such intrinsic excellence as our establishment at Wood Green, because there we carry out the principles which in our lodges we endeavour to inculcate. It may happen to any one who is sitting amongst us, whose hand we have grasped, with whom we have interchanged many a greeting here, to be stricken down, through no fault of his own, by the hand of distress; and it is something that when the dark hour of misfortune shall arrive he should be enabled to look with confidence to the sympathy of his brethren and rely on them for support. It is that reliance for support on the sympathy of his brethren which forms an indivisible tie amongst Freemasons. Long may it continue; long may we show ourselves worthy of the principles which we profess, in the future as we have done in the past. I trust that this Institution may long flourish. I commend it to your liberality; as it has been largely exercised in past years, so may I entertain a firm conviction that it will also be exercised for the advantage of the Institution whose claim I am proud to advocate this day; and I will only say in conclusion that I hope the Institution may not fail from the advocacy I have endeavoured to exercise on the present occasion. I wish you to drink "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and I am sorry that the Treasurer, Bro. Plunknett, whose name I should have coupled with this toast, is ill; but I will call on Bro. Capt. J. Wordsworth, a name you know very well, to reply.

Captain Wordsworth in reply, said—That as they had been very successful in past years he hoped they would continue to be so. The subscriptions this year were the largest they had ever had; and as they were year by year increasing, he trusted to each succeeding year the subscriptions would prosper in the same proportion as they had hitherto.

The Chairman then proposed "The Vice-Patron, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Committees of Instruction," all of whom, he said, took upon themselves great trouble in performing the duties which fell upon them. These brethren were skilled and able in their various duties, and they took most zealous interest in the prosperity of the Institution.

Bro. J. G. Chancellor responded. He had been connected for many years with the House Committee, and he felt on this occasion, when they were supported by such a Chairman, only too delighted that they had secured such an advocate for the charity. The brethren for whom he responded hoped, as they had done their duty in the past, they might long continue to do so.

Bro. Binckes then read the following list of subscriptions—

President.—R. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W.	£	s.	d.
Hon. Vice President.—V.W. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.	42	1	0
Actg. Vice-President.—W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, V. Pat. of Inst., P.G. Steward, P.M. No. 21, &c.	52	10	0
Hon. Treasurer.—W. Bro. S. B. Wilson V. P. of Inst., P.M. No. 59	42	0	0
	144	13	0

London :—			Cheshire :—			Wiltshire :—														
Lodge	1	Bro. Fenner, Edwd. ...	37	16	0	"	425	" Smith, A. G. ...	17	13	6	Lodge	632	" Gauntlett, S. ...	142	16	0			
"	2	" Hope, William ...	37	16	0	"	537	" Milner, W., Marquis, W. ...	10	10	0	Yorkshire—North and East Division :—								
"	5	" Newton, F. ...	53	11	0	"	605	" Mellor, R. ...	"	"	"	Lodge	250	Bro. Thompson, J. ...	46	4	0			
"	6	" Smith, J. T. ...	21	0	0	"	1357	" Simcock, T. D. ...	31	10	0	"	1245	" Armitage, S. H. ...	"	"	"			
"	7	" Dawson, J. E. ...	48	6	0	"	1565	" Simpson, E. ...	10	10	0	"	1611	" Cumberland, J. S. ...	26	5	0			
"	8	" Tisley, A. ...	14	14	0	"	1576	" Chesworth, T. ...	10	10	0	Yorkshire—West :—								
"	9	" Chiffereil, F. ...	52	11	0	Derbyshire :—			Lodge	154	" Tomlinson, W. H. B. ...	"	"	"	"	"				
"	10	" Martin, R. B. ...	31	10	0	Lodge	353	" Diamond, H. E.; Howe, R. ...	32	11	0	"	302	" Gott, C.; Hill, T.;	"	"	"			
"	11	" Tubby, W.F. ...	40	8	6	"	731	" Cay, G. ...	11	0	6	"	"	" Pickles, J. ...	"	"	"			
"	12	" Angold, Geo. ...	101	17	0	"	1085	" Pipes, S. ...	34	2	6	"	337	" Hirst, J., jun. ...	"	"	"			
"	14	" Smith, J. N. ...	17	17	0	Devon :—			"	1019	" Newton, G.; Words-	"	"	" worth, J. ...	105	0	0			
"	18	" Rawlins, H. ...	"	"	"	"	"	" Curteis, J. E. ...	63	0	0	"	1239	" Ellis, S. B. ...	661	10	0			
"	19	" Grabham, E.B. ...	21	0	0	Dorsetshire :—			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
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"	22	" Phythian, G. ...	49	7	0	Durham :—			Lodge	1124	Bro. Spaul, W. H. ...	101	17	0	"	1143	" Sisson, R. J. ...	10	10	0
"	23	" Mather, E. C. ...	26	5	0	Lodge	80	" Crookes, W. H. ...	158	11	0	"	1336	" Bury, J. O. ...	52	10	0			
"	26	" Buszard, M. ...	93	9	0	Essex :—			"	1477	" Potts, A. ...	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	28	" Bell, R. E. ...	25	4	0	Lodge	51	" Pye, G. G. ...	36	8	0	South Wales—Eastern Division :—								
"	29	" Barker, C. ...	41	0	0	"	1000	" Lucking, A. ...	40	7	0	Lodge	36	Bro. Taylor, W. ...	132	15	0			
"	33	" Davis, J. ...	72	19	6	Gloucestershire :—			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	46	" Richards, A. ...	48	6	0	Lodge	82	" Basevi, Col. H. ...	275	2	0	South Wales—Western Division :—								
"	49	" Mercer, J. S. ...	111	6	0	"	1005	" Roberts, F. G. ...	63	0	0	Lodge	671	Bro. Stone, A. ...	168	0	0			
"	55	" Whalley, J. ...	78	15	0	Hants and Isle of Wight :—			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	58	" Reynolds, T. ...	78	15	0	Lodge	151	Bro. Watts, Rev. E. W. ...	40	0	0	Hong Kong :—								
"	59	" Underhill, W. H. ...	10	10	0	"	257	" Wheeler, C. J. ...	31	10	0	Bro.	Chater, D. P. ...	73	10	0				
"	60	" Wordsworth, J.; Chan-	"	"	"	"	309	" Holbrook, E. G. ...	52	10	0	Order of K.T. :—								
"	65	" cellor, J. G. ...	11	11	0	"	319	" Rawlins, T. J. D. ...	"	"	"	"	Tanner, J. ...	5	5	0				
"	73	" Harris, E. ...	111	6	0	"	394	" Hickman, W. ...	300	6	0	Mark Degree :—								
"	79	" Bencey, R. ...	52	10	0	"	487	" Osborne, R. ...	2	2	0	"	Levander, H. C. ...	28	7	0				
"	91	" Chapman, H. J. ...	40	19	0	"	723	" Sowdon, W. ...	121	0	0	Royal Order of Scotland :—								
"	101	" Taylor, T. E. ...	48	6	0	"	903	" Groves, E. ...	10	10	0	"	Matier, C. F. ...	108	3	0				
"	108	" Davidson, J. W. ...	18	18	0	"	903	" Lancaster, G. F. ...	31	10	0	Royal and Select Masters :—								
"	140	" Scard, J. C. ...	27	6	0	"	903	" Pulley, T. J. ...	13	13	0	Bro.	Montagu, J. M. P. ...	84	0	0				
"	145	" Moulst, W. ...	"	"	"	Hertfordshire :—			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	173	" Massey, J. D. ...	114	9	0	Lodge	449	Bro. Shilcock, J. ...	7	7	0	Unattached :—								
"	174	" Perceval, C. J. ...	130	4	0	"	504	" Lambert, G. ...	52	10	0	"	E. J. Morris ...	105	0	0				
"	176	" Willing, J. ...	"	"	"	"	1479	" Edwards, I. N. ...	"	"	"	"	Basnett, — ...	5	5	0				
"	179	" Munro, T. F. ...	28	7	0	Kent :—			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	181	" Layton, A. ...	40	8	6	Lodge	20	Bro. Gamon, W. ...	119	14	0	The total amount announced by the Secretary was £12,856, but by an accident, Northumberland, which sent one steward with £304 15s. was omitted. This amount, together with three more lists since received, viz. :								
"	185	" Constable, J. ...	1205	3	0	"	784	" Goodall, H. S. ...	70	7	0	Lodge	18	Bro. Rawlings, H. ...	24	3	0			
"	186	" Mann, W. ...	90	6	0	"	1206	" Emmerson, R. J. ...	10	10	0	"	177	" Willing, J. ...	27	11	0			
"	188	" Abrahams, I. ...	20	0	0	"	1208	" Baker, H. M. ...	60	18	0	Essex :—								
"	192	" Follows, F. ...	37	10	0	"	1223	" Webb, J. ...	"	"	"	Lodge	51	Bro. Pyc, G. Gard ...	36	8	6			
"	194	" Compton, W. J. ...	68	5	0	"	1464	" Andrews, C. ...	300	0	0	makes the total amount £13,248 17s. 6d. with 19 lists yet to come in.								
"	197	" Findley, G. ...	159	12	0	Lancashire—East Division :—			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	222	" Adams, R. R. D. ...	61	19	0	Lodge	37	Bro. Newton, J. ...	10	10	0	The Chairman proposed "The Health of Bro. Binckes," to whose exertions he said were due the large donations the Institution had received.								
"	231	" Curtis, C. J. ...	51	16	3	"	37	" Brockbank, G. P. ...	10	10	0	Bro. Binckes responded, but as all the ladies and brethren were on the move to get out into the gardens his observations were very indistinctly heard.								
"	235	" Hewett, E. H. ...	42	0	0	"	113	" Harrison, W. ...	10	10	0	The toast of "The Sister Institution" was then given, and Bro. Meggy replied to the toast of "The Stewards," after which the company separated.								
"	256	" Heming, J. ...	36	15	6	"	152	" Chorlton, T. ...	16	16	0	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.								
"	259	" Goldney, F. H. ...	15	15	0	"	221	" Chorlton, T. ...	32	11	0	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.								
"	435	" Phillips, W. C. ...	19	8	6	"	298	" Holroyd, J. ...	10	10	0	HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—When rheumatism becomes chronic, and as it were fixed in a limb or part, it is truly a terrible enemy to encounter. The joints often become stiffened and excessively painful when obliged to be moved, or on exposure to changes of temperature, dampness, &c. Holloway's Ointment exercises a wonderful effect in alleviating this torture, for by its use the blood vessels of the part have their tone restored, and the irritated and painful nerves soothed and calmed. It must be persistently and perseveringly used, for the disorder is a most obstinate one, and will not yield unless resolutely attacked. These remedies will also be found to be most useful in cramps and muscular spasms, &c.								
"	511	" Game, Wm. ...	22	1	0	"	317	" Hine, J. L. ...	105	0	0									
"	554	" Berry, J. J. ...	78	15	0	"	816	" Taylor, J. ...	"	"	"									
"	569	" Brighten, W. G. ...	31	10	0	"	1170	" Watson, J. ...	5	15	0									
"	619	" Hume, A. W. ...	23	12	6	Lancashire—West Division :—			Lodge	724	Bro. Ballard, J. W. ...	42	0	0						
"	637	" Maple, W. ...	102	18	0	"	1375	" Pochin, G. D. ...	122	17	0	"	1588	" Crompton, T. A., Crosby, H., Barber, G. ...	21	0	0			
"	742	" Baxter, W. W. ...	"	"	"	"	1496	" Harding, E. B. ...	"	"	"									
"	749	" Hobbs, J. W. ...	38	6	6	Leicestershire and Rutland :—			Lodge	523	Bro. Partridge, S. S. ...	400	18	6						
"	781	" Wright, J. ...	94	10	0	Lincolnshire :—			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	813	" Cusworth, T. J. ...	42	0	0	Lodge	792	Bro. McSheen, R. ...	10	10	0									
"	822	" Phillips, L., jun. ...	38	5	6	"	1294	" Sutcliffe, J. ...	16	16	0									
"	861	" Legg, E. ...	75	12	0	"	1294	" Coates, T. ...	5	5	0									
"	890	" Dutton, W. H. ...	80	6	6	"	1482	" Parkin, A. ...	21	0	0									
"	898	" Carter, B. ...	52	10	0	Middlesex :—			Lodge	382	Bro. Davis, C. ...	87	3	0						
"	902	" Poynter, S. ...	36	4	6	"	778	" Harding, Major C. ...	22	1	0	"	778	" Brown, C. S. ...	31	10	0			
"	907	" Dennis, J. ...	70	17	6	"	1237	" Weeks, A. G. ...	59	6	0	"	1238	" Rushworth, C. G. ...	"	"	"			
"	1155	" Wilson, J. ...	30	9	0	"	1326	" Gilbert, E. ...	10	10	0	"	1460	" Brette, Rev. Dr. Ernest... Mason, J. ...	17	17	0			
"	1178	" Lover, W. T. ...	60	17	6	"	1567	" Woodward, E. C. ...	23	2	0	"	1637	" Rosenthal, S. ...	"	"	"			
"	1201	" Barber, W. H. ...	100	0	0	"	"	" Kenning, George ...	10	10	0									
"	1216	" Larham, M. S. ...	60	0	0	"	"	" Pearse, D. W. ...	32	11	0									
"	1227	" Goddard, R. W. ...	"	"	"	Northumberland :—			Lodge	1435	" Jacoby, C. T. ...	64	1	0						
"	1257	" Musley, T. W. ...	74	0	0	"	"	" Laws, H. ...	304	15	0									
"	1260	" Southwood, J. H. ...	60	10	6	Nottinghamshire :—			Lodge	1435	" Jacoby, C. T. ...	64	1	0						
"	1278	" Crutch, W. J. ...	48	14	0	"	"	" Hughes, J. J. ...	19	7	6									
"	1328	" Thomas, J. L. ...	113	8	0	"	"	" Wakeman, H. O. ...	21	0	0									
"	1348	" Iretton, A. J. ...	31	10	0	Somersetshire :—			Lodge	446	Bro. Perkins, Capt A. T. ...	21	0	0						
"	1383	" Barlow, Major G. ...	106	1	0	"	"	" Edwards, C. L. F. ...	37	16	0									
"	1383	" Bake, S. G. ...	10	10	9	Staffordshire :—			Lodge	98	Bro. Thomas, J. W. ...	17	17	0						
"	1397	" Cristall, H. ...	"	"	"	"	"	" Parker, T. ...	131	5	0									
"	1420	" Kempster, W. H. ...	63	0	0	Suffolk :—			Lodge	81	Bro. Phillips, Wm. P. T. ...	115	10	0						
"	1425	" Smith, R. J. ...	73	10	0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	1426	" Seax, J. ...	123	18	0	Surrey :—			Lodge	410	Bro. March, E. ...	63	0	0						
"	1446	" Thomas, A. M. ...	63	0	0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	1491	" Lewis, A. J. ...	71	17	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	1539	" Ramsey, Wm. ...	39	10	0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
"	1586	" Pingle, J. ...	54	12	0</															

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, under the Banner of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214. There was a large attendance of Essex brethren and some visitors, but as regards these latter the number was small, considering the proximity of Romford to the Metropolis.

Precisely at two o'clock the lodge of Hope and Unity was opened. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, P. Prov. G. Chap. Oxon, and W.M. 214, occupying the chair of K.S.; and Grand Lodge having been announced, was received in due form.

