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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CAPPER LODGE.—(No. 1076).—To those who know the position of the above lodge, situated as it is in the midst of large manufactures and docks, where a constant stream of new comers from every port in England and we may surely say from every part of the world, are continually congregating, sojourning for a time around it, then departing, in too many instances never again to return, it may not appear extraordinary that it should have at the present time some 240 members upon its books, representing the total strength of the lodge, but as many of them are at the present time scattered over the face of land and water, we perhaps may by means of this report be the means of showing them how their mother is getting on, and we have the greater pleasure in so doing, because at the present time, under the skilful and courteous leadership of Bro. John White, the esteemed W.M.; her prospects were never more calculated to inspire confidence and satisfaction than at the present moment. To this happy result, we are informed, the strict and firm rule of Bro. Dorton, the I.P.M., has in no mean measure contributed. But whatever the means, and whoever the author, our visit to the lodge on the occasion of its usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., gave ample evidence of a vast change, both in the numbers attending and the applications for admission, some forty of the most prominent members alone being present, and not a single initiate. In fact the only work before the lodge, after the minutes of the past meeting had been confirmed, was the raising of Bro. Hilliard, the host, and late captain of the telegraph ship "Dacia," to the Sublime Degree. The business part took a form that is sure to be appreciated by Masons viz., the raising of the initiation fee from seven to ten guineas, which step comes into force in September next, and notice of motion was given by Bro. Nevin that the joining fee be raised at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an elegantly served cold collation, and afterwards re-assembled round the social board in the lodge room. Besides the W.M. the following officers and visitors were present:—Bros. J. Dorton, I.P.M.; H. B. Halliday, P.M.; W. Steele, P.M., and P.M. of the Henley Lodge; J. Henderson, P.M., and of other lodges; F. Brian, S.W.; P. McCarthy, J.W.; Jas. Mitchell, Secretary; H. Taplay, S.D.; J. T. K. Job, J.D.; Mat Sherwin, Organist; W. Dorton, I.G.; W. Nevin, W.S.; B. Norman, Tyler; W. F. Day, 898; P. Davis, 333; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, that of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of E." being followed severally by a verse of the "National Anthem" and "God bless the Prince of Wales," Bro. Dorton rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," saying it was one that was always received at that lodge with enthusiasm. It was not for him to comment upon the qualities of their W.M.; but he felt sure they must acknowledge that he tried to do all that he possibly could to carry out the true principles of Masonry, while he was indefatigable in his exertions for the welfare of the lodge, and to make the brethren comfortable and harmonious together. (Cheers.) Bro. White briefly responded, and thanked them and Bro. Dorton for their reception of the toast. He knew that what Bro. Dorton said came from his kind heart, and he appreciated it deeply. Nothing should be wanting on his part to make the lodge a home for true Masonry and brotherly love for all. (Applause.) "The Visitors" was warmly welcomed. Bro. Jolly in response spoke of the great necessity of visitors not saying too much, but could not help thanking them for the splendid exhibition of order, regularity, and excellent working shown that night by both W.M. and officers, in carrying out the business of the lodge, and as well for their cordial hospitality. Bro. Davis (who was at the battle of the Alma, colour sergeant of the Grenadier Guards, and

carried the flag when the young and gallant Sir John Burgoyne had been taken to the rear badly wounded) as well returned thanks. In proposing the toast of the Past Master the W.M. said words failed to express how much he individually was indebted to the Past Masters, for their generous assistance to him, not only during the time he occupied it, but before he took the chair, and every member of the lodge felt as he did, that they could not do less than he now asked them to do, thank them for drinking their healths. (Cheers.) Bro. Dorton in reply could assure them of the pleasure it afforded him to render that assistance to the W.M. in carrying out the duties of the lodge that he had always received from his predecessors. It was his most earnest desire to promote Masonry by every means in his power, and during the time he had the honour to be W.M. of that lodge, he had, he trusted, shown that that was the desire of his heart and that he had faithfully carried out the duties entrusted to him in that important position, and now as Past Master that desire was as fresh and earnest within him as at any time of his life. (Cheers.) Bros. Holliday, Steele, and Henderson briefly replied. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Officers." For himself he felt a deep debt of gratitude to them, from the highest to the lowest. (Cheers.) Bro. Brien said in reply that he, and his brother officer felt unmixed satisfaction to hear that their efforts met with the approbation of the lodge and their visitors. Bro. Jolly had said "that if the officers worked well the Master felt that he must do so" but he thought Bro. Jolly should have reversed it, and then then they would see that with the excellent example before them of their W.M., it was impossible for his officers to do less than they did. However he felt sure that the officers of the Capper Lodge would always do their duty. (Cheers.) The Tyler's toast then finished a most enjoyable gathering, which was enlivened by some good harmony from the brethren.

ST. DUNSTON'S LODGE (No. 1589).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Dalwood, W.M.; Dodson, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; Wellsman, I.P.M.; Tisley, Secretary; Woodbridge, S.D.; Mannors, J.D.; Low, I.G.; Bull, D.C.; Clemow, W.S.; and Past Masters Maxwell and Dwarber. The visitors were Bros. Kimber, P.G.D.C. Middlesex; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex (*Freemason*); T. H. Fowler, 19; Clemow, Confidence; Schow, 335, Canada. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. A. Dickenson, Constitutional, for joining, and Mr. Jenkins for initiation, and having been declared unanimous, the W.M. inducted the latter to the degree of E.A., the ceremony being most ably performed. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Clemow for his handsome and useful present to the lodge of a handsome cigar box, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary preliminary toasts having been duly proposed and honoured, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in the course of which toast he said that no one better understood the duties of that position than did Bro. Dalwood. The advantage of having an old P.M. in the chair of a new lodge could not be overestimated, because he would naturally be willing, able, anxious, and ready to cope with any emergency. Their W.M. would prove no exception to that rule, and he hoped his year of office would be attended with every prosperity. The W.M., in reply, stated that he felt deeply gratified with the manner in which his health had been proposed and drank. He should endeavour to do the best that he could for the lodge, and to follow the good example that had been set him by his two predecessors in office. It was impossible for every brother to be a good working Mason, because some were born to shine; but, nevertheless, he believed that application and zeal could create wonders, and he therefore conjured those young members who were "working up" to lose no time in perfecting themselves in the ritual. In conclusion, he stated that Number 1589 was not a mixed assemblage like the majority of Masonic lodges, because the members were all either resident in or connected with the parish. He looked forward to a very happy year, and hoped that during his term of office that one of the glorious principles of the Order—charity—would not be forgotten. "The Initiates" followed, and having been warmly received, and the song peculiar to the degree sung by the Secretary, Bro. Jenkins briefly responded, by thanking the members for having given him an opportunity of joining their ancient Craft, a privilege which he had had for some time past a great desire to avail himself. He had been deeply impressed with the whole ceremony, and he should endeavour always to act up to the principles as set forth in the degree which he had that evening had the honour of receiving, and in conclusion, he said that the members might always depend upon his attending their meetings. "The Visitors" came next in order, which toast was acknowledged in fitting terms by all, Bro. Fowler's reply being particularly good. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. touched at length on the individual merits of Bros. Wellsman, Maxwell, and Dwarber, and said that those worthy brethren were a trio that any lodge might be proud of. This toast was received with excellent "fire," and the brethren thus honoured briefly acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and gave Bro. Tisley an opportunity of touching upon several matters connected with the lodge, and of indulging in some witticisms which were highly relished by his auditory. "The Officers" having been proposed, was, in his response, done full justice to by the J.W., upon behalf of himself and colleagues. The proceedings at intervals were enlivened by the instrumental, dramatic, and vocal contributions of Bros. Kimber, Walls, Wellsman, Clemow, Bramber, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Friday in October next.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above famous old lodge, the mother of all the lodges in the district, took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and although but little work was done, yet so well was it done, that Bro. Phillips must ever remember with pleasure his being passed to the Second Degree, not only for its significance to him as a Mason, but for the impressive and effective working of both the W.M. and the officers who assisted at that important ceremony. Bro. H. Harding, Organist of No. 1536, was then unanimously elected a hon. member of the lodge, as some recognition of his valuable services to the lodge as Organist, and then the lodge was closed in due form. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Spinks, W.M. 1536; T. Smith, P.M. 829, 913, and P.P.G.P. Kent; H. Harding, Organist 1536; G. Beaver, D.C. 700; R. Beaver, 700; W. Sallenger, 913; W. Rees, 913, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). Beside the W.M. the following officers of the lodge were present:—W. P. Appleby, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Treasurer T. Hutton J.W.; N. Brown, S.D.; G. H. Masters, J.D.; H. Syer, Secretary; T. Ho-good, I.G.; T. E. Hassell, W.S., and B. Norman; Bro. Spinks acted as S.W. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Moore, Tyler. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. Appleby rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in the course of an eloquent address bore testimony to the many excellences that had always endeared that brother to the lodge. He said it was almost impossible for him to be present at the lodge so much as he should like. He had been a member of the lodge for 17 years, and in it he had received the benefits of initiation. He regretted much that among the many Masters who had passed the chair of that lodge so few attended its meetings. For himself, he could safely say that for many years after he had done so he always attended, and he regretted in looking through the attendance book that so few of the Past Masters visited the lodge and assisted the W.M. in carrying out the arduous duties appertaining to that position. (Hear, hear.) It seemed to him that as soon as they had gained the highest office that the brethren could give them, and received the usual honour of the chair, they said, "Oh, we have gone through the chair, and that is all we care about." He hoped it was not so, but it evidently was the fact that with the exception of Bros. Henderson and G. Davies, to whom great credit was due for their constant attendance and good work, there was hardly a Past Master who attended the lodge. (Hear, hear.) He asked then, how could a W.M. carry on the duties without the assistance of a P.M.? but Bro. Reed had done so on one occasion, and he therefore asked them to make up for the absence of the Past Masters by giving him all the assistance and support in their power. He asked them to do honour to the toast. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Reed, in reply, said he fully endorsed every word that Bro. Appleby had said in respect to the great want he had felt in the absence of the Past Masters of the lodge. The Master of a lodge, however well he might be up in the ritual and working of it, felt doubly sure if he had the moral support of a Past Master by his side. It gave him great pleasure to see Bro. Appleby present, and he knew how difficult it was for him to be present. (Cheers.) So far as he himself was concerned, he had now passed the meridian of his year of office, but hoped before the end of it to show them that he had carried out, as he had told them he should at its commencement, the duties of it to the best of his abilities, and leave the position in as good and exalted a state as he found it for his successor. (Applause.) He then alluded to the duties of the W.M. outside the lodge, and trusted to have their continued support to the end. (Applause.) Bro. Smith responded to a flattering reception of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Spinks, G. Beaver, Reece, and C. Jolly as well added a few remarks. "The Past Masters" followed, and Bros. Henderson and Appleby responded. Bro. Hutton replied for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a conclusion.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. J. Jowett, I.P.M., occupied the chair of K.S., there being a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no special business before the lodge, the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture on the E.A. Degree were worked, the two former by the W.M. and Bro. J. J. Crosskell, S.D.; and the latter by the W.M. and Bro. Cardwell, S.W. The working was done in a very efficient manner. At its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. and the S.W. and J.D., on the motion of Bro. W. Hall, P.M., seconded by Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. Whimpry, P.M., the latter expressing his hearty concurrence in the action of the W.M. in working the sections connected with the various degrees when there was no other business of importance before the lodge, and which could not fail to be of great interest to the members. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in due form.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge and the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, the ceremony being performed by the retiring Master, Bro. J. Brown. The lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the following were present:—Bros. Brown, W.M.; Bennett, I.P.M.; Wright, P.M.; P.P.J.G.W.; Jno. Smith, P.M.; P.P.J.G.W.; T. Cox, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W.; Prov. G. Treas.; Worsnop, P.M.; Gee, P.M.; T. Merry, S.W. and W.M., elect; W. Cooper, J.W.; W. Whittaker, Sec.; A. Frazer, S.D.; G. Cay, J.D.; W. W. Vincent, D.C.; Jas. King and Jos. Bland, Stewards; Day, Webb,

Webster, Fone, Copestick, W. Johnson, Caborn, Knight, Francis, A. Smith, Coulthurst, Barnett, Robinson. Visitors: Bros. F. Campion, P.P.S.G.W., 253; W. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec. 253; Yeoman, 1460 Wood, 1399; Popplewell, 1085; Boden, W.M. 353; Jas. Merry, P.M. 623; Grubb, 73, I.G.; J. C. Streker, P.M. 493. Heathcote, P.M. 1085; Taylor W.M. 253; Pipes, W.M. 1085; Lazle, 456; Heathcote, S.W. 1085; Steele S.D., 1085; Manton, Sec. 1085; Biggs, W.M. 802. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed a circular from Grand Lodge respecting the Grand Orient of France was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the W.M. elect was duly presented, took the customary obligations, and all below the rank of a Master retired. On re-entering the lodge the new W.M. received the salutes of the brethren, and the following were appointed officers:—Bros. Cooper, S.W.; A. Frazer, J.W.; Burton, Treasurer; Whittaker, Sec.; Cay, S.D.; Bland, J.D.; King, D.C.; Day, I.G.; Copestick and Webb, Stewards, Bolden, Tyler. After the lodge had been resumed in the first degree the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to be added to the amount which was raised for presentation by the Prov. G.M., the Marquis of Hartington to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the W.M., received the congratulations of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment was made to the Banqueting Hall. Bro. Merry W.M., took the chair at the banquet and was supported on his right by Bro. Bemrose (Mayor of Derby). The usual Masonic toasts of "The Queen," "The Grand Master," "The Officers of Grand Lodge," "The Prov. G.M., The Marquis of Hartington," "Bro. Okeover, the D.P.G.M.," and "The Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," were given in the customary way. "The Health of the W.M." was enthusiastically received, and in responding Bro. Merry expressed his determination to do all in his power to maintain the character of the lodge, he hoped to receive the support of the brethren and at the end of his year, to receive their approbation and to leave the chair as unsullied as he found it. "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Brown," was given by the W.M., who thanked him in the name of the lodge for the very able and impressive manner in which he had done the work of Installing Officer that day, as well as that of Master during the past year, and as a simple acknowledgment of this he had very great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel of a P.M., which he hoped he would be spared long to wear in the Arboretum Lodge. Bro. Brown, in responding, expressed his obligations to the brethren for their support during the past year; he felt that he had sometimes fallen short of their, and indeed, of his own expectations, but he had had the assistance and sympathy of his officers and the members of the lodge. He had occasionally, but very seldom, to speak to a brother in a manner which pained himself, but he was too proud of those who took duty in the lodge under him and of their working to allow even trifling errors to pass without a word. He hoped that this feeling had been appreciated by those who had worked with him, and he had every reason to believe it had been. He could say without egotism that he had had very good officers; they had known how to do their work and had done it. In retiring from the chair he could not help referring to the great and uniform kindness which he (a comparative stranger when he joined them) had always received at the hands of all the brethren of the Arboretum Lodge. He had often to travel long distances at great inconvenience to attend lodge, but the brotherly love and kindly greeting he had received had won his heart, and they might be assured that so long as he could he should contrive to come amongst them and render any assistance in his power. For the very handsome jewel with which they had presented him he thanked them; he would value it as his choicest treasure; and when he had left home for, he hoped, that Grand Lodge above, God helping him, his executors would find this jewel carefully preserved. In response to "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Bemrose expressed his thanks for the privilege of being with them that evening; he felt that his irregular attendance at the meeting of the lodges in the town had made him a very unworthy member of the Craft, but the way he had been received by the W.M. and the brethren had put him quite at home, and he had very great pleasure in being able to attend. He wished the Master and the brethren every success during the coming year. Bros. Boden, W.M. 353; Stocks, P.M. 493; Grubb, 73, &c., and Yeomans, W.M. elect, 1460, also responded. "The Health of the W.M.'s and Brethren of the sister Lodges in the Town" was heartily received and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Taylor, W.M. Tyrian, 253; Bro. Biggs, W.M. Repose, 802; and Bro. Pipes, W.M. Hartington, 1085. "The Health of the Officers" and the Tyler's toast finished a very successful meeting.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge, (No. 1085).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, March 6th, 1878. Present, Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; W. Heathcote, I.P.M.; J. Heathcote, S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; J. O. Manton, Secretary; S. Steele, S.D.; J. E. Russell, J.D.; J. H. Hepworth, M. of C.; W. Butterfield, I.G.; W. Naylor, P.G. Sec.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; S. Pipes, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Biggs, W.M. "Repose;" and a large number of other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form at 7.40 p.m. and the customary business performed, the two gentlemen, Mr. Joseph Albert Heford and Mr. Robert Baxter, residents of the town, proposed at the last meeting, were balloted for and duly elected, and Bro. Popplewell was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The latter, being the first work of the new Master, attracted particular attention, and the conduct of the ceremony was very gratifying, there being strict accuracy, not only in the delivery of the W.M., but in the parts of the whole of the officers. Other business affecting the regulation of the lodge was discussed, and after another name had been submitted for addition to the

