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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).—A lodge of emergency was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., for the purpose of raising the five following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Hull, Mulcock, Tubbs, Watson, and Spragg. On Friday, the 20th ult., the members dined together at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. The members and visitors, to the number of sixty-two, sat down precisely at six o'clock, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Hobbs. There were also present Bros. Greenwood, S.W.; Booker, J.W.; Garrod, Sec.; Runtng, Treas.; Gardiner, S.D.; Coltart, J.D.; Groves, I.G.; Painter, Hester, Grogan, and Battey, P.M.'s.; Bros. Forscutt, Spragg, Wallace, Tubbs, Hull, H. W. Hobbs, H. Elliott, Weeks, Clemence, Tyrrell, Peirson, Harvey, Speller, Strip, Holloway, Newton, Tucker, Chandler, Hannaford, Poupard, Kift, Drew, Burnett, Beeton, Moss, R. E. Booker, Leech, Hall, Snelling, Hill, Crunden, Fitley, Culpin, G. S. Elliott. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; Randell, P.M. 194; Newman, P.M. 892; Palmer, W.M. 1541; Badkin, S.W. 1365; Collins, 25; and Trencer and Upstone, 1309. The opportunity was taken of presenting to Bro. Henry Garrod, Sec., an illuminated testimonial and handsome timepiece, subscribed for by the members of the lodge. The testimonial, the work of Bro. Bakkin was greatly admired, and ran as follows: "Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.—This testimonial, together with a timepiece, value twenty guineas, was presented by the members of the above lodge to Bro. Henry Garrod, P.M. 177, 720, 749, and P.Z. 507, 749, 766, to mark their appreciation of his services as Secretary for nineteen years. Signed by the W.M., Wardens, and P.M.'s." The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Kift, assisted by Bros. Collins, Trencer, and Upstone, and gave great satisfaction. A special train left the Palace a little after ten, bringing the brethren to town, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, July the 19th, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. Punctually at half-past two the W.M., Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. T. W. Adams, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; E. Mallet, A.S.; J. J. Howes, P.M., S.D.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., I.G.; A. Black, D.C.; W. Pennefather, P.M., W.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler; T. Butt, C. Davis, F. A. West, H. J. Lardner, G. Stephens, W. Snow, W. Malthouse, T. M. Butt, W. Smyth, W. C. Watts, H. Lebish, W. B. Delafons, R. Leggett, E. C. Van Wagenen, S. Craddock, and others. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. F. Wylie, P.M. 186; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 3; J. Flatman, 376; L. Etheridge, W.M. 829; J. Clark, 1423; W. Hurlstone, 1423; J. Towell 1489; and others. The W.M., in his usual correct and impressive manner, raised Bros. H. Lebish, C. Davis, J. J. Howes, H. F. Lardner, G. H. Stephens, F. A. West, and W. Hurlstone (1423) to the Third Degree. He passed Bro. W. C. Watts to the Second Degree; completing his work by initiating Messrs. Cornelius Von Wagenen and Seymour Craddock. The bye-laws were then read. The election for the office of W.M. was unanimous in favour of Bro. T. W. Adams, S.W., and for Treasurer Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., W.M. The Tyler, Bro. John Gilbert, P. G. Tyler Middx., was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. H. J. Lardner, G. Stevens, and W. Malthouse were elected Auditors, to assist those previously appointed. A twenty guinea testimonial was unanimously voted to Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., for his exertions on behalf of this lodge, and the admirable manner he had presided over the lodge during his year of office. The audit was fixed to take place at the lodge house on the fourth Thursday in August. Several propositions were handed in to the Secretary of names both for joining and initiation. Business being ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, September the 21st, to meet at two o'clock p.m. An excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. T. Butt.

LIVERPOOL.—Garston Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, on the afternoon of the 25th ult. Bro. John Hughes, I.P.M., acting as W.M., opened

the lodge, supported by Bros. C. Leedham, P.M.; J. W. Baker, P.M.; R. Jones, P.M.; S. Tickle, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; G. Price, Sec.; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; T. F. Hill, J.D.; Dr. J. V. Worthington, P.M., D.C.; H. Hatch, S.; J. Robinson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Ellis, J. Crowther, T. Sloper, W. Troughton, P.M. 1013; W. G. Sharpe, E. Humphries, T. Jones, J. Carter, J. E. Lloyd, H. Mercer, W. Lovelady, W. Tait, C. Sayer, H. Paine, J. S. Bullock, W. S. Matthews, J. W. Pickering, J. Blair, S. Chambers, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. A. Macmahon, 1350; W. H. Cooper, W.M. 1359; J. Bowes, P.M.; D. W. Finney, P.M.; T. Salter, Sec. 241; W. Jones, P.M. 1299; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; T. Roberts, I.P.M. 673, and others. Bro. S. Tickle was placed in the chair of W.M. by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. The officers invested were Bros. Dr. V. Worthington, I.P.M.; G. Price, S.W.; T. F. Hill, J.W.; J. W. Baker, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; James Carter, Sec.; J. N. Clark, Org.; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; H. Hatch, J.D.; A. Sharples, I.G.; T. Wainwright, S.S.; J. R. Ivey, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Reading Room, the caterer being Bro. Woods. The annual picnic of the lodge was held at Grappenhall on the following day.

STOCKPORT.—Lodge of Peace (No. 322).—The Lodge of Peace held its Festival of St. John on Tuesday, July 10th. The brethren assembled at the lodge-room, at the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, soon after three o'clock, when the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. N. Dumville, was duly performed by Bro. J. C. Chetham, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. (Cheshire.) The following officers were appointed by the W.M., and invested by the Installing Master, viz., I.P.M., Bro. John Williamson; S.W., Bro. J. H. Carrington; J.W., Bro. Worsnup; Treas., Bro. Hickson, P.M.; Secretary, Bro. Philip Chetham, P.M.; S.D., Bro. L. D. Bradbury; J.D. Bro. G. Bennett; D. of C., Bro. Bardsley, P.M.; Organist, Bro. Colonel Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. (Cheshire); I.G., Bro. Robert Chetham; S. Steward, Bro. A. J. Bradbury; J. Steward, Bro. Ginger, Tyler, Bro. Joseph Meadows. The visitors present included were Bro. Schofield, W.M., 104; Bro. Wills, W.M. 1213; Bro. Strangeways, S.D. 1111; and others. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren proceeded to the banquet, which was artistically laid out in the adjoining room, by Bro. Firth. In addition to the usual toast list, several songs and glees were given by an efficient party of vocalists engaged by the W.M., consisting of Bro. Edmondson, Bro. M. Stafford, P.M., Bro. W. Dumville, P.M., Bro. H. Lister, S.W., and Bro. Balfe, assisted by brethren of the lodge. Bro. Fielding ably played the pianoforte accompaniments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. The meeting was invested with additional interest from the presence of Bro. Philip Chetham, the aged Secretary, now over ninety years of age, and upwards of sixty years a Mason, said to be the oldest Mason in England. The old gentleman is hale and hearty, and does most of the Secretary's work at the present time. It is worthy of remark, too, that this lodge can boast of having amongst its members three generations of one family. Bro. J. C. Chetham, the Installing Master on this occasion, is the son of the aged Secretary, and has himself four sons in the lodge, the eldest of whom (Bro. John Chetham) like his father and grandfather, is a P.M. of the lodge.

ERITH.—St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 615).—The "Men of Kent," and the "Kentish Men," with no thought of the feuds which raged between their ancestors, met in amicable array at the Pier Hotel, Erith, on the 27th ult, to do honour to the installation of the Master elected to the high position of presiding over the lodge, this being Bro. Charles Andrews, P.M. of No. 77, and of No. 299, and P.P.G.S. of Kent. There was a great array of Prov. Grand Officers of the White Horse county, which is not by any means a "one horse" county, as its history proves, and its Masonic sons show as much spirit in carrying out the work of the Craft as their progenitors of old showed in maintaining their liberties. The venerated and kindly brother, Dr. Spurrell, P.G.J.W., the Master, opened the lodge. Brother Andrews then being Senior Warden, and Bro. Churchley, Junior, and after the minutes were unanimously confirmed, Bro. T. Smith, P.G.P., and Bro. Coste, P.G.D.C., took the Wardens' chairs. Bro. T. W. Knight, P.M. and P.P.S.G.W., worked the ceremony in a style which elicited the warmest praise. The officers appointed, and at once invested with the jewels and cares of office, were S.W., Bro. Churchley; J.W., Bro. T. W. Knight, (in place of a brother who was to have taken the position); S.D., Bro. James Fletcher; J.D., Bro. Robert Stone; I.G., Bro. George Fletcher; Treasurer, Bro. Poole; Secretary, Bro. Spurrell, I.P.M.; D.C., Bro. Tomkins; W.S., Bro. Boyden. Bro. Martin was invested as Tyler. After the addresses in the course of the ordinary lodge business, the following motion, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., was carried unanimously, that those who rise "to eminence by merit" shall be fined; in other words the resolution ran: "That each Worshipful Master on his installation shall pay a sum of five guineas; each Senior Warden on his investiture shall pay the sum of three guineas; that each Junior Warden shall pay the sum of two guineas on his investiture, to the Treasurer of the lodge, and the amount so subscribed to be voted to the Masonic Charities in such manner as the majority of the brethren in open lodge shall determine." The sum thus raised was devoted to charity, being voted to the Boys' School. With many expressions of pleasure it was also resolved to present the I.P.M., Bro. Spurrell, with a P.M., jewel, valued at ten guineas, as a slight acknowledgment of his services in the faithful discharge of the Mastership of the lodge. The lodge then closed in due form, and the brethren mustered for dinner. There were present Bro. Charles Ralph,

P. Prov. G.S.D.; Bro. W. Russell, W.M. 77, Prov. S.G.D.; Bro. A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec. of Kent; Bro. Binckes, Sec. of the Boys' School; Bros. Bevan, of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge; Leate, I.P.M. of 77; Smith, P. Prov. G.P.; Hastings, Prov. G.P.; Lewis Etheridge, W.M. Sidney Lodge; J. Nunn, P. Prov. J.W.; Staff-Sergeant Spinks, W.M. United Military Lodge; John While, P.M. 228 (Freemason); Gamble, W.M. Florence Nightingale Lodge; Pryce, Woolwich, &c. After the dinner the grace was chanted with an exquisite harmony of voices by Bros. Musgrave, Hubbard, and Nunn. The W.M. gave, in fitting terms, "The Health of her Majesty," who, he reminded the brethren, was an earnest supporter of the Masonic Charities. In giving the toast of "The M.W. the Grand Master," after whose name stood the Shakespearean motto, "The immediate heir of England—the hope and expectation of our time," the W.M. said his Royal Highness, as time rolled on, took more and more interest in his duties as Grand Master, and every Freemason had good reason to be proud of his Royal Highness as the Grand Master. The toast was heartily accepted, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," who were commended as "whom you all know are honourable men," the W.M. remarking that the proof of the attachment to the Order of these noblemen and gentlemen who held the highest positions in the Craft was shown in the fact of its high position and the high estimation in which it was held in the world. This toast was warmly cheered. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, Lord Holmesdale," whose name on the programme was adorned with Shakespeare's words, "A lord to a lord, a man to a man," and his lordship was warmly toasted with all honours. The next toast was "The Deputy Grand Master for Kent, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers," against which stood the motto, causing much comment, "Your voice shall be as strong as any man's in the disposing of new dignitaries." The W.M. said that they would all have been glad to have seen Bro. Eastes among them, but doubtless his many duties had kept him absent, and the company would gladly welcome the Prov. G. Sec. Bro. A. Spencer said the reason why the D.P.G.M. was not present was because he was on his holidays. The Prov. Grand Officers might be divided into two classes—those who enjoyed their honours, and those who had to work. There was a natural desire to share the Prov. Grand honours, but as there were forty-two lodges in the province and only eleven purples to be given each year, it was impossible that every lodge should have a share of the honours each year, and those who did not must exercise patience. He trusted that in time every deserving brother would receive the recognition of his merits. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," whose motto stood on the programme, "The Master, he is a good one, and his worthiness does challenge much respect." Bro. Spurrell said that the W.M. had distinguished himself very grandly in the cause of Masonic charity, and did not look for any reward for doing good. The W.M. was most deserving of the interest and good wishes of his brother Masons, and all would wish him a successful year of office, an office which was certain to be well worked. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, and then the I.P.M. was toasted, Dr. Spurrell being spoken of as one that whom "A braver place in our heart's love hath no man." He acknowledged the toast, and "The Visitors" were toasted, with the motto "And will he not come again," to which many of them, through Bro. Smeed, gave an affirmative response of the most unquestionable character. "The Officers of the Lodge," prefaced by the words "One step I have advanced thee," was acknowledged by Bros. Churchley, Knight, and Poole. "The Charities" had no response from Bro. Binckes as he had departed by the last but one train, Bro. Hastings responding instead, and the W.M. observed that the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul would be one of the first in the province in its action towards the charities, and did not seek for members. The increase of the applicants for the charities—this, too, of members who had only been a short time in the ranks—proved that discrimination was not at all times exercised. The Tyler's toast concluded the programme, and the evening's entertainment was most pleasantly diversified by the efforts of Bros. Musgrave, A. Hubbard, J. Nunn, Smeed, and Miss M. Roby.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw (Lodge No. 1002).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., when there were present Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., who presided in the absence of the W.M.; I. Evening, S.W.; Jos. Kerr, J.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. and Sec. (Freemason); W. Shilton, P.M.; S. Thwaites, S. Ferguson, S. C. Robinson, H. Peacock, W. Rule, and W. Potts, Tyler. The meeting was called for the purpose of raising Bro. W. Rule, and the first part of the sublime ceremony was most efficiently performed by the W.M. in the chair, with Bro. Lamony as S.D., after which Bro. Lamony took the chair, and worked the concluding portion of the degree. The lodge was then closed in form. At a meeting of the Permanent Committee the same evening, Bros. W. Taylor and Shilton were appointed to superintend the removal of the furniture from the old lodge room, and the fitting up and decoration of the new premises, in time for consecration, on the occasion of the Provincial Grand festival.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual picnic of the brethren connected with the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, holding its meetings at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., the scene of the day's festivities being the Victoria Gardens and Hotel, Thatto Heath, a short distance from Prescot, which is a perfect oasis in the desert of surrounding coal mines and manufactories. The "Old Neptune" has long been celebrated for the