In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the R.W.P.G.M. (Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw), the throne was occupied by the Worshipful Bro. Matthew E. Clark, D.P.G.M., who was then saluted in ancient form. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in form, the roll call of the lodges in the Province, now numbering 16, producing upwards of 100 representatives. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from the R.W.P.G.M. of Suffolk, (Bro. Lord Waveney); the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chap. of England, D.P.G.M., Surrey; W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., &c. The Auditors' Report having been read and approved, the W.D.P.G.M. proposed and the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past. G. Chap. Eng., seconded the re-election of the W. Bro. Joseph Burton as Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Burton in returning thanks mentioned that it was the thirteenth time this honour had been conferred upon him.

The Grand Officers of the year were then invested as follows:—

- Rev. T. Cochrane, W.M. 214. Prov. S.G.W.
- George Corble, W.M. 453. Prov. J.G.W.
- The Rev. J. H. Bridge, 1343. Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Joseph Burton, P.M. 276. Prov. G. Treasurer.
- T. J. Ralling, W.M. elect. 51. Prov. G. Secretary.
- E. Hunt Carter, I.P.M. 276. Prov. G. Registrar.
- W. P. Lewis, P.M. 51. Prov. G.S.D.
- D. Reed, W.M. 1457. Prov. G. J.D.
- T. G. Day, W.M. elect 1437. Prov. G.S. of W.
- A. Lucking, P.M. 1000. Prov. G.D.C.
- J. A. Wardell, P.M. 1000. Prov. G.A.D.C.
- B. B. Brayshaw, W.M. 1437. Prov. G.S.B.
- W. W. Brown, 214. Prov. G.O.
- W. F. Francis, W.M. 1024. Prov. G.P.
- W. I. Chignell, 1000. Prov. G.S.
- C. F. Jones, 1000. Prov. G.S.
- G. W. Patmore, 1437. Prov. G.S.
- A. Manning, 1437. Prov. G.S.
- J. P. Sarel, P.M. 276. Prov. G.T.

At three o'clock, Prov. Grand Lodge was adjourned, and having been marshalled in procession, proceeded to St. Edward's Church, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of Grand Lodge by the Vicar, Bro. the Rev. E. Fox. Evening prayers were said by Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, Prov. S.G.W., W.M. 214, and Proper Lessons (1 Chron. xxix. and S. James v.) were read by Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C., W.M. 1000 and P.M. 214. An able and practical sermon was preached by the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. J. H. Bridge, from Luke xi., 26. At the close of the service the procession reformed, and marched back to the lodge room, where some interesting matters connected with the Craft in Essex were discussed; and a vote of thanks to the brethren of Lodge Hope and Unity for their very complete and admirable arrangements for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge was passed.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the School Lending Library, Romford, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. E. Flox, Vicar. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

Nearly one hundred brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Corn Exchange, which had been handsomely decorated and transformed into a most comfortable banqueting hall. The W.D.P.G.M. presided; and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speeches being interspersed by some capital vocal and instrumental music,

under the direction of Bro. W. W. Brown, Prov. G.O. A most successful and pleasant meeting was brought to a close shortly before nine o'clock.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the Girls' School was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were likewise present Bro. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, R. B. Webster, H. Dearsley, H. Massey (Freemason.); H. A. Dubois, S. Rosenthal, H. Potter, Col. Peters, A. H. Diaper, and R. W. Little, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes £15 was granted to apprentice one of the girls leaving the Institution.

Six petitioners were placed on the list for election; fifty children were declared to be on that list, and ten vacancies were declared.

Bro. R. B. Webster gave notice of motion for next quarterly meeting—"That twenty-five extra children be admitted at next election," in October.

The Committee then adjourned.

Masonic and General Tidings.

It will please not a few readers to learn that the first edition of the Volume of Prayers by the late Bro. Dawson has already been sold, and that a second edition is in preparation. It is a good sign of the times that such a book should have been taken up so readily. It will also be an encouragement to Mrs. Dawson to proceed as speedily as possible with the Memoir and Volume of Sermons understood to be in preparation. The high appreciation in which Bro. Dawson was held by his congregation is shown in a most striking manner by the fact that wholly amongst themselves they have subscribed two thousand guineas as a gift to Mrs. Dawson and family.

PAXTON LODGE, No. 1685.—The consecration of this lodge takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The ceremonies, which are to commence at 4.30 p.m. precisely, will be performed by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Surrey and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain. A report will appear in our next.

We are authorised to state that the second State Concert will take place at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, July 6, and the second State Ball on Wednesday, July 11.

The "Craftsman and Canadian Masonic Record" has been disposed of to R.W. Bro. J. B. Traves, of Port Hope, Ontario. All communications should therefore be addressed "The Canadian Craftsman," Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Monmouthshire will be held on Wednesday, July 11th, 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Newport, at 3 o'clock p.m.; installation of the St. Wool's Chapter will take place at 4 p.m., and the ceremony performed by Captain S. George Homfray, P.S.B., G.C. and P.G.H., Monmouthshire.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire will be held on Thursday, July 12th, 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Newport, under the banner of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge, 1429, at 12 o'clock, noon. A procession will be formed, and the brethren will proceed to St. Woolos Church, where a sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. Osman, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held on Thursday next, at Portsmouth Lodge, St. Mary's-street, Portsmouth.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the new Town Hall, at Twickenham, on Friday, 13th July, commencing at 3 o'clock.

Bro. C. Lord, late manager of the Cannon-street Hotel, has taken the Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

On the morning of Midsummer day, (June 24th) says the *Birmingham Post*, there was a rather sharp frost in the neighbourhood of Bromsgrove, and the potatoes in some gardens were much cut down by it.

The new subway under the Thames, between the town and Arsenal of Woolwich, on the south bank of the river and North Woolwich, the works of which are actively in progress, will be completed, and the tunnel opened for traffic, about the end of the present year.

The marriage of Mr. W. H. Basden to Miss Kate C. Gover, the youngest daughter of Bro. W. S. Gover, C.C., is arranged to take place in July.

The University College Hospital has received a donation of £1000 from Major Dennis Moriarty, of Plymouth, in aid of the funds.

CATTLE PLAGUE.—In Tuesday night's *Gazette* a report of the Privy Council states that no further outbreak of cattle plague in Great Britain has been recorded since May 22. The places lately infected are now declared free from cattle plague.

Mr. Bright's visit to Bradford to unveil the statue of Richard Cobden, in the Royal Exchange, has been definitely fixed for Wednesday, July 25.

"BELL'S LIFE IN LONDON" AND THE "OBSERVER.—On Tuesday last the splendid premises in which the editing, printing, and publishing of these two old-established journals (*Bell's Life* was started in 1820 and *The Observer* as far back as 1791) have so long and successfully been carried on, were put up to public auction, and, after a very spirited contest, they were purchased by the proprietors of *The Country* for nearly £7000. This large purchase may be accepted, we presume, as an evidence of the substantial success which has attended the youngest of our sporting journals.

We regret to state that the illness of the First Lord of the Admiralty is causing much uneasiness. Bro. Hunt was removed to Woolwich yesterday morning, and there embarked on board her Majesty's steamer *Vivid*, en route to Homburg, from the waters of which place it is hoped he may derive benefit.

In celebration of the return of Bro. Brassey, M.P., with Mrs. Brassey and family, from their voyage round the world, a banquet was given on Wednesday last in the pavilion on the pier at Hastings. About 300 ladies and gentlemen sat down, the Mayor, Mr. Alderman Gansden presiding, Sir U. J. Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart., M.P., and Lady Kay-Shuttleworth were among the assemblage. In responding to the toast of the evening Bro. Brassey gave some interesting particulars of his voyage, and spoke highly of British enterprise and prestige.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, which was to have been held on the 4th of July, has been postponed a fortnight, and will, therefore, be held on Wednesday, the 18th of July, at the Freemasons' New Hall, Sheffield.

A new cemetery has been completed at Canterbury at a cost of £10,000.

The thirty-ninth anniversary of the coronation of her Majesty was celebrated on Thursday. The bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church rang merrily at intervals in honour of the occasion.

At a special meeting of the Sheffield Corporation, held on Thursday morning, a resolution inviting General Grant to pay a visit to the town was unanimously adopted.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The total of the subscriptions received for this Institution up to Thursday mid-day, amounted to £13,248 17s. 6d. with 19 lists still to come in.

Bro. Shackleton, W.M. 1524, Sec., Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, &c.; has had the misfortune to lose both Father and Mother within the short period of five weeks, the former having died through the great grief caused by the loss of his wife. Bro. Shackleton has our sympathy in his misfortune.

Bro. Robert Bradley of Reading, has been appointed Grand Secretary to the Provincial Grand Lodge for Berks and Bucks, in the room of Bro. Biggs who has lately retired from that office. Bro. Bradley has been a member of the Craft for many years and is well fitted for the position.

In the list of subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys which is given in another page, we notice rather an extraordinary donation, that is an amount of £115 10s. from a lodge that has yet to be formally consecrated. This we think augurs well for the Charities.

Newton watching the fall of the apple, Franklin observing the little boy flying a kite in a thunder-storm, and a dozen other examples rise at once to the mind as proofs of the valuable results to be obtained by an intelligent observation of the operations of nature. Recently the Society of Arts was the means of introducing another and very valuable instance of this kind. It is well known that the woodmen and other inhabitants of pine forests are exceptionally healthy; well known also that the planting of pine woods in marshy districts will change their character, and render them salubrious; well known, also, that all trees of this class secrete oils rich in hydro-carbons, and known as terpenes, whence turpentine, and by oxidation certain resinous substances such as camphor. Putting the known facts together, Mr. Kingzett, F.C.S., formed certain theories, and after several years of laborious experiment he actually succeeded, in conjunction with Mr. Maximilian Ziegler, in isolating the "health principle" of the pine and eucalyptus tree, and by a simple process, in imitation of nature, produced a solution, to which he has given the name of "Sanitas," containing the antiseptic and disinfectant principles of a pine forest. Few chemists have ever achieved a greater triumph, or one more pregnant with good to humanity, without any attendant curse, for already experiment has proved, and the most eminent medical and sanitary authorities have confirmed the proof, that "Sanitas" is the most valuable and efficacious antiseptic and disinfectant yet discovered. While giving all credit to the labours of previous investigators who have made known to us the antiseptic properties of various substances, it must be admitted that to all of these there were in actual use some very powerful objections. Some are poisonous, some destroyed the fabrics with which they came in contact, some had an acrid and disagreeable odour, hardly preferable to the noxious vapours they were intended to destroy, and which rendered them useless for the preservation of food. "Sanitas" is free from all these objections, and as a company has been formed at 57, Moorgate-street, for its supply, and it is not more costly than its unpleasant rivals, we may expect soon to see "Sanitas" in universal use in hospitals, asylums, schools, workshops, and private dwellings, in our streets and dustpits, in drains and cesspools, and, in short, wherever there is contagion to be found or guarded against, meat to be preserved, or water to be purified.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

SCRUPLES.—We think not.

The following stand over: "Constancy and Truth," by Bro. Weldhen. "Deism and the Grand Orient of France," Fair Play. Reports of Lodges. Albion, 196, Barbadoes. Era, 1423. Chaucer, 1540. Nelson, 700. Eden Valley, 812. Holmesdale, 874. British Union, 116.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Bulletin du Grand Orient," "Craftsman," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Jewel," "Eclectic," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Advocate," "New York Dispatch," "Calendrier du Grand Orient de France."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

BRATTLE.—On the 19th inst., the wife of Bro. Astyanax Brattle, (Lodge 452), of a son.

BURGAN.—On the 22nd inst., at York House, Peckham, the wife of Bro. J. A. Burgan, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BEDBOROUGH.—EGLESE.—On the 20th inst., at St. Mark's, Notting-hill, James Thomas, son of G. Bedborough, Esq., of Windsor, to Sophia Elizabeth, daughter of Captain J. Eglese, of Furgoyne House, Kensington-park.

MCINTYRE.—NASH.—On the 10th inst., Angus G. M. McIntyre, Esq., LL.B., barrister-at-law, only son of Aeneas J. McIntyre, Esq., Q.C., to E. M. R. Stevens, youngest daughter of the late Rev. G. E. Nash, Vicar of Hoo Allhallows.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1877.

## IGNORANCE OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

We are often struck, as all must be, with the want of knowledge manifested by so many of our leading brethren even, in regard to the Book of Constitutions. Indeed, the absolute ignorance of some of our good brethren would be incredible were it not too common, and would be perfectly ludicrous were it not often so very serious in its results, so very hurtful, that is to the welfare of a district or a province, so inimical to the progress of Freemasonry, and a lodge. We have frequently asked ourselves, whence does this ignorance arise, and why should it exist? Can we explain it ourselves, or can it be accounted for by others? We live in an age of light and study, and the Book of Constitutions is surely cheap enough. What, then, is the reason? Why is it? Well, we think we have hit upon one prevailing reason, and we proceed to offer our explanation to our readers, to the Craft, and to all whom it may concern. We are not asserting a perverse paradox, we beg our readers to observe carefully, when we assert that the Book of Constitutions is often unread, and curiously seemingly unknown. We do not deny that many of our brethren are too listless, or too busy, too grand, or too unimpressed to give themselves up to the study of the Book of Constitutions, but making every allowance for our Masonic infirmity and the known apathy of Masons generally on this head, we feel assured that we do not find in this, a sufficient elucidation of an unaccountable anomaly. We, therefore, prefer our own suggested explanation, which is as follows. The present arrangement for the sale of the Book of Constitutions is, in our opinion, unsuitable both to the wants of the Craft, and the demands of trade. There was no fault to be found with the arrangement once upon a time, perhaps, when the sale was easily measured out, but now it appears to be based upon a want of due appreciation, alike of the legitimate requirements of business, and the larger demands of the Craft. The Book of Constitutions is sold for 1s. 6d. a copy, but there is no inducement to the trade to take a large number of copies, because there is not sufficient discount allowed to make it worth any one's while to push the work, or for any one to make anything, in fact, out of the sale. There is an allowance made—5 per cent. on 500 copies—but that is a margin far too small to allow of any extensive trading, much less of any legitimate profit. As it is well known to many for whom we write, its terms are 25 per cent. discount, and more even by special agreement, and were such a reduction conceded to all Masonic dealers alike, a very large additional sale of the Book of Constitutions would at once necessarily spring up, we have every reason to believe, remunerative both to booksellers and to Grand Lodge. Many would keep the work in stock then, who do not now to use trade terms, "touch it," or even "look at it." As it is, the sale is now a sale for individuals, whereas, the great object would appear to be, on every ground, to make a general sale of it, though a general sale hardly exists.—in fact, a regular trade sale, affected simply by the one great law of supply and demand. Many booksellers who would keep the book in stock, if they could, as we before remarked, get the trade discount, only buy it as they want it, and do not buy it in gross at all; and the consequence is that the individual sale is much more restricted than it should be. In our opinion every member of the Order ought to have a copy of the Book of Constitutions by him, and we are confident that if the sale be put on simple trade grounds the gain to Grand Lodge will, eventually, be very great indeed. In all such matters we have to look to business considerations, and business considerations alone, and all such arrangements, however artificially protected, must fall sooner or later to the common level of the wants of barter and the market. If our Book of Constitutions were more generally read, and, we will add, more widely sold, much of the ignorance respecting it

would disappear, and we beg to commend our friendly remarks to those who have authority to deal with such matters of detail, as we feel certain that the course we advocate is alike most expedient and needful in the interests of all parties, and will be productive of the greatest convenience to the Order generally, and bring about a very largely increased sale of the Book of Constitutions for Grand Lodge. Let no one take offence at our words, they are fraternally meant, and honestly expressed.

## HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

We cannot shut our eyes if we would, nor would it be well if we could, to the inevitable changes and chances of this mortal life, the passing away of old mates and friends and brethren, as we take up our weekly *Freemason*, or realize the unavoidable diminution of our ranks, as week follows week, in the onward march of fleeting years. There is an enormous amount of unrecorded work which goes on amongst us; there are countless good brethren and true friends who leave us and the lodge in which they have worked for years, and no happy pen records their merit, no kindly *Freemason* communicates their loss. It is a very wonderful thought, as it appears to us, namely, that onward silent march of myriads of our race, of whom no biographer recounts the services, no epitaph preserves even the memory. Thousands upon thousands, in all ranks and conditions, in all services and situations, in all callings and countries, pass away from amongst us unheeded and unnoticed, who, in their time and generation did their duty manfully to God and their brethren, and were most true and faithful servants of their Great Master during this earthly struggle. Like the thousands of those brave Crusaders whose bones whitened the hills and vales of Palestine, whose names have passed away, like that great multitude of true Anglo-Saxons whose quiet resting places mark every portion of the great peninsula of Hindostan, so it is one of the apparent and saddening conditions of humanity that the greater part of mankind go to their "long homes" utterly unknown to, forgotten by, the rest. The "nameless stone" of the poet is indeed a wonderful antithesis to all the folly, all the garish tinsel, all the insane pride of human life. We are nothing, and we become as nothing, be we who we may, and the great river of Time flows swiftly by seemingly, as it were, only to leave on its muddy banks the perishing bones of countless nameless and forgotten men. And how true is all this of Freemasonry. The life of Masonry is kept up by the lodge work of its members, and beneath its pomp and paraphernalia, its high rank and great names, its outer show and pretentious blazon, its "sounding brass, yes, and its tinkling cymbal," there, as it were, rises up before us, the great and undistinguished "ruck" of humble hard-working Masons, who are the "salt" of the Order nevertheless, though no Poet Laureate sings pæans to their glory, though no recording pen on earth rescues their name, toils, and merit, from the dark oblivion of the grave. We take up our weekly *Freemason*, and we read the death of an old friend and fellow worker, with whom in good old days, perhaps, we consorted greatly, and whom we liked much and well. We are so "taken up," so pompous, so great, so important, so immersed in business or pleasure, in care or profit, in making money, and in wasting life, that we have no time to think of Bro. Jones. And so poor old Jones is buried out of sight, and if, when we meet again, the lodge is in mourning, and the W.M. says a few kind words,—that is all—we return to the work of the lodge and the toils of men, as a matter of course; and if we do say "Poor old Jones, is gone, I see," it is as much as we do say, and there the story ends. If to-day memory recalls old days, old hours, and old scenes, when, with "Master Shallow," we "heard the chimes at midnight" or with Bro. Jones made the old lodge a famous centre of light and goodwill, and pleasantness and peace, for some poor wayfarers for a little season, it is as much sentiment as we can afford in our practical, sensible, hard-headed, (may we say hard-hearted?) life to-day. It is good for us, then, as in another page

which recalls Bro. Lieut.-Col. Pilsworth's many Masonic merits and untimely loss, to remember the true-hearted of our brethren who depart from us, and to offer, however feebly, a few words of affectionate remembrance to virtues great and many, to worth true and real, to a pleasant friendship whose earthly links are severed, and to a fraternal sympathy which begun in time, let us believe, like all good things is destined to flourish yet once again, and bloom all radiantly in that better eternity which awaits us all.

**THE MONDE MACONNIQUE AND OURSELVES.**

We note that in our contemporary, an answer we made has been misunderstood as regards the admission of illegitimates. We were asked, as we understood the question, what was the rule, not the policy. We stated that in the operative guilds all the candidates must be the children of honest parentage, and that our rule, as Speculative Masons, was to the same effect, and anything that has been since put forward, proves the correctness of our views of the Common Law of Masonry on the subject. *Indeed there can be no doubt upon it, as all the exceptions quoted prove the rule.* As regards the policy, that is another question, and a wider one, but we are inclined to agree with Bro. Hughs that where the candidate is himself a highly respectable person, we may well accept him now. We note also that at page 65 our worthy Bro. Caubet prints a note from W.M. Esq. (*sic*), dated Wellington, New Zealand, March 3rd, 1877, in which that brother tells Bro. Caubet that "plusiers de ses freres de nationalite Anglaise repandues de toutes les parties, du monde, se rejouissent comme moi de l'entreprise du Grand Orient of France," that is, the suppression of belief in God, &c. We had previously received a letter from the same brother, which we declined to print, as we thought it neither wise or true, or sound in view, but we believe that the writer no doubt honestly entertains the opinion, he puts forward, though we think them most mistaken. He declares many English brethren that approve of the revolution proposed. We know of none who do so, and we fear that in his case, as in others, it is "distance" that "lends enchantment" to his view.

**IS IT TRUE?**

We have been lately reading a very remarkable work, "A Glimpse of the Great Secret Society" (Macintosh, 1873, 4th Edit.), and have come upon the passage which we now proceed to give. Our brethren will read the charge thus officially made against the whole Order of Freemasons, everywhere, by the present aged and benevolent Pontiff with the regret and astonishment that we did, and will be prepared, we fancy, as we do, not only indignantly to protest against it, but to ask publicly as before our cosmopolitan Order, nay, before all men, is it true? "In fact, we cannot conceal from you, venerable brother, that our grief and astonishment were very great, when we heard that you had presided at the obsequies of Marshal Magan, Grand Master of the Order of Freemasons, and gave the solemn absolution when the Masonic insignia were placed on the funeral canopy, and the members of that condemned sect, decorated with the same insignia, were ranged around it. In the letter which you addressed to us on the 1st of last August, you assure us that these insignia had not been seen by you, nor by your clergy; that, in one word, they were unknown to you in any manner; but you knew very well, venerable brother, that the dead man had during life had the misfortune to be at the head of that proscribed sect, vulgarly called by the name of the 'Grand Orient,' and, consequently, you might have easily foreseen that the members of that sect would assist at his funeral; and that they would take care to make a parade of their insignia. You ought therefore, in your religious position, to have maturely weighed these considerations, and to have been on your guard on the occasion of this funeral, in order not to have caused by your presence and co-operation the astonishment and profound grief which all true Catholics have felt on this occasion. You can-

not be ignorant that Masonic societies, and all other associations of the same iniquitous character, have been condemned by the Roman Pontiffs, our predecessors, and by ourself; that even severe penalties have been enacted against them. These impious sects, having different denominations, are, in fact, all linked together by their mutual complicity in the most criminal designs, all being inflamed with the most intense hatred of our holy religion and the Apostolic See, and are endeavouring by the dissemination of pestilential books, and in many other ways, by perverse manoeuvres and by every kind of devilish artifice, to corrupt all over the world both morality and belief, and to destroy all honest, true, and just opinion; to spread throughout the universe these monstrous opinions; to conceal and propagate the most detestable vices, and every conceivable rascality; to shake the power of all legitimate authority, and to compass the overthrow, if it were possible, of the Catholic Church, and of civil society, and to drive God Himself out of heaven." The paragraph is taken from a letter of the Pope to the murdered Archbishop of Paris, Darboy, and is dated Rome, October 26, 1865. That such a charge is not true in any sense, we can most conscientiously aver as before the great tribunal of public opinion, and we think that there are countless Roman Catholics who, if they could venture speak, would testify to the absurdity of such allegations, and the untruthfulness of such an accusation.

**THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE GRANDE LOGE CENTRAL.**

It seems that these two bodies are now again at variance, and an exchange of notes, marked by somewhat of acerbity, is going on between the distinguished brethren, St. Jean and Cremieux. Into the merits of the case we do not profess to enter, as we are not competent to do so, in our opinion, it being to a great extent, moreover, a purely French question, but, no doubt, much may be said on both sides. But so long as the Grand Orient continues to be mixed up with the High Grades, with which it has nothing to do, and of which it ought to know nothing, all these "tracasseries" are sure to arise. In our humble opinion, if Craft Masonry were entirely under the Grand Orient, and if the High Grades were all under control of the Grande Loge, we should find an end for all these ceaseless disputes. Whatever may have been done in years past, we never can concede to the Rite, Ecossais the right to open symbolic lodges at all, neither, we believe, would it wish or seek to do so, if the anomaly was not perpetuated in France of a Craft Grand Orient, having something to do with the High Grades. We know, as French Masonic history tells us, that this is a sore point with the Grand Orient of France, but we speak in all kindness when we say to them, "disembarrass yourselves of the High Grades as soon as you can, leave them to the Grande Loge Centrale, and the Grand Orient will gain in every way, and put an end for ever to burning questions and useless controversies."

**THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.**

The festival which took place at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 27th inst., has been a great success, and has resulted in a return of £13,248 17s. 6d. with nineteen lists to come in. We shall call attention to the subject fully in our next.

**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.]

**CHARITY LOTTERIES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much interest the proceedings of Bro. Constable, and the large amount thus procured by him for our charities. But as for some time I have felt some doubts about these proceedings, Masonically, I venture to ventilate the question in your friendly columns to-day.

I trust that I may be more fortunate than some of your correspondents apparently are, and that my very few and friendly, and Masonically-actuated words (pardon so

Johnsonian an expression) will not be deemed in any way personal, or lead to a controversy based on personal feelings or personal considerations. It is curious enough that we seemingly never touch anything Masonic, without invoking or developing personal acrimony, a sad commentary on the inconsistency of human nature, and may I not say, too, on the hollowness of Masonic profession.

I. The first remark I have to make, then, is this—that say what you will, disagree with me [as you may, such a course of action, however popular, encourages a spirit of gambling among Freemasons. The brother who puts in his shilling hopes to get the equivalent of £10, two hundred times in excess of his original outlay, and I, for one, though I may be called a prig or a Pharisee, hypercritical or hyper-censorious, do not like charity to be mixed up with a desire of individual gain. Charity qua charity is a very noble virtue in itself, and ought neither to be depreciated or lowered, weakened or discredited in any way. All lotteries have been found to work badly for the morality of peoples and the safety of the state, inasmuch as they infuse into men's minds the aspirations of cupidity, and the love of risk on chances, two very great but detrimental characteristics of human nature. I cannot think that we are justified in introducing these unsound and even hurtful tendencies of human weakness into our higher struggles after what is true and good in itself. I may be wrong, but I am anxious, as the Scotchman was, to "testify" on this point for the careful consideration of many of my readers.

II. Now it might be said, and I fancy that it will be said that the "end justifies the means," and that though you may be doing evil "good" may come of it, that the object of the Institutions is so excellent, per se, that it is right to help them in every way you can. Now, as I, for one, detest these Jesuit maxims which have wrought such misery among men, I look always with suspicion on any defence which rests upon them, even in any degree. Though I give all credit to Bro. Constable for his zealous and kindly intentions, and last, not least, for his undeniable success, I cannot get over the fact that, be the movement prosperous or not, it is a tampering, nevertheless, with the stricter and safer laws of public prosperity and general duty. Admitted that the aim of Bro. Constable be a good one, is that any reason why it should be carried out in a wrong way? I think not, and here it is that I join issue with him, and I deem it proper to object to these proceedings, on Masonic grounds, and on Masonic grounds alone. As Freemasons we profess to uphold a strict if stern morality, and to avoid any act which clashes with the laws of the land, or the revealed axioms of personal duty. How far all lotteries impinge upon the prohibition of lotteries by the law, in the spirit, at any rate, I leave to learned Masonic casuists and lawyers amongst us to decide.

III. I shall be told, I know, that many brethren who cannot afford the £10 can afford the 1s., and, therefore, that there can be no real harm in thus bending for a moment, as it were the unchanging laws of Masonry and morality in these respects. But this is just where I find fault with the arrangement. Many who gain the prizes are well able to pay the £10, so that practically, with all deference to many most worthy brethren, public charity is mixed up with individual gain, in a somewhat hazardous juxtaposition.

Now I do not want to seem too querulous, or too Draconic, I am not fond of dogmatizing or laying down the law, and I can only add that I shall be most happy to read the remarks of those many able brethren who take an opposite view of the matter, as I am always open to conviction, and always amenable to fair argument. But it is a subject, I think, which needs discussion, and demands thoughtful consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. F.

**MASONS' MARKS, &c.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"W. E. N." deserves our thanks for the mine he is opening up in regard to Masons' Marks and Masonic Archaeology, and I agree with the greater part of his statements and deductions. I have never read Wilson's "Pre-historic Annals," but I will look up the book, but it must be over fifteen years ago since I first made a comparison between old English Marks and Northern Runes, and found in many cases a perfect similarity. They were used late into Christian times, because they were angularly suited for cutting with the chisel, until, in the end, the real meaning of the signs was lost. The caste marks of India seem to be arbitrary signs; to approach more to the nature of Masonic symbols than alphabetical character. I think it very likely, however, that the origin and basis of both Masonic symbols and caste marks are transmitted to us from early times, and the original home of our race the Aryan father land.

Since I took an interest in Mark Masonry the ceremonies have been modified, but are still, to my mind, of an objectionable character. At the period I name the teaching of the degree was that, presumably, from the building of Solomon's Temple, though marks were based on the number of lines upon which the representative of the degree placed a mark of approval; and the fact that the old marks were letters of an obsolete alphabet struck at the root of the whole system.

The printed and written documents with which I am acquainted prove that the degree of Mark Master is of very modern date. All that we can say with safety is that in Scotland every Apprentice Mason was compelled by Masonic law to register his mark when he was made free of his lodge, and for which registration he paid the fee of one mark, and selected any mark or any sign whatever, not used by another member of the lodge. If there is any proof of a Mark Master's "Mark of Approval," I shall be glad to know where it can be found. The foregoing

statement as to the simple compulsory registration of the Apprentice or Craftsman's Mark in Scotland is confirmed by the traditional testimony of a Scottish Operative Master Mason of my acquaintance, whose ancestors have been Operative and Speculative for eight generations, and he says "We have gone to the steeple of the Church of Glasgow to select a mark."

The objection I take to the Mark<sup>1</sup> Degree is that it claims equal antiquity for its modern invention with the Craft, a degree which should embody researches such as those of which "W.E.N." would be praiseworthy, if it omitted the puerility of an ancient legendary descent.

I hope that this free expression of opinion will not offend "W.E.N.," whom I respect for the learning and ability with which he has illustrated the subject, and I hope to read more of his letters upon the subjects of which they treat.

Yours, truly and fraternally,  
JOHN YARKER.

#### IGNORANCE OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It would almost seem that this ignorance of the Book of Constitutions prevails amongst our rulers. If every W.M. elect should pass an examination, previous to installation before the Board of Past Masters, would it not be a good thing in these days of examination? Seriously is it not strange, Dear Sir and Brother, that so few brethren study the Book of Constitutions?

I here beg leave to propose that on the entrance of a new brother every lodge should give him a copy of the Book of Constitutions. Might not this system make it more read?  
ADEPT.