roll of the order, the brethren expressed their gratitude to the G.A. for his favours, and adjourned until the first Wednesday in April.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The brethren connected with this most prosperous and admirably conducted lodge gathered in strong force at the Town Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool, on Thursday, the 7th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Duncan, junior. The standing of this lodge, so well maintained during the past year by Bro. Richard Roberts, the excellent W.M., was clearly shown by a most influential gathering of the fraternity; and the splendid manner in which the work was done was convincingly shown by the manner in which the ceremony of initiation was performed previous to the installation. There were about eighty brethren present, amongst whom were a number of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, twenty-three W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and a good representation of officers from other lodges. Bro. Richard Roberts, W.M., was supported at the opening by the following officers:—Bros. J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D., P.M.; H. Wyatt, P.M.; T. D. Pierce, P.M.; J. Duncan, jun., S.W.; W. H. Clemmey, J.W.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treasurer; J. C. Paterson, Secretary; R. A. Hough, S.D.; J. Mortleman, J.D.; J. Lecomber, W.M. 594, I.G.; J. P. McArthur, J.P., P.M., D.C.; S. Stott, S.; T. J. Young, S.; J. P. Bryan, O.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The list of visitors embraced the names of Bros. W. R. Brewster, W. J. Rice, J. Lamb, G. F. Walsh, R. E. Milton, W. Woodward, E. Griffiths, R. Hailes, J. F. Dowling, Job Clarke, jun., H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; F. M. Jones, C. Padley, C. Muirhead, A. F. Fraser, W. Duckworth, jun., and H. Biffin. Amongst the distinguished visitors were Bros. A. Winkup, P.M. 667; J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; W. H. Ivatts, 884; R. P. France, P.M. 594; Councillor Forrest, P.M. 1547; A. Huther, 241; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; D. Grahame, 1356; R. Scott, 241; W. Overend, 724; P. W. Oglesby, Sec. 823; A. D. Hesketh, Secretary, 1182; A. Barclay, S.D. 1182; J. Wells, P.G.S., P.M. 580; W. Thompson, 823; T. Horne, P.M. 1356; J. H. Parker, S.W. 1547; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W.; Major G. Turner, P.G. Treasurer; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Major C. Swaby Smith, P.M. 1380; J. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; G. Farmer, 823; R. R. Forshaw, J.W. 1035; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; W. Walker, S.W. 1086; Captain W. J. Newman, P.M. 786; T. W. Kellett, 721; and C. Petrie, 271. After the ceremony of initiation had been most satisfactorily performed by Bro. R. Roberts, the retiring W.M., he closed his valuable year's services by installing Bro. John Duncan, jun., in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. T. D. Pierce, P.M. The remarkably effective way in which the whole ceremony was performed elicited the heartiest appreciation of all who were present. The following brethren were subsequently invested officers of the lodge:—Bros. Richard Roberts, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer (for the fourth time); J. Farlane McArthur, J.P., P.M., D.C. (also for the fourth time); W. H. Clemmey, S.W.; J. C. Paterson, J.W.; R. A. Hough, Hon. Sec.; F. J. Mortleman, S.D.; John Lecomber, J.D.; S. Stott, I.G.; T. F. Young, S.S.; R. Harley, J.S.; J. P. Byran, Org.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The hearty good wishes of the representatives from about twenty lodges were given to the W.M. on his promotion to the most honourable position in Freemasonry. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Dowling, of the Derby Arms Hotel, assisted by Bro. Maycock, of the Washington Hotel, Liverpool. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who said it must be a source of gratification to the whole fraternity in England to find that Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the future King of England, had again been unanimously re-elected M.W.G.M. The interest of the Royal Family in Freemasonry was further shown by the fact that two of their number occupied the principal chairs in the Grand Lodge. "Our Masonic Rulers," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Major Turner, P.G. Treasurer, and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C. "The Worshipful Master," given by Bro. R. Roberts in eloquent terms, was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master" (Bro. Roberts), which was also received with immense enthusiasm, and presented him with a most artistic P.M.'s jewel. Surmounting the jewel were the Bootle arms, depicted in genuine heraldic form, and at the back of the jewel was a suitable Masonic inscription. Bro. Roberts, in acknowledging the gift of the brethren, referred to the great advantages of Freemasonry. "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Ibbs, Wyatt, and Turley; and "The Visitors," by Bros. Councillor Forrest, Dr. C. Swaby Smith, and Wm. Simpson. The chief feature of the musical programme was the "Fairy Bells" performance of Bro. Hargreaves Gill, who again elicited the greatest enthusiasm; and the several vocal numbers were well rendered by Bros. Stott, Forrester, Hough, and Byran.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—Since the consecration of the above lodge, some three years ago, it has increased largely in numbers and influence, and will undoubtedly, take, ere long, an important position in the Province of Kent, of which it and the "Patison" are the only two in the district. During the above term it has initiated some fifty or sixty candidates, and a number of joining members have added their names to the list, but on account of the continual shifting of the brethren to the different military stations, both at home and abroad, it has, as yet, never become unwieldy, but has always been held by its Masters well in hand, in fact, we may say, with almost military discipline. A rare feeling of unanimity is, therefore, the result, and never, perhaps, was this feeling better exemplified than on Friday, the 8th inst., when its regular meeting was held at the

Freemasons' Hall, on Anglesea Hill, Bro. Plaisted's fine room there, upon which occasion the report of a Financial Committee, appointed to look into such means and ways as would best ensure the early defraying of the debts of the lodge, was presented and unanimously approved of, a general desire being expressed by all the brethren for a speedy and satisfactory settlement of the question. Bro. G. Spinks, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. Picken, S.W.; H. Shaw, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Weston, I.P.M.; R. Croisdale, P.M.; C. A. Solbe, Chaplain; D. Deeves, S.D.; H. Welding, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; A. Brooks, I.G.; C. Buckland, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Ward, P.M. 700; W. Ward, 700; A. Hiscock, 13; E. A. Rust, 357; S. Richer, 1210; C. Jolly (Freemason), 913. The lodge having been opened in due form, Mr. T. Reid, gunnery instructor, R.M. Academy, and Mr. H. Penfold, staff sergeant, Coast Brigade R.A., were initiated. Bros. W. A. Rowley, J. Hunter, and P. Slocombe were then passed to the Second Degree and Bros. W. Moulds and A. Dunn were raised to the Sublime Degree, the whole of the ceremonies being worked by the W.M. and his officers with rare ability and effect. The report of the Committee, as before stated, on financial matters was then adopted unanimously. The lodge was then closed and the brethren assembled round the refreshment table, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drank in proper form. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed briefly by Bro. Weston, the I.P.M., and Bro. Spinks in reply said at their last meeting they seemed to be in a fog; but now the sun had broken through, and all was clear again. If the recommendation of the Committee was carried out they would soon be out of debt. Some said, leave it to our posterity, but he said no do not leave those who come behind them a heavy income tax, but rather leave them a legacy free from debt, that they might be proud to receive. (Cheers.) The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and in speaking of Bro. Reid the W.M. said he had known him long as a faithful soldier, and had no doubt that he would be a faithful Mason. (Cheers.) Bro. Reid responded. In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. T. Ward, after a few sentences, said it was now nearly twelve months since he had an opportunity of being present at that lodge, not through any fault of his own, but because of circumstances which had prevented him. He was pleased to see the good work done by the W.M. and his officers. He remembered under what favourable auspices that lodge was opened by Bro. General Brownrigg, and the same excellent spirit seemed to actuate them all, from the Master down to the youngest member, and the result was good order, regularity, and good working. (Cheers.) He then spoke of the perfect harmony that evidently reigned amongst them, as evinced by their reception of the Financial Committee's report. He advocated the three months' summer vacation as proposed, and said after that time was up they would meet fresh and vigorous for the next year's campaign. (Cheers.) In the name of the Nelson Lodge he thanked them, and gave a general invitation to that lodge. "The Past Masters, Officers, and Committee" were severally toasted, and after "The Health of Bro. Jolly" had been proposed and drank, the Tyler's toast, and one verse of "God Save the Queen," sung by Bro. Brooks, the company separated.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 1st inst. Bro. Duff, the W.M., presided, and there was a good average attendance of members. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. George Knipe, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. W. Longmire, the J.W. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—This lodge held its regular meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 4th inst. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M., presided, and was supported by his various officers. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. E. Eldred, P.M. Vitruvian Lodge, (338), and being unanimous, he was admitted as a joining member. The accounts for the past year were presented by Bro. Sly, P.M., Treasurer, which showed the lodge to be in a prosperous condition. The W.M. then gave the lecture on the first tracing board, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him at the close. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, after which the usual proclamations were made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren. The lodge was then closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

GREENWICH.—Royal Naval College Lodge (No. 1593).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday, March 12th; Bros. Professor Kalley Miller, W.M., Captain Johnson, S.W., and Dr. Armstrong, J.W. His Serene Highness Prince Volbrath Von Læwenstein, Sub-Lieut. R.N., was elected and initiated. Lieut. C. E. Gladstone, R.N., a nephew of the ex-Premier, was passed to the Second Degree. It was proposed by Captain Johnson, seconded by Captain Blakey, and carried n.m. con., that the privilege of membership, at present confined to the officers and staff of the college and other naval officers, should be extended to the permanent civil officials of the Admiralty. A lodge of instruction has been formed in connection with the lodge, and is being vigorously worked.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597) held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Angel and Crown Hotel, there were present Bro. Keily, P.G. Treas. Middlesex, W.M.; Amphlett, S.W.; Edmunds, Past Grand Steward, J.W.; Dunn, S.D.; Gellard, J.D.; Bing,

I.G.; Wilson, Paterson, Hulburd, Sindall, Jewell, Fairlie. Visitors: H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Dubois, 142, Past G.S.D. Middlesex; Stollery, 209; Kentish, 1293; Judge, 1178; Phythian, W.M. 22; Harvey, 1348, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bing, representing the Audit Committee, then stated the financial position of the lodge, which was considered by the members present to be very satisfactory. The W.M. then read to the assembled members the Grand Lodge communication with reference to the Grand Orient of France. A motion to present Bro. Keily, the W.M., with a dinner service, in recognition of his services to the lodge since its consecration, was carried unanimously. The acting I.P.M., Bro. Wilson, then presented Bro. Keily, the W.M., with the lodge jewel voted at the last meeting. Bro. Keily thanked the brethren in warm terms for the handsome manner in which the lodge had recognised his services. Bro. Sindall expressed his wish to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the R.M. Institution for Boys, and the lodge voted £5 5s. from the Almoner's Fund to be placed on his list, and several brethren announced their intention to subscribe and attend the festival with him. After other business had been transacted the lodge was then closed in the usual manner with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was served in Bro. Jewell's usual admirable style, and gave great satisfaction.

INSTRUCTION.

WHITTINGTON LODGE. (No. 862).—This lodge of instruction held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, Bros. Marston, W.M. Skelmersdale Lodge, in the chair; Hallam, S.W.; Abell, J.W.; Lee, S.D.; Welsford, J.D.; Vizzard, I.G.; Long, Preceptor; Hyde, Somers and others. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes confirmed. The Lecture of the First Degree was then ably gone through Bro. Somers, of Lodge 1602, was elected a member, and Bro. Hallam, S.W.; and the W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction for Master Masons was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 15th March, Bros. P.M. Rogers, Preceptor; Payne, W.M.; Dunn, jun., S.W.; Thompson, J.W.; Press, S.D.; Edmunds, J.D.; J. F. O. C. Wood, I.G. The lodge was opened and the minutes read. Bro. C. F. Parslow, being candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Beattie being candidate to be passed to Second Degree was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge having been closed in the Second Degree, Bro. S. Beattie, of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507; W. Wilkinson, of St. John's Lodge, No. 167; and C. F. Parslow, of Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge, No. 1602, were accepted as joining members. Bro. H. B. D. Dunn was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation, and the lodge was closed.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).—At a meeting of the above lodge of instruction, held at Ealing on the 14th inst., there was a strong muster of the brethren to receive the W.M., Wardens, officers and brethren of the mother lodge, No. 1612, on the occasion of their annual visit to the lodge of instruction. All the brethren appeared in the usual Masonic clothing. Bro. A. Beasley was W.M.; Bro. H. Kasner, S.W.; Bro. Compton, J.W.; Green, S.D.; Tucker, J.D.; Fisher, I.G.; Johnson, Tyler. Present also, Bros. Fernie, Rands, Owen, Gunner, Kingston, Gomm, Wright, Jones, Campfield, Hughes, Pooley, Stephens, Seward, Porter, Dorey, Allen, Clark, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, the acting Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the usual questions were put and satisfactorily replied to by Bro. Porter, a candidate for raising. Bro. Kingston having taken the chair, after the W.M. (Bro. Beasley) had closed down to the Second Degree, worked the ceremony of passing Bro. Gunner, candidate. Bro. Beasley resumed the chair and closed down the lodge to the First Degree. A very cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Stephens, the host, for the admirable arrangements made for the accommodation of the brethren, and for the readiness he, at all times, displayed to meet the wishes of the lodge. This was duly seconded and carried unanimously, after which Bro. Stephens responded in suitable terms, and there being no other business to transact the lodge was closed in due form, and one of the pleasantest meetings of the season brought to an end.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday evening, the 15th March, at the Mitre Hotel, Golbourne-road, Notting-hill. Bros. Adkins, W.M.; Woodmason, S.W.; Penn, J.W.; Smout, sen., S.D.; H. Delane, I.G.; Savage, P.M.; Murlis, P.M.; Poulter, Hutton, Wood, Newland, Webster, Oldrey, Gabb, Dr. Pocock, Spiegel, and others. The ceremony of initiation was first rehearsed, Bro. Murlis being candidate, after which Bro. Savage worked the First Section, assisted by the brethren. The lodge being opened, Bro. Dr. Pocock, having answered the usual questions for passing, retired. The lodge was then opened to the Second Degree, when Bro. Webster offered himself as candidate for raising. The usual questions having been answered, the lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Dr. Pocock was elected a member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Woodmason will be W.M. next Friday.