unanimity, cordiality, and fine brotherly feeling which animate every brother, from the W.M. to the youngest initiate, and as a consequence the annual pleasant "out" which has existed for a number of years has invariably been looked upon and experienced as the most enjoyable in the district. Weather favoured the outers, the day being bright and breezy, and the whole of the day's proceedings passed off as "merry" as the proverbial "marriage bell," without the slightest semblance of a hitch. The officers vied with each other in promoting the harmony and enjoyment of those who were present. About 80 ladies and brethren started from Lime-street shortly before ten o'clock, and arrived safely and expeditiously at Thatto Heath Station, where the floral beauties of the platforms, carried out by Mr. Prescott, station master, were the subject of universal admiration. Here the party was met by the St. Helen's borough band (under the conductorship of Mr. J. Parr), and the whole party marched to the grounds, nearly the whole of the "natives" turning out to see the procession. Amongst those present were Bros. Joseph Healing, W.M. (whose urbanity and attention contributed largely to the day's enjoyment); A. Cotter, I.P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; Joseph Korn, S.W.; W. C. Webb, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer; J. Linaker, Secretary; A. C. Wylie, S.D.; Thomas Walton, I.G.; C. Fothergill, S.S.; J. Hughes, J.S.; and C. Rigotti, Assistant Secretary. There were also a number of visitors from other lodges. Dinner was served in the large covered marquee by Mr. W. Carr, landlord of the hotel and grounds, and the excellence of his catering has certainly never been excelled in the history of the Neptune. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master proceeded to perform the unusual but pleasing task of proposing the health of Bro. Royle and his bride, mentioning his long connection with the lodge, and wishing the newly-married couple every prosperity. The toast was received in a manner which showed the great popularity of Bro. Boyle. Bro. Cotter, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," stating that this was not his first year of office, as he had been the Master of the lodge when it was first consecrated. He said they must all be aware of Bro. Healing's efforts to make the lodge successful, and especially on the occasion on which they were then assembled. The W.M., in replying, said he was fully rewarded by witnessing the happy re-union of the brethren and their friends. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," to whose cordial co-operation, he said, was owing the great success of the gathering. Bro. Cotter responded. "The Officers," replied to by Bro. Korn, S.W., and "The Press," responded to by Bro. Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094, (Freemason), followed; while "The Visiting Brethren" was coupled with the name of Bro. Gotham, 823. In proposing "The Ladies," the W.M. said that, as one of the first promoters of Masonic picnics in this province, he hoped the day was far distant when such social gatherings should be discontinued, as they conduced to harmony and brotherly love. Bro. Cotter responded. As an extra toast, the W.M. gave, as a most appropriate toast for the Neptune Lodge, and one which they were proud to honour, "The Absent Seafaring Brethren," and gave a hearty welcome to those brethren who had just come home. Bro. Campbell responded. "The Health of the Host and Hostess" followed, the W.M. wishing them prosperity in their new undertaking. The after dinner proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs rendered by the brethren. The afternoon was spent in a most enjoyable manner in the grounds, and both then and after tea dancing was kept up with spirit on the green. The party, headed as before by the band, returned to the station at nine o'clock, and arrived in due course at Lime-street, very much pleased with their day's outing. Bro. Cotter, I.P.M., acted as Director of Ceremonies, and performed the duties to the satisfaction of all.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult. at the Lion Hotel, when there were present amongst others, Bros. Gilbert, W.M.; Fox, S.W.; Williams, P.G.O. of Middlesex, W.M. elect 1275, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., W.M. elect, 1572, S.D.; Shackleton, W.M. 124, J.D.; F. Walters, P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; Dubois, P.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M. P.P.G.D.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex; and Balwin, P.M. 1423, P.A.G.P., I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The ceremony of inducting Bro. Fox, W.M. elect, to the chair of K.S. was most ably performed by Bro. Baldwin. The beautiful language of the ritual was enhanced by the clearness of the enunciation that accompanied it. To mark their appreciation of Bro. Baldwin's efforts, the lodge unanimously passed him a vote of thanks, and which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The officers invested were, Bros. Williams S.W.; J. Hammond, J.W.; Shackleton, S.D.; Baldwin, J.D.; Gloucester I.G.; F. Walker Sec.; Lawrence, D.C.; Shott, Organist; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; Stone A.W.S. Bro. Fox having vacated the chair, the I.P.M., Bro. Gilbert, initiated Mr. Williams, of the mercantile marine, in a very careful manner. Previously to the lodge being closed, the W.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome souvenir of his year of office in the shape of a costly jewel, which compliment was duly acknowledged by Bro. Gilbert. The visitors were, Bros. Hunt, W.M. Hemming; Crag, S.W. 1586; T. Walls, J.W. 1381; Simmons, J.W. 1559; Clarke, D.C. 1654; Hartnall, 871; Murphy, 1512; Knell, 1607. The banquet was well served by the caterer, Bro. Murphy, and at its conclusion the long array of toasts were briefly given from the chair: The honour of replying upon behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present, fell to Bros. Dubois and Baldwin, and Bros. Hurst and Walls responded for "The Visitors." "The Past Masters" toast was responded to by Bros. Gilbert and Moss.

The latter dealt with the subject matter most humourously and also proposed the health of the W.M., in a very neat speech. P.M. Fox in reply briefly said that he felt exceedingly honoured at being placed in the Master's Chair of so large and powerful a lodge as the Lebanon, and he hoped that his year of office would be a most pleasurable one to all parties, at least nothing should be wanting on his part to make it so. "The Initiate" having been given, Bro. Williams responded by saying that if he could not make a useful Mason he would endeavour to prove a worthy one. During the proceedings Bro. Walls entertained the brethren. "The Officers" having been proposed by the W.M., was acknowledged by the Junior Warden. Bro. Smeed having been called upon to discharge his duty, the brethren departed until the 18th of August next.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The second season of this prosperous summer lodge was completed on the 14th ult., and witnessed a large gathering of brethren, to greet the advent of the highly popular Bro. Osman Vincent, who had been unanimously elected for advancement to the chair of K.S. The lovely weather gave an additional charm to the quiet and rural but delightful spot where this lodge meets, and many enviable expressions invariably proceed from visitors at these re-unions whilst enjoying the beautiful scenery and exquisite summer flowers. The meeting, was, in honour of the occasion, well and worthily sustained, everything passing off to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Garrod, for the last time in his year of office, at 2.45., and was well supported by his officers—Bros. Vincent, S.W.; Tidcombe, J.W.; Rogers, Treas.; Veal, Sec.; Ebbs, J.D.; Winter, Organist; Eversden, I.G.; Helsdon, I.P.M.; Middleton, Tyler; and the following brethren: Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; H. T. Swatton, Peach, Hunt, E. G. Swatton, Clark, Buck, Darby, Long, Meek, Thompson, Marshall, Lavin, Johnson, Felton, Smith, Roy; and visitors, J. W. Garrod, 889; Woodstock, P.M.; Walker, Hitchcock, Humfress, and George, 733; Rogers, P.M. 902; Hall, 34; Nethersole, 840; Mapleson, 95. After disposing of the preliminary business and confirming the minutes of the previous lodge; great satisfaction was expressed by all present at the Secretary's announcement of the prosperous report of the audit meeting on June 13th, and state of the finances. The ballot being unanimous for the admission of Bros. Thompson and Smith, of No. 733, and Dr. Lavin, 404, those brethren were welcomed accordingly, it also proving favourable for the admission of Mr. W. F. Middleton, that gentleman was duly enlightened by the W.M. to the First Degree. He then, after opening his lodge to the Second Degree, invested Bro. R. Helsden, I.P.M., with his collar, and entrusted him with his jewel for the purpose of installation. The W.M. elect having been duly presented by Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B. and also having acknowledged in the customary manner those ancient charges to which all must assent prior to that elevated position being bestowed, the interesting ceremony was completed in the presence of several P.M.'s and purple honoured brethren, whose congratulations were as hearty as sincere, equally with the rest of the brethren when admitted to pay homage to their new W.M. After the customary salutes and the effective rendering of those beautiful addresses which form so great a feature in this ceremony the brethren were unanimous in according their thanks to the I.P.M. for having again so ably illustrated this duty, and the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bro. Tidcombe, S.W.; Ebbs, J.W.; Eversden, S.D.; Marshall, J.D.; Roy, I.G.; Helsdon, M.C.; Hunt, W.S.; J. Middleton, Tyler; the responsible duties of Treas. and Sec. being again left in the hands of Bros. Dr. Rogers and C. Veal, and Bro. H. Llewellyn Winter, re-appointed Organist. On resuming the lodge to the First Degree, the W.M. invested his I.P.M. with the usual handsome P.M. jewel, for which he suitably and gratefully responded. The W.M. also proposed Mr. Ede Pontchalon and Mr. G. H. Hall for ballot at the next meeting. The Secretary adverted to the subscriptions for the Burdett Testimonial Fund as progressing favourably, and had instructions to increase such by a donation from the lodge funds. He also announced that after next meeting the lodge would probably number 30 subscribing members, and in accordance with bye-law No. 7, the initiation fee should be raised to seven guineas. Hearty good wishes from the various visiting lodges completed the business, and the W.M. effectively closed the lodge at 5.10 in perfect peace and harmony. The banquet was served at 5.30, and the usual unlimited hospitality was observed, the new W.M. showing how happily he was fitted also for this branch of his duties. The various toasts were given in the most appropriate manner, and the responses were all equally unanimous. In reply to his own health by the I.P.M., the W.M. honestly observed (what is generally but too true) that he had that day been very nervous as a young man on taking so exalted a position, but feeling now how genuine was the support of his brethren he was decidedly on better terms with himself, and hoped to shew, during his year of office, that his best efforts would succeed in maintaining the reputation so liberally accorded to the Abercorn Lodge. The toast of "The Initiate" brought the old Entered Apprentice's Song from the Secretary; in fact, this is now becoming in many lodges that officer's duty. The chorus, as usual, was hearty and effective. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by each and all, and they were most lavish in praise, not only of the working of the lodge but of their hospitable and hearty reception. The musical contributions of the brethren were equal to the occasion, and needed no help from without, the Organist being a host in himself, and was ably supported by Bros. Garrod, Johnson, &c. The W.M. having passed the highest eulogiums severally upon his officers, nothing now remained but the Tyler's toast, which was quickly given, according to ancient custom, the brethren separating with the honest conviction

that the Abercorn Lodge still maintained its enviable reputation, not only for the good of the Craft, but itself in particular.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—The regular July meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines, on Saturday, the 21st ult. The lodge was opened punctually at 3 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. F. Keily, Prov. Grand Treas. Middlesex, supported by the following brethren: Bros. E. Amphlett, S.W.; G. Phythian, (visitor), acting J.W.; I. G. Dunn, S.D.; G. P. Gillard, J.D.; H. T. Bing, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Wilson, P.M. 209, acting I.P.M.; R. G. Jewell, W. H. Stevens, A. S. Paterson, T. Hulburd, 40; Jno. Prince, 209; W. Fowler, 1305; and several other brethren. After the lodge had been opened in due form the W.M. called upon the Hon. Sec. to read a dispensation of the M.W. Grand Master, for the initiation of Mr. F. G. Hulburd, aged 18, a "Lewis," into Freemasonry, which ceremony was performed in a very excellent and impressive manner, the charge being delivered by Bro. Wilson, the acting I.P.M. The sum of five guineas was then voted to the Burdett Testimonial Fund, and after receiving one proposal for initiation the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

NEWPORT.—Gwent Preceptory.—The Gwent Preceptory of Knights Templar was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport on Thursday, 26th ult., at 7 p.m., where the following were present:—Lieut. Col. Lyne, G. Constable, P.E.P.; Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.E.P.; Sir Kt. W. Williams, E.P.; Sir Kts. W. Pickford, W. Watkins, J. Piggford, H. J. Groves; Capt. A. Thrale Perkins, P.G. Chap. of England; H. Tweedy, and others. The minutes of the last preceptory were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Francis Green Lake, of the Philanthropic R.A. Chapter, Abergavenny, and he was unanimously accepted and installed as a member of the Order by Sir Kt. W. Williams, E.P., who performed the ceremony in a very effective manner. Sir Kt. W. Pickford was then proposed by Sir Kt. W. Williams, and seconded by Sir Kt. Capt. S. G. Homfray, to become the E.P. for the ensuing year. The ballot was then taken, and he was unanimously elected to be installed at the next meeting. Sir Kt. W. Williams was proposed, balloted for, and elected as Treasurer. There being no other business the preceptory was closed. The Priory of Malta was deferred until the next meeting, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub Pr or of England, one of the founders of this priory, and who usually performs this ceremony in such an effective manner, when it was earnestly hoped that he would be present.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MONMOUTH.—Ivor Hael Chapter, Rose Croix.—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, on Wednesday, 25th July, at three p.m., when the following were present:—Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Capt. A. Thrale Perkins, 32°, M.W.S.; Bros. R. J. Chambers, 18°, 1st Gen.; W. Williams, 16°, 2nd Gen.; H. Howells, 18°, Recorder; H. J. Groves, 18°, Org.; W. Watkins, 18°, Chas. Ffennell, 18°; J. Piggford, 18°; H. Fletcher, Janitor. The minutes of the last chapter were then read and confirmed. Bro. W. Pickford, of Baldwin Chapter, then took the necessary oath, and was affiliated as a member of the Ancient Accepted Rite, and became a joining member of this chapter. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Francis Greenlake, Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny, who was unanimously elected and made a member, the ceremony being performed by the M.W.S. Bro. R. J. Chambers was then duly installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, by Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, 30°, and then appointed his officers. In pursuance of a resolution on the circular by Bro. W. Williams 18°, the perfection fees of this chapter were reduced to three guineas. Several brethren were then proposed for ballot at the next meeting, and the chapter was closed in harmony. After passing a resolution of extreme regret at the absence of Gen. Doherty, 33°, Inspector General of the district, through illness, and a fervent hope that he would be speedily restored to his usual health and spirits, a P.M. W.S. jewel was presented to Capt. A. Thrale Perkins, 32°, in recognition of his services as M.W.S. for the past year. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head, when a very pleasant evening was spent, and Bro. H. J. Groves in his usual manner provided the harmony.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).—The members of this section of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when Em. Sir Knight R. Brown, M.P.S. occupied the throne, surrounded by a full complement of officers. Bro. W. Vines, W.M. 1299, was duly exalted by the M.P.S., assisted by Em. Sir Knight Clark, Past P.S. All below the rank of Enthroned Sovereigns then retired, and Sir Knight John Capell's enthronement as M.P.S. was efficiently performed by Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellert Smith, Dep. Int. General. The officers invested were Sir Knights Joseph Bell, V.E.; J. Thomson, S.G.; H. Burrows, J.G.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer (Freemason), who has held the office since the

consecration of the conclave; R. Young, Prelate; W. P. Vines, Recorder; J. McWean, S.P.; T. Roberts, J.P.; L. Courtenay, Orator; Archdeacon, H. R. Pearson, S.B.; J. R. Goepel, P.S., D.C.; P. Ball, Sentinel. Sir Knight the Rev. Dr. Hyde was present as a visitor. A sumptuous repast followed the business. Eight Sir Knights took the order of St. Lawrence, and two guineas were handed over to the funds of the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

On Wednesday evening the quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden at Freemasons' Hall.

Dr. R. Hamilton presided as M.E.Z.; Col. Burdett as H.; and Comp. S. Rawson as J. Among the other companions present were Col. Creaton, as S.E.; Capt. N. Phillips, S.N.; Peter de Lande Long, P.S. James Glaisher, as 1st A.S.; Robert Grey, 2nd A.S.; A. J. D. Filer, Robinson, F. Adlard, Hyde Pullen, J. C. Parkinson, Thomas Fenn, Benjamin Head, Capt. Platt, Andrew Holman, P.G.S.B.; R. T. Elsam, Z., 185; J. McDougall, H. 913; C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z. 177, &c.; John Cauham, H. 22; Edward Cox, P.Z. 360; R. Loveland-Loveland, Z. 257; Henry Reed, P.Z. 180; C. Burmeister, Z. 538; W. Stephens, Z. 865; E. Driver, H. 742; H. C. Levander, P.Z. 720; Dr. Ramsay, Z. 877; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason); and J. R. Kerr, P.G.J., G.C. of Canada. There were also several other Principals of chapters present.

After Grand Chapter had been opened, the warrants recommended by Grand Chapter Committee to be granted were granted.

The granting of the charter for the Wanderers' Chapter raised considerable discussion, some companions holding that as Grand Chapter had a rule that no charter should be granted to a lodge which had not been three years in existence, the rule ought not to be relaxed in favour of this lodge, which, though a military lodge, had only been in existence fourteen months. In the end the companions resolved not to grant the charter.

A motion, of which Comp. John Mason had given notice, was not proceeded with, because Comp. E. J. McIntyre was on the South Wales circuit, and Comp. John Mason was too ill to attend.

The next business was the voting 100 guineas for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick.

Col. Creaton said that all the companions were familiar with the circumstances attending the late lamentable fire at St. John, in New Brunswick, and he should, therefore, in a very concise form, place them before the companions. There were 375 acres consumed and 7000 families were burnt out, making about 20,000 people houseless; the value of the property destroyed was about 13,000,000 dollars, of which only about one-fifth was covered by insurance. With this simple statement he thought he might at once put the motion—"That the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the funds of Grand Chapter for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick. He was sure it would be a great boon to those sufferers, and, at the same time, a very graceful act.

Comp. S. Rawson, acting J., seconded the motion, and added that the amount should be sent to Grand Lodge of Quebec for distribution, as they were best able to appropriate the amount.

Comp. Thomas Fenn, objected to this, as there was no reference to Freemasonry in the matter. He would propose that it be paid to the general fund.

Comp. Creaton said he presumed this would be the Mansion House Fund.