#### A RECENT INCIDENT IN PARIS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

The following extract from the *Times* of June 23rd, gives us the conclusion of a very deplorable affair, and is the best reply to all remarks on the subject:—

The appeal of M. Bonnet Duverdier, President of the Paris Municipality, against his condemnation to 15 months' imprisonment and 2000f. fine, for defaming Marshal MacMahon at a private meeting at St. Denis, came before the Correctional Tribunal to-day. As the accused offered no defence at the former hearing, this was the real trial of the case, and accordingly it excited much interest. The defendant, on being interrogated, disclaimed the expressions imputed to him, to the effect that the imbecile Marshal would soon be brought to the bar of the people to atone for his crime; that he, like a dastard, slipped from his horse at Sedan to make believe he was wounded; that the manoeuvres of the Ministry would bring back the Prussians, but that the people would not fight under incompetent generals, or be killed for such people, but would first dispose of the Marshal and his Government and then settle matters with the enemy; that all means were good, and that after the ballot-box there was the legal means which the meeting knew of. What he really said, he maintained, was that the Marshal seemed resolved on not making a *Coup d'Etat*, but his advisers, reckoning on his inaptitude, were capable of anything. The wound at Sedan prevented him from capitulating, and a wit—M. Rochefort—had said he ought to recompense the doctor who cured him and enabled him afterwards to be President. He considered the Marshal a good soldier, if not a great general, but he did not call him a dastard. He might have spoken of his inaptitude, but he did not call him an imbecile or idiot. He certainly did not style him a *capitulard*, for he spoke of his wound preventing him from capitulating. The defendant protested against remarks at private meetings being taken notice of, and asked what would be said if the police listened at the key-hole of M. Thiers' drawing-room and detected criminality in the conversation. To this the Judge replied that a private domicile was inviolable, but a meeting of 200 people was a very different thing. Witnesses were then called on both sides, and at 7 p.m. the Court confirmed the judgment, as also that passed on the three co-defendants.

I am, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADER.

#### A NEW DEFINITION OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Daily Telegraph* of the 11th inst. an article, written in a very unhappy frame of mind against the Order, alludes to the late case in the Court of Queen's Bench, wherein two brethren were the parties to the action, and endeavours, in a flippant tone, to cast opprobrium upon "those persons, the Freemasons," because the unfortunate event was, undoubtedly, within the province of the Grand Master to settle, and need not have found its way into a court of law. The animus of the writer in the *Daily Telegraph* is so apparently antagonistic to Freemasonry that the probability is he is a disappointed candidate, and, therefore, still one of the profane, else he could scarcely descend to the fanfarronade in which he indulges at the supposed expense of his "quondam brothers."

In a journal which, I believe, and am informed—for I am a stranger and a sojourner here—has the reputation of much clearness of discussion, and sagacity of reasoning, coupled with liberal sentiments of political government, I am surprised to find such serious nonsense laid before the public, as the statement that Freemasonry is "a purely convivial and benevolent society," inasmuch as conviviality has nothing whatever to do with the principles of the Order, and, although based upon the ancient landmark of charity, it is not a benevolent society, distributing alms to its members in accordance with any set rules, and can in no possible manner be likened with, or compared to the *Odd Fellows*, the *Foresters*, the *Druids*, or any other society whatever. If the remarks of the *Daily Telegraph* had been of a sentient nature, and calculated to bring Free-

masonry into disrepute, I should have been disposed to recommend a little study of Masonic jurisprudence, or the quiet reading of the "Freemasons' Manual," and it would not again fall into the egregious error of asserting that Freemasonry is a convivial society. What Freemasonry teaches is charity to all mankind, and the brother who so deports himself with morality and brotherly love, as to be entitled to be reckoned a worthy corner stone, is typically rewarded by such convivial things as "corn, wine, and oil," when called from "labour to refreshment," and this is the extent of its conviviality. It is time that the odium of a man returning to his home in a high state of excitement from imbibing, because "he has been to his lodge," should be refuted for ever, as the dignity and importance of Masonry would not be recognised if the lodge was merely a place for convivial meeting and social enjoyment.

Belonging, as I do, to a foreign jurisdiction, I indignantly resent the gratuitous aspersion, and think that the *Daily Telegraph* would do well to employ better informed writers on Masonic subjects for the future.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
ALFRED WELDEN.

#### CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Notwithstanding your courteous rejoinder, and the quotation from our "Charity Voting Reform Association" paper, I must still say you and Bro. Hughan have been under a great misapprehension as to my meaning.

Numbers of our brethren, and myself amongst them, have understood you to imply that I advocated the abolition of voting and the appointment of a "central committee" of selection in its stead.

This I did not do, nor did I ever intend to do.

The passage you quote refers to a very different thing. This suggestion was merely thrown out to meet many enquiries made at our office, and to fill a void that is not unfrequently to be found. For instance, a subscriber has "no candidate of his own," as the phrase goes, nor has he even a "friend to oblige," may more, he finds great difficulty in discriminating the most urgent case or cases amongst a long list, with a very brief account of each. It is suggested in such a case that he send his proxy paper to the Committee of the charity, who probably have the best means of judging of the comparative merits of the candidates (or ought to have), and allow them to allot the vote or votes as they may deem most just.

I still contend that "canvassing" by cards and circulars and "polling days" are well known abuses, both out of and in Masonry. I am thankful to say the Royal Medical Benevolent College and the Clergy Orphan Corporation have done away with the latter, to the great satisfaction of the subscribers, and they are in rapid progress towards prohibiting the former.

Most happy shall I be, dear Sir and brother to aid in my humble measure in preventing as far as possible "the admission of doubtful or improper cases." This, no doubt, lies at the root of the matter. Let us then get to work at the root and we may hope to have branches which shall not only be more graceful, but more productive of fruit, and more calculated to afford shelter to the poorest and most deserving cases.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON.

[We publish Bro. Simpson's letter with pleasure, but we think the discussion had better now cease, the more so as our good brother and ourselves are not likely to agree as to the main points of his letter.—ED.]

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE.

Nearly two years ago a young and thriving merchant of Batavia, in the Island of Java, resolved to take unto himself a wife. He applied for the hand of a young lady of his acquaintance, and his application was received by her family with every mark of favour. The future husband became a welcome guest at his *fiancée's* home. The formal betrothal took place, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." Soon the young lover hoped to be made the happiest of men. But he was reckoning without his host. A difficulty arose. The Romish clergy had discovered that our young friend was the son of a man who had been a staunch Freemason in his day, who had in Belgium, been a prominent antagonist of the clerical party there. Of course, the son would follow in his father's footsteps unless some wise and friendly hand interfered. The interference took place. The parents of the young lady were charged to withdraw their consent to the union unless they could obtain their intended son-in-law's promise that he would never become a Freemason.

To everybody's surprise, the young merchant avowed respect and veneration for his late father; refused to make any promise of the kind demanded; and had the cool audacity to declare that he fully intended to propose himself as a candidate for initiation in the mysteries of Freemasonry. He alleged as his reason for this determination that he desired to remain free both in his religious and political opinions. Bigotry prevailed. The parents revoked their consent. The marriage was broken off. Two young lives were severed. But, after all, the object of the Romanists was not attained. The young man hastened to apply for initiation—was elected a Mason.

Nor is this all; many other gentlemen of high standing, in Batavia, were induced, by the noise which the event made, to enquire for themselves, and in a short time to follow our hero's example. We need not add any comments. The world's history affords instances enough to emphasize the moral that "persecution fails to coerce any but the weak and the unworthy."—*Craftsman*.

#### Reviews.

"Wonders of Operative Masonry." By P. McCALLA, P.A., B.M., and Editor of the *Keystone*, Philadelphia, U.S.

We have received from our kind and able confère this little work, being sketches of the ancient Abbies and Cathedrals of Great Britain. We have read it with great interest, though much of its contents have already appeared in the *Masonic Magazine*, reprinted from that excellent paper the *Keystone*. Like all that Bro. McCalla writes, the little work is marked by singular clearness of detail and power of expression, and it is in itself a very valuable contribution to Masonic and archaeological literature. And yet the perusal of Bro. McCalla's striking words only serves to convince us, what some Masonic students have long known in England, that we are even now but at the beginning, so to say, of Masonic antiquarian investigation, and before us lies a wide field yet of study and research.

We have to bring out yet more forcibly and lucidly than has yet been achieved the condition of operative Masonic Guild Life in England, and we have to lay down the precise conditions under which the operative became entirely absorbed by the speculative element.

Until that be done, Masonic history assumes only the appearance of the "disjecta membra" of incoherent legends and unconnected traditions, and we are still as far as ever from a clear and critical history of our great Order. We hail Bro. McCalla's "opus culum" as we greeted Bro. Fort's "magnum opus," as happy offerings sent across the wide Atlantic towards the study and realization of Masonic archæology, and we congratulate our excellent Confrère on a compilation both skilful and intelligent in the highest degree, reflecting equal credit on its writer, and the Craft, of which he is so zealous and promising a member.

(Communiqué.)

#### SOME ACCOUNT OF MASONIC CHARITY, AND A PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION.

By EDWIN HARDON, P.M. Second edition.

This is a remarkable pamphlet, and was originally intended for circulation among East Lancashire Masons; but the subject and the mode of its treatment render Bro. Hardon's brochure most valuable not only to the fraternity, but to all who are earnestly interested in the administration and extension of charities of the kind for which Masonry is conspicuous. There is hardly a line of our brother's pamphlet which is not interesting and worthy of study, but, to us, the most sensible and attractive suggestion is (see page 12) that our charities should take a home form; that is, the children to live at home, and be clothed and educated at the expense of a Provincial Grand Lodge charity.

Bro. Hardon puts the scheme so powerfully, that lest we should fail to give the necessary pith and point to his proposal, we quote his own most forcible language—

"The £40 or £50 now spent in the entire care of one child might be made more useful to a family—the one child taken in hand, so far as the rest of the family are concerned, is but a saving of the food and clothes of one of them; and in a family—say of four children—left unprovided for, this sum of £40 or £50 would materially contribute to educate and clothe the whole of these four children. Whilst you take but one now out of them for a term of years to clothe, feed, and educate well, what are the rest of these children doing? Who clothes them? Who pays for their education? and what is their daily bread whilst the favoured one of the family is enjoying the comparative luxuries of a grand institution? And when his term has run, and at sixteen years of age his steps are to be directed homeward. What strange recollections home must recall! Childhood and its associations are long passed away, followed by years of comfort and plenty enjoyed in the fellowship of equal associates in the adopted paternity of a benevolent establishment. You have educated him out of and above the level and equality of his normal home, and you can now only return him to his family, presumably furnished and fitted to enter upon the duties of active life, and to help to assist in sustaining the household. Thus you weight him with a responsibility far beyond his age, for he is but on the mere threshold of business life, and can only enter upon its activities in a subordinate capacity, and with the beginning of an income little if any better a beginning than other boys of the family will have been compelled to enter upon at a much younger age, though they have been kept at home, unnoticed and uncared for by us. But worse for the family, this young gentleman of sixteen is likely to be impatient of parental influences, now so very necessary to control and restrain the dangerous over-enthusiasm engendered by the feeling of independence his completed training will have inspired. But as this epoch ends our care of him—his after history is untold. What of the family struggles during his absence? At a younger age some will have had to be put out, and bring their contributions to the family stock, and in the race of life have thus had a few years' start of this educated one. How glaring the contrast! and in families how fatal for peace such a contrast must be."

All our readers will, we think, admit the force and good sense of the above citation, and we take it that other than Masonic charities most advantageously consider our brother Hardon's very practical suggestions. We are persuaded that he propounds a plan which would render all such charities more extensively useful, and we cordially, nay, anxiously, commend the consideration of this most useful publication to all who are concerned in the expansion and administration of charities.  
J. M. C.

**CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF PEACE, No. 149, MELTHAM.**

The centenary festival took place on Friday, the 15th inst., at Meltham. The weather was beautiful, the sun shining with all its splendour the whole of the day. The lodge was opened at twelve o'clock in the Infant School-room by the officers of the lodge, Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M., acting as W.M., Bro. D. Cairns, S.W., Bro. Saml. Sugden, J.W., Bro. George Heywood, P.M., as I.P.M., Bro. John Ellis, S.D., Bro. Wm. Sugg, J.D., Joseph W. Sykes, J.G., and Bro. Buckley, Tyler. There were brethren present from twenty different lodges in different parts of England and Scotland, viz.:—No. 61, Probity, Halifax; 265, Royal Yorkshire, Keighley; 275, Harmony, Huddersfield; 289, Fidelity, Leeds; 290, Huddersfield Lodge, Huddersfield; 307, Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge; 324, Moira, Stalybridge, East Lancashire; 333, St. George's, Glasgow, Scotland; 337, Candour, Saddleworth; 439, Scientific, Bingley; 448, St. James, Halifax; 495, Wakefield; 521, Truth, Huddersfield; 910, St. Oswald, Pontefract; 971, Trafalgar, Batley; 1102, Mirfield Lodge, Mirfield; 1147, St. David's, Manchester, East Lancashire; 1514, Thornhill, Lindley; 1521, Wellington Lodge, Wellington, Province of North Wales and Shropshire; 1542, Legiolium, Castleford; 1645, Colne Valley, Slaithwaite.

After the lodge had been opened in the Third Degree, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Bro. Bentley Shaw, W.P.D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, P.G.D. of England, D.L., and other Provincial Grand Officers, were announced, and conducted to their places in the lodge, Bro. George Milnes presiding at the harmonium, when Bros. Tew and Bentley Shaw were saluted with honours in the usual manner. Bro. Rayner, as W.M., then rose and said: Brethren, we are assembled here to-day for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth birthday of this our good old Lodge of Peace. It is an event such as rarely occurs in any province; an event which will no doubt be long looked upon as a red-letter day in the annals of the old lodge, not only by its present members, but also by their successors in time to come. I feel sure you will excuse me for seizing upon this the earliest opportunity of expressing the pleasure and the gratification it gives me to see you all here to join with us in our rejoicing on this auspicious day. I sincerely hope that we shall all enjoy ourselves, that we shall all make ourselves happy and comfortable, and that when the day's proceedings are over we may be all able to part with a full consciousness of having assisted in carrying out those proceedings in a manner both creditable to ourselves and honourable to the Craft. I will not further take up your valuable time with any remarks of my own, but will at once ask the W.D.P. Grand Master to take the chair, and favour us with the address he has so kindly promised to give us.

Bro. Rayner then left the chair, which was afterwards occupied by the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, who then read a most interesting address on Freemasonry, prepared for the occasion.

Bro. Bentley Shaw, W.P.D.P.G.M. next addressed the brethren, and read a communication he had received from a friend in London, giving a short account of the earliest history of the lodge. That it was first opened at the Cock Inn, Barnsley, on the 1st of April, 1777, and that after having been in existence only one year it ceased working until the year 1804. He also alluded to the laying of the foundation stone of the Meltham Church Tower by the Freemasons, in the year 1835, and of the laying of the foundation stone of the Convalescent Home by the Marquis of Ripon and Provincial Grand Lodge, in the year 1868.

The banquet was prepared in the National School-room, for two o'clock, Bro. Joseph Knight, of the Swan Inn, Meltham, being the host. The room was a very suitable one for it, large, lofty, and well ventilated, and altogether accommodation was provided for about one hundred persons. The tables were decorated with very rare plants, from the conservatory at Thickhollins Hall, kindly lent by Bro. J. W. Carlile for the occasion. Each napkin had in it a splendid bouquet for the coat, which had been sent down from Covent Garden Market, London, that morning. On the top or cross table we noticed that the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., occupied the chair in the centre of the table as Chairman; on his right were seated the W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.D. of England, D.L.; W.P.G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Booth; W.P.G.J.W. of West Yorkshire, Bro. John Hirst, jun., J.P.; Bro. Simpson, W.P.P.G.W.; P.G. Sec. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Henry Smith, and Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M. Lodge of Peace. On his left were seated Bro. Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, P.P.G.C.; Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire, Bro. Rev. R. Oldfield; Bro. J. W. Carlile, Bro. T. A. Haigh, P.M. Lodge of Peace and P.P.G.D.; Bro. Jonas Craven, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. Dr. Spark, P.P. Grand Org. of Leeds. The choir consisted of Bros. George Milnes, Joe Wood, William Todd, and B. Stocks; Bro. J. Marshall, piano.