A capital portrait of the late Duke of Leinster, Past Grand Master of Ireland, is given with the *Weekly Welcome*, of the 16th inst.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER.—The usual quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. The chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. T. Foxall, M.E.Z., P.Z.; with Ex. Comp. Dodson, P.Z., as H.; and Ex. Comp. Nunn, P.S., Scribe E., as J. The members present were Comps. Thurston, P.S.; Salter, 1st Asst. S.; Strube, 2nd Asst. S.; Jacquard, Dunn, H. Lovegrove, Potter, Janitor; and others. One of the Principals, Comp. Durkin, H., was unable to attend, and the other, Comp. Harvey, J., had not recovered from a severe illness. After the transaction of some routine business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, provided by Comp. Cox.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—A quarterly convocation of this chapter, was held on Thursday, the 14th ult., at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, Wigton. Comp. H. Bewes, M.E.Z., presiding, supported by Comps. J. Gardiner, H.; J. Pearson, J.; J. Gate P.Z.; and others. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed a long discussion ensued respecting the working and welfare of the chapter. The chapter was then closed and adjourned till St. John's day when the companions will celebrate the festival. After a brief period of refreshment the companions separated.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The anniversary of this chapter was held on Tuesday, March 12th. Owing to the Bedfordshire Lent Assizes being fixed for the same day it was impossible for the chapter to obtain sufficient accommodation at the Swan Hotel, where the chapter is held, for celebrating its annual gathering in its customary manner, so the banquet was postponed until the June meeting (2nd Tuesday), whilst the companions met for the installation of Principals, investiture of officers, and other formal business, at 11 o'clock a.m. At this hour the chapter was opened by Comps. Alderman J. R. Bull, J.P., M.E.Z.; Cookson, H.; and Rev. W. Tebbs, P.S. (J. Royal Cyrus, 285), acting J.; there being also present Comps. G. Read, P.Z. Andrew Chapter, 834, and H. Mt. Sinai, 19; A. Barfield, P.Z., Mt. Sinai, 19 (both hon. coms. of the chapter) and Boughton Smith, H. De. Mowbray, 1130, and P. Prov. G. Stand, B. of Leicestershire. On the companions below the rank of Principal being called in there entered Fisher, N.; Colburn, E.; Billson, 1st A.S.; and Carter, Treasurer; when also Comp. Cuthbert, J., entered and took his chair. The minutes of the preceding chapter having been read and confirmed the companions below the rank of 1st Principal then retired, except Comps. Cookson, H., who was installed into the chair of Z., E. Comp. Butt, the retiring M.E.Z., who performed this his closing act of office as efficiently and impressively as he has every single ceremony in the chairs through which he has passed. With this grateful tribute to the many excellencies of Comp. Bull we bid him farewell as Z., but only to welcome the energy and hearty zeal that he will infuse into the multifarious duties of one that has passed the chair. For these we shall not look in vain, nor indeed shall we have to seek them, for all who know the Stuart Lodge have reason to know and gratefully remember its Past Master Steward; so all who know the Stuart Chapter, will have cause to feel assured to realize with gratitude, like the earnest devotion to-day of the P.Z., Alderman J. R. Bull. Comp. Barfield next presented Comps. Cuthbert and Tebbs—the latter on the request of the Royal Cyrus, Chapter 285, Shepton Mallett, for his advancement as H., into which he was installed by Companion Read. The same worthy companion then installed Comp. Fisher into the chair of J., after which the remaining companions of the chapter were called in, the newly installed occupants of the chairs were duly saluted. The M.E.Z., then proceeded to invest his officers:—Comps. J. R. Bull, I.P.Z.; Rev. W. Tebbs; Capt. G. Osborne; E. Billson, P.S.; Carter, Treas.; and Geo. Reynolds, Janitor. Comp. Billson, nominated as 1st and 2nd A.S., Comps. Stafford and Combs, it was understood that Comps. R. Faussett Ward and Thody would be invested at the next chapter with the collars of Chaplain and Organist. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed by the Companions to Hon. Comps. Read and Barfield for their kind services, which was duly acknowledged. Comp. Tebbs then called attention to the severe loss which it was feared the Charities would have to suffer, and urged the companions if it should be necessary, to do all in their power to mitigate it. With hearty good wishes from various chapters, the chapter was then duly closed.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT.—The last meeting of this, "The Early Grand Encampment of England," was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present a fair muster of Sir Knights, amongst whom were Sir Kts. J. Tanner, E.C.; Chas. Jacques, Prelate; Paas, P.E.C.; Almoner; Dewar, P.E.C.; Registrar; John Harvey, P.E.C.; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C.; Baxter, P.E.C.; Hofwasser, P.E.C.; Driver, Exp.; and Nevill, Std. Br. The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, and having been declared unanimous, Comp. Walls, of the Jerusalem and Era Chapters, P.G.O. of the Middlesex Grand Chapter, the only candidate present, was duly advanced to the degree of a K.T., the ceremony being performed, by the permission of the E.C., by Sir Kt. S. Rosenthal. A letter of condolence was ordered to be forwarded by the Registrar to the family of the late Sir Kt. Major

Barlow, who, at the last meeting of the encampment, was appointed 1st Captain, and whose sudden demise occurred shortly afterwards. The E.C., in consequence of this melancholy event, was enabled to give promotion to those Sir Knights next in rotation, and appointed Sir Kt. Walls to the vacant position of Captain of the Lines. There being no other business of importance, the preceptory was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed, and the Sir Knights, after passing a most agreeable evening, separated at an early hour.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SWANSEA.—Morganwg Chapter, Rose Croix.—The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Cair-street, when the following were present: Ill. Bros. W. H. Tucker, M.P.S.; W. Williams, 1st Gen.; D. C. Jones, 2nd Gen.; Robert Maine, Grand Marshal; J. R. Davies, Recorder; W. Broad, Organist; J. Bulerwell, Outer Guard; also the following visitors: Ill. Bros. General Doherty, 33°; N. D. Lawson, 31°. The chapter was opened, when Ill. Bro. Lawson took the chair, and initiated the following brethren into the Order, viz., Bros. J. L. C. Hunter Little, W. H. Wilson, W. Clare, D. Davies, J. Bowen, William Tucker, and J. H. Spring; after which the ceremony of installation took place, when Bro. Lawson installed Bro. W. Williams into the M.W.S. chair. The following officers were then appointed:—Bros. J. C. Pladen, High Prelate; D. C. Jones, 1st Gen.; R. Maine, 2nd Gen.; J. L. C. H. Sittler, Grand Marshal; Joseph Thomas, Raphael; J. R. Davies, Recorder; D. Davies, Treasurer; W. Broad, Organist; J. Bowen, Capt. of the Guard; W. H. Wilson, Herald; G. W. Clare, M.C.; J. H. Spring, Lieut. of Guard; J. Bulerwell, Outer Guard. The chapter being closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

CONSECRATION OF THE GORDON LODGE, No. 1726.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., a new lodge in the province of Sussex, under the above title, was opened at Bognor.

The lodge was opened at three o'clock, and to the regret of all present the Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., was unable to be present through an attack of bronchitis. The ceremony of consecration and installation was performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. John H. Scott. The brethren present also included—Bro. Joseph Dixon, Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. C. J. Corder, P. Prov. G.S.W. (as J.W.); Bro. the Rev. H. M. Davey, Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treasurer; Bro. C. A. Woolley, Prov. G. Registrar; Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; Bro. Crouch, Prov. G.J.D.; Bro. John M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C.; Bro. C. Sandeman, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; Bro. Alfred King, Prov. G. Organist; Bro. William Read, Prov. G. Pursuivant; Bro. J. Farncombe, W. G. Sharp, and W. T. Nell, Prov. G. Stewards; Bro. T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; and Bro. H. H. Hughes, Assistant Tyler. The brethren present included Bros. R. Falvey Turner, Alfred Conder (Rev.), James Whisson, J. A. Swornsbourn (S.W. designate, P.M. 944), E. Street, J. W. Howard, Lodge 56; H. Davey, W.M. Brunswick 732; B. Bennett, S.W. 732; O. N. Wyatt, W.M. Union, 38; J. Collins, P. M. Union, 38; T. Francis, P.M. 56; T. Rose, Brunswick; Edgar C. Harris, 26; W. Arthur Butt, Howard Lodge, 56; Chas. H. Knight, Worthing, 851; E. McWhinnie, W.M. Hova Ecclesia; C. R. Burrell, W.M. Clarence, 271; W. R. Wood, jun., St. Cecilia, 1636; H. W. Gebbing, 38; H. N. Travers, 38; A. G. Harvie, 38; Chas. Green, 38; Edward Martin, Brunswick, 732; A. J. Wright, P.M. 38; Jas. Curtis, P.M. York, 315; C. Sandeman, P.M. York and St. Celia; James Eberall, P.M. York, 315, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant, and others.

The onerous duties of D.C. were efficiently discharged by Bro. Kidd.

During the ceremony of consecration Bro. the Rev. C. J. Davey, Prov. Grand Chaplain, delivered an address on the nature and design of Freemasonry. The lodge having been dedicated in due form and properly constituted, the W.M. designate, Bro. John St. Clare, P.M. 38, was duly installed as the first Master, and he proceeded to appoint his officers. The other lodge business included several nominations of gentlemen wishing to become members of the lodge. On the adjournment taking place the room was cleared for the inauguration banquet, which took place at six o'clock. It was provided by Mr. Naldrett, of the Norfolk Hotel. The after-dinner proceedings were of a most enjoyable character. Bro. J. H. Scott, in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Deputy Grand Master," stated how deep was the regret of Sir Walter Burrell in not being able to be present owing to continued illness. Bro. Dixon responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers.

During the evening several of the brethren contributed greatly by their vocal exertions to the enjoyment of the party.

GRAND TREASURERS.

Bro. John Dent was Treasurer of Grand Lodge from the date of the Union, December, 1813, up to March 8th, 1826, he resigned owing to ill-health.

Bro. William Willoughby Prescott was elected Grand Treasurer on March 8th, 1826, and held that office up to the time of death October 24th, 1836.

Bro. Richard Percival was Grand Treasurer from March 1st, 1837, and acted until his death December 23rd, 1851.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins was elected to the office on March 3rd, 1852.

CONSECRATION OF THE WANDERERS' CHAPTER, No. 1604.

On Tuesday evening this new chapter was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, by Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Superintendent Surrey. The chapter is attached to the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, a military lodge, which was consecrated in 1876, and the Wanderers' Chapter is to be a military chapter. The Wanderers' Lodge is one of the few exceptions to the rule laid down by Grand Chapter not to grant a charter to a lodge for holding a chapter unless the lodge shall have been in existence for at least three years. The brethren of the Wanderers' Lodge, knowing that they had a sufficient number of Past Masters of lodges as their members to keep up a supply of Principals for a chapter for several years, applied to Grand Chapter, after being a twelve month old, for a charter for a chapter, but this petition was, in the first instance, refused. At Grand Chapter, in November last, they however applied again, and they obtained such strong support that the petition was unanimously granted. Among the supporters of the petition was General Brownrigg, who spoke very strongly in favour of granting the prayer of the petition, and also very strongly in favour of the Wanderers' Lodge. General Brownrigg was therefore asked to consecrate the chapter, and he very readily accepted the invitation. On Tuesday, then, he consecrated it, and he was assisted in his duties by Comp. J. A. Reed, who took the chair of H.; and Comp. the Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., who took the chair of J.; Comp. C. A. Cottebrune acted as D.C., and Comp. W. H. Bird as S.E. The companions present, among others, at the ceremony, were Comps. Geo. Boulton, Matthew Leslie, J. Brown, W. H. Bird, F. J. Wray, D. Barton, P. T. Fuller, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Hacker, M.E.Z. 723; Rev. R. J. Simpson, J. Reed, P.Z. 180, &c., Louis Beck, 176; Dempster, J. 766; Rev. R. C. Halpin, 167; H. Massey (*Freemason*), E. Mount, 723; H. Wood, H. 538; J. Sharpe, 13; E. G. Klighan, 13; E. P. Albert, P.Z. 188; H. W. Lindus, P.Z. 538; John D. Carter, 771; C. Burmeister, 538; John Diprose, jun., J. 507; W. C. Parsons, Z. elect 180; John Hervey, G.S.E.; and Charles B. Payne, G. Tyler.

After the chapter had been formally opened General Brownrigg, addressing the companions, said they were met that day to lay another stone—and he hoped an important stone—in the Masonic structure. He could assure the companions that it gave him very great pleasure indeed to be asked to preside on that occasion. It was very congenial to his feelings to know that the companions of this new chapter were composed, he believed, principally of members of the profession in which he himself had served so many years. Besides this, he felt an interest in the chapter, because he had been able to assist in a certain degree in obtaining its charter at an earlier period than was ordinarily the case. He thought the rule of Grand Chapter which required three years to elapse before a lodge had a charter granted to it for a chapter was a good one; but like all other rules there might be exceptions made to it occasionally; and he was so convinced that the exception ought to be made, and that it was just and reasonable that it should be made, that he had extreme pleasure in recommending it to the Supreme Grand Chapter. It was to the course he then took that he attributed the honour that had been paid him in asking him to consecrate the new Chapter.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and General Brownrigg called upon Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., to deliver the oration.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson then delivered an oration as follows:—M.E.Z. Comps., the M.E. has given me two very good keys to the few observations which I will make tonight, the first is that I, as well as he, have been honoured by being present here to-night at the request of my companions; not because I have had great experience in Royal Arch Masonry, but I attribute the honour paid to me in a great measure to this, that I was on a former occasion favoured with a request to be present and take part in the consecration of the Wanderers' Lodge. I have come here this evening with very great pleasure, and when the Most Excellent has stated that we are to add one other stone to the building, he reminds me of a fact of which we cannot be too often reminded, that our whole system is a symbolical system, that is, a system by which we are taught great and solemn truths in connection with human life through certain outward symbols which more or less suggest those truths. I propose in the very few remarks I make to compose what may be considered a moral arch, the two limbs of which shall be laid on Faith and Hope, on which we shall raise a superstructure of Virtue, Temperance, Patience, and Brotherly kindness, completing the arch by the grand keystone, Charity. I have said that the arch must be laid in Faith and Hope. With regard to the former, companions, I need scarcely remind you that recent facts have taught us to value the great foundation stone upon which our superstructure rests, and that a belief in, an obedience to, and a recognition of the G.A.O.T.U. must form the basis upon which any enduring arch must rest. The world around us, in its marvellous and beautiful structures, reminds us continually of the fact that a Great Designer, Planner, or Architect must exist; and it does seem impossible that any man with his eyes to see, and with his ears to hear, can possibly by any means doubt the presence of the governing power of the G.A.O.T.U.; in fact, I believe that the greatest miracle that could be found is a man who in his full senses could aver that there was none. I need scarcely remind you, companions, that the Great Architect has in distant ages banded down through one great and wondrous people His Divine will, which forms, as we know, the firm and enduring basis upon which Freemasonry rests. I need not tell you of the noble worthies from Abraham downwards, who in ancient times with faith in God have left all for the purpose of serving Him. The great stream of time re-

veals many and many such glorious men, and we, "upon whom the ends of the world have come," must try to remember that—