Comp. Rawson consented to this, and the motion was carried without a dissentient voice.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The ninth annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 1st inst., the R.W. Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, G.S.W., in the chair, supported by the following, including, as will be seen, some guests not belonging to the Craft:

R. W. Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; V.W. Rev. F. W. Thoys, G. Chap.; Fredk. Davison, G. Treas.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec.; Thos. Meggy, P.M. Macdonald Lodge, P.G.M.O.; W. Bros. Berridge, P.M. Macdonald, G.D.C.; S. Rosenthal, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, P.G.M.O.; J. H. Wynne, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, P.G.I.G.; Bro. J. H. Spencer, W.M. Southwark 22, P.G.I.G.; J. S. Funkenstein, P.G. Steward; Alfred Williams, P.M. Macdonald, G.D.C.; Richard Boggett, W.M. Humber; P. S. Robinson, Humber, 182; A. Middleton, P. G. Steward Lancashire; Geo. Higgins, P.G.W. North Wales and Cheshire; H. R. Cooper Smith, Carnarvon Lodge; Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Henry Berridge, T. J. Pulley, J.W. Aldershot Military Lodge, Henry Wm. Binckes, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, G.A.S.

There were also many ladies, it being one of the principles of the Mark Masons in holding their festivals to arrange that ladies add to the lustre of their banquet table.

The banquet was served in admirable style by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the lessees of the Alexandra Palace. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, the vocalists being Mad. Thaddeus Wells; Mad. Alice Barnett; Bro. Frank Elmore; and Mr. Horscroft; and the instrumentalist, Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Organist, Middlesex.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the Chairman rose and said, Ladies and Brethren, in introducing the toast

list to you to night, I should just like, before I begin it, to state what the nature of the toast is. There are some toasts which are usual on all occasions like the present, and there are others which are of special importance, and though I have no doubt they will all be received by you with pleasure, there are some—especially the toast of the evening—which will demand more attention than the rest. We must not forget that there are such things as trains, which wait for no man, nor must we overlook the new class of men that has sprung up—the obstructives—and I assure you though I have some Irish blood in my veins, I have no wish to be classed with the Irish obstructives, and therefore I should not waste time over the toast list. With these few observations, I give you the first toast "The Queen and Mark Masonry."

The Chairman:—Brethren, the second toast is "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." And I see on my toast list that the name of one member is particularly referred to, namely, Prince Leopold. I feel very much honored in proposing this toast, and the mention of Prince Leopold's name is very agreeable to me, because I and another brother Mason lately vacated offices which were afterwards held by Prince Leopold, and his illustrious brother; and we feel honoured that offices held by us are considered not unworthy of these illustrious brethren.

The Chairman:—It is only a few weeks ago that I had to propose this toast that I am about to give you. I proposed it after very valuable advice I received from the very worshipful brother sitting opposite (Bro. Binckes), together with information upon what I may call the statistics of the Mark Degree, which enabled me to put before the party assembled the very satisfactory effect of having occupied the Grand Master's chair. I reminded the company assembled of the effect I refer to, namely, that there were a great many Mark Grand Masters alive. We were only a lot of men sitting round that table, and I now repeat it for the benefit of the ladies. It is a very curious fact that we have seven Grand Masters alive, and, I believe, well, for it is so short a time since, that it is very unlikely anything has happened to them. I state it with a view to encourage them to think that if they could in any way persuade those with whom they have influence to become Mark Masons, they might be doing a very good action. There are the Earl of Limerick, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Leigh, Lord Holmesdale, Bro. Portal, Bro. Beach, and Bro. Lord Percy. Brethren, I give you "The Grand Masters, Past and Present."

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres:—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I confess that it is a great pleasure for me to rise and be able to say "Ladies" as well as "Brethren." We have not quite reached the position of America, where the ladies are Masons, and where they have lodges of lady Masons. Though we cannot say "Sisters" it is a great pleasure to say "Ladies," and I trust that the ladies will confess that the ladies are treated better by Mark Masons than by Masons in general. The last festival I attended was in Freemasons' Hall, where the ladies viewed the dinner from a gallery. Here, however, we have had them amongst us, and I am sure we have all enjoyed our dinner the better for their society. The toast committed to my hands, [I presume, because all present are Grand Officers, or Past Grand Officers,] is the Health of Lord Sk. Imerdale, and all the Grand Officers Past and Present." We have heard that there is something very conducive to health, in the Grand Mastership of Mark Masons, and there appears to be every probability of our numbers increasing very rapidly. I confess, as a Mark Mason, I do think our Craft is not recognised as it should be; I do think that Masons in general are apt to look down on Mark Masonry; are apt to look upon us coldly. However gentlemen, without prolonging the time, I will at once give you "The Health of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupled with the name of Bro. Matier.

Bro. Matier:—Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, ladies and brethren, for the last six years, my name has had the honor of being coupled with the toast proposed. It is always with a very large amount of diffidence that I rise to respond to it, there being great number of brethren who could respond to it much better. Suffice it to say of the Grand Officers, that I believe, I and they have done our best. As Deputy Grand Master, we have had Lord Skelmersdale. In addition to this post he occupies the office of Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Lancashire, the largest province in Mark Masonry. The other Grand Officers it would ill become me to speak of, seeing that you sir, are the chief of them for the present year; and that the Past Grand Officers have done their duty, I think this meeting amply shows. Bro. Matier concluded by reminding the Chairman, that in proposing the health of the Royal Family, he had omitted to call attention also to the Duke of Connaught, who also belonged to the Mark Degree, adding that he obtained it in Ireland, where he would shortly be made Prior.

Major Barlow:—Ladies, brethren and friends, I have now to propose a toast, and I am perfectly sure that you will anticipate what that toast is; I allude to our worthy chairman who has presided over us this evening, (loud and continued applause). After that reception it will not require much more for me to say, except that the G.S.W. of the Mark Degree, has presided over us; and I also have very great pleasure in stating to the brethren connected with the Mark Degree that this has been the most successful collection we have had; with that process the influence of the Chairman has much to do. It is so with all charities, and we know that it is so. The song which is to follow is rather appropriate, because as we have always a fresh president every year, and we are now to hear a song of "The love who has sailed away," which, I think, is rather appropriate. Without further preface I beg to propose "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W. of England,

long life, and prosperity to him. I only wish to add that I trust I may live to see him occupy the position of G.M. in the Mark Degree.

The Chairman:—Ladies, brethren, and gentlemen, I do not know quite what to respond to this toast. I think I may say that the song has been very impressive, and calculated to carry one away. My invitation to take this position this evening was rather sudden, and the notice somewhat short, but these sudden pleasures are always the greater. The position I occupy to night I shall look back to with pleasure and pride. I have heard a rumour that there is a lot of money flying about. I hope it is true; it will be a happy recollection for me, with these words I will ask you to accept my very heartfelt thanks for the way in which you have received my name, and I will now proceed to the more important matter of the toast of the evening, "The Mark Masonic Benevolent Fund." Well, you will expect me to go a little into the history of the fund. It is now nine years, and I think we may say that steadily—for nine years measures the age—the prosperity of the fund has been on the increase. There is one feature connected with the fund, which to me individually is one of very good omen; and that is that the fund is not connected with the Freemasonry of this country alone. In giving relief we have gone beyond the channel, and have also assisted brethren in Scotland and Ireland, and this was done in what I may call the struggling days of the fund; in these struggling days the effort was made, and the effort has now met with its reward. Whenever a pressing emergency did arise there has been no stinginess, but substantial aid has been forthcoming. In the past year three large grants were made from the fund. As far as the fund itself is concerned it has reached a point where its prosperity is assured. Now, however, I want to think of those to whom the prosperity of the fund is due. There are two names in particular. One is Bro. Meggy, whose exertions have been very great, and participating with him is Bro. Binckes, and to these two are mainly due the success of this fund. I am told, apropos of this particular matter, of a school in contemplation in connection with this fund when it reaches a certain state of prosperity—that there will be a school for the children of Mark Master Masons, assisted by their own particular fund. And I should like to express the wish before we sit down that some progress may speedily be made in it. When we are dealing with any particular fund the object is generally a charitable object, and if we can assist what extends over a very large section of the Craft by means of this fund without restricting the objects of the charity or hurting ourselves,—what I mean is if we keep ourselves within the four corners of the intentions of the fund, we need not be perfectly exclusive, and we can be helping others. With these words I conclude, and have said them with the wish for the prosperity of the institution and with very keen appreciation of its success.

Bro. Meggy, in returning thanks, stated that during the last nine years twenty-four families had received substantial assistance from the fund; and latterly the generosity of the brethren had enabled them to increase the amounts they could give, so that sums of £20, £25, or £30 were given when occasion arose. It was satisfactory also to say that they had £600 at present invested.

Bro. Binckes, Grand Sec., also returned thanks, and stated that the present year's was by a very considerable sum the largest amount collected at any festival of the Mark Degree, and after some earnest appeals on behalf of the school, called upon the Assistant Sec. (Bro. H. W. Binckes), to announce the amounts of the Stewards' lists, which were as follows, giving a total of £232 2s.

Wm. Barfoot, Simon de Montfort Lodge	£194	0	0
Rev. F. W. Thoyses	26	0	0
C. W. Wyndham	20	1	0
J. C. Podevin, Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, 152	10	10	0
J. H. Spencer, Southwark Lodge, 22	9	18	6
J. D. Moore, Moore Lodge, 146	10	17	6
Richard Boggett, Humber Lodge, 182	30	15	0
Arthur Middleton, St. Andrew's Lodge, 34	11	11	0
H. Cooper Smith, Carnarvon Lodge, 7	14	14	0
Alfred Williams, Macdonald Lodge, 104	11	11	0
G. Higgins, Cheshire and N. Wales	29	8	0
Major G. Barlow, Studholme Lodge 197	5	5	0
John Wordsworth	5	5	0
S. Rosenthal	3	6	0
F. Binckes, Aldershot Military Lodge 54	27	5	0
F. M. Tindall, R. Arnison, C. H. Perrot, Britannia Lodge 53	15	15	0

Total.....£232 2 0

Bro. Frederic Davison proposed "The Health of the Board of Stewards," coupling with it the name of Bro. Boggett, who had collected the largest amount.

Bro. Boggett having returned thanks, Bro. Meggy proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which (with the Chairman's concurrence) he called the toast of the evening, as the ladies were the most important feature in securing the success of these festivals, and he trusted that those who came would use their influence to bring their friends another time. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Cooper Smith, who briefly returned thanks.

The musical arrangements were very complete, and the efforts of the artistes pleasantly filled the intervals between the speeches. We may congratulate Bro. Binckes on the admirable arrangements, which secured so pleasant an evening.

The total receipts from the revenue into the National Exchequer from the 1st April to the 14th inst. were £21,805,837. In the corresponding period of last year they were £21,442,931. The expenditure was £26,644,677, against £26,521,291 last year. The balance in the Bank of England on Saturday was £1,132,430, and in the Bank of Ireland £532,405.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The meeting suggested by our correspondent, "P.M., P.Z.," in his letter, published in our columns last week, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on the evening of Monday last.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Dr. Pinder, G. H. N. Bridges, N. B. Headon, M. S. Larham, T. L. Green, E. Moody, E. Clark, S. Drysdale, H. Garrod, James Stevens, and W. Ramsey.

Although the gathering might fairly be considered sufficiently representative, it was not, however, so large as the circumstances of the case had led us to expect it might be, and it was soon discovered that the large hall would not be required for the purpose of the meeting. The dining hall was therefore thrown open, and this was very sufficiently filled by members of the Craft, shareholders in the Company, or otherwise.

Bro. James Stevens was nominated as chairman, but, stating that he was the writer of the letter which had led to the meeting, declined that position, and Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, was requested to preside.

The Chairman, after briefly explaining that the gathering together of the brethren on this occasion was more for the purpose of consultation on the position of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, and the risk of the building being purchased for, and devoted to other purposes, than for the purpose of passing resolutions condemnatory or otherwise on past proceedings in relation thereto, hoping that the subject would be approached by each speaker in a proper Masonic spirit, and, as far as possible, free from personality or bias. A cool, calm consideration was necessary, and that could not be given if feeling was to be strongly displayed. The meeting was not formed, or held, under authority. It was more as a committee of interested persons than as a body of men capable of deciding upon action, and of carrying that action to a practical result. He called upon Bro. Stevens to read the letter published in the Masonic paper, and this was done.

From this point a lengthy discussion ensued, the details of which we consider it quite unnecessary to report. Freemasons have natural feelings and impulses, and it was not to be wondered at that the narration of certain past proceedings should have occasioned indignant remarks, which, although each speaker endeavoured to avoid personality, could not fail to be unacceptable to some individuals. However, all who desired to speak were listened to with attention, and many propositions were put forward with a view to remedy the past.

A Director endeavoured to explain away some of the extraordinary proceedings which were attributed to the Board, but failed to do so. Indignation was expressed that the shareholders had not been called together prior to the announcement of the sale by auction under foreclosure by the Mortgagees.

Sympathy for the builder, Bro. J. Oliver, whose unpaid balance for the erection of the buildings amounted to nearly £4,000 was generally expressed, and the tone of the meeting subsequently became that of a general desire to see him saved from so great a loss. Nothing however, resulted of a practical nature, as so little time remained for carrying out any of the suggestions made, and after two hours debate the brethren separated, very doubtful indeed as to the issue of the morrow's public sale of the building.

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

On Thursday week the Provincial Grand Lodge of the South Eastern District, met in the Masonic Hall, The Mall, Waterford. Never was there a larger meeting of the members of the Order held in the city. The large Lodge-room was well filled by brethren from the remotest parts of the district, and visitors from the Drogheda and Poonah Lodges. In addition to its being the quarterly communication, the members of the Craft assembled in great numbers, to show their regard and respect for their new R.W. P.G.M. Brother Stephen Moore, M.P., whom his Grace the Duke of Abercorn has appointed to that high dignity. They also were anxious to show the high estimation in which his predecessor, Sir John Keene, was held, and to express their gratitude for the genial rule he held over them from the formation of this Masonic Province, and also to testify their regret for Brother Denny, who has been his Deputy. After the R.W. P.G.M. was installed, he appointed Brother Goff, P.P.G. Treasurer, to be his deputy. The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the next year were then elected in the following order:—D. A. Milward, (5), P.G.S.W.; W. H. Constable (44), P.G.J.W.; T. Swan (116), P.G.S.D.; H. Waugh (32), P.G.J.D.; J. Sunderland (32), P.G.I.G.; J. E. Murphy (5), P.G. Treasurer; Rev. J. DeRenzy (297), P.G. Secretary and Chaplain; C. Fennell (44), and R. Walley (32), P.G. Stewards; J. Moreland (297), P.G. Organist.

Having transacted all business coming before it, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment rooms, where a sumptuous entertainment was provided under the banner of No. 5 Lodge, catered in the best style by Sergeant Tiffin, when the new P.G.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and as is done at all Masonic banquets, there was a collection made for the relief of the distressed members of the Order. The brethren separated at an early hour in "peace, love, and harmony."

Much credit is due to the Secretary Bro. Murphy, for the admirable manner in which he arranged for the banquet and meeting.

Bro. Col. Craton's proposition that be voted 100 guineas toward the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John's, New Brunswick, was we are happy to record carried unanimously at Grand Chapter on Wednesday.

ANOTHER PROPOSED NEW MASONIC HALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The proposal to build a new Masonic Hall at Kirkdale, situated at the north end of Liverpool, has been for some time under consideration in the Walton Lodge, 1086, and to this lodge certainly belongs the credit of being pioneer in the movement. The result is that a company has been formed and the building already commenced. The proprietary and directorate are strictly confined to Masons, in order to avoid any clashing of interest in the management of affairs. The new hall, to be called the "Skelmersdale Hall," will be situated in Westminster-road, at the corner of Kirkstall-street. The building will have a handsome brick front and side elevation, and the upper part is to be exclusively reserved for Masonic work, and will be fitted with every convenience, the lodge-room being about 50 feet by 27 feet. The lower part will be principally taken up by the dining rooms, which will also be available for public meetings, &c., while the basement will contain kitchens and heating apparatus. The brethren have taken a large number of shares, and it is hoped that the building will be finished in time for the new year installation. It is believed that the Prince of Wales Lodge, the Walton Chapter and the Walton Mark Lodge, &c., will transfer their meetings to the hall, and it is hoped that the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, will consent to open the building with Masonic honours. The architect is Mr. John Wells, and the contractors Messrs. R. Wells and Sons.