The cloth having been removed, "The Queen" was given by the Chairman, and having been duly honoured, "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.," was next received with cheers.

The next toast was "M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; also R.W. Dep. G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," proposed by the Chair, and responded to by Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.D. of England.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.," said: We could hardly expect to be favoured with the presence of Sir Henry Edwards on this occasion—but you will echo this sentiment—we rejoice in this opportunity to drink his good

health at Meltham. Although absent, he desires me to express his congratulations to the brethren assembled on the hundredth year of the existence of this excellent and valued lodge, and I, as his Deputy, shall have to inform him of the admirable order in which I find the Lodge of Peace, and on the whole with which this day's arrangements have been organised. I am requested to inform you that our summer meeting is on the 18th of July, at Sheffield, and you will see Sir Henry Edwards in his place on that occasion. We have Bro. Booth from the Lodge of Probity, the same lodge as that to which Sir Henry Edwards belongs; we have also the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master present with us. It is gratifying to every one of us that he has recovered so far from his indisposition, as to give us the light of his countenance and the sunshine of his genial and ever welcome presence. I can only say that the excellences of our Provincial Grand Master are now so well known amongst the Craft as to need no special eulogy on my part. It is his popular characteristics which have endeared him to us all, and I think no more worthy gentleman could have been selected to fill the position of Prov. G. Master than Sir Henry Edwards. I now call upon you, brethren, to join me in expressing the hope that the Great Author of the Universe will bestow His blessing upon our P.G.M., and give him health and long life to preside over our assemblies and the Craft which he adorns with every moral and social virtue. The toast having been drunk with honours,

Bro. J. W. Carlile proposed "The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., also W.P.D.P.G.M. Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.L., and all Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire."

Bro. T. W. Tew responded, and said—I feel it to be no light responsibility to fill the office of D.P.G.M. of this province. In 1875 I was to all of you an untried Mason, and to have been chosen representative to our Prov. Grand Master of so large a Masonic constituency as is this West Yorkshire is to me the most complimentary privilege of my life. You have been good enough to receive the toast of my health to-night in a manner much more worthy of the close of my official connection with the province than my first years of labour as your Deputy. I attribute your kind reception of me more to your indulgence and forbearance than to any Masonic talents of my own, because I feel I am continually being brought into contact with brethren in this province of greater talents and erudition than myself. I greatly regret that my business and other multifarious occupations do not leave me free and unfettered in thought and action, so that I could devote the whole of my time to gain that perfect knowledge and experience of Masonic life amongst you, without which no Master Mason can thoroughly succeed in the office of D.P.G.M. of this province. I thank you for your invitation to-night, and promise that, to the best of my poor ability, I will try in the future to do what I have tried to do in the past, to make the administration of this province under Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards prosperous, illustrious, and brilliant. I feel that the gathering to-day is not only a welcome to Bro. Bentley Shaw, but an enthusiastic expression of your belief in the beauty of the Masonic principles of piety, justice, and virtue; of your abiding faith in the permanency of the organisation of Freemasonry which has led to the prosperity of the Order and its development amongst all nations on the earth. In this direction the labours of your previous D.P.G.M. have been crowned with success. You have trusted Prov. G. Officers in the past. Will you trust those now newly elected? as they feel you will trust those who come in the future, so that we, your officers, may feel sure that in giving confidence to our government in dealing with great Masonic affairs you would leave matters, as in the past, so in the present in our hands, trusting to our watching over the honour and Masonic interests of our beloved province.

"The Old Lodge of Peace" was proposed in a suitable speech by Bro. Bentley Shaw.

Bro. T. A. Haigh, in responding, begged to tender his sincere and heartfelt thanks on behalf of the rest of the brethren, to Bro. Shaw, for the very kind expressions and kind remarks he had been pleased to make respecting the lodge, and he hoped that so far as the future of the lodge was concerned, those wishes and expressions might be fully realised. Bro. Haigh also begged to thank the numerous brethren present from other lodges in this and other provinces, for the enthusiastic reception they had given to the toast. The lodge, he said, had been in existence over 100 years, having been first opened in the town of Barnsley in the year 1777, but in the year 1778 it is supposed to have ceased working for a lengthened period. There was no record of its proceedings from that date until the year 1804, when it was revived by warrant of confirmation, granted March 28th of that year, and removed from Barnsley to Dewsbury, and held its meeting at the Traveller's Rest, in the latter town, until the year 1815, when, on the 26th August, it was agreed, first, to pay all expenses that might be brought against the lodge; and, secondly, to dispose of the lodge to the best advantage. In a few years after this time the lodge regalia and warrant were purchased by brethren residing at Honley, and the first lodge meeting was held there on July 20th, 1820. It did not long remain at Honley, as on the 26th August, 1826, it was agreed to remove to Meltham, and accordingly the first Freemasons' lodge meeting was held in this village September 13th, 1826, and the Lodge of Peace has now been located here for nearly 51 years, and during the last half century it has had its times of adversity as well as its times of prosperity, but at the present time, he thought, it might be safely said to be in a more prosperous state than it ever was during any period of its existence. The lodge had during the time of its existence in Meltham taken a prominent part in the following interesting occasions,

viz., on the 15th October, 1827, the brethren of the lodge assisted in laying the foundation stone of South Crossland Church, and the trowel used on the occasion was now in the possession of the lodge. On March 5th, 1835, under the auspices of the lodge, the foundation stone of Meltham Church Tower was laid by our late Bro. Charles Lee, the then D.P.G.M. of this province, and a sermon preached by our late Bro. Dr. Naylor, the Provincial Grand Chaplain. He concluded by again thanking them.

Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M. Lodge of Peace, then proposed the next toast. He said: Brethren, the toast which I have the honour and the pleasure of proposing is that of "The Visiting Brethren." It is a toast which is always well received in this lodge, but on the present occasion I feel sure that it will meet with a most enthusiastic reception. We have amongst us here to-day visiting brethren who have spent great portions of their lives in working hard, not only for the good of their own lodges and the good of their provinces, but also for the good and the interest of the Craft generally; brethren who have attained to high honours in the Craft, honours which have been well earned and which are well deserved, and my fervent wish and ardent hope is that the Great Architect of the Universe may give them long and happy lives to enjoy those honours. We are very proud to have amongst us the hard working W.D.P. Grand Master of this province, a brother who, in filling the high office which he now holds in the province, has proved himself to be a worthy successor to his most excellent predecessor, Bro. Bentley Shaw. We also feel greatly honoured by the presence of our much respected W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, a brother whose Masonic zeal is well known and greatly appreciated throughout the whole of this province, whose genial temperament, kind heartedness, and whose noble and generous sentiments have won for him both the respect and the admiration, I believe, of all who have ever had the pleasure of coming in contact with him. We are greatly delighted and highly honoured in having here to-day so many of the Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. They are all brethren who have worked very hard in the Craft. And lastly, brethren, I see before me a large number of visiting brethren whose love for Masonry none can doubt, brethren whose Masonic labours, like my own, are in a more humble sphere than those I have before mentioned, and many of them who, like myself, may perhaps never hope to reach the higher honours in the Craft, but whose labours for the good of Masonry will be none the less incessant on that account. They are brethren whose familiar faces may be found wherever there is any Masonic work to be done. In short, visiting brethren, I beg to thank you all with the greatest sincerity and from the very bottom of my heart, both on my own behalf and on behalf of every member of it is, the old Lodge of Peace, for the great honour you have conferred upon the lodge by your presence on this great occasion. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and then

Bro. W. T. M. Sylvester proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Nimrod Earnshaw, the W.M. of the lodge, subsequently took the chair; and Bro. Jonas Craven, P.P.G.S.W., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He spoke of the large sums of money subscribed every year in support of these charities, and of the good that had been done generally.

After a few songs, the remainder of the evening was spent in a very harmonious manner, and the proceedings terminated soon after eight o'clock.

The committee of management consisted of Bros. Nimrod Earnshaw, W.M.; C. H. Redfearn, P.M., Sec.; D. Wood, P.M., Treasurer of the lodge; Wm. Haigh, P.M.; Wm. Myers, P.M., and C. Rayner, I.P.M., Chairman of the Committee.

**CONSECRATION OF THE GUELPH LODGE, No. 1685.**

The Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Red Lion, Leytonstone, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. Joshua Nunn, Past Grand Sword Bearer, as Senior Warden, Bro. W. T. Howe, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, as Junior Warden, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, as Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Christian, as Inner Guard, and Bro. W. H. Lee, as Secretary.

The attendance of the brethren to witness the ceremony was sufficient testimony to another lodge being required in the neighbourhood, the number of visitors being very large, and composed mostly of local residents. The following is a complete list of the brethren who were present at the ceremony of consecration:—Walter Claridge, Ebenezer Skelt, J. W. Francis, S. N. Griffiths, George C. Young, Edw. Brown, Daniel Sayer, R. Vincent, John Hervey, G.S.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; W. H. Lee, W.M. 975; G. Martin, 879; W. H. Allaway, 1598; J. J. Woolley, 604; H. Massey (*Freemason*), 619; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; Thos. Burford, P.M. 55; John Hurst, 1572; N. S. Pargeter, 1598; A. Lewis, 1426; D. Blunsum, 742; W. Christian, W.M. 1662; Jas. Pinder, P.M. 1662; J. M. Hunt, P.M. 1662; J. W. Margetts, 1572; Jas. Buchanan, 949; W. Crouch, 989; W. Thomas, 1598; A. Oldroyd, J.D. 1227; H. W. Godbold, 1598; Isaac Buscall, S.W. 1528; W. Brown, 1598; W. Groome, W.M. 861; W. Penny, 1598; Geo. E. Walters, W.M. 1598, Sec. 1445; Walter J. Nicholls, 463; Charles B. Payne, G.T.; D. W. Litson, 1306; W. H. Martin, 174; J. Galluher, 1228; W. G. Hallows, 861; Jas. Corbro, 1150; Robert 'I' Wragg, 1228; James Pick, Doric; and W. Sutherland, 189.

The lodge having been duly formed and opened, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, and as no Chaplain was present, Bro. Hervey fulfilled the duties of Chaplain, in addition to those of Consecrating Master. He

therefore, omitted his own address to the brethren at the opening of the lodge, but gave it at that period of the ceremony when the Chaplain is accustomed to deliver the oration. Having arrived at this period,

Bro. Hervey said:—In the absence to-day of a Chaplain it will devolve upon me to say a few words to you, and they will be very few on the present occasion. I have had so many lodges to consecrate lately that really it is impossible for me to find new subjects on which to address the brethren, and I find it difficult to sit down (in fact I have not time) and write an oration or address for every new lodge it falls to my lot to consecrate. But I shall trouble you with a few words on this occasion, and as I said, they shall be few. It has given me pleasure to-day to attend here and consecrate this lodge. I recollect that about nine years ago I came down here, not to this very house, but in its immediate neighbourhood, to consecrate the Beacontree Lodge, a lodge which has maintained its reputation in a very high degree, a lodge which I am not ashamed to acknowledge as being one of my children. I, on that occasion, installed Bro. Barford as first Master, and I assure you that it has given me satisfaction to attend to-day in a house which is under his direction to consecrate another lodge, because I know that wherever Bro. Barford is concerned everything will be done that will conduce to the respectability of Masonry, and that nothing will be forgotten which can add to the comfort of the brethren who come here. Since the time I installed Bro. Barford I have been here again, not on one occasion only, but on many occasions, and one especially, not many months ago, in this room, when I consecrated the Constitutional Chapter, No. 55. To-day I once more make my appearance on the old boards to consecrate the Guelph Lodge, which takes its name from that of the Royal family of England, which the lodge has the special permission from the Prince of Wales to bear. I have upon many occasions impressed upon those I have addressed the necessity of being careful as to whom they introduce into the Craft, and I scarcely think it is necessary for me to-day again to speak upon that subject. It has been over and over again a cry not to introduce any persons except those who are well known—I do not say casually known, but well known, to those who propose them for admission to a lodge. When you admit a man to a lodge you take him like a wife almost, "for better or for worse," because you cannot say to him afterwards, "You are a disagreeable fellow, and we do not like you; there's the door, and you had better walk off." But you must find some tangible and legitimate reason why you should get rid of him; you must show, according to the Book of Constitutions, which lies now upon this pedestal, that he has done something which is contrary to the laws of the Craft before you can reasonably and legally expel him from your ranks. A man may be, in one case, very disagreeable, and yet be a very good man in the main; but still he may not be one that you care to associate with, or that the brethren like, and therefore it is that when you are going to admit men into your ranks, you should look before you leap, and know whom you are admitting. Again, there is another subject which I have repeatedly alluded to, and that is the subject of blackballing. If you do not like a candidate that is proposed, the fairest way is to speak first to the brother who proposed him and tell him candidly that his friend will not be agreeable to one or two who belong to the lodge, and therefore he would not wisely to withdraw him. But to go behind a man's back (because I almost say it is going behind his back to put a black ball into a box) simply (and frequently it is done) for no other reason than because one brother has not obtained office or because there is a disagreement with the Master or the officers, or from some motive of that kind, I think it is like stabbing a man without giving him a chance of defence. Now those are two things which I would warn you against, which I hope the W.M. (I dare say he has heard me before allude to these two subjects) will guard against. On account of his having heard these things before, I have said very little about it now. And now I would say a very few words to the officers of the lodge, and the manner in which they should serve the Master. It is very difficult for the W.M. to carry the work of the lodge properly unless he is well supported, and he ought to be well supported by the brethren in more ways than one. First, of all, they should be attentive to their duties, making themselves masters of what they are undertaking, and being at all times in their places at the proper time, so that the machine of the lodge may move smoothly and well, and that there shall be no hitch in conducting the business which may come before the Master. I do not know anything more mortifying to a Master than to find himself in the chair (and that must be especially mortifying in a young lodge, where punctuality is more desirable because there are no Past Masters or old members to look to) without Wardens or Deacons. A Master cannot perform all the duties of the lodge without assistance; he cannot keep his pedestal, he cannot of course if a candidate is to be initiated—the Master cannot conduct him round the lodge and discharge those duties which devolve on a Deacon, and also those which fall to a Warden. I trust, and I am sure, the officers of this lodge will give their best support to the Master. When I say I trust they will support the W.M., as they ought to do, I mean that I trust they will make themselves masters of the duties they undertake to perform. Those duties are not at first very onerous; but it is well for an officer to be a little zealous; it is well that he should learn the duties of more than one office, and then he may materially assist the Master on many occasions in the performance of his duties. Brethren, I told you that I should not waste your time much to-day. I hope that in the few remarks I have made you will—and I may venture to think you will—say I have not said too much. I do not think it is necessary to say a great deal, but I hope I have said enough, and that the very few words I have used if they

are worth anything may produce their fruit: if not they will fall, as many words do from much more experienced men than myself in addressing assemblies, not quite down, but at any rate make some little impression on those to whom they are addressed.