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

But this reminds me, too, that we must have Hope. These are but sands of time; we must leave them. But what should we be, if the Great Architect had not planted in our heart that grand feeling of Hope, Hope that buoy us up from infancy, that teaches us to look forward with bright promise into life—life perhaps filled with many a sorrow instead of bright happiness, on which, still leaning as "an anchor of the soul," we march through life trusting that we may, by God's blessing, be enabled to realise the dreams of early days. And when life itself is ended what have we but that Hope, the Hope of being able to enter the Great Lodge above, and there to rejoin the companions of our former toils. And if this Hope be in us, it will produce the practice of Virtue, without which, we as men are but poor indeed. This Virtue, a very wide word, covering a great amount of moral truth, stood the world in good stead when brighter light was wanting and the sense of morality, the discerning between right and wrong, "the law written on man's heart" by the Great Creator, has been his guide in very dark periods of the world's history and has enabled some of the most eminent of the human race to write their names broadly on the annals of time. I need not speak of the immortal Plato, and the great Aristotle, and of the intellectual giants who lived in days when virtue or moral truth was the only guide of the world. And as it was the guide then, so it must be a subordinate guide now. There are few of us, whatever may be our distinctive views, who do not feel that we are under a great law; and it is only for us to look round upon the world and see what breaches of that law have brought to pass, to shew us that the keeping of that law is perfect wisdom; and in this category let us not forget that some of the brightest characters in history have been eminent examples of exalted virtue. And when I speak of virtue, let us not forget one very dear to Masons, I mean the virtue of Temperance, another stone in this Royal Arch. Perhaps, there are few things which we men are more practically called upon to look upon as the guide of life than this great virtue, temperance of thought, temperance of word, and temperance of living. It is a very blessed three in one. And as surely as the man who seeks to practise virtue, seeks to practise it so as to carry it out in his conduct towards his fellows and in performance of his duty to God, so will he endeavour to practise that temperance which in all things, as has been said in memorable words, must give a man "the mastery." If he strives for a mastery he "must be temperate in all things." I need not say, companions, to you, how practical a virtue this is for us to exercise, and how important as Masons, whether Craftsmen or Royal Arch Masons, to follow it, not only as good for ourselves, our bodies, and our spirits, but as commending our noble and venerable Order to the admiration of the outer world. And we must also have Patience. It is a grand thing to be able to "endure hardness," amidst the many ills of human life. Among continual bickerings, and "the strife of tongues," among daily trials of domestic life, among the political battles, which must needs be fought especially in an age and a country like ours and in those unhappy discords which creep even into our temples of peace, Patience is a glorious virtue. Calm reliance upon the truth, the determination not for a moment to swerve from the path of rectitude, and yet to learn to bear kindly, bear charitably, those blows which we must necessarily receive in this earthly warfare—this is, indeed, a great blessing to others and a great blessing to ourselves. But these various virtues are necessary to us as men. The last stone except the keystone, is especially necessary to us as Masons—Brotherly kindness. That courtesy, that generous feeling which gentlemen and Masons must ever feel to each other and which smoothes over many of the asperities of human life, this is indeed a blessed thing. And certainly the experience of Masonry for many years proves to me that there is no virtue which more practically makes Masonic life happy and pleasant than that Brotherly kindness, which, whether in lodge or out of lodge, should distinguish those who are bound by even a closer tie than other men. And lastly, when the arch has thus far been raised we come to that great keystone of Charity which is not bound to any particular virtue, but which covers the whole—which is a link between earth and Heaven, which when faith fails and hope dies shall still exist in another and brighter sphere, giving us the light of God's countenance, instead of the poor and miserable lights which the world affords, and affording us after all the storms of life are over, the rainbow of promise to gild man's future life, and tell him that the floods of ungodliness shall come upon him no more. Blended together, these virtues, like the prismatic lights of the great bow in the vault of heaven, shall harmonize in that Charity which he has begun in practice here, and which, as a Mason and a man, he has sought to improve himself in. Certain I am, that in that charity (and by that I do not confine myself merely to those charities in the way of giving, whether it be to schools or to the aged, which, thank God, as Masons, we practice but) in its largest and fullest sense, our Order teaches that supreme duty which, as I said before, unites heaven and earth. Companions, I have no better wish with which to conclude these words than to trust that that Divine charity may ever fill your hearts and mine, and that whether we meet here or elsewhere, we may practise its noble principles, may endeavour to speak kindly of others, to attribute the kindest motives compatible with outward acts that we can possibly frame, and that as we are de-

parting to our own great account, we may hope we shall be forgiven even as we have forgiven others. May this Wanderers' Chapter be a happy embodiment of the virtues, which I have imperfectly alluded to, and may the moral arch which I have ventured to raise be found the arch under which every one of us may pass to a higher and a brighter sphere.

The consecration ceremony was afterwards completed, and at its conclusion Comp. T. H. Meredith was installed, M.E.Z.; Comp. W. J. Parish, H.; and Comp. T. R. McIlwham, J. The following companions were invested: W. H. Bird, S.E.; G. Boulton, S.N.; F. J. Wray, W.S.; B. Barton, 1st A.S.; M. Leslie, 2nd A.S.; C. Fuller, Treasurer; and J. Lackland, Janitor. Votes of thanks were then passed to the Consecrating Officers, and Comps. General Brownrigg, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, C. A. Cottebrune, and John Hervey were elected honorary members of the chapter. General Brownrigg in replying said he was much honoured by the compliment paid him in asking him to consecrate the chapter. If the companions were pleased with his performance of the ceremony he was satisfied. His association with this chapter gave him gratification. It did not signify what height a man arrived to in the honourable service to which he belonged. A man's heart was always in it, and whatever their difference of rank might be they were all guided by one sentiment, that of doing their duty to their Queen and country, and this was a bond which united them together wherever, or under whatever circumstances, they might be.

Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an admirable banquet was provided for them by Bro. Best, the proprietor. At the conclusion of the banquet, they honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts.

Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., in reply to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he was sure he need not say anything about the Earl of Carnarvon or Lord Skelmersdale, as they were too well known among Masons to require eulogium from him, especially after it had been so well pronounced in the eloquent speech of the M.E.Z. For the other Grand Officers he thanked the companions for the compliment, and for himself he felt he was somewhat of a delinquent for having come to the chapter at so late an hour. But he was detained on official business over which he could have no control, and, to make matters worse, after the Board of General Purposes which he had had to attend they had a Committee which detained him longer than usual. He felt therefore that in complimenting him as the companions had done they had almost complimented him for not doing that which he ought to have done. He should have been glad to be with the companions at an earlier hour if it had been possible, and he should have been very sorry to have been absent altogether. He knew, however, the work was admirably done by his excellent friend General Brownrigg. Very nearly two years ago he had the honour of consecrating the Wanderers' Lodge, and that event had not passed from his memory. It was a day that was a triumph for the army; it was something of a triumph also for those associated with the consecration to which they might well look back with pride, for it was one which reflected honour upon the lodge and to the Craft to which they all belonged. Happy was he to find that the lodge had succeeded so well. It had been well conducted and well worked. A short time ago he was in the lodge and saw the work, and he did not think he ever saw the work done in any lodge in London better or more ably. He trusted that the Wanderers' Chapter would do the work equally well with the Wanderers' Lodge. If they did, the chapter would have equal success.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Consecrating Officers." In doing so he said a chapter could only be consecrated once, and it was a great pride to the companions of the Wanderers' Chapter that it had been consecrated by such a distinguished officer in Her Majesty's service as General Brownrigg. That distinguished companion had also been assisted in the ceremony of consecration by their esteemed friend and companion, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and by their old and esteemed friend as D.C., Comp. C. A. Cottebrune. The chapter had now the pleasure of claiming all these companions as members of the chapter. With what had been said by G.S.E. he entirely agreed, and he might inform him that it was the intention of the founders of the Wanderers' Chapter to emulate the success, perhaps the numbers, of the Wanderers' Lodge, which was consecrated in the same room nearly two years ago. That day week, two years ago, the Wanderers' Lodge was consecrated, and it was a very great pleasure to the brethren of that lodge that they had now a chapter connected with it.

General Brownrigg, who responded to the toast, said he did not wish to repeat what he had already said with reference to the shorter period than usual at which the Wanderers' Lodge obtained the charter for a chapter; but he could not help saying he thought it was a good rule of Grand Chapter that a lodge should be established three years at least before it had a chapter. As he had said before, there were always exceptional circumstances, and unless she could have honestly gone up to Supreme Grand Chapter and pleaded the cause of the petitioners he would not have done it. But there was everything to recommend it; and what had impressed him very favourably and led him very much to think well of the petition was the admirable way in which he had seen the work in the Wanderers' Lodge carried on. As an old soldier he knew it was necessary to learn the drill and it became a second nature to a soldier to feel that what had to be done must be done well. If they wanted to advance in rank they must learn their drill and their duty. If any did not perform their duty well it threw the others out. He trusted that this chapter would always do its work well, and he was quite certain that they had a happy augury of the future of the Wanderers' Lodge. General Brownrigg

then thanked the other companions who had assisted him, and remarked that the oration of Bro. Simpson had made a deep impression upon him, and he had no doubt it had had the same effect on the other companions. He then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z."

The M.E.Z. in replying said many compliments had been passed upon him in the course of the evening, and he felt very deeply the praises he had received from General Brownrigg. He could not but feel that he did not quite deserve them; but he believed that when a man might be called upon to do his duty in whatever sphere of life he was in, it was his pride to do it to the best of his ability. He had endeavoured to do that. If he had failed, which he hoped he had not, he hoped the companions would bear with him. He had tried to do his duty, and he hoped before he left the chair he would bring the chapter to a successful issue. He had had the assistance of several other companions in the formation of this chapter, and if it had not been for them he should not have succeeded. They had had kind advice and assistance, and they were now established as a chapter. Nothing had been wanting on his part or on the part of the other companions, the H. and J., and he was sure nothing would be wanting on the part of the other companions of the chapter, and those who were not in office, to make the chapter a great and glorious success. He did not mean a numerical success, but as regarded its members and its subscriptions to the charities. Although the lodge under which they held their warrant had only been in existence two years next Tuesday it had subscribed to the charities already. In the chapter they intended to subscribe to the charities, and he trusted that the chapter would equal if it did not excel the lodge.

The other toasts were then given, not omitting that of "The Press," when the M.E.Z. recalled the many years ago when he first met Comp. Massey in Masonry. At that time there was not the Masonic press there was now, but still there was a Masonic organ then to which Comp. Massey contributed. At the present day, however, the Masonic press was a great power in the Craft. It was conducted with great energy, and the proceedings of Masons were most faithfully reported. The *Freemason* had established itself as a Masonic journal, and whatever took place of any importance in the Order was always recorded in its columns. He had watched it with very great interest, and had found it a most reliable record, and consequently deserving of the best support of the Craft.

Comp. Massey replied for the *Freemason*, and congratulated both the M.E.Z. and himself on finding themselves working concurrently as press-men for so many years. It had been his pleasure to meet Comp. Meredith when they were both very young in Masonry, and step by step, and shoulder to shoulder, they had worked their way through the different degrees to the highest honours their lodges or chapters could bestow upon them. For what Comp. Meredith had said regarding the Masonic press he had to thank him very much, and to assure him and the other companions that, always having borne in mind the principle of doing well whatever he had to do, he had striven to perform his duty to the journal he represented in a manner which, when he looked back upon it afterwards, might cause him no regret and no shame.

The Janitor's toast brought to a close the evening, which had been very enjoyable, and was made additionally so by some excellent music by Comp. Louis Beck.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

We extract the following reports from the *Masonic Record of Western India*:

GREENLAW MASONIC ORPHAN FUND, BURMAH.

At a meeting of the General Committee of Management held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Wednesday, the 5th December, 1877, at which several brethren were present,

The Treasurer's accounts were examined and found correct.

The following is an abstract of them:

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last meeting Rs. 1,246-4-9, total receipts from Masonic bodies Rs. 1,093-0-0, contributions from individuals Rs. 1,156-0-0, by interest on investments Rs. 321-4-0; total receipts Rs. 3,816-8-9. Disbursements: to investments Rs. 1,007-2-9, by pensions paid Rs. 1,175-0-0, working expenses Rs. 132-11-10; total disbursements Rs. 2,314-14-7. Balance in hand at date Rs. 1,501-10-2. Total capital account Rs. 15,091-8-9 invested in Government paper.

Resolved that the accounts be passed, and Rs. 1000 be invested in Government Securities.

Read reports on the conduct and progress during the last six months of the children assisted by the fund, which were considered satisfactory.

Read application dated Maulmain 23rd July, 1877, from Mrs. C. M. Flory, for the admission of her youngest son to the benefits of the fund. The Committee consider that the orphan in question has, under the bye-laws, no claims on the fund, and recommended that the application be negatived.

Read application dated 20th November, 1877, from Worshipful Bro. Ford and Bro. Usher for the admission of three children (Constance Sarah Birdie, Emily Maud, Edith Mary) of the late Bro. Charles Brotherton, of Lodge Star of Burmah, No. 614, to the benefits of the fund. The Committee recommended that these orphans be brought on to the fund and receive Rs. 20 each per month from 1st January, 1878.

The Secretary read a proposal by Worshipful Bro. G. E. L. Dawson, for making more remunerative investments with the funds of the Institution by lending money on mortgages of landed property, &c.

The opinions of members as recorded on the proposal were also read.

After some discussion, it was recommended that the funds remain as they are in Government Securities, and

that the proposal as made by Worshipful Bro. G. E. L. Dawson be not entertained, and that Bye-law No. 26 be altered by the interpolation of the words "in Government Securities only," after the word "Trustees," so that the bye-law as amended will read as under:—

"The capital of the Association shall be invested in the names of the Trustees in Government Securities only, and in such manner as the General Committee of Management shall from time to time direct."

It was also proposed and recommended that instalments be accepted towards the purchase of life governorships in the fund, but that no vote be exercised till the full amount be paid, and that the bye-laws be altered accordingly.

These alterations of the bye-laws to be brought before the next meeting of the Committee for confirmation.

Read notice convening the meeting.

Read report of the General Committee of Management embodied in the proceedings of their meeting of date.

Resolved that their reports and recommendations be adopted by the subscribers.

Before the meeting closed, a subscription paper was circulated, resulting in a collection of Rs. 148.

Appended to the report are the names of the Masonic bodies and brethren who have subscribed to this fund, with the number of votes to which their subscriptions entitle them.

"SIND MASONIC ASSOCIATION" KURRACHEE FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESSED WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF FREEMASONS.

We received the last half-yearly report of this very useful institution, which is indebted for its existence to Bro. Leggett, the solicitor, whose exertions in its behalf cannot be too highly praised. The statement of its accounts, from the 1st July to 31st December, 1877, are that there was a balance in hand on the 1st July of Rs. 787-2-6; the monthly and annual subscriptions and donations received during that period amounted to Rs. 347; the interest on Government Securities amounted to Rupees 178-12-0. The disbursements during the half-year amounted to Rs. 172 for relief; for postage and stationery Rs. 5-1-2; the cost of 4½ per cent. promissory notes purchased for Rs. 500, Rs. 511-13-0, leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 824-0-4. The capital account shews that the Association has Rs. 6003 invested in 4 per cent Government promissory notes at par value; Rs. 2000 in 4½ per cent notes. Cash in hand Rs. 824, making a total of Rs. 8824-0-4. The subscriptions in arrears up to the 31st December amounted to Rs. 189.

Since the Association was established, relief to the extent of Rs. 1116 has been afforded to six widows and nine children of Freemasons.

The first and opening meeting of Lodge Excelsior, Bhosawul, working under dispensation, was held on Saturday, the 12th January, 1878. Present—Wor. Bro. Col. Hodgson, D.G.S.W., Madras; Wor. Bro. McGowan, 18°, P.M. 1122, E.C.; Wor. Bro. J. Street, 18°, P.M. 389, S.C.; Wor. Bro. G. Sharpe, P.M. 401, S.O.; Wor. Bro. R. Chamberlain, W.M. 1122, E.C.; Wor. Bro. W. E. Perkins, 1649, E.C.; Wor. Bro. J. Cockburn, 1122, E.C.; Bro. Col. G. Bushby, 358, E.C.; Bro. Capt. Thomson, 1043; Bro. W. Ames, S.W. 500, S.C.; Bro. C. J. O'Connor, 389, E.C.; W. Chapman, 389, S.C.; Bro. J. Johnson, 1189, E.C.; Bro. Geo. Collins, 1649, E.C.; Bro. J. R. Tinsley, 1122, E.C.; J. Armstrong, 757, E.C.; Bros. H. Watson, M. elect, 757, E.C.; E. Lucas, 1122; Sargent, 757, E.C.; Bros. J. Dering, S. Y. Yaish, J. Swete, J. H. Emrie, J. T. Branson, J. Lind-ay, A. E. Abbott, S. Brown, A. Duggan, and H. M. Hewitt.

The lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m. with prayer in the First Degree by the Past Masters. The dispensation granted for opening this new lodge was read by Bro. J. R. Tinsley.

The Installing Master, Wor. Bro. Col. Hodgson, D.G.S.W., P.M. 500, then called Wor. Bro. J. Cockburn, 1122, Master elect to the E. Pedestal, and informed the brethren that Wor. Bro. Cockburn has been elected by them to be the Master of Lodge "Excelsior" for the ensuing year.

The Secretary was then requested to read the ancient charges, which were duly assented to. All below the rank of Installed Master were then requested to retire, when Wor. Bro. J. Cockburn was regularly installed Master of that lodge. The brethren were then admitted, forming a procession and saluting the W.M. three times in the usual manner.