THE FIRE IN ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Masonic fraternity occupied the front portion of the upper story of Ritchie's-building, Princess-street, where there were two lodge rooms and several ante-rooms; whilst the encampments of Knights Templars and the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite had their ante-rooms, armouries, &c., on the storey below. For nearly twenty-one years this building was the head quarters of Freemasonry in New Brunswick, the Craft having previously held their meetings in Marshall's Building, corner of Princess and Charlotte-streets, which also fell a victim to the fire. On September 24th, 1856, the late Grand Master Keith, of Halifax, then Prov. Grand Master of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, dedicated the hall to Freemasonry, there being a Masonic procession, service at Trinity Church, at which the Rev. Jerome Alley preached the dedication sermon, a Masonic dinner and ball in the evening. The late Alex. Balloch was Mr. Keith's Deputy for New Brunswick, but the old hall now in ashes witnessed the formal constitution of the Prov. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with Mr. Balloch as Prov. Grand Master, the installation of his successor, Robt. T. Clench, and finally the constitution of the Grand Lodge. The walls of the room were adorned with the warrants of the different bodies that met in the hall—some of them dating back to the early days of the present century, that of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, whose origin goes back to 1802, being the oldest—with choice engravings and paintings, including many Masonic pictures of interest, an oil painting of the Ascension of considerable merit, a portrait of the late Bro. Balloch, and Bro. Furlong's gift to the Grand Lodge of the "Prince of Wales in his Masonic clothing." To everything that hung on the walls some special interest attached. One bore the signature of some eminent man, another commemorated some great event, another was the work of a departed brother, another recalled struggles and trials of which nothing now but happy memories survived. Each body had its own silver jewels, banners, furniture, regalia, and cabinets. In the armoury of the Encampment of St. John of Knights Templars was probably the finest set of uniforms in Canada, and the loss falls not only on the organisation itself, but on individual members, whose private property was there. The Union De Molay Encampment also had a large lot of fine regalia. Albion Lodge had, among other treasures, one set of silver jewels, the gift of the late Asst.-Commissary General, Oliver Goldsmith, a descendant of the poet. Indeed, it would not do to undertake to recount the treasures which the Masonic bodies possessed—all are swept away. Not a thing in the room was saved, and no amount of money can replace the losses.

The bodies burnt out were:—Albion Lodge, St. John Lodge, Hibernia Lodge, Union Lodge of Portland, New Brunswick Lodge, Leinster Lodge, Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, St. John's Council Royal and Select Masters, New Brunswick Council Royal and Select Masters, Moore Conclave Knights R.C. of Rome and Constantine, Encampment of St. John, Knights Templars, Union De Molay Encampment, Knights Templars, Harington Lodge of Perfection, A. and A. Rite, Harington Chapter Rose Croix A. and A. Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, New Brunswick Consistory S.P.R.S. 32°.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is also a heavy loser, though it had very little property in the Masonic Hall buildings. Its library and valuables were chiefly kept in the room of the Grand Secretary, W. F. Bunting, Esq., in the City Buildings. All of the books, and there were many rare and curious ones, are destroyed. Indeed, so complete was the destruction that not even was a copy of proceedings of Grand Lodge to be found. A portion of the regalia was preserved. This is but a drop of water however, from an ocean of waste.—*St. John Globe.*

It has been decided to present the Mayor of Manchester with a gold key on the occasion of the opening of the new Town Hall, and a special design has been prepared and approved by a committee. The top will be of solid gold, pierced and richly enamelled, with the city arms on one side and the arms of the Mayor on the other.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM PITT LELEIOHOKU.

The following Masonic Addresses to His Majesty on the death of H.R.H. Prince William Pitt Leleiohoku, heir-apparent to the throne of the Kingdom of Hawaii, and brother to King Kalakaua, will be read with interest by our readers. We are indebted to Bro. John J. Taylor, J.W. 121, Penzance, for the transcripts, who kindly forwarded them per W. Bro. W. Hughan, P.S.G.D., &c.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Universi Terrarum Orbis Architectonis Summi ad
Gloriam."

From the Orient of Kamehameha Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, in the city of Honolulu, Kingdom of Hawaii, under the celestial of that zenith, which answers unto 21° 18' north latitude.

It having pleased the Supreme Grand Master and Great Architect of the Universe, in the decrees of his inscrutable wisdom to summon from an earthly to the Celestial Lodge the spirit of our beloved Brother William Pitt Leleiohoku, one whose youth, devotion to the sublime principles of Freemasonry, and marked abilities gave rare promise of a career of future usefulness to his country, therefore,

Resolved, That while in the decease of our lamented brother, this lodge has sustained an irreparable loss, we bow with reverence and submission to the will of God.

Resolved, That we tender our most sincere and respectful condolence to our exalted Brother Kalakaua, to the Royal Sisters of the deceased Prince, and to Her Highness his adopted mother, in their sad bereavement, and we earnestly pray and confidently believe, that God himself will give them "the oil of joy for mourning, and a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

Committee. { Ph. Opfergelt.
H. L. Sheldon.
C. S. Bartow.

Honolulu, April, 24, 1877.

Sire and Brother Sir Knight,—We find it written in the "Great Light of Masonry" that "it is appointed for all men once to die," and the great leveller Death knocks at the door of a Prince's Palace, as well as at the cottage of the peasant, and although we have the consolation of religion to console us in the hour of trial, still when the summons comes for one in the pride of manhood, and with every prospect of a long and prosperous career before him, and eventually to a seat on the Throne which you now so worthily fill, the blow falls with crushing force; and we, the members of Honolulu Commandery, No. 1, of Knights Templar, feel that the Masonic chain which bound us together has been severed, ere yet the link which bound your Royal brother to us had become dimmed in its Masonic lustre, and that that link will only be re-united when we assemble before the Supreme Grand Commander.

But, to you, Sire, your sisters, his mother by adoption, and your brothers-in-law, we tender you on behalf of our Commandery that sympathy which Sir Knights should bear to each other in their afflictions.

We are, Sire,

Faternally and respectfully,

D. K. Fyfe,
Wm. G. Irwin,
L. B. Peterson,
Geo. Williams. } Committee.

Hall of Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M.

Honolulu, May 9th, 1877.

Sire:—It was with the deepest feelings of grief that the Members of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, learned of the death of their brother W. P. Leleiohoku, on the 10th of April last.

The Lodge desires to express to your Majesty, and to the Royal Family, their sympathy with you all, in this your great bereavement, and to assure you, that they feel very severely the loss of their brother, who had in his short Masonic intercourse with the Lodge, made himself respected and loved.

Sire, in times of grief and trouble, human sympathy and condolence avails but little to soften the blow, but the little the Lodge can offer you and your family of sympathy, they do fully and feelingly.

As a brother Mason you know full well, the brotherly feeling one Mason should have for another; we can assure you that this Lodge, had the full Masonic feeling for your brother; they feel, that in his early death, not only his family, but the whole nation have met with a great loss.

With the renewed expression of the Lodge's sympathy, and condolence to your Majesty and the Royal Family.

We have the honor to be your Majesty's most obedient servants,

Committee { W. F. Allen, P.M.
M. Louisson,
Chas. T. Gulick.

To His Majesty, Kalakaua.

THE LATE BRO. HENRY NEWMAN.

The Masonic fraternity in Liverpool have once more been called on to mourn the loss of a brother whose praise was deservedly in all the lodges for geniality, generosity, and nobility of character. Bro. Henry Newman, who for a long time was a worthy member of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, after a brief illness, died at his residence, "Binfield," Park-lane, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 19th ult. Deceased was formerly connected with the volunteer service, and identified with a number of local charitable institutions and public bodies. He was universally esteemed by an extensive circle of friends in and around Liverpool, and the large gathering at his funeral, which

took place at Holy Trinity Church, Wavertree, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., where the body was interred in a new family vault, showed how deep and general was the respect for his memory and how great the regret for his loss. The attendance comprised representatives of nearly every class, amongst the number being several well-known Masonic brethren. At the deceased's late residence a short service was conducted by the Rev. P. T. Forfar, minister of Oldham-street Scotch Church, an intimate friend of the family; and the body was afterwards removed to the place of interment. The relatives of the deceased present were Masters Henry, Thomas, and William Newman (sons of the deceased), and his brothers, Bro. Captain W. J. Newman, 80th L.R.V., and Mr. Arthur Newman (who has been associated with him in business as a dentist for about 18 years). Amongst those present at the funeral were Captain R. E. Stewart, Major Robinson, Captain Bradley, Captain and Adjutant Bloomfield, Bros. Councillors G. Peet, G. Fowler, and D. Campbell, Bro. Dr. Kisch, Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, the Rev. P. T. Forfar, Messrs J. Hood, G. Hunter, J. Moulding, Bros. Joseph Wood, (*Freemason*), R. R. Martin, C. Campion, J. S. Macbeth, S. Campbell, C. Dvall, C. Powell, H. Lawson, R. Bennett, A. Ralph W. Chapple, T. Langstraw, C. Stewart, W. Peet, Bro. H. Crowther, Bro. W. Gamble, J. Milner, Wilson, J. Winkle, C. Wells, Durandu, R. Compton, Pealing, Fraser, Jones, C. Wignall, W. Ring, N. Ring, &c. The funeral service in the church and at the grave was conducted by the Rev. R. Irvine, curate of St. Mary's, Wavertree. Mr. J. J. Monk, was the Organist, and played the "Dead March" in "Saul" as the body was taken into and removed from the church. The solemn funeral service was partly choral, the choristers being Bros. T. Armstrong, P. G. Treasurer, T. J. Hughes, H. C. Harrison, Hogarth, Hughes, jun., and three boys. The 39th Psalm was sung to Felton's chant, and the hymn "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," formed the closing portion of the church service. The responses and the hymn "Jesus Lives" were also sung at the side of the grave by the same choristers. Messrs. J. and W. Okill, Wavertree, were the undertakers. The deceased was for some time a member of the Toxteth board of guardians and of the Toxteth local board. He was also honorary dentist to the Orphan Boys' and Infants' Asylums, Myrtle-street; the Stanley Hospital, Bootle Hospital, the Indefatigable Training Ship, and the Seamen's Orphanage. He was also a member of the Temple Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1094, in which he was greatly esteemed; and he was probably instrumental in creating a larger number of life-governors for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, by his benevolent efforts, than any other brother in the province. The deceased formerly held a captaincy in the 1st L.E.V., and in 1869 he was presented with an illuminated address and sword by the members of his company (E), and with another address by the general corps on his retirement in 1871.

BRO. GEORGE WARD HUNT.

It is with much regret we announce the death of Bro. Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty. The announcement has caused considerable surprise, coming as it did so closely upon more favourable news, which had led us to expect his early return to the Admiralty in order to resume his official duties. But the hopes of his friends have experienced a sad and unexpected blow. Early on Sunday morning a telegram was dispatched from Homburg urgently requesting the presence of his son, and shortly afterwards a telegram reached the Admiralty asking the authorities not to forward any more official documents, as the right hon. gentleman would for the present be unable to give them his attention. Later on came another telegram announcing that he had expired at half-past ten o'clock.

Bro. George Ward Hunt was the only surviving son of the late Rev. George Hunt, of Buckhurst, Berkshire, and Wadenhoe House, Oundle, Northamptonshire. He was born at Buckhurst on the 30th of July, 1825, and was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A., second in Classics, in 1848, and M. A. in 1851. In the year 1870 he was made an honorary D.C.L. by his university. He married, in 1857, Alice, the third daughter of the Right Rev. Robert Erwin, Bishop of Moray and Ross. He was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in November, 1851, and for a short time went the Oxford circuit, but he relinquished practice before he entered Parliament. In 1873 he was made a bencher of his inn, and amongst other appointments he was one of the Royal Commissioners for Inquiring into the Constitution of the Law Courts.

Bro. Hunt first entered Parliament in 1857 as the Conservative candidate for the borough of Northampton, and during his service was extremely popular, his manly, frank nature gaining him the friendship even of his political opponents.

The Lord Mayor announced that in consequence of the lamented decease of the First Lord of the Admiralty, the banquet to her Majesty's Ministers fixed for Wednesday last, would not be held.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, at Homburg. Col. Gardiner represented the Queen. All the English and American residents and visitors attended, including Bishop Macdougall and Bishop Masters, Archdeacon Hopper, and Archdeacon Huxtable, Lord Tweeddale, Lord Waterford, the Earl of Warwick, Lord Forester, and Lord Farnham, Admiral Sir John Drummond and Admiral Wiles, General Sir Richard Wilbraham, General Green, and General Wilkinson, Mr. Trelawney, Mr. Miles, Mr. Wedderburn, the British Consul, and many others, more than 100 in number. The Vivid, Staff-Commander Wise, which conveyed the late First Lord of the Admiralty and family to Cologne, arrived at Portsmouth on Tuesday, from Devonport, and proceeded to Antwerp for the purpose of embarking Mrs. Ward Hunt and relatives,

but is detained at Cologne owing to the illness of Mrs. Hunt, caused by excessive grief.

BRO. JOHN EMMENS, P.M., &c.

It is also our melancholy duty to record the death of Bro. J. Emmens, a well-known and much esteemed brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172. His funeral takes place on Friday, the 3rd inst. The brethren of the Old Concord will assemble at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, at 11.30 a.m., leaving that establishment at 12.30 p.m. for Brompton cemetery, which they expect to reach at 1.30. White kid gloves and ties will be worn, and a sprig of accacia carried by each brother. An account of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons Hall, on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock precisely, at which meeting Bro. Col. Creton will move, "That the Building Committee be authorized to expend the sum of £2500 in the purchase of a plot of land adjoining the premises of the Institution at St. John's Hill."

The Masons of the English and other lodges of Smyrna, on the invitation of Bro. Stab, P.M. of the Homer, have contributed £50 for the benefit of the Turkish wounded.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, accompanied by the Duchess, left town on Wednesday last, on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, at Mount-Edgcombe, Plymouth.

The consecration of the Chapter of United Strength, No. 228, took place on Tuesday last at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The principal officers installed were Comps. J. Terry, Z.; John Winsland, H.; and Robert Griggs, J.; The ceremonies were performed by Comp. H. Muggerridge, P.G.S. Br. All the founders are members of the mother lodge. A full report will appear in our next.

The *Whitehall Review* understands that the office of Sub-Prior of the Order of the Temple, vacant by the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, will probably be conferred by the Grand Prior upon the Earl of Carnarvon. It was hoped that Prince Leopold would have accepted the office, but the state of his health will not allow him to undertake any additional Masonic duties.

The *Daily News* states that the Masonic lodge of Perigueux has been dissolved. The offence lay in some of the brethren saying that Freemasonry was the most fraternal, rational, and, in its essence, Christian religion in the world. I believe this view is not confined to the Masons of Perigord.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to take under her patronage the Westminster Training School and Home for Nurses, 8, Broad Sanctuary, founded in 1874 by Lady Augusta Stanley, has sent a donation of £100 in aid of its funds.

Princess Louise (Marchioness) and the Marquis of Lorne left Kensington Palace on Tuesday morning for Germany.

Among the soldiers who left for Malta on board the Crocodile on Friday evening, July 27th, was a man who had enlisted in the 2nd battalion of the 13th Light Infantry under an assumed name, but who is now discovered to be really named Burke, and to be heir to an estate in Chancery worth £70,000. A solicitor arrived at Portsmouth shortly before the departure of the troop-ship, and acquainted the lucky fellow with the change in his fortune, but there was no time to complete the formalities necessary for his discharge.—*Standard*.

The marriage of the Lady Mayoress (Miss White) and Mr. Cecil Price is to be solemnised on Thursday next, in St. Paul's Cathedral, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishop of Ely and Canon Liddon. It is expected that the Bishop of London will also be present. The service will be choral. It is stated that it is nearly 120 years since a marriage was celebrated at St. Paul's.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—All Advertisements intended for insertion in our next issue should reach the Advertisement Office, 108, Fleet-street, E.C., by 12 o'clock noon on Wednesdays, and all communications respecting the same must be addressed to THE PUBLISHER.

The Lord Chancellor has offered the vicarage of Sheffield to the Rev. Canon Blakeney, vicar of St. Paul's, Sheffield. The *Sheffield Telegraph* mentions that should the Rev. Canon accept the vicarage of Sheffield, the next presentation to the vicarage of St. Paul's rests with himself.