The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Edwin Bare as first Worshipful Master of the Guelph Lodge, 1685. The brethren invested with the collars and jewels of office were Bros. W. Charles Claridge, S.W.; Ebenezer Skelt, J.W.; Edward Brown, Treasurer; J. B. Shackleton, Secretary (W. H. Lee was invested with Bro. Shackleton's collar, Bro. Shackleton being absent in consequence of the death of his father); J. W. Francis, S.D.; S. N. Griffiths, J.D.; R. Vincent, I.G.; Daniel Sayer, D.C.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Hervey delivered the address to the W.M.; Bro. W. T. Howe the address to the Wardens; and Bro. Joshua Nunn, that to the brethren.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., Bro. Hervey was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge; and in acknowledging the compliment Bro. Hervey said that although Saturday was the only day in which Grand Secretary and the brethren in his office got some little relaxation from their duties by leaving the office earlier than on other days, he could not find it in his heart to say no when he was asked to attend at Leytonstone to consecrate the Guelph Lodge. Having done so, and received the thanks of the brethren for what little he had done he had to tender his acknowledgments to the brethren for the hearty manner in which he had been received. He would just make one observation with respect to honorary members, that they could neither speak, vote, nor hold office in a lodge. Notwithstanding that, he was sure that if he came down to any of the meetings of this lodge he would be received very kindly, and although he should not attempt to vote or speak, or put any brother out of office for his own purpose, anything he said would be accepted by the brethren with great kindness.

The W.M. having proposed the names of several brethren as joining members, a vote of thanks to the Grand Officers for coming to consecrate the lodge was unanimously passed, on the motion of the S.W., seconded by the J. W. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replied, and the S.W. having proposed, and the W.M. seconded, seven gentlemen as initiates, lodge was closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards partook of a choice banquet, which was provided by Bro. Barford, the table being elegantly decorated with a profusion of summer flowers and fruit. Two splendid bouquets were presented to Bro. Hervey, one by Bro. Barford and the other by a lady—a touching compliment, which he feelingly acknowledged at a later period of the evening. The speeches which followed the banquet were briefly given, and the introductory toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Joshua Nunn, in replying for the Grand Officers, after acknowledging the toast on behalf of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, said that for himself and the other Grand Officers present they felt highly gratified with the reception they had met with. At no consecration and at no banquet had they experienced such great satisfaction. The consecration had been admirably conducted; the lodge room had been elegantly fitted; and the beauty of the banquet table and the sumptuousness of the banquet were as unsurpassed as they were unexpected. Going into the country the Grand Officers would hardly hope to find the banquets so perfect as they were in town, and they were not prepared to find such a display as they had witnessed at Leytonstone. From the way in which everything had been done that day the Grand Officers concluded that great success would attend the Guelph Lodge. Let them hope that years hence it might be even more successful than it had been that day. They had heard some excellent names read out as proposed joining members and initiates, and where such brethren and gentlemen were proposed there was every hope that they would be an honour not only to their lodge but to Masonry generally.

Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Guelph Lodge." In doing so he said—I have occupied a good deal of your time and attention this afternoon, and I was about to say that I hope this will be the last occasion that I shall have the necessity of addressing you; but I think the subject on which I am now going to speak is one which will interest you, which will tend to consolidate the kind feelings, not only of the Guelph Lodge, but of all the brethren who are present. I have, as I said earlier in the evening, consecrated a great many lodges. I have been successful, more or less, in those consecrations; but it has been a gratifying feeling to me that I have never yet consecrated a lodge which has been unsuccessful. I am quite sure that the Guelph Lodge will not falsify my previous experience, or the anticipations which I have formed of its future career. I must remind you that unfortunately some of us are tied by the leg this evening, but not tied by the leg in the manner in which I should like to be tied; we are compelled by that malicious demon the train to leave you somewhat early. I shall therefore say but few words more than I have already said. I think you will agree with me that there is one toast which I, in the position that I occupy to-day, ought to propose; and not that I ought to propose only, but propose with expressions of most confident hope for the future of the lodge. I am about to give you "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Guelph Lodge." On the exertions of the W.M. of course much of the future career of the lodge must depend. That he will exert himself to the utmost to carry out the duties of his office and ensure the success of his lodge I have no doubt—I am sure you do not doubt it; and I feel confident, as I told you early in the evening, that his officers will ably support him. Without that support the W.M. cannot effect the success which he hopes to be the result of his labours, and which he is entitled to. You are all bound, I may say, to assist him in securing the success of the lodge;

and if time were not so pressing, which I am reminded of by Bro. Nunn looking at his watch, I might again mention those subjects which I spoke of in the lodge with respect to the duties of the officers, and which, if borne in mind and acted upon, will materially assist the W.M. during the period for which he will preside over you. But I shall not detain you any further, though I did not intend to close my remarks so hastily as the train compels me to do.

The W.M. in reply said: I am indeed most heartily obliged to our Very Worshipful Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, for the kind manner in which he has proposed my health, and also for the very hearty manner in which he has wished this lodge every prosperity. I need scarcely repeat the very deep obligation which we feel placed under to Bro. Hervey, for the kindness he has shown in coming here on the day, which perhaps of all others, is the most inconvenient for him, because on that evening it is almost impossible to obtain the services of a Chaplain. Taking all the duties therefore on himself entails much more labour, and this, I may say, must add to the obligation which under other circumstances we should owe him. While mentioning Bro. Hervey's name, I would propose his health, and will do so without making any further remarks, as he is anxious to save his train.

Bro. Hervey, in acknowledging the toast, said the brethren had just drunk his health very cordially. He had found himself in that position very frequently, and he might frankly tell the W.M. and brethren that he should be very much pained if in any society of Freemasons with whom he might mingle he was not cordially received, because that would imply some shortcomings on his part, and he should feel it very acutely. He had never arrived at that point, and he trusted he never should. He could only thank the W.M. and brethren for the way in which he had been received that evening; and if he had done some little service to the lodge by bringing it into existence he was amply repaid by the cordiality and kindness of the brethren who were around the table. But there was one thing which he confessed touched him not a little. He had had a bouquet presented to him by Bro. Barford, which he did feel to be an offering very kindly and very cordially given, one which had created in his mind a very sincere sentiment of gratitude, and for which he wished to tender Bro. Barford, now publicly, his very sincere and grateful thanks. But now there was a second bouquet, which had been sent to him by the wife of Bro. Hallows, for him (Bro. Hervey) to take home to his invalid sister. Now he had never had the pleasure of seeing this kind lady, Mrs. Hallows, more than once, and then only for a few minutes, when he had the pleasure of consecrating the Beaconsfield Lodge; but the recollection of the lady was vividly brought to his mind by the kindness which had prompted her to send such a charming bouquet for an invalid he had left at home. These were attentions which any one should be proud of, and they bound one still closer to Freemasonry, Bro. Hervey, who was deeply affected, then retired with the rest of the Grand Officers, amid a hearty salute. The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Health of the Visitors."

Bro. Bianchi was the first to respond. He said that as the Master of the Ley Spring Lodge, who had initiated, passed and raised Bro. Bare, he felt very proud to see one of his own children occupy the position of Master of a lodge. It must be the height of ambition of any brother who took an interest in Masonry to arrive at the position of Master of a lodge. Bro. Bare would probably have the same amount of work during his year of office as he (Bro. Bianchi) had, which was the initiation, passing, and raising 16 brethren. The Guelph Lodge would no doubt be as successful as the Ley Spring, which now number 27 or 28 members. Lodges which had a very large number of members were not always the most comfortable; but he would challenge any lodge in England to produce 16 members who were more fitted to be brethren than those 16 he had had the honour to initiate. In the Guelph Lodge he found that the W.M., the J.W. (he did not know how many more of the officers), the D.C., and the Treasurer, were all initiates of the Ley Spring Lodge, and he thought this was a circumstance which he or any Master of the Ley Spring Lodge might well be proud of.

Bro. W. H. Lee, as one of the visitors, expressed the pleasure he had had in visiting the lodge, but said that that pleasure was mixed with a good deal of pain on account of the sad event which necessitated the absence of Bro. Shackleton, the Secretary, for whom he had that day acted. Bro. George E. Walters said that it had given him unlimited pleasure to be present, as he had had the honour of proposing the W.M. as an initiate in the Ley Spring Lodge. He and the W.M. had many conversations together before the W.M. joined the Order, and many were the enquiries which Bro. Bare made of him previous to joining. No member of the Order was more qualified to be received into it than Bro. Bare: no man possessed in a higher degree the qualifications of a Mason. It had been a great gratification to him (Bro. Walters) to see the rapid strides Freemasonry had made in that district within the last few years. When he first came into it four years ago the only lodge held at that house was the Beacontree. When he went into the neighbourhood he went to Bro. Barford and asked him if there was a lodge of instruction in the district. Bro. Barford told him no, that they did not require one, as all the brethren down there were Past Masters. Suggesting to Bro. Barford that there might be some new brethren coming down to reside there, and that it might be as well to have a lodge of instruction, he asked Bro. Barford whether he might rely on his (Bro. Barford's) co-operation if he tried to establish such a lodge. He said yes; and every one knew that anything in Masonry would have Bro. Barford's co-operation. The consequence was that

a lodge of instruction was established, and its success might be judged of from the fact that out of the lodge of instruction sprang the Ley Spring Lodge. Indirectly he might take it to himself that he had had something to do with the founding of the Guelph Lodge, for he proposed Bro. Bare as one of the initiates of the Ley Spring Lodge; and he hoped he was not giving Bro. Bare too much praise when he said that if it had not been for Bro. Bare the Guelph Lodge would not have come into existence.

Bros. Christian, Pinder, Hurst, Sullivan, and other brethren also replied, and Bro. Brown replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary." The W.M. had been pleased to refer to his long association with him. The W.M. had known him better than many of the brethren who were present knew him; and he was gratified to hear the W.M. testify to that undeviating line of conduct that always had marked his course. His dear father used to tell him that a good Mason was sure to be a good man; and as his father had been forty-two years a member of one lodge, he supposed he knew something about it. He was very pleased to find himself among friends that were Masons, and especially among those to whom he was so well known. It would be a very great sorrow to him to have to enter into a lodge, as he had known some persons do, and then find but one or two there with whom he was acquainted. To have the pleasure of the acquaintance of the members of this lodge and of the Ley Spring Lodge, as well as their confidence, was to him, in his position, all important. He felt it his duty to say that it would ever be his delight to serve the lodge in any way he possibly could. Whenever anything was to be done that was to be entrusted to his care it should be done well. He felt under great obligations to Bro. Barford for the kindness he had received from him. He must say it in his presence, as he had often said it in his absence, that he esteemed him very highly indeed, and they should all do so. They might all feel that while he (Bro. Brown) was permitted to be among them it would be his highest pleasure to serve not only this lodge and others with which he was associated, but the interests of Freemasonry wherever they might come under his hands.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the S.W. and J.W.," said he was sure that whatsoever they undertook to do they would do to the best of their ability.

These brethren having responded, "The Officers' Health" was proposed and drunk, and the S.D. replied.

Bro. Steadman gave the Tyler's toast, and before separating a special toast was drunk in acknowledgment of the services of Bro. Barford; and Bro. Barford having replied the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHS. AND HUNTS.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held at the Lodge of Chicheley, 607, Thrapston, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The Board of Benevolence met at twelve, at which, in addition to sums voted to local cases, £20 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and ten guineas to the Girls' School; and at one o'clock His Grace the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, opened the lodge in due form. Bro. F. G. Buckle, P.G.S., read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand meeting at Peterborough, and the roll was then called and the minute books of the several lodges examined.

The following brethren were present:—Bros. Pomfret, 360; R. Winter, W.M.; J. T. Green, P.M.; P. Prov. G. S.W.; J. U. Staunton, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.D.; Rev. R. H. Cox, J.S.; Norman, J.D.; F. Gadsby, J.W.; Socrates, 373; Rev. F. S. Westbrook, P.G.C.; G. Thackeray, W.M.; B. Allen, P.M.; W. H. Smith, P.M.; G. Hawley, P.M.; H. J. Mann, C. Smith, J. Hall, G. Brown, St. Peter's, 442; Buckle, P.M.; R. H. Griffin, P.M., P.G.D.C., &c.; E. Vergette, P.M.; E. Vergette, jun., S.W.; Dixey, Sec.; Rutherford, Kirby, T. Cook, Fidelity, 445; T. M. Percival, W.M., P. Prov. G. Sup. of Wks., P.P.G.J.D.; W. M. Crowley, S.W.; A. G. Evans, S.D.; W. Negus, S. Jacob, P.M.; R. Howes, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; G. Wilcox-Smith, G. Snedker; Perseverance, 445; H. Hitchman, W.M.; M. Coles, P.M.; A. J. Margetts, P.M.; H. S. B. Preedy, Sec.; Salmon, P.M.; Parke, S.D.; Richardson, P.M.; Merit, 466; W. Oldham, P.M.; H. Wright, P.M.; E. I. Orford, P.M.; H. Peake, P.M.; W. Ward, S.W.; H. Norton, J.W.; G. J. Allen, J. Beddison, S.C. Clark, J. Bentham, A. Coulson, C. Royce, S. Halliday; Chicheley, 607, J. H. Gandy, P.M.; H. L. Puxley, P.P.G.C. Cumberland and Westmorland; R. Hawthorne, P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. Hull, W.M.; J. Rogers, P.P.J.W.; R. C. Pars, P.M.; J. W. Humbling, G. B. Gudgen, W. Elderkin, D. W. Norris; Wentworth, 737; W. Housden, W.M.; J. H. Hale, S.W.; N. T. Hewens, J.W.; W. W. James, Sec.; John Slinn, J.W.; John G. Miller, I.G.; L. C. Knight, J. Wallis, Wm. Williamson, P.M.; Butcher, C. Matthews, W. Matthews, and John Sanders.

The following officers, except Bro. Bell, who was absent through illness, were nominated and duly installed for the ensuing year:—

- Rev. J. Bell ..... Prov. G.S.W
- H. Hitchman ..... Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. F. S. Westbrook ..... Prov. G. Chap.
- Rev. R. H. Cox ..... Prov. A.G. Chap.
- R. Howes ..... Prov. G. Treas.
- W. H. Smith ..... Prov. G. Reg.
- F. G. Buckle ..... Prov. G. Sec.
- W. H. Housden ..... Prov. G.S.D.
- George Thackeray ..... Prov. G.J.D.
- John Smith Norman ..... Prov. G. S. of W.
- R. H. Griffin ..... Prov. G. D. of C.
- H. Hart ..... Prov. A.G.D. of C.
- W. M. Crowley ..... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- Isaac Bentham ..... Prov. G. Purs.

N. T. Hewens ..... Prov. G. Std. Br.  
W. Negus ..... Prov. G. Org.  
On the motion of Bro. Ed. Cox, it was resolved that a committee be appointed for the purpose of investigating the claims of applicants for election into either of the Masonic Institutions, with power to frame rules so as to ensure proper supervision, and especially connected action in the province.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, adjourned to a marquee in the grounds of Bro. Rogers, kindly lent for the occasion, where a banquet had been prepared by Mr. G. House, of Peterborough. His Grace the Duke of Manchester presided. On his left were Bros. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M.; Ed. Cox, P.P.G.S.W.; B. Allen and G. Thackeray, Socrates; S. Jacobs, Fidelity; E. Orford, Merit; E. Vergette, St. Peter's; and Buckle, P.G.S. On the left of the R.W.P.G.M. were Bros. Rev. F. S. Westbrook, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. H. Cox, Prov. G. Asst. Chap.; J. T. Green, P.G.J.W.; Winter, W.M. 360; J. S. Norman, and F. Gadsby, and in addition to the brethren whose names have been already given, the Craft visitors, Bros. Cox, Ark Lodge, 10, Belfast; J. D. Witherspoon, Port Natal, 738, South Africa; and J. W. Linnett, Sir Watkin, 1477, North Wales. Bro. Negus, P.G.O., presided at the piano.

The first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft," was duly honoured, and the Masonic anthem was sung.

The Duke next gave "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," remarking that he had been requested to convey to the Province of Norths. and Hunts. the greetings of His Royal Highness. (The toast was received with Masonic cheers.)