The working tools pertaining to the three degrees were eloquently explained by W. Bro. Col. Hodgson, D.G.S.W. Madras, who performed the whole ceremony of installation in a most able and masterly manner.

The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. James R. Tinsley S.W.; John Armstrong, J.W.; Alex. Browne Nevin, S.D.; J. Sargent, J.D.; E. Lucas, J.G.; J. A. Dering, Secretary. The Treasurer and Tyler to be appointed at the next meeting by ballot.

Wor. Bro. J. Street, 389, S.C., in a very neat speech addressed the lodge, wishing it prosperity and success under its new Master. Bro. J. R. Tinsley then proposed a vote of thanks to Wor. Bro. Col. Hodgson, coupled with the names of the other Past Masters and brethren present, for their extreme kindness in attending and assisting at the opening of Lodge "Excelsior" and installing its first Master. Unanimously carried.

Wor. Bro. R. Chamberlain, in a very eloquent speech, charged the Wardens and officers of the lodge to be regular in attendance, and to do their best endeavour to promote and cultivate good will and harmony amongst the brethren, as without these qualifications the future success and prosperity of the lodge would be much hazarded. The W. Master then said the thanks of the lodge were due to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Tinsley, who was the

means of its establishment, and bringing about this fraternal meeting of Masons for the first time in the province of Khandeish.

Bro. Tinsley, in replying, said it was with a mingled feeling of pleasure and satisfaction that this happy result had been obtained, and as a Mason he had simply done his duty to the Craft in general, by endeavouring to promote what was a long-felt want in a central station like Bhosawul. Having been connected with the Craft for many years, he was glad to say it was an institution deserving of every support and one he dearly loved, and would never be wanting to give his humble assistance to further its welfare; and he hoped the brethren who could avail themselves of the opportunity to support this lodge would do so, as without mutual co-operation success would be difficult, and with one steady pull difficulties would vanish, and Lodge Excelsior would continue to flourish and raise its status among the lodges of Western India and become second to none.

Five candidates were then proposed and duly seconded for initiation.

There being no more business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at 9.50 p.m., when the brethren repaired to a sumptuous banquet prepared at the station, where the brethren in fraternal bonds spent a pleasant evening. The last toast of obligation was drank in silence at 12 o'clock.

The following is a list of the officers of Lodge Perfect Unanimity, No. 150, Madras, for the current year: Bros. J. Stiven, W.M.; Rev. J. B. Sayers, LL.D., I.P.M.; M. C. Furnell, S.W.; C. Sibthorpe, J. W.; J. W. Handley, Treas.; P. Dunlop Shaw, Sec.; E. Moore, S.D. The other officers have not yet been appointed.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

The following are the officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, recently installed:—W.M., Bro. D.M. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. G. Scott; J.W. Bro. G. F. Carruthers; Treas., Bro. D. H. McMillan; Sec. Bro. John McDonald; S.D., Bro. G. F. Forrester; J.D. Bro. McKechnie; Stewards, Bro. McVicar, Bro. G. H. Kellond; Auditors, Bro. J. H. Ashdown, Bro. J. McLenaghan; Tyler, Bro. D. McArthur.

The installation ceremonies being concluded, a P.M. jewel was presented with a suitable address to the retiring W.M., R. W. Bro. Conklin, as a testimonial in recognition of his excellent services to the Masonic fraternity and this lodge. It bore the following inscription handsomely engraved:—"Presented to R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin, by the members of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., G. R. M., as a token of their appreciation of his services as Master of that lodge for the past two years, Winnipeg, Dec. 27th, A. L. 5877." The recipient duly acknowledged the compliments paid him in the address accompanying the presentation, which was made by the newly installed W.M., on behalf of the lodge.

The members of this lodge, after the installation ceremonies were concluded, adjourned to the Canadian Pacific Hotel, where an excellent supper was partaken of by the brethren and several invited guests. The repast afforded evidence of the liberality of the caterer, and there was an abundance of wine, etc., furnished for the company. The head of the table was taken by W. Bro. D. M. Walker, supported by the following Past Masters: R. W., Bro. Conklin, R.W. Bro. John Kennedy, R.W. Bro. Hurstall, and R.W. Bro. McEwen. The vice-chair was filled by Bro. Sen, Warden W. G. Scott. Supper being concluded the following loyal and convivial toasts were given:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The Army and Navy," responded to by Bros. Lt.-Col. John Kennedy, Capt. McMillan, and about half the rest of the company; "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba and sister Grand Lodges," responded to by R.W. Bro. Kennedy; "The Governor-General;" "The Press," responded to by Bro. Allan; "The Ladies," replied to in very humorous speeches by Bros. Burrows and W. H. Ross; "The Charter Members of this Lodge," by Bro. Carruthers, who alluded to the days when Masonry was first introduced into the Province by the Officers of the 1st Ontario Rifles, meeting in a lodge room in McKenny's building—responded to by the W.M.; "Lisgar and Emerson Lodges;" "The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada," responded to by R. W. Bros. Hurstall, McEwen and Conklin; "The new Officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge, duly responded to; "Our Immediate Past Master," responded to by R. W. Bro. Conklin; "Bro. Tyler," who responded; "Our Sister Lodges," responded to by Bros. Ross and Agnew, of Ancient Landmark Lodge; "To all worthy distressed Masons wheresoever dispersed over the globe;" "The Landlord of the Canadian Pacific," and the Junior Warden's toast. The company was fortunate enough to include several musical brethren, whose services were in constant requisition, thus contributing greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. As usual in the convivial gatherings of Canadians, loyal and patriotic songs largely predominated in the programme, but the one that excited special enthusiasm on this occasion was that sung by Brother Agnew, of which the following is the concluding verse:

There's Russia, whose army's a million of men,
Now watching what Britain will do,
But, in spite of them all, old England keeps cool,
And still to her purpose keeps true.
Now we don't want to fight,
But we shan't run away,
If they will taste our might,
Let them think of the day
When we beat them at Alma,
And all ran away
From the Union Jack of Old England

Masonic and General Tidings.

Lord Hardwicke, Master of Her Majesty's Staghounds, and R.W. Grand Master for Cambridgeshire, has met with a serious accident whilst hunting with the Royal pack at Mr. Graham's, Harton, Bucks. His lordship's horse fell in taking a small fence, and threw him heavily on his head. He was taken up senseless, and immediately conveyed to his town residence by rail.

The installation meeting of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, takes place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Monday next, Bro. John Walmsley, S.W., is the W.M. elect. A report will appear in our next.

Colonel Sir Edmund Henderson, K.C.B., will preside at a public meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at the Cambridge Hall, Newmarket-street, Oxford-street, on Wednesday evening, 27th inst.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., has consented to preside at the sixty-third anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, which will be held at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, June 26.

The consecration of the Eclectic Royal Arch Chapter will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, April 29th. Comp. Thomas Fenn, assisted by Comps. John Hervey, G.S.E., and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., will perform the ceremony of consecration. The Principals designate are Comps. James Mander, P.M. 1201, Z.; Edward James Harty, P.M. 1201, H.; John Henry Watts, P.M. 1201, J. A report of the proceedings will appear in the *Freemason* of May 4th.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. W. H. Marston, W.M. 1599, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, held at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday the 29th March, 1878, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The *Whitehall Review* states that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has kindly given his name as patron of the Concert to be given at the Albert Hall on the 1st of May, in behalf of the late Superintendent Mott's family; and among the general committee are the Duke of St. Albans, Lord Rosslyn, Lord De Tabley, Viscount Newry, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord Clarence Paget.

Mr. Knight, the General Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, has received an official intimation from the Western of France Railway, informing him that the arrangements which have been made conjointly by these two companies for the transmission of goods direct to the Paris Exhibition building are being carried out satisfactorily, and that everything is being and will continue to be done by the Western of France Company to give every possible facility to the English exhibitors and the general public.

At a numerously attended court of the governors of Christ's Hospital, held last week, the Duke of Cambridge in the chair, three gentlemen and eight ladies were admitted Governors of the Hospital as donors of £500 each. The entrance of the ladies into the room for the purpose of receiving "the governor's charge" having been greeted with cheers, his Royal Highness expressed the great pleasure he felt at receiving, as a new feature in the institution, so many ladies among its governors. The Queen has hitherto been the only lady governor. The resignation of Mr. George Ludlow, the venerable steward of the Hospital's Hertford school, having been accepted, and the ordinary business of the court having been got through, there was a ballot for the election of an incumbent to the parish of Langley, Essex, a small living in the gift of the governors. The Rev. John A. Good, B.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford, curate of Freshwater, Isle of Wight, was elected by a large majority.

A LUCKY CROSSING SWEEPER.—The story of the gentleman who kept a large establishment on his earnings from a crossing he swept is, doubtless, apocryphal; but all the same, the earnings from this branch of industry are larger than might be imagined. A boy who sweeps a crossing was watched last Sunday morning, and though it is impossible to tell what were the amounts he received from the various individuals who passed his brush-swept track, it may reasonably be inferred that the majority of those who gave did not bestow less than one penny. Here is one instance of the boy's profits. Some hundreds of people passed to church, and many gave. But amongst the passers-by was a large ladies' school of well-grown girls who attend church to the number of 130. Of these exactly 100 were counted as giving a coin to the sweeper. A halfpenny? Doubtful. A penny? Far more likely. If the latter, the boy received 8s. 4d. in less than five minutes, and the roadway did not want sweeping at all.—*Truth*.

The Ceremony of Installation will be worked at the Islington Lodge of Instruction, 23 Gresham-street, E.C. on Tuesday next the 26th inst., at 7 o'clock, by Bro. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227, 1471, W.M. 1580, Preceptor.

The installation meeting of the Holmesdale Lodge No. 874, was held on Wednesday at the Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, upwards of 60 brethren being present. Bro. W. Beadell Bacon was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. We hope to give our readers a full report next week.

Prince and Princess Christian honoured Viscount and Viscountess Holmesdale by their company at dinner on Tuesday, at Belgrave-square.

The committee of the University College Hospital appeal for toys for the children's wards as the stock is exhausted. They may be sent to the secretary of the hospital, Gower-street.

A TRIPLE BIRTH.—Mrs. Clark, the wife of a labourer at Stanton, Suffolk, has recently given birth to three daughters. The children are all living, and they have received the names of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—On Saturday last 60 of the Girls in our Institution were suffering from measles, and it is much to be feared that it will run through the whole School.

Bro. Archibald Forbes delivered his celebrated lecture on his personal experience in the late war, at Cardiff on Wednesday. There was a very large audience present, who frequently loudly applauded the lecturer.

The *Chester Courant* is sorry to learn that Sir W. W. Wynne Bart., M.P., R.W.G.M. N. Wales and Shropshire is again indisposed from his old complaint. This renewed attack will prevent the hon. baronet taking his voyage to the West Indies.

GROSVENOR GALLERY.—The opening of this Gallery to the public free of charge on Saturday last attracted a large number of people, about 7000 having availed themselves of Sir Coutts Lindsay's liberality.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, on Wednesday evening, March 27th, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at half-past six o'clock precisely. Bro. G. Ward Verry, W.M. 1278, W.M.; Bro. J. E. Ives, 781, S.W.; Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, J.W.; Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, I.P.M.

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| 2nd " . . . | " W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 |
| 3rd " . . . | " J. J. Berry, P.M. 554 |
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| 2nd " . . . | " T. J. Maidwell, W.M. 27 |
| 3rd " . . . | " J. E. Ives, 781 |

This Lodge of instruction meets every Wednesday at half-past eight o'clock, Bro. G. Ward Verry, Preceptor.

A notification has been issued by the Postmaster General, that postal communications with Constantinople, via Odessa, having been re-established, mails for Constantinople will again be forwarded by that route, leaving London on the evening of every Tuesday and Friday. Correspondence not having any special address as to route will be forwarded by the first mail despatched, either via Brindisi or via Odessa.

We are asked to state that the installation ceremony will be performed by Bro. Joseph Wright on Tuesday next, at 8 o'clock p.m., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Prince's Head, York Road, Battersea, and on the Tuesday following the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Collins (511), W.M.; Bro. Pulsford, (1158), S.W.; and Bro. Radcliffe, (211), J.W.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday night at a dinner in aid of the funds of the Princess Mary's Village Home for Little Girls, and in replying to the toast of his health (proposed by Lord Carlisle) spoke warmly of his interest in the approaching Paris Exhibition and his wishes for its success.

The first meeting of the Stewards of the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be held on Monday next at Freemasons' Hall.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, held at White Hart Tavern, King's Road, Chelsea, on Good Friday evening the 19th prox. Bro. P. N. Arden, Zealand, No. 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend, and the names of any wishing to assist by undertaking a section will be thankfully registered by the Hon. Sec.

VALUE OF LAND.—At the Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, a few days back, the site of the late church of All Hallows, Bread-street, situated at the corner of that street and Watling-street, was sold by auction by Messrs. Fuller, Horsey, and Co. The site contains a ground area of 3270 superficial feet. The first offer made for the property was £15,000, the biddings rapidly following by advances of £1,000 each, until the property stood at £23,000. Subsequently it was run up to £26,000 by advances of £500 each, and on the biddings slackening the auctioneer said it was an open sale, when the competition again became active, and the property was ultimately knocked down to Mr. Oppenheim for £32,650, being at the rate of £10 per foot, or £90 per superficial yard.

The members of the Copyright Commission have drawn up and finally settled upon their report, which will be shortly presented to Parliament. We understand that the report will cause a "scare" among dramatists, or rather "adapters," for by its provisions it will be illegal to pilfer even the plot of either novels or French plays, or in any way to dramatise the work of another author without his consent. We are further informed that the report protects newspaper proprietors from the small journalistic fry who thrive upon the articles which they borrow from their more influential contemporaries.—*Whitehall Review*.

At a meeting yesterday of the Commissioners for promoting the holding of an agricultural exhibition in London next year, Colonel Kingsgate, M.P., stated that the exhibition could not be held in Hyde Park. The question of site was left to the decision of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society. A guarantee fund to cover the expenses was commenced.

Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia is now ready, and may be obtained at the office of this paper (198, Fleet-street.) Price 10s. 6d.—*Adv't.*

Our esteemed Bro. John Derby Allcroft P.M., of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, is a candidate for the representation in Parliament of the City of Worcester.

It is proposed to appoint a Committee of naval officers and scientific experts to prosecute further inquiries into the deterioration of boilers of marine engines, the Admiralty Committee, which has been sitting under the presidency of Captain Aynsley, C.B., being about to be dissolved at the end of this month.

The annual court of the governors of the Royal Caledonian Asylum whose principal object is the maintenance and education of the children of Scottish soldiers, sailors, and marines who have died or been disabled in the national service, was held at the asylum, in the Caledonian road, under the presidency of Sir J. H. Maxwell.

We are glad to learn that the Earl of Hardwicke was on Thursday progressing favourably towards recovery from the injuries his lordship received whilst hunting.

The Argentine Confederation will definitively join the International Postal Union on the 1st of April next.

A sad and fatal accident occurred on Tuesday at Spanish Point, Miltown Malbay, to Edith, the only daughter of Colonel Sir Augustine Fitzgerald, Bart., Carrigoran. It appears that she and Mrs. Studdert, of Tivoli, with whom she had been on a visit, went to sit upon the ledge of rocks that runs out to sea at that point. While conversing with each other they were surrounded by the incoming spring tide, and in endeavouring to reach the shore, holding by each other, Miss Fitzgerald, who had lost her presence of mind, slipped and fell in, bringing the other lady with her. Major Studdert and Captain Whitecombe, of the Coastguard Station, jumped into the waves and succeeded in rescuing both ladies, but Miss Fitzgerald succumbed to the shock, in spite of all that medical aid could do to restore her. Miss Fitzgerald had only attained her twentieth year.