The directors of the Midland Railway Company have decided to recommend to the proprietors the payment of a dividend on the ordinary stock for the past half-year at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum.

It is in contemplation to erect a statue of Bro. Alderman Walker, Mayor of Liverpool, in commemoration of his gift of an art gallery to the town.

A meeting of the Urban Literary Club was held on Tuesday week, at St. John's Gate, Bro. S. S. Bacca taking the chair.

Mr. Simmons, the acrobat, ascended from Dewsbury, on Monday, and descended at Sleaford, 100 miles distant, an hour afterwards.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Tait will leave Addington Park about the 15th inst., to pay a few visits in Ireland, and will afterwards go to Scotland or the autumn.

In nothing are men more fastidious or fanciful than in pens. What one writer would call exquisite another would deem execrable, what one would term beautiful another would consider wretched. Of course, under such circumstances, no pen, however carefully manufactured, can be expected to suit all hands, but by purchasing a sample box of Macniven and Cameron's pens, now of world-wide reputation, any writer, whatever may be his peculiar notions of a good pen, can find one to suit his hand. We have been favoured with samples of many descriptions of pen manufactured solely by this eminent and well known firm, and really feel great pleasure in recommending them to our readers. We cordially endorse the numerous favourable criticisms that these nibs have been subjected to by the Press throughout the world, and quite agree with the following now well-known lines:

"They come as a boon and a blessing to men,
The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen."

The foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall was laid at Barnard Castle, on Tuesday by the W.M. of the "Barnard" Lodge, No. 1230. The edifice will prove an ornament to Newgate, which street has of late years been considerably improved in its architecture. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Financial trouble, we are pained to learn, has overtaken our brethren in Indiana, whose Grand Lodge is embarrassed by a debt of 100,000 dollars. A joint-stock company is spoken of to save the new Masonic Temple at Indianapolis. The Temple is worth a quarter of a million of dollars.

ROMISH INTOLERANCE has been exhibited afresh in Australia, in the case of the late Bro. Maurice Reynolds, a lawyer of repute, of Parramatta. The remains of Bro. Reynolds were refused interment, with the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, because he was a Freemason. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Irish Constitution), Bro. Jackson, conducted, however, the Masonic service, and pronounced an eloquent oration at the grave. We are reminded by this incident of a like event that occurred four years ago in Australia, when the Romish priests of Sydney refused to bury the Chief Justice of Noumea, because he was a Mason, when the District Grand Chaplain, (English Constitution), Bro. Rev. Wazir Beg, M.D., LL.D., performed the last rites of the Craft at his grave. Freemasonry is not opposed to the Romish, or any other Church, but Rome is for ever at war with every liberal principle, and permits her children to have no secrets from her, and not even to do good secretly.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. R. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

A notice from the Post Office states that on and after Aug. 1st, a single post-card, or any number of post-cards—whether "stout" or "thin"—may be purchased by the public. The prices respectively will be according to the following scale, namely:—Stout cards: one, 3d.; two, 1s. 1d.; three 2d.; four, 2s. 1d.; five, 3s. 1d.; six, 4d. Thin cards: one, 3d.; two, 1s. 1d.; three, 1s. 1d.; four, 2s. 1d.; five, 3d.; six, 3s. 1d.

The *Australian Freemason*, in June entered upon its fourth year. We congratulate its Editor, Bro. Dr. Beg, upon its evident prosperity.

The *Masonic Eclectic*, of Washington, D.C., has just completed its first volume. We fraternally congratulate Bro. Ramey, primarily upon its value, and secondarily upon its beauty.

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

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS—Ever useful.—The afflicted by illness should look their diseases fully in the face and at once seek a remedy for them. A short search will convince the most sceptical that these noble medicaments have afforded ease, comfort, and oftentimes complete recovery, to the most tortured sufferers. The Ointment will cure all descriptions of sores, wounds, bad legs, sprains, eruptions, erysipelas, rheumatism, gout, and skin affections. The Pills never fail in correcting and strengthening the stomach, and in restoring a deranged liver to a wholesome condition, in rousing torpid kidneys to increase their secretion and in re-establishing the natural healthy activity of the bowels. Holloway's are the remedies for complaints of all classes of society.—ADVT.

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THE HOLIDAYS.—Brethren leaving town for the holidays can have the *Freemason* forwarded to any new address on communicating with the Publisher.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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

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

NEW POSTAL RATES.

Owing to a reduction in the Postal Rates, the publisher is now enabled to send the "*Freemason*" to the following parts abroad for One Year for Thirteen Shillings (payable in advance):—Africa, Australia, Bombay, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, China, Constantinople, Demerara, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Jamaica, Malta, Newfoundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, Suez, Trinidad, United States of America, &c.

Answers to Correspondents.

AN OLD DEVONSHIRE P.M.—Devonshire was, by a printer's error, set up for Derbyshire.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "Hebrew Leader," "L'Art," "Freemasons' Repository," "Chaine D'Union," "New York Dispatch."

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Adams, F., The Cape, (P.O.O.)	...	...	...	£1	6	0
Brown, G., U.S.A., (P.O.O.)	...	...	...	0	12	0
Francis, E., New Zealand, (P.O.O.)	...	...	...	1	4	0
Goldsmith, Panama, (P.O.O.)	...	...	...	2	0	0
Hart, W., New Zealand, (P.O.O.)	...	...	...	0	13	0
Johnson, H., U.S.A., (P.O.O.)	...	...	...	0	13	0
Morrison, J., Spain, ...	...	...	...	0	17	8
Phillips, S., The Cape, ...	...	...	...	1	6	0
Revell, W. H., New Zealand, ...	...	...	...	2	9	0
Samson, B., New York ...	...	...	...	0	12	0
W.M., Lodge of St. John, Perth ...	...	...	...	2	13	0

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

MAR. IAGES.

GORTON—TURNER.—On the 26th ult., at the parish church, Horringer, Suffolk, John Edward, son of the Ven. J. Gorton, late Archdeacon of Madras, and Rector of Kirby-la-Thorpe, Lincolnshire, to Mary Catherine, daughter of J. H. Turner, Esq.,

WYLLY—CLERK.—On the 23rd June, at St. Mark's, Bangalore, Edward A. E. Wyllly, Lieut. 8th Regt. M.N.I., to Henrietta Mary, daughter of R. Clerk, Esq.,

DEATHS.

BARNARD.—On the 26th ult., George Barnard, of Sidmouth, Devon, aged 47, deeply lamented.

DODSWORTH.—On the 26th ult., at Roseford gardens, Sheppard's-bush, Penelope Ruth, widow of G. E. Dodsworth, Lieutenant H.R.A.

EMMENS.—On the 28th ult., Bro. John Emmens, P.M. and Sec., Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, of 254, Kingsland-road, N., in his 68th year.

RADCLIFFE.—On the 30th ult., of consumption of the brain, Edward, eldest son of Bro. Dick Radcliffe, aged three years. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

WATERFIELD.—On the 18th ult., David Waterfield, of Ladbroke-grove-road, aged 45.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1877.

THE LAST MEETING OF GRAND CHAPTER.

We are glad to note that after the transaction of the usual business, and the granting of several new warrants, Grand Chapter dealt with the opportune motion of our gallant Companion Col. Creaton. All our readers are aware of the dreadful fire at St. John, and Comp. Col. Creaton proposed to vote 100 guineas towards the fund now raising for so many homeless and distressed fellow creatures. We are happy to record that the motion was unanimously agreed to, and the amount will be paid over to the Mansion House Fund. Those of us who take pleasure in Royal Arch Masonry will be gratified to observe the gradual growth of Capitular Masonry and the prosperous financial condition of Grand Chapter. We have always been among those who deeply value and admire Royal Arch Masonry, and can realize the need and importance of the Grand Chapter.

SUMMER MUSINGS.

Summer is upon us in full force, and in its glowing hours some of us may be disposed to think, (if we think at all), that the seasons pass us by very quickly. So in truth they do; but still as they neither accelerate nor decrease their speed, such as that quickness of passage is, such it has been since the Great Architect of the Universe proclaimed his glad and loving Fiat, and the grateful voice of Nature and of man echoed these thrilling and familiar words, "Behold," it is all "very good!" It has often struck us, and perhaps the same idea may have struck the minds of some of our more thoughtful readers, that there is something very wonderful in this unchangeability of the great created world of nature all around us. Years come and go, centuries disappear, ages vanish in turn, and still, summer and winter, cold and heat, day and night do not cease. Strange revolutions and wondrous events take place on this lower earth of ours, great scenes, moving epochs fraught with untold happiness or sorrow to our human race, appear and fade away one by one, but still Nature asserts its ceaseless sway, and continues its unaltered appearance. This earth of ours changes; it is true that its contour receives a sensible alteration of appearance. Dry land becomes sea; sea becomes dry land; hills subside; volcanoes cease their fiery ebullitions; towns and villages utterly disappear; and the whole face of a country or district is greatly and strikingly varied. But through all these outer changes and revolutions, the operations of nature never cease. The seed is sown, the seed is harrowed, the seed springs to life, the seed becomes the full corn in the ear; and the summer harvest is reaped at last, for the food of millions, for the contentment of all. All through these long ages and through these marvellous centuries, through peace and war, through plague and pestilence and famine, through human joy and suffering, and gladness and tears, through the long roll of living and dying men, over the graves of countless generations, all the while the beneficial and remedial processes of kindly Nature, in the good providence of Almighty God, have kept on their ceaseless round. There is no change possible, no destruction no diminution, no revolution for them. Such as Infinite Goodness and Wisdom have planned them, in Infinite Forethought, Contrivance, and Design, such they are still, such they ever will be, alike for the praise and wonder, the grateful memories, and the reverential thoughts of reflective mortals. And as Freemasons, we are bound alike, taught by our symbolic lore and our human sympathies, to regard with mingled pleasure and awe the wonderful works of nature all around us. To us, let us hope, that mighty Creation which spreads before our enraptured gaze on every side is something more than a mere piece of

extraordinary mechanism, a mere act of dreary necessitarianism, but rather a compact, astounding, living whole, witnessing, ever to us, that the Hand which made all these things and us is indeed Divine, that that outward and startling fabric of a world of ceaseless wonders is indeed permeated ever, penetrated through and through, by a Living Spirit which tells to all listening ears, and gentle minds, that all we see around us, is the benign handiwork of our Great Creator. When, then, as to day some of us may be strolling, amid childhood's pleasant voices, and fair faces, and warm hearts, by the sands of the great sea, or when we are loitering among green fields, or noting the crops of golden grain, or inhaling the scent of the heather on breezy moors, or resting neath the shades of umbrageous trees, let us call to mind reverently that in respect of these glorious and beneficent gifts of Nature we are not to treat them as idle things, of no account, but we are to value them deeply and truly. Nothing often is so consoling to the jaded heart and strained spirits of our race as the aspects of Nature, in its gentler forms or even in its more startling phasis. There is a soothing and subduing influence for all right-thinking beings in the sights and sounds of the sea waves, in the murmur of the breeze, in the tracery of the foliage, in the gleaming graces of field and forest, of hill and dale, of the goodly lochs, and the luxuriant pastures. The wise and instructed Freemason will regard these outer things gladly and gratefully, and he will look through them all as though, unequalled in themselves and imparting true joy and peace and wisdom to man, yet also bidding us, with no uncertain voice, believe, that we see and hear "voices in the babbling brooks, sermons in stones, and God in everything."

OUR GREAT HOSPITALS.

We are among those who consider our London Hospitals a source of genuine pride and satisfaction to every Englishman! For they are purely English in their conception, in their development, in their labours, and in their views. They represent equally the efforts of enlightened philanthropy and the perfection of medical science—the indubitable spirit of Christianity and the noble toils and skilful assiduity of an admirable profession. In nothing, perhaps, is true benevolence so much displayed and so rightfully employed as in the alleviation and treatment of the many maladies to which humanity is "heir to" in that kindly and unselfish ministering to the urgent and palpable sufferings of the afflicted and tormented of our fellow creatures. Our London Hospitals, founded by benevolent persons, supported by the sympathetic, are, we venture to think, Institutions concerning which all patriotic Englishmen have but one opinion, deserving, as they most surely do, the commendation and confidence of us all. Of late a theory has been started, we hardly know on what authority, certainly not, we believe, on that of the medical profession at large—namely, that "gratuitous medical relief" is a mistake altogether. At the present day, abounding with sciolists and "windbags" of every species and genus, and when men seldom reason, and hardly ever give themselves the trouble to think, no paradox is too perverse, and no proposition is too preposterous but they are sure, to find plenty of teachers and supporters. We are favoured at once with an overflow of "tall talk," of magnificent lucubrations, of dreary essays on so-called first principles. It is at once boldly assumed and dogmatically declared that all "gratuitous medical relief is vicious and vitiating per se," and without drawing on the sublime memories of the past to restrain and correct the crude ideas of the present, we are coolly and decidedly told that all "gratuitous medical relief" is condemned by the experience of the day, (the experience of the day!—God help us all!), and that in the future, hospitals are, or ought to be, "self-supporting," and the example of the United States is invoked in support of this great revolution. But as often happens, though some writers unnecessarily press the regulations of American Hospitals upon us, in proof of the

soundness of their own views, yet they always forget, in their hurry to profit by the so-called "illustration," that the London hospitals and the American hospitals have been founded under entirely different circumstances, and the same rules which apply to the latter may not perhaps equally apply to the former. We shall, however, be very greatly surprised to hear, that the "American illustration" goes very far, if it goes any way at all, as we have read accounts of noble institutions attended to by most skilled members of the medical profession in the United States, in which the principle of administration is with them, as with us, "gratuitous medical relief." But even supposing that the special circumstances of the United States might demand a different system from ours, is that any reason why we should change ours in obedience to a technical cry or a hard and fast line of an abstract proposition, which so far as appears are more tentative than practical, more suggestive than real? That it may be a good thing, and a very proper thing, to establish hospitals for those who can afford to pay for medical treatment there, and prefer to avail themselves of the services of skilled nurses and an able medical staff, is a matter for serious consideration, about which, as in all sub-lunary questions, much may be said, and will be said, on both sides of the case. But coolly and solemnly to propose that because of an admitted "abuse," (countless are the abuses of life), we are to do away at once with a great and admitted "use" is a very striking commentary on the shallowness and superficiality of the hour. We certainly are living in strange times, and have to witness curious episodes. And most distressing is it to the thoughtful mind, when the great difficulty of the hour is to steer clear, as between the excess of dogmatism and the excess of doubts—between the untenable claim of authority and the ill-omened assumptions of scepticism—to find that the more unmeaning, illogical, and unsound a proposition is, the more likely is it to commend itself to the appreciation of the impulsive, and to the acceptance of the unthinking. Hasty assertion, unfounded induction, and audacious arguments, which would have scared Aldrich, horrified Whateley, and distressed Mansel, "are apparently the order of the day just now;" and we need only take up the daily papers to find many specimens of "capital crimes" against right reasoning and common sense, which some of the "Parrots" of this, our generation, indulge in habitually for the amusement of their fellow men, and to their own evident self-satisfaction. We therefore protest, once for all, to-day against the hasty asseveration that the principle of "gratuitous medical relief" is either condemned by the experience of the "Faculty," or hurtful to true charity, or subversive of the proper and needful administration of our great and admirable hospitals. We shall recur to this subject 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.]

SHAKESPEARE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—
My name having transpired in the course of the interesting correspondence on the above subject, I should like, with your permission, to say a word touching the same. As an outsider I should have thought that had Shakespeare been a Freemason, his name, when he was initiated, would have been entered in the book or books of his lodge, and that such book or books would have been preserved. Perhaps, however, I am wrong in supposing that any books whatever are kept, in which case, of course, my suggestion is valueless. Your correspondent, Stephen C. Heath, Esq., makes, I think, a great mistake in giving scraps of quotations from the great poet to show that he was a Freemason. Shakespeare was so voluminous a writer, and touched upon almost every conceivable subject in his writings, that by thus "chopping" his sayings up, as does Mr. Heath, he could with some plausibility be made to be anything. Besides, we all have a tendency, I think, to dwell unduly upon favourite passages in the writings of great men, and tutor ourselves to believe in the end that our prejudices were shared by them. We should learn, more especially when dealing with dramatists, to distinguish between the sentiments they held and those they deemed fit, for dramatic purposes, to put into the mouths of their characters. A Roman Catholic does no violence to his conscience when he asserts that Shakespeare

was a member of his faith—he can give many quotations and bits of quotations to favour his argument; the same may be said of a Protestant, or even an Atheist. Let me deal with two or three of Mr. Heath's "hashed up" quotations, given for the purpose of proving Shakespeare was a Freemason.