The Duke next gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Carnarvon, the R.W.D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," who received due honours.

Bro. J. H. Gandy, P.M., in the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Bell) gave the next toast, "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of the Province, His Grace the Duke of Manchester." (Applause.) The Masons of Norths. and Hunts. were highly favoured in having for a G.M. a nobleman who was so excellent a Mason, and so highly esteemed and beloved by all with whom he came in contact. (Applause.) When a nobleman or any other person in an inferior position took office he was expected to do his duty as far as he possibly could, properly and efficiently, and they as Masons might congratulate themselves that their R.W. Prov. G.M. did his duty efficiently and in every way tried to carry out their principles, not only in his own conduct but in administering the affairs of the Province. (Hear, hear.) They had a proof of it in the presence of His Grace that day, for they knew that there were great attractions in London which might well have seduced him, and kept him from coming amongst them. (Hear, hear.) Let them drink the toast in the hope that His Grace would be spared many years to fulfil the duties of his office as efficiently as he had done in the past. (Applause and Masonic honours.)

His Grace, in reply, said Bro. Gandy had hinted at the sacrifice which he (the Prov. G.M.) might have made in being there that day. "A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse" (laughter), and he thought the allusion was to horses (renewed laughter); but he begged to assure them that when that day was fixed he was not aware it was the Ascot race meeting. But he did give up another gathering in order to be present (applause), and perhaps their brother from Natal might have heard of it, and that was a meeting of the Colonial Institute at the South Kensington Museum. He was much obliged for the way in which the toast had been proposed by Bro. Gandy, and received by them, and he was very glad if he could in any slight degree do anything which might be considered advantageous by his neighbours. (Hear, hear.) His Grace then asked them to drink the health of the D. Prov. G.M., who he now learnt did more than he (the noble Duke) had been aware of in carrying on the work of the Province in such a satisfactory manner, and for which he most heartily thanked him. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He again thanked the D. Prov. G.M. for taking so many duties off his shoulders and discharging them so efficiently.

The toast having been duly honoured, was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Butler Wilkins, in response, said that at those anniversaries, when the brethren came together from all parts of the Province, one felt encouraged to persevere in the discharge of his duty; still in looking back upon the past it was impossible to conceal from himself that personally he had not found the office altogether a bed of roses. (Hear, hear.) At the same time, he was very glad to be able to say that the very cordial reception he invariably received from the brethren throughout the Province considerably lightened any trouble he might occasionally have in dealing with provincial matters. (Hear, hear.) Turning to other matters, he congratulated the brethren on the successful return again of another of their candidates, through the instrumentality and generalship of Bro. E. Cox, to whom their best thanks were due for the management of their charitable affairs. (Applause.) While they had one so energetic in their behalf they should furnish him with a good supply of ammunition in the shape of votes. He was sorry to say that some lodges had been remiss in that, and he hoped it would not recur. In concluding, the D.P.G.M. said it was intended to publish annually a small pocket calendar for the Province, giving information as to meetings of lodges and chapters, Masters and officers, &c., and if it were well taken up, it would help to knit them more and more together, and to promote that social intercourse which ought to exist amongst them. (Applause.) Bro. Stanton had offered to print the calendar gratuitously, but as that which was lightly obtained was often regarded as of little value, it was thought advisable to make a small charge for the calendar, which would be published as soon as possible. (Applause.) Before sitting down, Bro.

Butler Wilkins thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Chicheley Lodge for the reception they had given them.

His Grace then intimated that next year the meeting would be held at Huntingdon, and he then proposed "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions."

Bro. E. Cox responded in his usual happy manner, and gave the brethren present a vast amount of information in connection with the Masonic Charities, and which could only be obtained by long experience of their workings.

His Grace then gave, "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. Witherspoon responded, giving some interesting particulars concerning Port Natal.

"The P. Prov. G. Officers of the Province" was proposed by Bro. Puxley, and replied to by Bro. E. I. Orford, who gave "The P.G. Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Howes and Buckle replying. "The P.G. Wardens and other Grand Officers," "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province," and "The Ladies," were also toasted, and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Cook, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

CONSECRATION OF THE HERVEY LODGE No. 1692.

The consecration of this lodge took place on the 26th inst., at the George Inn, Hayes, V.W. Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, from whom the lodge takes its title, acting as Consecrating Officer. Present: Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Prov. G. M.; Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chaplain; Coupland, P. Prov. J.G.W.; F. Kingsbury, Prov. G.O.; E. Coste, Prov. G.S.; Newsom, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Hervey, G.S.; Buss, A.G.S.; R. F. Gould, P. Prov. S.G.W. Gibraltar; Emanuel C. Goodheart, John J. Hamilton, H. R. Brett, P.M. 92; William W. Baxter, George Weeks, Robert Moore, J. Hardy Booth, Capt. Alfred Torrens, R. F. Williams, A. S. Owen, 1223; John Covell, 1314; M. P. Powell, 742; J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223; F. W. Forrester, 222; J. N. Fradgley, 1494; J. H. Pearson, 1319; Robert Hilton, 1319; J. Hurst, William Land, P.M. 742; S. Carrington, 1314.

The brethren having assembled pursuant to notice, proceeded to open the lodge in the Three Degrees, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., who, after a suitable address on the object of the meeting, delegated to the Grand Secretary of England the task of consecration, which was performed by Bro. John Hervey with his accustomed skill and ability. The Wardens' chairs were occupied respectively by Bros. Rawson and Coupland, and the proceedings derived additional solemnity from the very efficient services of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, (acting as Grand Chaplain), and of Bro. Buss, acting as Director of Ceremonies. The oration of the Acting Grand Chaplain was most admirably delivered, a general feeling of regret being expressed, that so able and impressive a discourse, should live only in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Bro. Newsom, W.M. designate, having been duly installed, the following officers were invested:—Bros. E. C. Goodheart, S.W.; J. J. Hamilton, J.W.; H. R. Brett, P.M. 92, Treas.; Baxter, S.D.; Booth, J.D.; Moore, I.G.

In investing Bro. Brett with his badge of office, the W.M., in a feeling manner, described the very great services he had already rendered to the Hervey Lodge, and in the name of the founders presented him with a Treasurers' jewel, as a slight mark of their esteem and gratitude.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Prov. G.M., the Consecrating Officers, and the Prov. G. Chaplain.

Eleven candidates were proposed for initiation, and three for joining.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, which was served in excellent style in the chief room of the George Inn. Much regret, however, was felt, at the inability of the Prov. G.M. to remain for the banquet, owing to unavoidable business in town.

The W.M., Bro. Newsom, presided, and after the customary loyal toasts, that of "The Grand Officers" followed, responded to by Bro. Rawson. "The health of the Prov. G.M., Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.," was received with great applause. The following lines, having special reference to his lordship's family motto, were written for the occasion by Bro. J. H. Jewell, P.M.

By Constancy and steady work  
A true Freemason doth aspire

To reach the summit of his hopes,  
The crowning of his heart's desire.  
Combined with temperance and zeal,  
An upright life, a moral aim,  
Stability of purpose—with  
The worth to win an honour'd name.  
By Valour he combats the world  
'Gainst prejudice and bitter strife;  
Yet prudence in each act,—he feels  
The sacred duties of his life :  
To raise the fallen, help the weak,  
To save a brother from distress,  
To dry the widow's tears, and be  
A father to the fatherless.

With Virtue for his help and guide  
He stands aloof from frown or smile,  
And walks the path of rectitude  
Unknown to subtlety or guile ;  
With steady aim pursues the course  
In wisdom he had well begun ;  
And justice consecrates the work  
By Constancy and Valour won.

The W.M. then, in very felicitous language, proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," Bro. Hervey, G.S., expressing the pride and gratification which the brethren experienced, at their lodge bearing the honoured name of "Hervey," and at its being ushered into actual Masonic existence under circumstances so auspicious. Bro. Hervey, in the course of an eloquent reply, assured the members of the lodge that he looked forward to a very prosperous future for the "Hervey" Lodge, in the "quiet little nook," which had been so happily selected for their meetings.

Of the remaining toasts, that of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; "The Army and Navy," by Bros. Captain Torrens and R. F. Gould; "The Visitors" by Bros. Buss, A.G.S., and Coupland, P.P.J.G.W.

"The W.M.," proposed by the Grand Secretary, was acknowledged by Bro. Newsom in an animated speech.

"The Musical Brethren," by Bro. Kingsbury, who, in returning thanks for the three brethren, whose voluntary services, under his own direction, had so materially conduced to the effect of the ceremonies, and to the pleasure of the evening, congratulated the founders of the lodge, on the success of the day's proceedings, which he thought would bear a contrast with the ceremony of consecration, wherever performed.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

##### STEWARDS' VISIT TO WOOD GREEN.

On Monday afternoon, the Earl of Donoughmore, Past Senior Grand Warden, President of the Board of Stewards of the 79th annual festival, which was held on Wednesday, attended at the school to distribute the prizes before a very large party of brethren and ladies. His lordship was received by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master; F. Binckes, Secretary; Capt. Wordsworth, S. S. Partridge, S. Rosenthal, Raynham W. Stewart, Thos. Cubitt, J. G. Chancellor, W. Roebuck, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. W. Hunt, R. B. Webster, George Kenning, D. W. Pearse, Massey (*Freemason*), Tanner, Fellows, Terry, Meggy, Cox, Harris, Levander, Adlard, and others, and after being conducted over the building, and having explained to him all the arrangements of the institution for the education and comfort of the pupils, proceeded to the gymnasium for the purpose of handing the prizes to the successful competitors. The gymnasium was admirably arranged for the visitors, the old school forms having been dispensed with, and chairs provided in place of them, by which means a greater number of visitors were accommodated with seats, and ladies afforded an easier method of ingress and egress than under the old system. The table at which his lordship and the House Committee sat, and on which were arranged the prizes, occupied the usual position against the east wall, while at the northern end of the gymnasium a stage was fitted up for dramatic performances for the day.

Shortly after two o'clock, when the Chairman and House Committee entered, every seat was occupied.

The prizes were distributed as follows:—

Prizes presented by the Institution:—

First Class:—Classics, H. Bowler, E. T. Sage; Mathematics, C. D. Green, W. R. Parker; French and German, W. R. Parker, H. Bowler; English, G. S. Widdowson, A. Watkins; Scripture, H. Bowler.

Second Class:—Classics, F. C. Gates; Mathematics, H. M. Fenemore; French and German, F. C. Gates, T. L. Molineaux, R. G. Howard; English, C. F. Stead.

Third Class:—Classics, A. H. Stephenson; Mathematics, J. T. Marks; English, W. E. Cole; French, M. B. Ellis.

Fourth Class:—French, H. Shipway, C. Jackson; German, E. Davenport.

Fifth Class:—Arithmetic, A. J. Green; English, G. S. Perrin; Latin, P. C. King; French, V. J. Lee.

Sixth Class:—General Proficiency, P. E. Tibbets, A. Quelch.

Special Prizes (presented by the House Committee): Writing, C. R. Heeley, W. A. Booser; Dictation, W. R. Parker, A. Bryant; History, H. Bowler, A. E. Grimes; Geography, W. R. Parker, S. J. Martin; Mental Arithmetic, E. L. Price, H. Fenemore; General Attention to Studies, C. D. Green, A. E. Grimes; General Proficiency, C. D. Green, W. R. Parker; Proficiency in Drill, A. Watkins, W. Dancy; Efficiency as Monitor, C. R. Heeley, W. A. Booser.

Presented by Private Donors:—By Captain Wordsworth (awarded June 25th, 1877), Elocution, H. Bowler.

By Bro. W. Navitta, Mathematics, C. D. Green.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Attention to Studies, C. M. Uwins, E. T. Sage; Writing, A. Pearson; Elocution, W. Sparkes, W. A. Booser; Drawing, W. Dancy.

By the Members of the "Old Scholars' Reunion," English Composition, W. Sparkes.

By Mr. Sylvester, Drawing—Freehand, C. R. Heeley, E. Pawley; Painting, W. Barrett; Shading, W. A. Booser; Model, J. Hazeland; Architecture, W. R. Parker.

By Mr. G. Brocklehurst, Attention to Studies, H. B. Brock.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct, presented by the Institution, Edward Thomas Sage.

Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M., No. 657, Frank Lewis Scurr.

Silver Watch and Chain, for General Good Conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33°, to a pupil on leaving the Institution, Edwin Pawley.

At intervals during the distribution of the prizes a selection of vocal and instrumental music and dramatic performances lent variety to the proceedings.

The dramatic performances were very ably executed, and caused an immense amount of laughter in the numerous company. The singing and music were also well executed, and the satisfaction of the visitors with what they witnessed was loudly and universally expressed. Although the following of the programme occupied three hours, there was no loss of time, the interspersing of the distribution of prizes with the musical and dramatic performances relieving the proceedings of monotony. The boys who took prizes were in readiness as soon as their names were called to come forward and receive them and the Chairman immediately handed a prize to each, and, without making a speech to the boys, congratulated and shook hands with them. When the programme was finished,

His Lordship said that having come to the close of the proceedings, it rested with him to say a few words to the meeting. He thought he would be giving utterance to the feelings of every one present when he said that owing to the exertions that had been made to entertain the company they had spent not only a very agreeable but a very instructive afternoon. Everything they had seen with their own eyes, and he need not, therefore, remind them of the excellence of the performances they had witnessed. The ladies and brethren had shown their appreciation of what they considered the chief performance by awarding the prize for elocution to H. Bowler. They had listened with pleasure to the plays and songs—and he would

say with as much pleasure to the songs as the plays—and he could not help saying that the choir had performed their part most admirably. He was quite sure that all would agree with him in that, and that they were all gratified at being present that afternoon. Everybody had experienced a great amount of pleasure in giving the rewards of merit where those rewards had been honestly and fairly earned, as they had been by the prize takers that afternoon. He might say for his own part that for that reason as well as many others it had been a source of great pleasure to him to be the distributor of the prizes; first of all because it afforded him the opportunity for the first time of seeing the institution of which they were all so proud; and secondly, because in doing so he felt that he was giving the prizes to boys who had thoroughly earned the distinctions bestowed upon them. There was another thing which had struck him there that afternoon, that they might look back and mark what an advance had been made in the style of education within a short time. If they would only look at the time which was the earliest that he could himself remember, the education in Irish country schools was very small; a lot of little ragged children would be found round a cottage fire, a rough master, with a big stick, would be among them, and the only sign that it was a school was a notice outside the door, "Children taken in to bate" (laughter). Then they went back to the schools of the earlier part of the century, when the treatment and care of the pupils was very much less looked after than it was now. Then looking at the time of his own schooldays, some 15 years ago, the subjects of education were very much more limited and confined than they were now. In those days it was Latin and Greek, and very little else, which was like a dinner of all beef and no pudding, and nothing to wash it down with. Then they came to these more modern days, when they had experience of the Oxford and Cambridge and other university local examinations upon a great number of subjects. What had struck him was the large number of subjects which were taught in this Institution, of which they had specimens before them that day by the variety of studies for which prizes had been given. They had this clearly shown to them by the results. Dr. Morris had informed him that at the last Oxford and Cambridge middle-class local examinations 28 candidates went up from this institution, and that out of these 28 14 won honours. Some candidates passed in eight subjects, some in five, and some in four. One of the recipients of prizes that afternoon took up one subject spontaneously and worked at it. The certificates showed him the excellence of the standard of the examination in every case, and this spoke very highly not only for the pupils, but for the care and discrimination of those who were put in authority in the Institution, and he thought all the subscribers owe Dr. Morris, and those who were associated with him, a deep debt of gratitude for the admirable education which had been given (cheers). He had another return from South Kensington, which showed that out of 44 boys 39 passed in mathematics alone, while a great many passed in other subjects. He would like to say a word to the boys themselves. He did not know quite what to say, because there were many theories about boys nowadays. If he said

"My dear boys,

Mind your books and not your toys,"

he would be opposed by those who said,

"All work and no play

Makes Jack a dull boy,"

and if he went to the other extreme he would be equally opposed by a great many. What he would say was "Work; but not all bookwork." Boys who enjoyed outdoor sports got a zest for their work; and boys who worked hard got a zest for their outdoor sports. It was by a combination of the two that they would become active members of society. To the boys who had won prizes he would say, try to win more; to the boys who had not won prizes he would say, don't be disheartened, but try again, and you may get them; but if not, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have tried your best. He was glad to hear that the Institution did not contain one lazy boy. He would ask the company

to join him in wishing prosperity and success to the Institution, which was founded in 1797, and had gone on flourishing and increasing to the present time. They all hoped that it would go on flourishing and increasing for the future. His Lordship concluded by thanking the company for listening to him.