One of the great features of our advancing civilization, we may say the prominent one, is the interchange of ideas of customs, and of natural and artificial products which is constantly going on. To be ever moving is the characteristic of our age, sometimes per saltum—at a bound as it were—as in the case of the introduction of steam power and electricity; sometimes in more sober fashion, as in the blending of existing ideas, and the adaptation of well-known materials to produce an additional unit to add to the sum of man's comfort and happiness. We Englishmen justly pride ourselves upon our inventive genius, and are ever ready to acknowledge the source when we introduce adaptations of foreign fabrics. Our enterprise in this latter feature is a very wise and a really patriotic one, for we never know what international complications may arise and throw us upon our own resources for the supply to the market of some adequate substitute for a commodity which has hitherto come to us from abroad. At the present time we entertain grave doubt as to whether we shall continue to import—except in sadly diminished numbers—those famous Levant carpets which, with their soft luxurious tread and beauty of design and colourings, have hitherto been considered almost indispensable to the proper furnishing of a good class residence, and should be in perplexity where to look for a supply were it not that one of our most enterprising home firms (the complete house furnishers, of 67 to 79, Hampstead Road) has stepped in and introduced an admirable substitute for the foreign article which now threatens to become a curiosity, only sought after by those Sybarites whose purses place them above any considerations of economy in their pursuit after combinations of the rare and the luxurious. As imitation is the sincerest flattery, we may imagine that the Turkey and Persian carpets have qualities which justly claimed pre-eminence, and we consider that Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. have conferred a boon upon the public at large by introducing their Anglo-Turkey and Anglo-Persian carpets, which, in some points, are even superior to the foreign fabrics. By the courtesy of the firm we were enabled lately to make a tour of their extensive show-rooms in all departments, and to closely examine these new carpets, of which we were shown some splendid specimens. At their moderate cost (slightly above that of the best Brussels) we do not hesitate to predict for them an increasingly large sale. The special features which, in addition to their close resemblance to the foreign article, recommend them to our approval, are a very closely woven and substantial back, which prevents the ready absorption and retention of dust, an extra thickness of texture, and the fact that they are made to any size to meet the purchaser's requirements. Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. have made it their close study to embody the most excellent points of the foreign make, and the designs and colourings are faithful copies of the Oriental, and show high artistic taste and skill. We can congratulate Messrs. Oetzmann & Co. on having brought into the market an admirable substitute for the Turkey and Persian carpets, no less comfortable and lasting in the wear and pleasing to the eye than the expensive productions of the looms of the far East, and we welcome the new Anglo-Turkey carpet as amply compensating for the threatened, we may say almost inevitable, scarcity of the real Turkey. We really believe, that these goods will find universal favour, and doubt not that Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. will obtain what they deserve for the enterprising spirit they have displayed—viz., a rapidly increasing sale, both at home and abroad.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[*Adv't.*]

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

COLE'S LIST OF LODGES.

Referring to the notes on this subject in your recent issues, the following particulars respecting Lodge No. 264, which are taken from the records of the P.G.L. of West Yorkshire, may be of interest to Bro. Lamonby:—Lodge 264 was warranted on the 5th July, 1788, and was first opened at the Ship, in Cockermouth, under the name of Honour and Perseverance, No. 527, and became No. 436 on the general alteration of numbers in 1792. It was removed to Batley (West Yorkshire), in 1801, and opened in June, under dispensation from [the P.G.M., by brethren from the Leeds Lodge of Fidelity, at the Black Bull, under the name of Nelson of the Nile, and confirmed by Sir P. Parker, D.G.M., on the 21st February, 1804, as testified by the signature of W. White, G.S. In 1815 it became No. 500, was removed to the Black Bull, at Mirfield, in May, 1816, to the Freemasons' Arms, at Hopton, in October, 1819, and to the Three Nuns, at Mirfield, in 1822. In February, 1833, it became No. 330, and in December, 1843, was removed to the Bridge Inn, at Carlinghow, and in December, 1846, to the Wilton Arms, at Batley. In July, 1863, it became No. 264, and is now held under that number at the Freemasons' Hall, Batley. I have a list of lodges in 1788, and also one of 1792, in the latter of which this lodge is numbered 436.

It may interest Bro. Lamonby to know that another of the West Yorkshire lodges also derives its parentage from Cumberland. The Candour, No. 337, which is now held at Saddleworth, was first opened at Penrith in 1776 under the name of Unanimity, No. 500, and was altered in 1781 to No. 406, and in 1792 to No. 328. On the 6th February, 1811, its warrant was declared forfeited, but was re-opened by order of Grand Lodge under the name of Candour, No. 635, which in 1813 became No. 422, and is now held as No. 337.

With respect to the lodges at Whitehaven, I may mention that in the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion" for 1764, in the list of lodges, there is one named as held on the first Monday at the George, Whitehaven; and another, the Square and Compasses, on the second Monday, but no numbers are given. The latter, according to the list of 1788, was erased in 1786 under No. 169.

According to the "Pocket Companion" for 1764, there appears to have been in existence at that time a lodge at Workington, meeting on the first Monday, and which was probably the No. 289 given in Cole's list.

B. BROUGHTON, P.M. 302.

Reviews.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE.

We have read this clear and condensed report with much interest. Happily, its tale is one of steady advance and continued prosperity. Like all other similar useful institutions, (and a test and proof, by the way, of its efficient working,) it reports increased demands for admission, necessary new buildings, and a larger number of inmates to arrange for and provide for. We do not believe in dormant schools, or stationary orphanages, and just now, to use a popular saying, we are all "moving on." So on every side we are told of work developed and numbers augmented, in many a like needful and sheltering home for the orphan and the forlorn. We are glad to see that the managing committee, recognising the pressing need, has carried out, and is proceeding with some requisite additions, and we feel sure that the committee will not appeal in vain to friends and supporters, to see them through the present needful expenditure, and the subsequent enlarged demands on their annual income. Nothing can be more healthy or satisfactory than the state of the orphanage, reflecting credit on its external and internal management. It is improving steadily, scholastically; the standard is gradually becoming higher, and financially it receives, as it deserves, the support of an increasing list of subscribers. One of the great elements of the success of the institution is its self-supporting character. Out of 11,028 inspectors, sergeants, and constables, there are only 103 who, for various reasons, do not subscribe to the orphanage—one inspector, eleven sergeants, and ninety-one constables. The subscriptions from the force amount to £2313 9s. 1d. This one fact speaks volumes, and when we add that the united force of the City and Metropolitan Police has raised in addition £3356 11s. 10d. by entertainments organised and carried out by the force, we see that out of a return of £9,134 9s. 1d., £5,790 19s. 2d. have been raised in and by the force themselves, we feel that this is a remarkable proof, both of the reality and need and soundness of the undertaking. It is interesting also to note how public approval has followed the consistent and conscientious efforts of the police to provide for the orphan children of their deceased or incapacitated comrades. In 1870 the subscribers outside the police were 603, and in 1878, eight years after the foundation of the institution, 3956. The subscriptions and donations from the public for 1877 amounted to £3188 14s. 6d., the whole income of the institution, including balance from previous year, being £10,133 16s. 8d. The whole expenditure, exclusive of a cash balance at the close of 1877, of £1152 11s. 8d. and £2043 purchase of Metropolitan stock being £6943 9s. 8d. There is now funded property to the amount of £5000, but the orphanage is increasing its capabilities of accommodation, so as to take in 250 children, there being now 218 in the school, and alike for additional outlay and the increased annual expenditure, the institution requires the continued sympathy and support of the public. We are glad to call at-

tention to the interesting and practical report of a well managed, much needed, and most deserving institution, and we feel sure that it will continue to prosper in the future as in past and present. Indeed for so young an institution its success is most remarkable.

Public Amusements.

ADELPHI THEATRE.—It is pleasing to learn that the efforts made by Mr. Carl Rosa to encourage English Opera are being rewarded. This season is more than likely to be the most profitable one he has experienced both from a pecuniary and histrionic point of view. Besides the "Merry Wives of Windsor" the "Golden Cross" by Ignaz Brull, has been produced for the first time in this country with marked success, and the pretty, tenor song so ably sang by Mr. Mass is already being hummed indoors and outdoors, like most operatic airs that manage to catch hold of the popular fancy. The opera itself is simple and unpretending, but it is sweet and melodious, and further, the story is pathetic without being melodramatic. We are not treated to an immoral amour between a frail wife and her tenor lover; the hero does not take poison and the heroine does not die of a broken heart; but our interest is absorbed in as sweet a pastoral story as ever graced the boards of a theatre. When we add that the composer has grasped the idyll of the poet we have little more to say. The singing cannot altogether be deemed to be satisfactory, but Mr. Maas, the tenor, thoroughly confirms the opinion of the American press, and makes up for the shortcomings of some of the other artists engaged in the piece. He has a clear voice of excellent quality, and has no more difficulty in executing a B natural than he would have in executing a B flat. Miss Julia Gaylord acts pleasantly and sings nicely, and is exactly suited to the part of Christina, and is ably supported by Miss Josephine Yorke, a most useful contralto full, but perhaps a trifle beeswingy, if we may be excused the term. Of the others, the less said the better, for one gentleman bellows like a bull, whilst the other produces a sound which strikes one's ear like a child snivelling in an easterly wind. The band, conducted by Mr. Carl Rosa, needs no comment; it can blow its own trumpet, which, by the way, it does rather too "fortissimo" at times. "Faust" drew a crowded audience to witness the debut of Miss Fechter, a daughter of the celebrated actor. She acted superbly, and sang rather poorly, we trust from nervousness. She is best in the jewel song, and in the last act. Mr. Maas was Faust, and we don't desire to hear a better, nor do we wish to hear a better Valentine than Mr. Ludwig. We should like to hear a better Mephistophiles than Mr. F. H. Celli, and if we did not hear a better Martha than Mrs. Aynsley Cook we would undertake to sing it ourselves when we had a cold. Miss Yorke took the part of Sibyl, and a Mr. Dodd—we think that is the gentleman's name—amused himself, or seemed to, in the part of Wagner. He might have been representing Wagner, but it was not Gounod's Wagner nor Gounod's music that he sang. Did we say sang?—we beg his pardon, we meant vociferated.

STRAND.—"Dora and Diplunacy" is a smart parody on Sardou's piece, now running at the Prince of Wales's. Miss Sanger, Miss Venne, Mr. Penley, and M. Marius have respectively caught to a nicety the mannerisms of Mrs. Kendal, Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Cecil, and Mr. Bancroft, and altogether, the little trifle is a capital take off of "Diplomacy," and affords infinite amusement to large houses. The burlesque is preceded by "Family Ties," in which Miss Swanborough makes the most out of the part of the heroine, "Mrs. Lennox."

LYCEUM.—Through the intelligence, energy, and perseverance of Mr. Irving, this theatre may now truly be said to be the home of legitimate drama in England. The last great character essayed by Mr. Irving is that of "Louis XI.," and if in some few respects he falls short of the delineation given as by Charles Kean, he is in many other respects far superior either to Kean or Phelps. With the exception of "Richelieu," we are of opinion that Mr. Irving never selected a part better suited to demonstrate his great powers than that of "Louis XI." No lover of dramatic art should fail to witness this truly grand performance.

The Prince of Wales's visit to the printing office of the Paris *Figaro* the week before last was made the occasion of a small "fête" for the Prince, who has delighted the French by his genuine zeal in Exhibition matters, the journal suggesting that he should be styled not the "Prince de Galles," but the "Prince de Gallia" (of Gaul). After the Prince had inspected the machines and the process of printing the paper he was taken into the Salle des Dépêches, which was gay with flowers, and where a concert had been organised, Mesdames Judic and Théodora and MM. Coquelin and St. Germain singing and reciting under the direction of M. Sardou. The congratulatory address in English, which the Prince had seen printed, was presented to him on a sheet of vellum, ornamented with sketches of an English horseguard and a French soldier by MM. Detaille and Neuville, while after the concert the Prince partook of a "breuvage Anglais" (by the way, what is an "English brew!") M. Magnard proposed the health of the Queen and Prince in champagne.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attacks no tissue of the human body is exempt—no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders, whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body.—ADVT.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

On Tuesday fortnight Renfrew Town-hall was almost totally destroyed by fire. The structure, which had a tower 135ft. in height at the north-east corner, was opened in October, 1873; and now only the bare walls are left standing. Fortunately the ancient records of the burgh, which give the title of Baron Renfrew to the heir apparent, were all secured, with the massive gold official chain of the Provost, which was worn for the first time at the Prince of Wales's visit to Renfrew. The loss is estimated at from £12,000 to £15,000; but the building was insured to the extent of nearly £7000.

A cast of Cleopatra's Needle is to be taken as soon as the obelisk is set up on the Adelphi steps, so that in the event of the Needle being injured by our London weather a trustworthy memorial of the original inscription may be preserved. The cast will be placed in the South Kensington Museum. Anent the Needle, *Mayfair* states that the salvors of the Cleopatra will net about £2500, of which one-third will go to the owners of the "Fitzmaurice," a similar sum to the Captain, and the rest to the crew.

The week before last the professors and students of the Berlin University, assisted by civil and military dignitaries, held a grand "commerce," or solemn beer-drinking revelry, in the time-honoured style of German academical life, to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Professor A. Hofmann's birthday. A letter was read from the Chamberlain of the Crown Prince, expressing the regret of his Imperial Highness at being prevented from attending the festivity.

A Fine Collection of Turner's Pictures, which belonged to the artist's friend, Mr. Munro, is to be sold at Christie's next month. Besides some excellent drawings, there are six splendid oil paintings, known as the Munro Turners, and little seen by the public of late years—the subjects being "Ancient and Modern Italy," "Ancient and Modern Rome," "St. Mark's, Venice," "Van Tromp's Ship at the Mouth of the Scheldt," "Venus and Adonis," and "An Avalanche." Old and modern masters are also represented in the collection, which includes examples by Maclise, Etty, Wilson, two of the set of Hogarth's "Marriage à la mode," and Sir J. Reynolds's well-known "Kitty Fisher with the Doves."

An ancient British tor, which appears to have been worn as an ornament for the waist, has been found six feet below the surface, in some excavations which are being carried on upon the estate of Mr. Roof, Chignell. The ornament is of pure gold, curiously wrought, weight 12oz., and is 4oin. long. It is to be presented to the British Museum.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM.—Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, K.C.B., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., &c., and Sir John Lubbock, M.P. F.R.S., have been appointed trustees of the British Museum in the place of the late Right Hon. Sir David Dundas, and the late Sir William Stirling Maxwell.

German art at the Paris exhibition will be represented by about two hundred pictures and some important pieces of sculpture, while several paintings are to be lent from the Emperor's collection and from the public museums—military subjects, however, being forbidden. The Government has allowed £3750 for the expenses. The German collection will be placed in the square room leading to the Fine Art Gallery in the Champ de Mars, and where the Gobelin tapestry, the china from Sévres, and the French Crown jewels were to have been placed. These French exhibits accordingly will be put close to the Prince of Wales' Indian collection.

AFRICAN EXPEDITION.—Mr. Cotterill, who accompanied Captain Elton in the recent adventurous journey (which cost the latter his life) from Lake Nyassa to Ugogo, has arrived in England, and will probably give an account of the expedition and the great tract of new country travelled over at an early meeting of the Geographical Society.—*Athenæum*.

Offenbach's new Spanish Opera, "Maitre Peronilla," came out at the Paris Bouffes last week.

M. Viollet le Duc, the well-known French painter and art critic, died recently at the age of sixty.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales officiated at the launch of a fine schooner from the shipbuilding yard of Messrs. Philip and Son, of Dartmouth. About a hundred naval cadets from the "Britannia" were present.

The *Field* announces the death of Mr. John Cochrane, for many years a member of the Calcutta Bar, and who has been known for nearly sixty years as one of the first of English chess-players. Mr. Cochrane introduced many novelties into the various openings in the game, and in India contended successfully against some of the famous native chess-players. He was about eighty years of age.

The *Post* gives the text of the "commission" by which the King of Italy has been made by Queen Victoria a Knight of the Garter. It is in Latin, and begins:—"Victoria Regina et Imperatrix, Victoria Dei Gratia Britanniarum Regina, Fidei Defensor, India Imperatrix, et prænobilis Pericelidis sive Garterii Ordinis Suprema, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint, Salutem."