1st. "Who builds stronger than a mason?"—Hamlet, A. 5, S. 2.

To a non-student of Shakespeare this would read, standing alone as Mr. Heath gives it, as though Shakespeare implied by the question thus put, as it were, defiantly, that none could build stronger than a mason, (by the way, there is no capital M to mason in the original), whereas the question, including others besides masons, is put by one gravedigger to another, and the answer, as we all know, is that the gravedigger builds stronger than any.

2nd. "The labour we delight in physics pain."—Macbeth, A. 2, S. 2.

This may or may not apply in a particular sense to Freemasonry, but I am very certain it applies with great force to all civilised men—and to women too, civilised or otherwise.

3rd. "Friends now fast sworn, whose double bosoms seem to wear one heart."—Coriolanus, A. 4, S. 4.

There is only a comma after the word "heart" not a full stop. The quotation runs thus:—

"Friends now fast sworn,
Whose double bosoms seem to wear one heart,
Whose house, whose bed, whose meal and exercise,
Are still together, who twice as 'twere, in love,
Unseparable, shall within this hour,
On a dissention of a doit, break out
To bitterest enmity."

By quoting this passage, for only in its entirety has it any sense, Mr. Heath would give outsiders to think that Freemasons are much given to "falling out" about nothing.

4th. "Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all."—Troilus and Cressida, A. 3, S. 3.

There is no stop whatever after the word "all." Here is the passage:—

"Beauty, wit,
High birth, vigour of bone, desert in service,
Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all
To envious and calumniating time."

In conclusion, whether Shakespeare was a Freemason or not, I fail to see what good can arise by straining beautiful and well beloved passages from their original meaning. Let Shakespeare be found to have been a Freemason by all means—I do not begrudge your Craft the honour, but in the discussion let there, I pray, be no "fantastic tricks" played with the writings of the great poet.

I remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully,
G. SOMERS BELLAMY.

ROLL OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Very singularly about the time that Bro. G. R. Harriott was writing his letter to you of your last issue, I was observing that such a work should be issued about every five years by the united action of the various Grand Lodges.

Bro. Leon Hyneman, now of New York, printed such a work in 1860, entitled the "World's Masonic Register: containing the name, number, location, and time of meeting of every Masonic Lodge in the World, so far as known; also, of every Chapter, Council, and Commandery in the United States and Canada; also the date of organisation; time and place of meeting of every Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery in the United States and Canada, with the Statistics of each Masonic Jurisdiction; also, the name, business, residence and Masonic affiliations, and titles of each subscriber, besides much useful and valuable Masonic information. Philadelphia. Printed for the author by J. B. Lippincott and Co. 1860." (556 well got-up pages.) I suppose it could not have paid, or would have been followed by other editions.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry I did not, until to day, see my copy of the *Freemason* of last week, that I might have, at the first opportunity, corrected the error into which your correspondent had fallen. I certainly acted as a Steward at the last festival, but it was not my good fortune to send in the grand sum your correspondent attributes to me. How the mistake can have arisen I can't tell, but I have just referred to your report of June 30th, and see that the sum of £661 10s. od. was placed to my name, instead of the modest sum of ten guineas.

I take this opportunity of correcting another mistake in connection with my name and the Boys' School. On June 16th I was reported as a winner of a life governorship by one of Bro. Constable's tickets—No. 9993—such, however, was not the case. Amongst the tickets I sold for our good Bro. Constable two drew prizes—No. 9993 was one of these, and it was purchased and held by Bro. Joseph Starkey.

I was pleased to hear of West Yorkshire's handsome contribution—£766 10s. od.—suggesting, as it does, that—

"The clouds that lowered upon our house (at Wood Green);

In the deep bosom of the ocean buried."

I am, Fraternally yours,
S. B. ELLIS.

July 27th, 1877.

THE LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

The following appeared in the Masonic columns of the *N. Y. Dispatch*—

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can somewhat corroborate the position taken by the writer of the *Keystone* article on "Free and Accepted Masons," reprinted in the *Dispatch* of June 24th. Some years ago, being anxious to learn the details of my grandfather's record as a member of Lion and Lamb Lodge, London, I wrote to W. Bro. John G. Marsh, the Secretary of that lodge, in respect thereto. In reply I received several courteous letters, and this truly fraternal brother even went so far as to search the list at Freemasons' Hall, London, and the lodge minutes books for me without charge.

My grandfather, R. W. Bro. Thomas Sotheran, P.M., and in good standing in his mother lodge for over fifty-eight years, was initiated in 1808, under the so-called "York" Constitutions, but really those of "The Ancients." The warrant of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, of which my uncle and my father were also members, was granted December 24, 1789, by the Marquis of Antrim. W. Bro. Marsh informed me that this nobleman "was Grand Master of Masons according to the Constitutions granted by H.R.H. Prince Edwin of York, A.D. 926; and when the union took place in 1813, the constitution of the York (?) Grand Lodge became united with the Grand Lodge of England, so that since that date, the warrant having been confirmed and registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England, we have continued so up to the present time." The warrant of the lodge commences in a way which cannot be misunderstood so far as the designation "Free and Accepted Masons" is concerned: "We, the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old Constitutions, granted by H.R.H. Prince Edwin of York, Anno Domini, 926, and in the year of Masonry 4926, in ample form assembled, viz.: The Rt. Worshipful and Puissant Prince Randall William McDonnell, Marquis, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunlace, Lord Lieut. of the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging to, Grand Master of Masons, &c."

The numerical position of Lion and Lamb Lodge, after the union of the Moderns and "Ancients" in 1813, was No. 325; in 1832 it was altered to No. 227, and in 1863 to 192.

So much is to be learned on the various issues involved that I would recommend those interested to study what I consider the two best works on the subject, and which cover the whole of the debatable ground from every conceivable standpoint. They are Leon Hyneman's "Freemasonry in England from 1567 to 1813, including an analysis of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 and 1738, authorised by the Grand Lodge of England." 12mo., pp. 192. New York: R. Worthington, 1877; and William James Hughan's "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813." 4to., pp. 120. London: Chatto & Windus, 1874.

In conclusion, I should say that the list of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries from 1717 to 1813, according to Hughan, reveals the fact that there were three distinct Grand Lodges of all England in existence during some portions of that period, namely, "The Moderns," "The York Masons," and "The Ancients."

The list of "Moderns" begins with Anthony Sayer, elected first speculative Grand Master, 1717, at the Apple Tree Inn, by four old operative lodges, and concludes with H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, 1813.

Of the "York Masons" R. W. Bro. Hughan says: "The earliest roll of Masters preserved of the Ancient Lodge, held at York, commences 1705, when Sir George Tempest was the chief officer, and down to the year 1724 the chairman was either styled Master or President, in which Lord Bingley, Sir William Robinson, Bart., Sir Walter Hawkesworth, and others served the lodge, but it was not until 1725 that the members constituted themselves into the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York, at which date the list of their General Masters begins."

In 1725 Charles Bathurst was elected first Grand Master of the "York Masons," and there appears, with two breaks (1734—1761 and 1782—1791), a succession of sixteen Grand Masters, up to Edward Wooley, 1792, when this Grand Lodge collapsed.

The secession of "The Ancients" took place in 1753, and on December 5th of that year Robert Turner was elected Grand Master of this schismatical body by some dozen lodges. From 1753 to 1813, when H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was Grand Master, there were altogether ten Grand Masters of "Ancients." The Marquis of Antrim, who granted the warrant of the Lion and Lamb Lodge referred to, was, from 1782 to 1790, Grand Master of "The Ancients," who have been also termed "Atholl Masons," from the fact of two successive Dukes of Atholl having ruled over the body from 1771 to 1781, and from 1791 to 1813.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES SOTHERAN.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts was held on the 27th July, at Barnet, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., presiding. By the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Hutton, vicar of Barnet, the Provincial Grand Lodge was accommodated with the use of the National School Rooms, which, by the grace and kindness of the ladies of Barnet, were beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags, emblems, and flowers.

The parish church also was placed at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. George Finch, Vicar of Leverstock Green, for a special service, in which he was assisted by the Incumbent, Organist, and full choir.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened at the National School Rooms, the officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows:

- J. Sedgwick, 404 D.Prov. G.M.
- J. Livingston, 1385 Prov. S.G.W.
- P. W. Taylor, 409 Prov. J.G.W.
- Rev. H. F. H. Burchell Herne, 404 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- Rev. G. Finch, 404 Prov. G. Chap.
- A. J. Copeland, 404 Prov. G. Treas.
- H. C. Finch, 404 Prov. G. Reg.
- F. H. Wilson Hles, 404 Prov. G. Sec.
- Geo. Askew, 1385 Prov. G.S.D.
- Edgar Bowyer, 1580 Prov. G.J.D.
- E. A. Simson, 403 Prov. G.S. of W.
- James Terry, 1527 Prov. G.D.C.
- D. C. Foster, 504 Prov. G.S.B.
- W. J. Fitch, 504 Prov. G.Org.
- F. Venables, 1385 Prov. G. Purst.
- J. E. Dawson, 404 Prov. G.A. Purst.
- J. Parrott, 1385 Prov. G. Stwd.
- J. Brittain, 1385 "
- W. J. Green, 404 "
- W. Webb, 1580 "
- Bernhard, 869 "
- W. J. Crutch, 1580 "
- T. Thomas, 404 Prov. G. Tyler.
- T. Wright, 403 "

The Prov. Grand Officers and brethren were then marshalled in due order, and marched in procession to the parish church to attend Divine service, as above stated. The sermon, preached by Bro. Finch, Prov. Grand Chap., was taken from the text "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are." xviii. Luke, part of 11th verse. "Was this," said the preacher, "thanksgiving, or was it mere boasting? If the speaker felt within himself that God in His mercy had done a great deal for him, that he had kept him from the presumptuous sins that those about him were devoted to, and that this goodness demanded praise and thanksgiving from him, then he said surely in no better words could such beautiful gratitude be expressed than 'I thank Thee I am not as other men are,' but if on the contrary it was nothing but pride, nothing but self-esteem, which drew from his lips the opinion he had formed of himself, and if it was only in a spirit of boasting that he spoke of himself as being different from others, his language was ill-chosen, his appeal to the Most High irreverent and his sweeping denunciation of others quite out of place in a house of prayer." Passing by the more particular examination of the position of the speaker and the publican, the preacher proceeded to consider what it was that prompted this prayer, if prayer it might be called, 'God, I thank Thee I am not as other men are,' and said it must be borne in mind that the man was a Pharisee, a member of a strictly religious body, by profession a separatist, one also who believed most strictly in tradition, and in performing to the letter the ceremonial law. Taught from his youth up to see with his particular sect the truth of God as it had been revealed to the fathers, the Pharisee clung most tenaciously to the persuasion that he was not, indeed, as other men were, because he believed himself to be much more highly instructed in those things which it became them to know, and also that he believed himself better than others, because he lived more strictly within the letter of the Divine Law. Addressing the brethren around him he said that those who had met to-day in that house of God might be justified in saying just what this man said of himself—that they were not as other men are. Theirs, just like his, was a religious body; they, as Freemasons, believed in one God, the Great Architect of this Universe, the Maker and Preserver of all things visible and invisible, the Great "I Am," the first and the last, in whom we live and move and have our being. The Volume of the Sacred Law was their guide also, by following whose precepts they hope to ascend at last to the throne of God, and shine as the stars for ever and ever. Religion pervaded all their rites and ceremonies, and was, in fact, the mainstay of their fabric, and they, like this man, if they cared to boast (which, thank God, they did not), they might boast that they were not as the outside world; that they are men with higher, loftier aims than the uninitiated; that from remotest ages the members of this Society have lavished their gold for good, have passed their lives in kindly affection one to another, with brotherly love; being considerate to the poor and needy, speaking the truth from the heart; principles which as they approximate to the Divine love, having, he trusted, lost none of their hold over them, their children, but being just as firmly believed as they were in the lodges of old, can carry us no higher. It was not with feelings of personal superiority, it was not a consciousness of higher worth, that prompted a Freemason to compare himself with others who do not belong to this Craft. If, as the possessor of certain secrets, he believed himself wiser than his uninitiated brethren, the worthy Mason is the last person in the world to act in the presumptuous spirit indicated in the words "Stand by, for I am holier than thou." A Mason may be proud, but it is

the pride of the brotherhood. He wished, however, to impress upon them that it was impossible to preserve the dignity of the Order unless they individually endeavoured to live up to what they professed. Any breach of the laws of morality, any deviation from the paths of uprightness, must bring disgrace upon the Order. The outside world were naturally curious about a secret society, and it naturally expected much of those who were ready to confess that to them much had been given. As their Chaplain he might be pardoned on an occasion like this if he reminded them of the importance of admitting none but upright and true men into the Order, because it was true of the Masonic as well as the natural body, that if one member suffer all the members suffer with it. Least of all among Masons could it be said "Am I my brother's keeper?" Connected by indissoluble forms they were bound together, they were many members but one body, therefore he would urge upon them to see that the badge of innocence should cover no un-Masonic breast, but the truly spiritual and Masonic jewels of a meek and quiet spirit and an honest and true heart. He reminded his hearers that on this occasion they met in an historically famous town, near to the spot where the fourth Edward met in battle the King-maker, the Earl of Warwick. They had not come, as the others did, with anger raging in their breasts, but with brotherly love in their hearts and the emblems of peace in their hands, very different from those which animated the rival factions in those unsettled times, and they might thank their God that they were not as those others were. In one respect he would call upon the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to emulate those to whom he had referred. As those others grew famous by the triumphs wrought upon that ground, let those before him seize this present occasion to do some present good. The Masonic heart was always open to the cry for help, and, therefore, in appealing to them to-day on behalf of the Barnet National Schools he knew that he needed not to unlock the Masonic breast, which was always open to relief. The schools were very much in need of funds, and if a Freemason in certain respects is not as other men are (and as a Freemason he must be content to be a separatist), yet in his heart he is not as the Pharisee was, but always ready to relieve suffering of every form, always ready to listen to the tale of destitution and sorrow and woe, always willing to do good unto all men, but most especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

At the conclusion of the service the brethren were again marshalled and returned in procession to the lodge room.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master said that he should now proceed with the motion, notices of which had been given and were entered on the agenda paper; he therefore called upon Bro. T. S. Carter, P.P.G.S.D., to propose the motion that stood in his name.

Bro. T. S. Carter rose, and with a few appropriate remarks moved "that the sum of twenty pounds be given from the funds of Prov. G. Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the amount be placed on the list of the Prov. G. Secretary, Steward for the Province, at the next festival," and the motion having been duly seconded, was put from the chair and carried nem con.

The Prov. G. Secretary, (in the absence of Bro. J. L. Mather, W.M., No. 1580), moved "A vote of £10 to the Gladsmuir Lodge, towards the expenses of receiving Prov. G. Lodge."

The Prov. G. Master, in putting this motion to the Prov. G. Lodge, said I should not be doing right if I left unexpressed my own satisfaction at the excellent arrangements that have been made, and at the cordial manner in which everything up to the present time has been done to contribute to the convenience of Prov. G. Lodge, and to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors to the Gladsmuir Lodge. The Prov. G. Master then read the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary: I beg to move "a vote of £10 to the funds of the National Schools, Wood-street, Barnet." These schools are very much in want of funds, the rooms belonging to which schools we have the use of to-day, by the kind courtesy of the Vicar, who has rendered all the assistance in his power to secure the comfort of the Prov. G. Lodge on the occasion of its meeting to-day.

This motion having been seconded was put and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. Geo. Finch, announced that the collection made in the church, in aid of the funds of the Barnet National Schools amounted to a little over £16. (Applause).