A vote of thanks was then accorded to the Chairman, on the motion of Capt. Wordsworth, and the whole party then adjourned to a dejeuner, at which Lord Donoughmore presided. A few toasts followed, among which were "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales and the Institution," to which Capt. Wordsworth responded, "The Chairman," "Dr. Morris," and "Bro. Binckes," the Secretary; and Lord Donoughmore shortly afterwards left. Numerous outdoor amusements followed, the band playing some excellent selections, and dancing concluded the enjoyments of the day.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.**

The town of High Wycombe was visited for the first time on Monday last by the Provincial Grand Lodge embracing the adjoining counties of Berks and Bucks, and the assemblage numbered nearly 100 brethren, representing the seventeen lodges which are flourishing in different parts of the important province, which is so ably presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., who has occupied that position for the past ten years. It had been rumoured that the proceedings would take place in the beautiful park of Lord Carington, and the presence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, was spoken of in some quarters as being more than probable, but these reports lacked confirmation by those best acquainted with the nature of the arrangements, and hence the meeting had only an ordinary amount of significance, and the attendance was less than would have been seen under special circumstances as those indicated, inasmuch as the members of the Order in the two counties number upwards of 700. There were two subjects for regret on this occasion, one being the resignation of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Brownrigg, and the other the retirement of the energetic Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Biggs, of Reading, who had held the office during the whole time of Sir Daniel Gooch's connection with the province. The office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master has not been filled up at present, but Bro. Biggs will be succeeded in the office of P.G. Sec. by Bro. Robert Bradley, of Reading, who has long been a member of the Craft, and is, therefore, thoroughly acquainted with the nature of the duties to be performed.

The members reached High Wycombe by the mid-day trains, and soon after one o'clock the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, in the Town Hall, which has just been adorned with a portrait of the Heir Apparent, attired as a Knight of the Garter. The painting was executed at a cost of 1000 guineas, and presented to the town by Lord Carington; it hung on the wall in rear of Sir Daniel's Gooch's seat, and was much admired.

The attendance of officers and brethren comprised the following, the majority of whom have held, or are holding positions of honour, either in their respective lodges, or in the province:—  
Revs. J. S. Brownrigg, and Robbins, O. J. Grace, and Riddle; Major Charles Stephens, and Bros. G. Chancellor, R. C. Hurley, H. H. Hodges, W. Biggs, A. Welch, R. Bradley, Martin, S. Bradley, R. E. Mount, A. M. Yetts, J. Blowers, W. P. Ivey, W. S. Cantrell, jun.; J. Palmer, L. M. Nixon, W. Huckvale, H. Seward, Weston, D. Clarke, Tottle, Wade, G. Wheeler, Barnes, Ruckley, G. Hunt, C. Hunt, T. Williams, Redington, Mason, Fuiler, Beal, Speechly, Bird, Humphries, Davey, Cox, C. D. Hume, R. Roberts, G. W. Dixon, J. O. Carter, L. Bryett, J. Whitehouse, R. G. Barton, F. Manley, J. R. Berry, C. A. Walter, H. D. Gooch, A. D'Almaine, H. Clarke, S. A. Pocock, G. de Fraine, J. Bance, R. Ravenor, G. J. Cosburn (*Freemason*), W. H. Herbert, W. J. Westrope, C. P. Smith, W. Knight, W. Jones, Bruton, Morgan, Phillips, Westfield, Frazer, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened with

the usual ceremonies, after which the customary business was proceeded with. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Biggs, of Reading), read the roll of the lodges, after which the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. Chancellor, of Reading), presented the annual financial statement, from which it appeared there was a balance of £141 17s. 8d. on the general account, and £69 12s. 6d. on the charity account. On the motion of the P.G.M. various sums were voted out of the balance on the charity account to several of the lodges for disposal by them among the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution.

The P.G. Secretary then read the reports received from the different lodges in the province, which it was stated numbered nearly 700 members, with 150 Past Masters. Upwards of 250 guineas had been disbursed in charity during the past year, and the balances in hand in the lodges at the time the accounts were compiled amounted to nearly £950.

The P. G. M. proposed, and Bro. Dixon seconded the re-election of Bro. Geo. Chancellor as P.G. Treasurer.

The motion was unanimously adopted, and Bro. Chancellor returned thanks.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following brethren with the Charity Jewel: Bro. John Bance, P.M. 574; Bro. W. Knight, 574; W. S. Cantrell, P.M. 771; and Bro. Heber Clarke, P.M. 945.

Bro. R. Bradley proposed a resolution of which he had given notice, providing for the attendance of the Secretary as well as the Worshipful Master of each lodge at the meetings of the Charity Committee, held in London.

Bro. Cantrell seconded the motion, which was adopted *nem. con.*

The P.G.M. spoke of the great and good work done by the Charity Committee, and assured the brethren who were ex-officio members that they would derive much instruction and benefit by attending the meetings.

The P.G.M. said he was sure the brethren would agree with him that it was a cause for much regret that Bro. Brownrigg had resigned the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, because he had always been an active and zealous Mason in the Province, and although they would not continue to have the benefit of Bro. Brownrigg's services as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he hoped they would not lose his assistance as a prominent Mason in this Province. He felt sure he was acting in accordance with the wishes of the brethren generally in requesting the Secretary to place on the minutes a record, expressing the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. Brownrigg, for his past services, and their regret at his resignation.

Bro. Brownrigg briefly replied.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—

- J. Palmer, P.M. 1501 ..... Prov. S.G.W.
- W. H. Palmer, P.M. 771 ... Prov. J.G.W.
- Rev. R. A. Robins, 771..... Prov. G. Chap.
- Rev. C. R. Honey, 1101 ... Prov. A.G. Chap.
- G. Chancellor, P.M. 1101 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- H. Clarke, P.M. 945 .. ..... Prov. G. Reg.
- R. Bradley, P.M. 414..... Prov. G. Sec.
- W. H. Herbert, P.M. 574.. Prov. S.G.D.
- W. Fitch, P.M. 1410 ..... Prov. J.G.D.
- L. Bryett, P.M. 209 ..... Prov. G.S. of W.
- J. Fuller, P.M. 1556 ..... Prov. G.D. of C.
- A. M. Yetts, P.M. 414 ..... Prov A.G.D. of C.
- J. T. Freeman, P.M. 1101... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- A. B. Weston, 1501 ..... Prov. G. Org.
- G. De Fraine, W.M. 591 ... Prov. G. Purs.
- C. Nowell, 771 ..... Prov. A.G. Purs.
- W. H. Bingham, P.M. 771... ..
- H. D. Hume, W.M. 209; M.
- Rest, W.M. 948, S. A.
- Pocock, W.M. 414; R.
- Roberts, SW. 209; and F.
- Manley, S.D. 771 ... ..... Prov. G. Stwds.
- W. Hemmins, 1101 and 414 Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Master then said it now devolved upon him to discharge a duty which gave him both pleasure and sorrow. He regretted to say that Bro. Biggs had retired from the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, which he had ably filled for the past nine or ten years, during which time they had been greatly in-

debted for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the province. He had no doubt Bro. Bradley would do his best to continue the admirable system in which Bro. Biggs had discharged the numerous duties associated with the office of Secretary. Having said this much he was going to ask the brethren to do something more than pass a mere compliment upon Bro. Biggs, and make a substantial recognition of his valuable services. He would propose that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge funds which he hoped would be amply added to by the lodges throughout the province, for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. Biggs that would be worthy of his acceptance, and worthy also of such a large and important province as Berks. and Bucks. He also proposed that a committee, consisting of the Masters of the lodges, be formed for the purpose of carrying out the object in view, and he hoped that all who joined in the undertaking would throw their whole heart into it.

Bro. Dixon seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

It was further resolved, that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. Biggs for his past services, and the regret felt by the brethren of the province on his retirement be recorded upon the minutes.

These resolutions were proposed and agreed to during the absence of Bro. Biggs from the lodge for a few minutes.

In concluding the business the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the prosperity attending Masonry in this Province, and expressed his hope that when the brethren again met the reports from the lodges would be as satisfactory as those which they had heard read on this occasion. The P.G.M. stated that he believed the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Windsor.

The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and reflected great credit upon the cuisine of Mr. Puttick. The P.G.M. presided, and the P.G.S.W. and P.G.J.W. respectively officiated as Vice-Chairmen.

The P.G.M. having proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally responded to, the company drank the health of the M.W. the G. M. of England, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also that of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers of England, past and present.

Bro. Biggs, P.P.G. Sec., then rose and said, that in the absence of the D.P.G.M., he had the great privilege and pride of giving what he thought was regarded by all the brethren as the toast of the evening, namely, "The health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bt., M.P." (loud cheers). In this toast they were asked to do honour to a distinguished Mason, who had raised this province from a slough of despond to a position of importance among the Provincial Grand Lodges of England (cheers). When he looked back to the time Sir Daniel took the office of Grand Master of this province, and when he remembered the miserable procession of 23 Masons from Maidenhead to Boyn Hill Church, and contrasted the condition of affairs with the present condition of Masonry in Berks and Bucks, they saw how fortunate they had been in having Sir Daniel at their head, and they saw how much they were indebted to him (cheers). The occasion he alluded to presented a great contrast to the present, when they saw such a large attendance, and knew of the good feeling which existed among the Masons of Berks and Bucks. He ventured to say without fear of contradiction that the annals of Freemasonry scarcely presented an instance of a lodge of recent standing assuming such proportions as the Wycombe Lodge. Not only had the lodge supported the Charities, but its present Master (Bro. Cantrell) had himself given 100 guineas to each of the Masonic Institutions (cheers). The same brother had also served the various offices in the province, and the P.G.M., in making his appointments, had endeavoured to give them to such brethren as had done suit and service for the Craft (cheers). Sir Daniel was fully entitled to all the honour they could accord him, and he (Bro.

Higgs) was sure they all entertained the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare the valuable life of Sir Daniel to preside over this province, and that he would continue to enjoy all possible happiness and prosperity (cheers).

The P.G.M. briefly returned thanks, and proposed "The Health of the V.W. the D.P.G. Masters, and Past Grand Officers of the Province," for whom Bro. H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.S.W., returned thanks.

The health of the visiting brethren was next drunk, and responded to by Bros. Bruton, Morgan, and Phillips.

To the toast of "The Masonic Charities" Bro. Herbert Clarke replied

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Wardens and other officers appointed this day," having been drunk, Bro. Palmer, P.G.J.W., and Bro. Cutler, P.G.J.W., severally responded, and Bro. Palmer thanked the brethren generally for the kind support they had given, by which two children of the late Bro. Owens, the first W.M. of the Wycombe Lodge, had been elected to the Masonic Schools.

The P.G.M. then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Wycombe Lodge," to whom (Sir Daniel said), the Provincial Grand Lodge was deeply indebted for the kind reception given that day. (Cheers). The Wycombe Lodge was one of recent birth, but they had all heard how well it had been worked, and how successful it had been in its operations. They must all regret the loss of Bro. Owens, the first W.M. of the lodge, but it was some satisfaction to know that two of his children had been elected to the Masonic Schools.

Bro. Cantrell, in responding, assured the P.G.M. that the Wycombe brethren esteemed it a great honour that they should have been permitted to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge on that occasion, seeing that the Wycombe Lodge was established only three years ago. He hoped, however, that this would not be the last time that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held there. (Hear, hear). The Wycombe brethren also regarded it as a great honour that their first P.M. should have been appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Biggs," remarking that the great benefit the province had derived from the labours of Bro. Biggs as Provincial Grand Secretary must be patent to all. (Hear, hear). Although they knew that Bro. Biggs' successor was an able man, who would do all he could for the prosperity of Masonry in the province, they could not help feeling considerable regret that Bro. Biggs had resigned the office he had so long held. (Hear, hear). He was sure all the brethren would join him in wishing their late Secretary health and happiness, and in hoping that although he would not hold the office of P.G.S. he would nevertheless give the new Secretary (Bro. Bradley) the benefit of his experience in carrying on the business of the province. (Cheers.)

Bro. Biggs, in reply, said he had simply retired because he felt age creeping upon him. He had reached his sixty-fourth year and for the past twenty-five years he had been in active work and taken a great interest in everything appertaining to Masonry. Having exhausted what he might describe as every move, and not knowing another he could play for the advantage of the Craft, he felt it was time to give place to another, who would give a fresh impetus to matters connected with the Craft in this province. He had done his best for the interests of Masonry, and was glad to see the great progress that had marked its history during the past nine or ten years. He should never retire from the province of Berks and Bucks, in which he naturally felt a deep interest, and he should be only too pleased to do anything in his power for the advantage of the Craft. (Cheers.)—He thanked Sir Daniel Gooch for the kind words he had been pleased to utter respecting him, and having been associated with Sir Daniel in Masonry for twenty-five years, he could assure the brethren their Provincial Grand Master was a man who was worth working for (cheers), and he

felt that to have enjoyed the esteemed friendship of Sir Daniel, and been in such close contact with him for so many years, was a position that would be the envy of many. He could truly say that he had never abused Sir Daniel's confidence, and in every recommendation he had made for provincial appointments he had acted without favour or affection. He had left friendship out of the scale, and had endeavoured to recommend for appointment those who would reflect credit upon the P.G.M., and also upon the Province generally. He had always striven to keep the principles of Masonry in view, and rewarded those who, by their time, energy, or means, had done good suit and service to the Craft. (Cheers).

The P.G.M. next proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Chancellor and Bro. Robert Bradley severally returned thanks.

"The Health of the late D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg" was proposed in complimentary terms by the P.G.M., and received with much cordiality.

"The health of the Prov. Grand Stewards" was also drunk, and the Tyler's toast, for "All Poor and Distressed Masons" completed the list," and Sir Daniel Gooch vacated the chair.

The harmony of the gathering was greatly promoted by the vocal performances of Bro. Tottle, and others. Bro. Weston ably presided at the pianoforte.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 6, 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 30.

Lodge 1685, Joseph Paxton, Crystal Palace, (Consecration), Sydenham.

#### 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, JULY 2.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

#### 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-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 3.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

#### 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, JULY 4.

Lodge 1594, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Leytonstone.  
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

#### THURSDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.  
Encamp. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

#### 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.  
Libury, 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, JULY 6.

#### 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's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldhorn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 7, 1877.

#### MONDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, Mas. R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.  
Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 758, Bridgwater, M.H., Runcorn.  
Alpass Encampment 123, M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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