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—The Prince of Wales has just sent to the Paris Exhibition two van loads of articles.

NEW AFRICAN EXPEDITION.—It is rumoured that the Royal Geographical Society is likely soon to send out a new expedition for the exploration of Africa. The region between Mombasa and Mount Kenia, and Victoria Nyanza, is mentioned as the probable field of this expedition.—*Nature*.

A new Weekly Journal—*Athletic World*—devoted entirely to Cricket, Football, Bicycling, Rowing, and Athletic Sports in general, is to appear on the 4th prox.

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HAMILTON.—On the 15th inst., at Preston Hall, Dalkeith, the Hon. Mrs. C. H. Hamilton, of a son.
HOPWOOD.—On the 17th inst., at Queen's-gate-terrace, South Kensington, the wife of E. R. G. Hopwood, of a daughter.
SEWELL.—On the 17th inst., at Clapham-rise, the wife of W. A. Sewell, Esq., of a son.

DEATHS.

EDWARDS.—On the 17th inst., at his residence, Dorset-place, Bridport, James Edwards, Esq., in his 81st year. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.
HEDGE.—On the 17th inst., at Brighton, Edward Hedge, Esq., barrister-at-law, of Stone-buildings, Lincoln's Inn. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.
SCOTT.—On the 16th inst., at Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Robinson Garner Scott, Capt. R.E., in his 35th year.
TOONE.—On the 17th inst., at Albert-street, Regent's Park, Maria, wife of S. Toone, aged 39.
WHITWORTH.—On the 13th inst., at Westbourne-terrace, Hyde Park, Elizabeth Sarah, widow of the late R. Whitworth.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1878.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

It will be seen by some correspondence which we publish elsewhere that a few English brethren appear desirous to oppose themselves to the views of Lord Carnarvon, and the resolutions of Grand Lodge. We venture, however, to think and to say, openly and plainly to-day, that Lord Carnarvon has the entire confidence and approval of the English Craft, alike in all he so ably said, and so clearly contended, in the arguments and conclusions at which he arrived. We are decidedly of opinion, that an overwhelming majority of our Order is prepared to stand by the dicta of our Pro Grand Master, and the unanimous opinion of our Grand Lodge. Indeed, it seems to us that it is both rather bold, and, to say the truth, somewhat questionable in tone and taste, thus to impugn the unanimous approval of Grand Lodge, and the dignified presidency of Lord Carnarvon. We have thought it well, in the interest of full, free, fair Masonic discussion in our pages, to print the letters we have received, though we doubt very much whether they are likely to affect or please our English Fraternity, either in respect of the views they put forward, the statements they make, or the arguments they make use of. We wish that those who hold such theories and are so unwise, in our opinion, now to print them, had been present in Grand Lodge, and said what they have written on the subject. It would have been a far more satisfactory manner of dealing with the question, from an entirely French point of view, denying the impartiality of the Pro Grand Master, and deprecating the proceedings of Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge is our highest court of legislation and appeal, and deserves the respectful regard and loyal adherence of all English Masons. We very much doubt whether half-a-dozen brethren in England participate in the views and feelings of our correspondents, or can be found to endorse their elaborate complaints, though, to say the truth, there is not much in their letters, we feel bound to state, beyond what appears to us a weak and watery hashing up of the "vol-au-vents" of Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, and the more solid "piece de resistance" of our good Bro. Thévenot. For the course followed by the French Grand Orient is, as we have often previously said, hurtful to French, dishonourable to cosmopolitan Freemasonry. It is simply a revolution, the culmination of an insidious movement of some standing, partly political and partly atheistic. Under such circumstances, that our Grand Lodge should have acted as it has most properly done was alike natural and to be expected. It would not have done its duty if it had not taken the course it has thought seasonable and proper to take, and we most heartily commend it for the very resolutions which earn the blame of our correspondents. We are not going to contend that all who passed the resolution of the Grand Orient wished to make an atheistic or materialistic profession. We think, on the contrary, as we point out elsewhere, that the majority was practically deceived, and partially influenced by conflicting reasons. But we fear, (as we know), that by a large section of the majority the change was hailed as a victory over any sort of profession of faith, and we may also add this. People may obscure the whole question as much as they like by fine words, and a cloud of phrases—by the jargon of a false philosophy, by the assertion of a nihilistic belief; but, as Lord Carnarvon well put it, to our Anglo-Saxon common sense it appears a very simple thing; the matter "lies," so to say, "in a nutshell." The extreme party in the French Grand Orient, finding that those who dislike to avow belief in God were kept out by the existing formularies, have made an entrance for them, putting forward as a reason and excuse for the change the plea of "absolute toleration." Some of our readers may remember an epoch in our national history, when

a similar plea was advanced, equally unreal, equally insincere. Some of us, too, may recall to-day the result of that perverse proceeding, that shallow chicanery. We venture to regard the plea of "absolute toleration" as unworthy of Freemasons, unworthy the Grand Orient of France, and though we believe it may claim Bro. Massol as its author, yet we equally object to it, whether put forward by that able "irreconcilable," or his ardent and admiring followers. It is a most curious fact in itself; however, it can be explained that the only persons who can be gainers by this untoward change in France are the Ultramontane party on the one hand, the unbelieving school on the other. As history always repeats itself, we are not at all astonished at such a fact, per se. We are willing to hope, with Bro. Hubert, that the high character and Masonic services of Bro. St. Jean, together with his known prudence and caution, and more moderate counsels in the Grand Orient itself, will tend to stem the tide of destructive leanings and revolutionary change. We repeat that, with that distinguished French brother, we are willing to hope that such will be the case, but we fear that such retardation of the movement party can only be "pour le moment." In our humble opinion the French Freemasons cannot consistently or logically remain where they are, but having made one false step they will ere long perforce have to make another. We shall be glad if we prove to be in error, and even to be accused of being ignorant of French Masonic affairs. As sincere well-wishers to French Freemasonry, we still look for a happier future for it than the destructive zeal of some of its so-called friends seems likely to approve or allow. But, as the old adage runs, "Tempus omnia monstrat," and like Bro. Hubert, utterly deprecating the past, we patiently regard the present, and calmly await the future.

OUR GREAT CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

We shall all be sorry for the present pecuniary loss which has befallen the Boys' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, through no fault of the officers, and we shall hail all efforts made with the kind and special attempt to recoup Bros. Terry and Binckes for the temporary inconvenience they have sustained. No one out of the privileged circle of the banking interest could have foreseen and foreknown that such a calamity was impending, and feeling strongly that our Bros. Binckes and Terry, amid their always anxious and arduous labours, deserve the sympathy and support of our brethren, we are glad to note that a praiseworthy and kindly effort is being made to restore the respective accounts of the Institutions to the "status in quo" which was theirs before the untoward collapse of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. For once the Girls' School is on the debit side, and proves the advantage sometimes of not having too good a balance at your bankers. We admit, that such is, however, an abnormal condition of financial arrangements, and one we cannot recommend to the adoption or imitation of our brethren generally. The Girls' School has, we think, a very good prospect before it, if only the "powers that be" at its head and over its affairs, will seek to improve the occasion, discard all Masonic red tape, and take a common sense view of persons, and things, and events. Lord Carnarvon is to preside at the Annual Festival; no better Chairman can be found, and the Craft will rally round him with enthusiasm and sincerity. We anticipate a most goodly gathering and a long list of Stewards. The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the school having been postponed, an opportunity occurs for the Building Committee of largely profiting by the circumstance, alike to provide a distinguished reception of their exalted guests, and to advance the financial interests of the School, which need, owing to special circumstances, to be considerably strengthened and augmented. The Girls' School is drawing largely upon its funds, and it will be a great pity if any very serious or permanent diminution accrues to its funded capital, in consequence of an extension which is an absolute necessity, and of expenses which could not possibly be dispensed

with. We believe that no charitable institution in Great Britain is more efficiently conducted or more economically administered. We therefore propose to those whom it may concern, to consider the advisability of asking the Stewards for the year to assist the Building Committee in their reception of the Prince and Princess of Wales in the summer or autumn—in fact, invite them to act as Stewards on both occasions, of the Festival and the Reception. We believe that the volunteers for this charitable and agreeable duty will be very many indeed in our ever loyal brotherhood, glad to aid in the good work of charity, zealous in their devoted attachment to the Royal Family of England. It is, in fact, a combination of the "utile" and the "dulce," which will not occur probably in the history of the Girls' School again, and it is an opportunity of exhibiting both loyal attachment and charitable sympathy which ought not to be overlooked or neglected. If sound sense and practical "savoir faire" now rule the councils of the Girls' School, 1878 will probably be a very striking year in its annals and memories. Some questions have lately been raised as regards the introduction on the General Committee of fresh members, to use a common expression, of "new blood." We venture to think that for 1878 such efforts should remain in abeyance, and that we should leave to the present House and Building Committees, and, above all, to our gallant Bro. Lt.-Col. Creaton, the pleasant function of carrying out all the needful arrangements for the year. Sure we are that in Bro. Lt.-Col. Creaton's hands the honour and efficiency of the Girls' School will be perfectly safe. If in 1879 it is felt, as probably it will be felt, that changes had better be made and new members introduced into the General Committee, it can probably be arranged, that brethren may be proposed whose names command the respect of the Order, who will alike advance the efficiency of the School, and guard the interests of the Subscribers. Our readers will observe with regret the spread of measles in the School, but we hope, and we have no doubt that about July it will be both convenient and safe to inaugurate the new building.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

That Bro. Caubet, in the *Monde Maçonnique*, was correct when he asserted that the recent change in France was agreeable to the feelings of a most sympathetic majority of the French brethren, we have, despite his high authority, always ventured to doubt. That there was a decisive majority in the French Grand Orient is clear, and it is somewhat curious that the numbers of the majority and minority appear relatively to have exchanged sides. When we compare the voting of 1865 with the voting of 1878 on the same question, the same majority, nearly, which rejected Bro. Massol's proposition in 1865 accepted the same proposition in 1878. It would be idle to deny that the vote has been carried by a large majority, but yet we equally venture to believe that there is a very large, respectable, intelligent, educated minority in France, which deplores the change, and disavows such a revolution, effected, too, let us note, under the somewhat sensational and not a little Jesuitical cry of "absolute toleration." For just as there is admittedly a "credulité des incredulés," a credulity of the incredulous, (happy expression!), so there is also, undoubtedly, a tyranny of the hyper-tolerant which we can see around us at the present hour. People are so tolerant that, as extremes meet always here, they become actually intolerant. We commend this remark to the notice of all, who seem willing to render liberty of conscience a paradox, and toleration a farce, inasmuch as they leave nothing either for liberty of conscience or toleration to respect or to uphold! Mournful conclusion of emancipated free thought, depressing outcome of absolute toleration! We are among those who venture to think that the majority in the French Grand Orient was not a real or united majority, that it was alike accidental and abnormal, made up not of purely Masonic thinkers, but of those who have unfortunately for themselves and Masonry, introduced into the abso-

lutely neutral territory of French Freemasonry the sad remembrances of Ultramontane folly, and the bitter influences of political factions. We say nothing of the effect produced by Bro. Desmon's special pleading, or the extraordinary statements which he made, which, as Bro. Denis has pointed out, are mournfully mistaken, and positively untrue. We hope, though at present we admit that hope is but faint, that wiser counsels and more moderate views may yet prevail in the Grand Orient of France, and that above all, the prudence of Bro. St. Jean, and the good sense of the more moderate party may keep things safe and quiet, may avoid the extreme views of agitators and fanatics, and may save French Freemasonry from that heavy fall and melancholy "fiasco," which otherwise inevitably await it. Bro. Denis, of Tours, to whose letter to Bro. Hubert in the *Chaine d'Union* we alluded last week, has a remarkable passage in that communication which we give in the original French, and of which we append a translation:—"Notre temps est un temps de lutte et de transition. Les mesquines conceptions du passé s'écroulent et les grandes lignes de la philosophie de l'avenir se dissinent à peine dans l'ombre. Deux forces également funestes sollicitent l'humanité à cette heure. D'un côté, l'intolérance de la foi aveugle; de l'autre, l'intolérance du doute et de la négation. Entre ces deux pôles l'esprit humain erre anxieux et dans l'incertitude qui pèse sur lui le bien et le juste se voient. L'intérêt égoïste règne sur le monde, le succès et la fortune sont seuls glorifiés. Au milieu de cet affaiblissement général, la Maçonnerie aurait pu remplir un rôle immense et régénérateur. Sa forte et bienfaisante philosophie, qui fut celle des plus grands penseurs, . . .

. . . et qui se résume en trois mots: Dieu, Progrès, Liberté, cette philosophie rayonnant dans ses Temples pourrait encore relever les esprits, faire revivre la fraternité chancelante et l'amour du prochain. Mais la décrépitude morale qui affaiblit le monde profane a pénétré jusque dans son sein et cet enseignement, dernière forteresse, est lui-même attaqué et bien prêt d'être forcé par le scepticisme." "Our time is a time of strife and transition, the unworthy conceptions fall to pieces, and the great lines of the philosophy of the future are traced with difficulty in the shade. Two forces equally injurious appeal to humanity at this hour; on one side the intolerance of a blind faith, on the other the intolerance of doubt and of negation. Between these two poles, the human mind wanders anxiously, and in the uncertainty which weighs upon it, what is good and what is just is altogether obscured. Egotistic interest reigns in this world. Success and fortune alone are glorified. In the midst of this general weakening Freemasonry might have filled its great and regenerating rôle." Its firm and benevolent philosophy which is that of the greatest thinkers . . . and which is summed up in three words, God, Progress, Liberty, this philosophy, I say, shining forth in its temples, might have again elevated the mind and revived a wavering fraternity and love of our neighbour. But the moral decrepitude which weakens the profane world has penetrated into its very bosom, and is attacking its last fortress, is itself now attacked, ready to be forced by scepticism." Making some allowance for a French view of the matter, we shall, in England, be inclined in the main to agree with Bro. Denis. We have always strongly felt that in giving up their open profession of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. the Grand Orient was ostensibly departing, in its public platform at any rate, from that via media of truth which avoided equally the two extremes of Ultramontane assumption and unbelieving negation. To claim an "absolute toleration" among reasonable men, thinking men, religiously-minded men, in order to proclaim entire rejection of any belief in God, is a paradox so saddening, and a climax so absurd, as not only to "make the angels weep," but to ask for pity rather than for anger; for deep sorrow, rather than for irritable animadversion. We can only add that we must still consider the position of affairs in France most dangerous to the best interests of true Freemasonry.

VERY PROPER.

The *Fanfulla*, quoted by *The Times* of Monday, states that Leo XIII. has expressed a desire that all Bishops, in their manifestoes concerning religious functions, shall abstain from any allusions foreign to spiritual affairs. We welcome this assurance as a good omen for the future. As Freemasons we have no warrant or authority to enter into controversy with any religious body, and so long as the Church of Rome attends to its proper duties, and leaves us "poor Freemasons" to ourselves, we are bound not to attack her, qua the Roman Catholic Church. There are those who think that there ought to be a perpetual warfare existing between Roman Catholicism and Freemasonry, but this, in our opinion, is a grave mistake, Freemasonry has nothing to do with the polemics or politics of the hour. When the Roman Catholic Church unwisely attacks or irreligiously excommunicates Freemasons we naturally protest, and point out the futility and folly, and even impiety of such proceedings. But we have hopes of a better state of things, from the conciliatory disposition and common sense evinced already by Leo XIII.

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.]

ENGLISH MASONS AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through illness I was prevented attending Grand Lodge on the 6th, or I should have endeavoured to have set before the brethren views which might have suggested further reflection as to the policy to be pursued towards the Grand Orient respecting the alteration it has made in its Constitution.

It may be presumptuous to differ from so many brethren. Nothing, indeed, but a keen sense of the injudiciousness of the movement would induce me to contend against the able, eloquent, and well-intentioned remarks of our M.W. P. Grand Master. Were the Order a religious one, no arguments could be more apposite. His reasoning would have carried conviction to all. My wonder then would have been that he should be satisfied with only the recognition of the G.A., and should not also have required the re-imposition of the Christian test.