The Prov. Grand Secretary said that at the meeting last year it was decided to publish a Masonic Calendar for the province, and a committee was appointed to carry the resolution into effect; and he had now to report the results of that work, because it was necessary before deciding to continue it, to look a little into the past, and also into the demand in the province for such a publication; and in order to place himself in the right he would say that it was a very valuable publication, that it was exceedingly useful, and, he believed, had proved a great convenience to the Provincial Grand Master. It would not do, however, for the cost of maintaining it to fall almost wholly upon the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge. The receipts from the sale of the Calendar during the year were £5 11s., which, with 12s. due for same from the Gladsmuir Lodge, gave a total of £6 3s. on this side of the account. Was that a satisfactory state of things? Out of nine lodges in the province, five lodges had taken copies; the other four were not represented. Of those lodges two were very important lodges—lodges to which the proposer and the father of the Calendar belonged; and he thought that the least these brethren could do, after coming forward to propose a considerable expenditure, was to take some steps to secure a satisfactory circulation of

the work. Now with regard to the cost, the printing came to £21 19s. 6d. From evidence he had been able to obtain this appeared rather a large sum. Nothing could be better than the way in which the work was brought out, but the question was whether it could not be done at a smaller cost if it was to be continued for another year. He knew there were many difficulties in the way of the first publication of such a book—the difficulties of getting in returns, &c., which increased the cost very much. The P. G. Secretary then read a communication from Cornwall, showing that the Masonic Directory for that province was produced at a cost of £9, and concluded by moving "That in the event of Provincial Grand Lodge deciding to continue its publication, every lodge be invited to contribute a fixed sum, according to the number of its members."

After some conversation, from which it appeared that the notices respecting the publication of the Calendar had not been generally responded to, and that the Secretaries of some lodges had not made the publication known to the members,

The Prov. Grand Master made some observations upon the usefulness of the work, which he cordially approved of, and upon the method adopted in the province of Oxford, which also published a book of this kind, it was agreed that the publication should be repeated for the next year, the publisher stating that the cost would not be so great in the second year, and the P. G. Secretary's motion was put and carried.

Bro. Captain Dick, P.M. No. 403; moved "that the brethren of the Province be invited to subscribe, as a body, to a fund to be devoted towards the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey."

The motion was seconded by the W.M. of the Hertford Lodge, who referred to the action taken in the matter by the lodge over which he presided, which as the oldest lodge in the province had taken a forward part in the movement; and at his request the Prov. G. Sec. read a copy of a resolution of the Hertford Lodge and a committee appointed for promoting the object.

After some conversation, in the course of which it was suggested that as the professional and Masonic duties of the Prov. Grand Sec. were already sufficiently onerous, Bro. Capt. Dick should be constituted an Assistant Sec. for the special object of this resolution but which Bro. Hles declined, he having already ample aid in the efficient assistance of Bro. Dawson, the motion was put and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Mr. Hutton, Vicar of Barnet for his kindness in placing his church at the disposal of Prov. Grand Lodge for the special service which they had attended.

The Prov. Grand Master:—For the work of decorating the rooms in which we met to-day, which has been done by the ladies of this neighbourhood, I feel that we should be wanting in duty if we did not propose a vote of thanks, requesting Bro. Livingston to communicate it to them.

The vote having been carried with applause, a vote of thanks to the respected Chaplain, Bro. Finch, for the able sermon he had preached, was also proposed and carried, and Bro. Finch returned thanks.

The Prov. Grand Master:—Before I close this Prov. Grand Lodge I am sorry to have to announce to you that that it is quite out of my power to do myself the pleasure of presiding at the banquet table this evening, my duty as a member of Parliament demands my presence in another place. I have no wish or intention of introducing politics, but you as Masons, being friends of order and decorum will, I am sure acknowledge that the very important business coming before the house to-night renders it incumbent upon me to be in my place there this evening. I am extremely sorry that this necessity exists for my absenting myself from your festivities, but under the circumstances I feel sure you will excuse me. In the absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master I will ask our Prov. Senior Grand Warden to take my place at the banquet table, where I am sure he will preside most efficiently.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form and with solemn prayer. Among the visitors present were, Bros. M. Edward, 1479; T. Kent, 1479; C. Drummond, 403; E. Baxter, 504; P. A. Conrol, 90; T. F. Carter 403; F. Till, 403; Willson, 403; J. W. Bonus, 1580; R. T. Young, 1385; E. F. Francis, 403; J. Askew, 1585; J. R. Cocus, 403; T. Bonard, 869; J. S. Copestick, 869; J. Robinson, 467; G. F. Barrett, 367; D. C. Foster, 504; J. Brittain, 1385; J. Livingston, 1385; W. C. Madderly, 803; G. Chambers, 504; J. G. Baker, 500; T. H. Hill, 524; A. Leattot 1385; A. J. Small, 403; G. Nicoll, 1208; J. S. Haile, 127; T. D. Cox, 1580; W. J. Fitch, 499, J. C. Massey, (Freemason), and others.

The brethren were then ushered into the banquet room, which, like the lodge room, was elegantly decorated with flags and flowers for the occasion, where they sat down to a handsome banquet, which, with the exception of soups and fish, was cold. The tables were loaded with all the good things in season, and arranged in a very tasteful and superior manner, and the attention paid by the brethren of the Gladsmuir Lodge to their visiting friends and their evident desire to make them abundantly welcome, were beyond praise.

The company having done ample justice to the excellent viands, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honored.

Bro. Livingston. I rise to propose "The Health of the Rt. W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Halsey." (applause). I knew when I mentioned our R.W.P.G.M.'s name, that it would be received with enthusiasm. I do not know a man who is more highly respected. I wish he was among us this evening personally, as he would have presided over you much better than I could hope to do. You all know his good qualities as well as I do, some much better. I give you "Our Rt. W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Halsey," wishing him health and happiness. This toast having been

thusiastically received, "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Seagwick, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," was proposed by Bro. Nivett, and duly honoured; after which the Chaplain, Bro. Finch, proposed "The Health of the W.M.'s of the several Lodges in the Province of Herts," and Bro. Willson responded. Various other toasts including "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Institutions," "The W.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge," and "The Ladies," were duly honored and responded to. During the intervals between the speeches, some excellent music, vocal and instrumental, was contributed by Bros. Seymour Smith, G. T. Carter and Lester. The musical arrangements were entrusted to the care of Bro. Seymour Smith, and were very ably carried out. The weather throughout the day was everything that could be desired, and every one present had reason to be thoroughly satisfied with the success of the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Herts for 1877.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

On the evening of Friday, the 27th ult., a new London Lodge was consecrated at the Inns of Court Hotel by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

The new lodge is called the Rothesay Lodge, Duke of Rothesay being one of the titles of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

The ceremony was performed in a most convenient and suitable room on the ground floor of the hotel, and although the room was full of brethren, no inconvenience was felt from vitiation of the atmosphere during the two hours that the ceremony lasted.

Bro. Little had on his right Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, and on his left the Rev. P.M. Holden, who acted as Chaplain. Bros. James Lewis Thomas was S.W.; C. A. Coitebrune, J.W.; H. G. Buss, D.C.; W. C. Parsons, Sec.; and C. S. Scott, I.G. Among the other brethren present, in the ranks of whom were numerous Present and Past Grand Officers of Middlesex were Bros. E. Moody, E. S. Scott, H. Massey (*Freemason*); H. C. Levander, Keys, A. Barfield, G. Bubb, H. Reed, E. H. Thillay, C. Burrell, West, W.M. 1328, G. Reg. Surrey; Green, Scott, P.M. 822; B. H. Swallow, P.M. 381 and 1362; Brignall, P. Prov. G. Reg. Durham; F. Walters, and C.B. Payne, G.T.

After the lodge had been opened Bro. Little addressed a few words to the brethren, stating the pleasure he had in coming to consecrate the lodge, and regretting that his deficiency in power of speaking prevented him articulating so strongly and forcibly as he could wish. He was, however, assisted by Bro. Holden, who would supply anything that might be wanted.

The usual ceremonies having been performed:

Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden delivered the oration, and said, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Deputy Grand Master, Officers and brethren. The occasion on which we are met together to-day is, I conceive, interesting not only to ourselves as Masons personally and individually, but to the whole Craft at large, inasmuch as it denotes the continued prosperity of our venerable Order, which like the famous Indian tree, the banana tree, perpetually renews itself in scions as vigorous and flourishing as their parent stem. To myself it is a source of peculiar pleasure and gratitude, to have been invited to assist you, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, at so interesting and important a ceremonial as the consecration of a new lodge, the Rothesay Lodge, more especially as I feel convinced and have good reasons to know that its founders are brethren eminently qualified to fulfil the duties of the high offices to which they have been appointed by the Grand Master in the warrant of constitution. Having, doubtless, already "won golden opinion," for their zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, they are now laudably anxious to devote their time, talents, and ability to the still further advancement and development of so noble, so interesting, and so very ancient a science. What had been said by a learned and well known writer of literary men may I think equally well be applied to the members of our enlightened Craft—"they are a perpetual priesthood, stand from generation to generation, the dispensers and living types of God's everlasting wisdom." And I rejoice to know and think that so many excellent, worthy, distinguished, and talented men are to be found in the ranks of our fraternity. To their enfranchised minds Freemasonry unveils a universe of thought. To them it is a keen delight to trace and to interpret those grand and solemn truths which were but dimly shadowed forth in the mystic rites of the ancient world. Looking back through the mists of ages they behold in the white-robed Iceniens a kindred race, and are familiar with the symbolic teachings of the great philosophers of old. Amid the obscurity and darkness of occult ceremonies they discern faint gleams of the true light in which we now rejoice. In every land they find traces and tokens innumerable, graven by the hands of skilful Masons, upon the walls of ruined fancies and temples. They establish the affinity of our Order with the Dionysian artificers of old, with the disciples of Pythagoras, with the College of Architects at Rome, and with the various operative associations of the middle ages. They demonstrate clearly that the grand ethics of Freemasonry were known and taught by the very wisest sages of Greece, whose names and whose works are still honoured and revered by the whole civilised world. They prove that our Order, though often persecuted and often reviled, has never yet failed or even faltered in its sublime career, though meanwhile the mightiest empires and the proudest kingdoms have been compelled to succumb to the destroying hand of conquest or to the effacing fingers of time and decay. And I would ask what nobler exercise of the intellectual faculties can

possibly be found than a calm and earnest pursuit of Masonic knowledge, thus gleaned and gathered on our onward way the vast treasures of wisdom which it reveals to our view? But, brethren, it is not merely to the intellectual pleasure to be derived from the study of Freemasonry that I would desire to direct your attention. Our Order possesses other and more practical claims upon your sympathy and support. It is founded upon principles that are at once an honour and an ornament to human nature. It bids us hasten to the rescue of the young and helpless from the pitfalls of ignorance, poverty, and even vice. It calls upon every one of us to ameliorate the sad condition of those who, in the decline of life, from some circumstance or other, require our consolation and assistance. And I am proud indeed to add that English Freemasons have ever been distinguished not merely for their zeal in promoting the welfare of the Order, but for their large-hearted benevolence and diffusive charity. The very best answer that can be given to the cavils, and the scorns, and the disparaging remarks of the unenlightened world is to point to those splendid establishments which have been raised for the nurture of the young and the shelter of the old. Nearly 100 years have now passed away since the Masonic Girls' School was founded; and who would venture to estimate the vast amount of good that it has achieved. The Masonic Boys' School was established some ten years later; and the crowning of our charitable undertakings was effected by the erection of a suitable retreat for those who, having "borne the heat and burden of the day," and standing, as it were, on the threshold of the Grand Lodge above, desire to end their lives and peace in tranquillity. Brethren, it is our duty to prove that Masonry is something more than a name, something infinitely better and higher than a mere excuse for social gatherings, be those social gatherings never so pleasant. It is our solemn duty to prove to the world that its principles are high and lofty, its designs grand and praiseworthy; and the clearest and most logical way to convince the sceptic or scorner is by a steady, consistent, and unwavering practice of the benevolent precepts and principles of the Order. Freemasonry will then present, not only to the mind of the philosopher, an organised system of knowledge, unfolded in beautiful ceremonies known only to the initiated, but to mankind in general it will appear as a beneficent and benevolent institution, teaching, inculcating, and enforcing the very purest principles of morality, and visibly bearing the fruits of charity and goodwill. May this lodge then which we are met to consecrate and inaugurate to-day, the Rothesay Lodge, prove a conspicuous example of all those virtues which adorn the mystic character; may it convey to distant posterity the august lessons which have been handed down to us from our forefathers; may it be the shrine of intellect and the temple of thought; the abode of peace and the home of joy; founded by the hands of true, faithful, and devoted Masons, and supported by the firm pillars of intelligence and truth. May it ever remain as an imperishable memorial of its founders, growing year by year in prosperity and happiness, and shining brighter and still brighter in the glorious firmament of Masonic fame. I have now, worshipful sir, arrived at what is not, to me, at least, by any means the least pleasing part of my duty; and that is to thank you, sir, and you, Col. Burdett, and brethren all, for the very kind and patient manner in which you have been pleased to listen to the remarks I have made; and I cannot better perhaps conclude than by wishing, with all my heart, and I do so most sincerely, that the grand principles upon which our Order is built and established, namely, brotherly love, relief, and truth, may ever be present with us in our hearts, and shine conspicuously in the whole of our conduct through life, so that when we are summoned away from this earthly scene our names may be enrolled as members of that glorious brotherhood who, loving their fellow men, are loved of God; even as we learn from that well-known little poem, how

Abou Ben Haden, (may his tribe increase),
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel, writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Haden bold;
And to the presence in his room he said,
"What writest thou?" The vision bowed its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
And is mine one?" said Abou; "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low;
But cheerily still he said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
He came again with a great glowing light,
And showed the names of those that God had blessed,
And lo! Ben Haden's name led all the rest.

Bro. Holden at the conclusion of this address, resumed his seat amidst the loud applause of the brethren.

The ceremony of consecration of the lodge was afterwards proceeded with, and when it was completed Bro. Little installed Bro. Louis Beck, S.D. 1559, as Worshipful Master in the presence of a Board of 21 Installed Masters. Bro. B. Swallow was invested by the W.M. acting as I.P.M. When the brethren below the degree of Installed Master were admitted, and the salutes given, the following brethren received the collars of the offices attached to their respective names:—Frank Kirk, 1328, S.W.; John Hancock, 1563, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, Treasurer; Wm. C. Parsons, Secretary; J. B. Docker, S.D.; Bro. Crossland, J.D.; Bro. Outhwaite, I.G.; and Bro. Potter, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Rev. P. M. Holden, after which the W.M. proposed and the J.W. seconded the names of five gentlemen as initiates, and of three brethren as joining members. Subsequently, Bros. Col. Burdett, R. W. Little, the Rev. P. M. Holden, and H. G. Buss, were elected as honorary members of the lodge on

the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W. Also on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Little for consecrating the lodge; and Bro. Little having acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Col. Burdett in replying for the Grand Officers said that all the Grand Officers were glad to find that the performance of their duties was appreciated by the brethren at large. It was a great pride to the Craft that at the present time they had the Prince of Wales for Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught for Grand Senior Warden, and Prince Leopold for Grand Junior Warden: while the Pro Grand Master's office was held by Lord Carnarvon and that of Dep. G.M. by Lord Skelmersdale. He believed that at no former time had these offices been so eminently filled, and at no time could such distinction be exceeded. The Grand Officers felt very proud of the progress that Masonry had made. Very probably the number of the lodges consecrated this year would exceed the number consecrated last year; but he might observe that what was wanted was not so much an increase in the number of brethren admitted, but in their quality. Speaking of his own province, Middlesex, he believed they had had a much higher class of men introduced during the last year than ever they had had before. Although that province was but a young province, only six or seven years old, it had a large number of lodges, and a great body of brethren moving in the higher class of society. From what they had seen that day it must be noted that great progress was being made in Masonry throughout the whole of the kingdom; and one particular feature must have been observable, that all the work that had been done was executed in an admirable manner. This was an evidence of a progress in the knowledge of the science of Freemasonry.

The banner of the lodge, on which were the arms of the Duke of Rothesay, and the motto "Avito vires honore," was here raised, and

Bro. Little rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said they had that moment hoisted the banner of the lodge, a banner which he hoped would be the brethren's guiding star for many ages yet to come. On the present occasion they hailed it as an omen of hope, and as a prognostication that the lodge would achieve great success. It was his pleasure and privilege to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he was sure that the brethren would wish him all success, and all the support that he could desire, from the cordial feelings they had towards him. He could not say, as many of the brethren could, that he had enjoyed the friendship of Bro. Beck for a long time; but he could say from what he did know of him that he was a Mason at heart, that he had not entered Masonry merely to put himself forward and make himself a Master. He had, in fact, made himself a master of the art of Freemasonry, and he would bring this lodge to all the prosperity and success the brethren wished. After a few other complimentary remarks Bro. Little proposed "The Health of the W.M., and Prosperity to the Rothesay Lodge."

The W.M., in reply, said that it would not be for want of exerting himself if the lodge failed. He had had the honour of being placed in the chair, and he should not have sought that honour if he had not intended doing his best. He then proposed "The Health of Bro. Little, D.P. G.M. Middlesex, and Consecrating Officer."

Bro. Little said that strictly the officers of provinces were not entitled to receive any honour outside the limits of their provinces; nevertheless he appreciated the compliment, which had never been paid him more gracefully than it had that night. It had given him a great deal of satisfaction to be present at this meeting. He had not come up from the country specially for it, but for almost a week's meeting—for the Audit Committee of the Girls' Institution, for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, for another meeting on Thursday, and for this meeting. If the Great Architect gave him health nothing would afford him greater pleasure than to assist in the onward work of the Craft.

Col. Burdett proposed "The Founders."

Bro. Kirk responded.

Bro. Brignall, P. Prov. Grand Registrar Durham, responded. He had had experience of Masonry for over forty years, and it had given him much pleasure to see its prosperity, especially lately. For the courtesy of the lodge in inviting him he begged to return his hearty acknowledgements. Being in London on business, and sojourning at the Inns of Court Hotel, he stepped into the lodge to see the consecration. The circumstances were quite accidental; but the brethren with hearty Masonic feeling had invited him to stay; he had done so; and he had very much enjoyed himself. He was very proud to be present, and he hoped that every successive Master would leave the chair to his successor as pure and unsullied as he received it.

Bro. H. C. Levander also responded, and trusted that the Rothesay Lodge would flourish for many years. If the brethren were careful whom they admitted it could not but succeed.

Bro. F. Walters also replied. He had known Bro. L. Beck many years, and he had found him a sincere Mason, working hard to do his duty. He knew he would carry out his duties in a praiseworthy manner, and that he would set a laudable example to the other brethren.

Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden proposed "The Masonic Charities," and advocated the claims of all those Institutions to the liberality of the Craft. He looked upon charity as the grand prophylactic virtue of the Order, the power that preserved it from corruption, that would prevent people saying that Masons were nothing better than a body of revellers, who never bestowed a thought upon their poorer brethren. For himself, he wished that the charities might flourish and increase more and more.

Bro. Levander replied, and said that without charity no

man could be a real Mason. He recommended to the attention of the brethren the three noble Institutions of Freemasonry, with one of which Bro. Little, the Consecrating Officer of to-day, was connected as Secretary. He only regretted that Bro. Little's state of health prevented him from replying to this toast, because had he been able to reply the brethren would have had a much more eloquent and powerful address than he (Bro. Levander) was capable of giving.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated.

Bro. Louis Beck's band played during dinner, and the singing after banquet was performed by Bro. Farquharson and Mr. Cotte. Bro. Louis Hermann was pianist.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

INAUGURATION OF A MASONIC LODGE AT PALMERSTON.

Thursday May, the 24th, will long be regarded by members of the Masonic Order as a day worthy of holding a prominent place in their recollection; for, not only was it the birthday of her Majesty Queen Victoria, but (the occasion also of laying the foundation-stone of the new hall of the Palmerston Lodge. The site selected is an elevated one, and affords visitors thereto an excellent view of the townships and districts adjacent. Already the building has been raised several feet above the basement, and nearly all the materials for enabling the contractor, Mr. Clarke, of Palmerston, to make an early completion, are on the ground. At about 4 p.m. the members of the Craft residing in Palmerston, and the Dunedin and Oamaru brethren, as well as those from other places, assembled at the local Town Hall. There, at half-past 1 o'clock, the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland was opened by dispensation, and, shortly adjourning, a procession was marshalled by District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. D. H. Rhodes.

Captain Kitchener, on behalf of the members of the new lodge, invited the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. J. H. Harris, to lay the foundation stone, whereupon that gentleman intimated that it gave himself and the brethren who had accompanied him from Dunedin great pleasure to be present, and assist, to the best of their ability, the Palmerston brethren in performing the interesting ceremony about to be proceeded with.

A plan of the building having been produced,

The R.W.D.G.M. stated that it had been prepared by Mr. Lawson, architect, that it appeared complete and suitable for the purpose for which it was intended. He next called upon the proper officer to read the scroll, which which was afterwards placed in a bottle and deposited in the cavity; as also were copies of the *Daily Times*, *Guardian*, *Palmerston and Waikouaiti Times*, and *Freemason*. The following coins were likewise deposited by the D.G.T., Bro. Gilligan—One sovereign, one half-sovereign, one five-shilling piece, half a crown, two-shilling piece, one shilling, sixpenny piece, fourpenny piece, threepenny piece, a penny, and halfpenny.

Bro. A. H. Burton offered up prayer as follows:—

Almighty and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made; we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, humbly beseech Thee to pour down upon this congregation the continual dew of Thy blessing. More especially we invoke Thy blessing on this our undertaking, ever remembering the object and aim of this Institution—obedience to Thy holy law. Grant, we beseech Thee, that our Order may flourish in every part of the globe, become increasingly influential in the diffusion of the light of wisdom, aiding and strengthening reason, and dissipating and lessening human error, misery, and vice. May it teach us to regulate our actions by the rule of rectitude, square our conduct by the principles of morality, and guide our conversation and our thoughts within the compass of propriety. May the edifice which is this day commenced be carried forward to its completion prosperously. Do Thou protect the workmen; secure them from all injury; and when completed, may it be the means of strengthening our Order. Finally, grant us the knowledge of Thy truth; do Thou be our guide and ruler, and ultimately admit us into Thine everlasting Kingdom—that house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Amen, so mote it be.

The D.G.D. of Ceremonies, Bro. Rhodes, then gave instructions for the stone to be lowered three degrees; while this was being done the band played "God Save the Queen." Bro. Rhode, next called upon the brethren to salute three times three; and similar salutes were given as the remaining stages of lowering the stone proceeded.

Addressing successively the officers having the custody of the square, level and plumb-line, and having obtained the usual answers to the satisfactory performance of their respective duties,

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, said: Worshipful brethren, having full confidence in your skill in our Royal art it only remains for me to finish the work you have begun. Having struck the stone three times with a gavel, he added:—May the Almighty Architect of the Universe smile benignantly on the work now commenced, and may the Craftsmen conduct and complete the building according to the grand plan, in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

P.M. Bro. Geo. Smith then poured corn on the stone.

D.S.G.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, strewed wine on the stone.

D.D.G.M. Bro. Joyce poured oil on the stone.

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, then said that it had been the custom amongst Masons from time immemorial that the person on whom devolved the honour of laying the foundation stone should offer a few remarks which he should think suitable to the occasion. The remarks which he intended to make would be addressed to those who were not Masons, because, so far as Masons themselves were concerned, the observations which he should offer would be unnecessary and uncalled for. Masonry, as he viewed it, was a religious, moral, and social

institution. In its religious and moral aspects it taught them to believe that the whole universe, the whole material universe, owed its origin to the one great creative power; it taught them their duty to that great Supreme Being, to reverence His Holy Name, to obey His laws, and in all respects to fear and love Him. Masonry taught them their duty to their neighbour, and the commands in the Decalogue were included in the Mason's belief. Referring to the social aspect, he might say that Masonry was of the greatest antiquity; it was founded on truth; it had survived the attacks of its enemies, and the wreck of nations, and he had almost said, would probably survive even the world itself. Within its ranks had been found kings, princes, rulers, statesmen—the highest in all lands had not felt ashamed to become members of the Craft. Their ranks were opened to every true man, no matter what his language or colour; so long as he was a true man, and believed in these principles, he could be admitted to their ranks. It was in connection with that great and noble Institution that they had assembled that day. They had been told by the Worshipful Master elect that this was the foundation stone of a temple dedicated to Masonry; and he now wished to add that the work which had been the cause of the visit here of himself and brethren was to them a work of love. They rejoiced to find that Masonry was spreading in this comparatively remote district of the Province of Otago, and he was sure that if carried out according to its tenets it would be found to be a blessing, not a curse, to this neighbourhood. He expressed the hope that in that Temple, the foundation of which they had that day laid, would be found for many years to come the true spirit and principles of Masonry. With those few remarks he begged to thank the public for their attendance, for the kind manner in which they had listened to the few remarks he had made, and for the quiet and orderly way in which everything connected with the ceremony had proceeded.

Bro. Capt. Kitchener having thanked, in a few well chosen remarks, the R.W.D.G.M., and the other visiting brethren, for their attendance, the procession returned to the Town Hall, where the Grand Lodge was closed.

At about 5 p.m. the visiting brethren, the members of the Palmerston Lodge, and other gentlemen, to the number of about forty, assembled in the large hall.

The W.M. elect of the Palmerston Lodge, Bro. Capt. Kitchener, presided. Immediately on his right was the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, and the other brethren from Dunedin occupied seats in the vicinity. The hall was nicely decorated with flags, banners, and evergreens; and the Palmerston Brass Band added materially to the general enjoyment.

The Chairman proposed the toasts of "H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England;" and "The Grand Masters of the Irish and Scotch Constitutions," which were enthusiastically responded to.

The Chairman said that with the next toast "The District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland," he desired to couple the name of their worthy friend and guest, the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. the Hon. J. H. Harris, who had kindly come all the way from Dunedin, to assist the Palmerston brethren, aided by the other gentlemen, who had also kindly accompanied him. The brethren here were thankful that Bro. Harris had consented to pay them this visit. (Hear, hear.) The gentlemen to whom he referred had, at great inconvenience to themselves, left home to render all the assistance in their power in carrying out satisfactorily the interesting ceremony of that day; they well merited the sincere thanks of the Palmerston brethren, and he asked them to drink in bumpers the toast of "The District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland." The toast was heartily received.

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, on rising to respond on behalf of himself and visiting brethren, returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the Palmerston brethren had treated them. And while tendering his thanks, he must also add that the Chairman had somewhat overrated sacrifices which he himself, at any rate, was supposed to have personally made. Speaking for himself, however, and for the gentlemen who had accompanied him, he believed that had their visit to Palmerston involved any personal sacrifices, those sacrifices would have been cheerfully made. (Applause.) But it so happened that what they had done was simply an important duty. A District Grand Lodge for Otago and Southland had been constituted, and it was the duty of the Grand Master to assist all the outlying districts in the formation of lodges, and to instruct them when instruction was required; to render, in fact, every possible assistance that one body of Masons could render to another. But, as he had said once before that day, the performance of this important duty had been, at the same time, a labour of love; and he hoped they would all live to see completed, in a very short time, the building, the foundation stone of which they had that day laid. (Applause.) Further, he hoped they would all live to see the cope stone laid, and that the Worshipful Master elect, all the members of the lodge, and many members from different parts of the colony, would meet to see completed what he could only regard as a reproach to the Masons of Dunedin, who were now in the position of being without a building they could call their own! He was glad to be able to say, however, that there was reason to believe that that reproach would ere long be removed, as steps were being taken which would probably result in obtaining a suitable building for the purposes of Masonry in all its branches. (Hear, hear.) He had further to say that they might rest assured that any communications, by their recognised officers to Dunedin lodges asking for assistance would meet with prompt and proper responses. (Hear, hear.) As regarded the step the Palmerston brethren had taken, it was one of which they need not feel ashamed; they ought rather to rejoice in it, if properly carried out. Their Institution was an old one; it had weathered the storms of many cen-

turies; it permeated all society, the whole of the civilised, and, he had almost said, the uncivilised world. He congratulated the Palmerston brethren on the step they had taken in this somewhat remote district from the centre of Masonry in this Province, and felt sure that, if properly carried out, the step would prove a blessing to the inhabitants of the town and district. He again returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. (Applause.)

Bro. J. H. Harris said the duty he had now to perform was a very agreeable one to himself. They had witnessed that day what he believed many would consider a very interesting ceremony; they had also partaken of a very excellent dinner, which was another matter for gratification. All that had been done could not have been accomplished unless a good deal of important work had been done previously by somebody. Financial arrangements, among other things, had to be made for building the new hall, and a great deal of other important preliminary work. In the first place he wished to congratulate the Palmerston brethren on the selection of their Worshipful Master. He thought, for two reasons, that they had acted wisely in that respect. It was important that the first Master should be a man, not only of good standing in the district, but a man who could exercise a considerable amount of personal influence over the lodge itself. Moreover, they had selected a very old and experienced Mason, who not only stood high in blue Masonry, but in the higher degrees of Masonry; and the duties devolving upon them that day would be imperfectly performed if they did not ask them to join in drinking "The Health of Bro. Capt. Kitchener, the Worshipful Master Elect; and prosperity to the Palmerston Lodge." (Applause.)

The Chairman, in responding, returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received; it had been proposed, in fact, in terms which, as applied to himself, were too flattering. True, he had risen to a certain height in Masonry, but that had been the result more of spasmodic action than real hard work. He now hoped he was about to depart from his old ways of being raised in that way, and that hereafter he should be brought face to face with real work, so that he would be able to learn his duty sufficiently well to teach those under him. He intended to do his best, and he was sure that he would be cheerfully and willingly assisted by the brethren. (Applause.) He trusted that that day twelve months, if they had the good fortune to induce Bro. Harris, and assistants, to again come to Palmerston, he would find that the Palmerston Lodge had advanced in a manner even beyond expectation. (Applause.)

Bro. S. W. Cobden proposed the toast of "The Lodges under the English Constitution," coupled with the name of Bro. A. H. Burton. He would simply say he trusted that the harmony which existed at the present time between the various bodies would ever do so, and that the sooner one great union took place the better it would be. (Applause.)

Bro. Burton replied.

Bro. Gilligan also made a few remarks, intimating that the Palmerston brethren would be glad to see the visitors here again when the lodge was opened, about the 15th August.

Bro. M'Kenzie returned thanks on behalf of the Scotch Constitution.

"The Health of the Officers Elect of the Palmerston Lodge" was proposed by P.M. Bro. Smith, coupled with the name of Bro. Keen.

Bro. Keen said that, as junior officer, he begged to return thanks. He was pleased and proud that that day they had opened their English lodge. He must say, however, he was surprised to find a peculiar feeling existing as regarded the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions. He had come to the antipodes to learn, for the first time, that there was any difference; he hoped he should never hear such an opinion expressed again.

Bro. Burton proposed "Prosperity to the Town of Palmerston," coupled with the name of Bro. Gilligan, formerly Mayor of Palmerston.

Bro. Gilligan responded.

Bro. Joyce proposed the toast of "All poor and distressed Masons."

The Mayor, Mr. C. Haynes, returned thanks on behalf of the visitors for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained.

"The Health of Host Duncan" having been proposed and drunk, with three times three for "Mr. Duncan and family," that gentleman responded, and

The proceedings, which passed off most satisfactorily were closed.—*Palmerston Times*.

SALE OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The announcement of the public sale of this well-known and handsome building attracted a large and influential assemblage at the Auction Mart on Tuesday last, amongst whom we noticed the faces of several well-known brethren.

Bro. J. Green (of the firm of Bros. Weatherall and Green) officiated, and after a few introductory remarks as to the character and capabilities of the structure, and expressing his hope as an old Mason that the building might be secured by the Craft, so as to avoid what our correspondent last week characterised as a standing disgrace to the fraternity if it ever became anything else but a Masonic Hall, a first bid of £3000 was promptly made, which was rapidly followed by biddings of £100 each, until £4000 was reached, when Bro. Green announced that low as the price was, his reserve was obtained, and the property was entirely in the hands of the public. Biddings of £50 each followed from numerous competitors, and the hammer ultimately fell at £4600, offered on behalf of Bro. John Oliver, by Bro. M. Sanson, of Kennington-road.