If in 1813 Grand Lodge laid aside this latter requirement in order to enlarge the basis of union, thereby breaking down the barrier to admission of Hebrew, Mahometan, Hindoo, Parsee, &c., and no violation of Christian principles was involved, logically, the omission of allusions to the Supreme Being should not be deemed detrimental to the religious principles of myself and those brethren who worship the G.A., though such alterations were made in our own Constitutions. How much less then should we be apprehensive when a foreign body modifies its Constitution—seeing that we preserve unimpaired the diminished religious colouring of our own? In neither case is an absolute subscription required of religious belief. In the case of English Masons, the Churchman submits to the exclusion of a proportion of his religious belief, and in the Grand Orient as recently constituted there is an exclusion of the whole. The proposition at the present time to censure the German lodges for refusal to admit non-Christian brethren, when viewed in juxtaposition with the expressions of indignation at the freer admissions contemplated by the lodges of France, is somewhat anomalous.

When, in past years, shelter was sought from persecution on account of religion, and Masonry furnished an escape, the Order was cosmopolitan—its chief aim, I venture to suggest, was a mutual security for individual freedom in religion and politics, coupled with the maintenance of an elevated moral character. These qualities have been largely preserved; why jeopardise their universality by importing subjects which invariably lead to the disintegration of brotherly love and harmony?

If any assurance be really needed to satisfy the outward world that Masons are not without their due proportion of orthodoxy—if so, let some other means than disagreements *inter se* be adopted to satisfy external social scruples. We Masons under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England are no more compromised by the ruling of our foreign brethren than a Christian merchant would be compromised by trading with an heathen—even if they were members of the same Chamber of Commerce. The intercommunication might actually afford golden opportunities to inculcate higher principles, whether of religion, or of justice and fair-dealing. Let us not revert to the exploded and condemned practice of persecution for differences of faith. Purity of principles may be sustained in other and better ways than by the infliction of pains and penalties on those who maintain—even blindly—views inconsistent with our standard.

Yours fraternally,

P.G. STEWARD.

[Our good brother the P.G. Steward is too transcendental for us. We like calling things by their proper names. With us a spade is a spade.—Ed.]

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having had the honour and privilege of being a Freemason for many years, I have always regarded the Craft as the most noble, free, and universal of all Institutions; but after reading the account of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., I must confess that Freemasonry appears to be a very different thing from what I have always been taught to believe it is.

The pain which I felt upon a perusal in your journal of the resolutions carried by Grand Lodge with respect to our French brethren was quite equalled by my astonishment. The facts are simply as follow. The Grand Orient of France, in order to respect the feelings of every good stone man, has decided that in future a candidate shall not be forced to pledge his word that he believes in certain dogmas about which, possibly, he may have some doubt; that august body has therefore decided to leave out the words relating to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. As to the first, every one believes in God in some form or other: we in England believe in our God, our brethren in India, China, and elsewhere, in some other—totally different it may be; nevertheless, I repeat, they all believe in a God, a Supreme Ruler, a Great Architect; but a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or a French lodge to declare his belief in God, and upon this principle—the Grand Orient of France has resolved to "eliminate the name of the G.A.O.T.U. from its Ritual." As to the second "elimination," it is well known that a large proportion of our Jewish brethren do not believe in the immortality of the soul, but I was never in a lodge where an Israelite was refused permission to enter it upon, this account.

With the greatest respect for the M.W. Pro. Grand Master I must say that I think he put the resolutions to Grand Lodge in a manner not altogether impartial; he treated it as a foregone conclusion that all present would vote with him; he said, "I believe that there can be but one feeling and one voice in this Grand Lodge;" again, "I apprehend that there can be no objection in this Grand Lodge" &c., and again, "I trust that it will be in the power of Grand Lodge to vote unanimously." If these remarks had not been made, I believe much could and would have been said on the other side.

It appears to me that this act of Grand Lodge is calculated to undermine the ancient and noble institution of Freemasonry—it undoubtedly will impair its usefulness and diminish its popularity and universality; and the enemies of Freemasonry will hail with delight this act of dictatorial harshness, as well as weakness, emanating from a body where charity and freedom ought to be paramount. The Grand Lodge actually objects to "absolute liberty of conscience." Then may we not ask—is Masonry any longer free? Has his Lordship forgotten how to answer the question, "Who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons?" If so, it would be well to remind the noble Earl that there is not a word in the reply relating either to God or the soul. Can it be possible that the members of Grand Lodge have also forgotten "what are the three grand principles upon which the Order is founded?"

The importance of the step taken by Grand Lodge cannot be overrated. Until now, no religious discussion was allowed to take place in any lodge, but Grand Lodge having broken through that estimable rule, how are we to prevent it being broken in our private lodges? What bickerings, what ill-feeling, what prejudice, what hatred and contempt may not henceforth mar the harmony which exists amongst us at the present time! For as no wars are so cruel as religious wars, so no scorn and fierceness can equal that of people whose religions are antagonistic. It is fearful to contemplate that such anarchy might prevail, and that many lodges in their despair of securing harmony under such rule may throw off altogether their allegiance to Grand Lodge, and split up into sections having various head centres of their own. And again, suppose some eloquent Grand Officer, after reading the four last verses of the 3rd. chapter of Ecclesiastes, were to come to the conclusion that our illustrious founder, King Solomon himself, did not believe in the immortality of the soul and persuade Grand Lodge of the same! Shall we in that case repudiate him as our First Master and fix upon some one else?

The gravity of this affair is such that it deserves to be carefully considered by every Mason in the land. For it comes to this—let a man be ever so true, so faithful to Freemasonry, charitable and just, yet if he do not believe exactly what I believe, he is not to be admitted into my society, he is to be discarded by me and spurned from the door of my lodge! But some will reply, "No, he need not believe exactly what you believe—he need not believe in your God; it is sufficient if he believe in a God, in his own God." Are we then to assume as J.S. Mill irreverently says, "any God will do?" If so, I would just remark that in the Sacred Writings we read a description of some persons "whose God is their belly;" and surely it is not desirable to admit such people amongst us; but however strongly I myself feel upon the subject of our holy and sublime religion, I, for one, should be very sorry to be guilty of the impertinence of asking a foreign brother before entering my lodge what were his ideas and opinions of the G.A.O.T.U.

I hope, Sir, that you and other brethren who read these lines will give the writer credit for sincerity and good faith; all I wish to do is, to have the subject well ventilated. I have the deepest respect for our M.W. Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, but I believe they have fallen unawares, unconsciously, and without adequate consideration into a serious error which may, unless speedily rectified or modified, form a fatal blow to the unity of Freemasons, and I would earnestly entreat all who have a sense of the extreme importance of this act to come forward and endeavour to prevent the reproach and heavy

responsibility of weakening the strong ties of brotherly love from falling upon the Grand Lodge of England.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A FREEMASON AND P.M.

[We publish this letter on the ground of Masonic free discussion, but we disagree with every argument, and utterly reject the assertions of our brother. In fact, we do not understand what our brother is really driving at. We think it is a pity that he has made any remarks about the Pro Grand Master, whose presidency was admirable, dignified, and impartial, and as the writer clearly ignores the opinion of a great minority in France, so he is utterly ignorant of the strong feeling of English Masons on the subject.—Ed.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the balloting papers for the ensuing election are now in the hands of subscribers, the following analysis of the cases on the list may prove interesting to some of your readers.

For eighteen vacancies there are twenty-four candidates, of whom eight are from London lodges, two from Hants and I. of W., two from E. Lancashire, and one each from Bristol, Devonshire, Durham, Essex, Lancashire W., Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Warwickshire, Yorkshire W., and Singapore. In four instances (Nos. 2, 4, 18, and 22) this will be the last opportunity for election. Ten are new cases, the others having been candidates on previous occasions—viz., one four times, three three times, eight twice, and two at the last poll only. Nine parents are returned as being lodge members at the time of death, but from a comparison of the dates of initiation and death with the number of years subscribed, five others appear to belong to this category. The duration of membership varies from nine months to eighteen years. Three only of the twenty-four (Nos. 5, 14, and 18), are recorded as charity subscribers. One child (No. 18) has lost both her parents, one (No. 21) has both parents living, the remainder having mothers only. Two applicants (Nos. 1 and 8) have two sisters each, and five candidates (Nos. 2, 6, 15, 20, and 22) have one sister each, already in the Institution; whilst two (Nos. 7 and 14) have each a brother in the Boys' School.

I think these details prove the weakness of one of the strongest arguments used by advocates for altering our system of voting—i.e., that the majority of subscribers, not having a personal knowledge of the merits of the different cases, are unable to decide for themselves which they should support, and consequently either sacrifice their votes by non-polling or give them hap-hazard to the first comer. As may be seen from the above, the information given in these lists is so full, although concise, that any one may, in a few minutes, by a series of marks, determine upon the most deserving case, according to his own opinion, of what chiefly constitutes urgency; whether as last application, subscription to charities, or the number of children left, &c., &c. My meaning will be, perhaps, more clearly illustrated by a summary of the present list in the following form, in which I have allowed 5 marks for last applications, 1 mark each for previous applications, 5 if the father was a lodge member at his death, 1 mark for each year of membership beyond five, 5 marks each for charity subscriptions and stewardships, 5 for each parent lost, and 1 mark for each child dependent. Of course these numbers are not arbitrary, but may be varied at discretion.

No. on List.	Last Application.	Previous Elections.	Subscribing till death.	Length of Membership.	Charity Subscriptions.	Loss of Parents.	Children Dependent.	Total Marks.
1	...	4	5	2	5	16
2	5	3	...	5	...	5	2	20
3	...	3	5	5	5	18
4	5	3	5	5	3	21
5	...	2	5	2	15	5	3	32
6	...	2	...	2	...	5	3	12
7	...	2	5	1	...	5	5	18
8	...	2	5	5	2	14
9	...	2	...	5	...	5	4	16
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There are doubtless other points which some subscribers may desire to take into account, but the principle can be extended to any number of considerations—pro and con—which it may be thought desirable to include, although I have only used the heads under which information in the official list is given.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. T. THOMPSON.

P.M. JEWELS AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our Masonic Charities are certainly more thought about than they were some years ago, and a still greater

amount of good remains yet to be done, and one very beneficial result could easily be effected if some great effort (not my feeble pen), either on the part of the Masonic press or those holding high office, if the three indefatigable Secretaries of our three great Benevolent Institutions could be prevailed upon to combine and induce some enterprising Masonic jeweller to bring out a jewel for each charity—or bars, if necessary—and induce every lodge voting a P.M. jewel for its outgoing Master, to send the amount to that charity the brother may select; the Secretary of that particular charity to provide the jewel and its inscription, recording in token of £— — voted by Lodge (or Chapter) No —, to Bro. —, as W.M., for his services in the chair.

The value of this jewel need not exceed 25s. or 30s., and will be just as valuable at a brother's death as a £5 5s. od. or £10 10s. od. one is now.

It does not require any argument to establish the fact, that it must be to the interest of any one and all our charities to pay 25s. to get in £5 5s. od. or £10 10s. od., and if it were to become a rule for every lodge that votes a jewel to send the amount to one or more of the charities (either as life members or governors), the honour would soon be as much coveted as the present jewel now is, and our funds would flow in the proper channel, and not, as in many instances, wasted.

The jewels of a brother, upon which an enormous sum has been expended, will not at his death realise more than as many shillings and are of no use to any one else; and if the above suggestions were carried out no one can tell the good that would be effected or the immense wealth that must flow in to the various charities.

Yours fraternally,

A P.M.

PROGRESS OF THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with great interest your articles on the growth and progress of the Craft, and feel convinced that the practice of having expensive banquets is at the root of all the evils of which you complain.

In many London lodges there is a banquet after each meeting, and as the subscriptions of the members could not possibly pay for the feasting, the fees of the initiates are consumed, and, as a natural consequence, the number of candidates is more considered than the fitness.

There was a time when the Craft was confined to men of some social position, but now anybody will do, the names are sent in, and the ballot is always unanimous, or nearly so. As a consequence many of the persons convicted of notorious frauds are found to be Masons and the Craft suffers.

In looking through the papers a week or two since I noticed the names of three people charged with various frauds who are to my knowledge members of the Craft.

This must be the case while so much feasting goes on, and the charities suffer not only in the increased number of applicants, but because if a lodge spends the whole of its funds for the benefit of the landlord of the tavern a very meagre sum is handed to the Steward for the festival of either charity, say for every pound spent in eating and drinking a shilling is given to the charities.

In the provinces lodges can and do meet and separate, either quite without refreshment or with a simple repast at the expense of the members present.

This letter may set some brethren thinking, especially those who, like myself, have the welfare of the craft at heart.

Yours fraternally

ALPHA.

A NEW HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All those brethren who had the good fortune to find room for the soles of their feet in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, March 6th, must have been struck with the inadequacy of accommodation provided for the representatives of the Craft, and must have regretted that the motion made some time ago to consider the propriety of erecting a more suitable building did not meet with more encouragement from the powers that be.

The object of my letter is to suggest the conversion and completion of the structure originally intended for an opera house, situated on the Thames Embankment; we might then boast of the possession of a temple worthy of our already great but still growing institution.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR E. TAYLOR, W.M. 1201.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the General Committee of Saturday, the 2nd of March, when referring to my motion for increasing Miss Hale's salary, you state it was from £100 to £150. This is a mistake in reporting; the sum asked for, and carried unanimously, was that it should be increased from £100 to £130 per year.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. ROEBUCK.

ST. ALBAN AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

St. Alban is stated "to have formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain, A.D. 287." Is this statement supported by tradition only, or can it be proved by historical records? I shall be much obliged for any information your readers may be good enough to give me respecting St. Alban.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

EDWIN PRIOR.

[See "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia."—Ed.]

HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

Bro. E. M. HUBBUCK, P.G.S., Treasurer.
Bro. F. FELLOWS, Hon. Secretary.

Amounts received and promised:—

Nine Muses Lodge, 235	£17 17 0
Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192	10 10 0
Lion and Lamb Chapter, 192	10 10 0
Neptune Lodge, 22	10 10 0
Panmure Lodge, 715	10 10 0
Felicity Lodge, 58	5 5 0
Gihon Lodge (several old members of), 49	5 5 0
Lodge of Emulation, 21	5 5 0
Gresham Lodge, 869	2 2 0
Lodge of Union, 166	2 2 0
Welchpool Lodge, 998	2 2 0
Cannon-street Hotel, per Bro. Rand	2 2 0
Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G.S.	10 10 0
E. M. Hubbuck, P.G.S., (Chairman)	10 10 0
Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. Cheshire	5 5 0
George Kenning, P.M., P.G.D. Middlesex	5 5 0
J. T. C. Winkfield, P.P.G.W. Berks	5 5 0
R. Grey, P.G.D.	5 5 0
B. Head, P.G.D.	4 4 0
Jas. Casey	3 3 0
E. Snell, P.G.D.	3 3 0
Joseph Cleaver	3 3 0
D. Law	2 2 0
G. Plucknew	2 2 0
J. H. Townend	2 2 0
E. Jones, P.M. 192	2 2 0
F. M. Newton	2 2 0
T. Reynolds	2 2 0
S. Tomkins, Past Grand Treas.	2 2 0
J. C. Havers, P.G.D.	2 2 0
F. Barnford	2 2 0
W. F. Larkins	2 2 0
F. Fellows, S.W. 1679, S.W. 192	2 2 0
F. D. R. Copestick, P.G.S.B. Herts	2 2 0
S. G. Myers, P.M. 715	2 2 0
Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715	2 2 0
W. J. Crossfield, P.M. 715	2 2 0
M. Bennett	2 2 0
E. Phillips	2 2 0
J. Jonas P.M. 715	2 2 0
A. J. S. Lilwall	2 2 0
W. Birdseye, P.M. 715	2 2 0
A. H. Diaper	2 2 0
W. M. Grocott, P.P.G.W. Herts	2 2 0
Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.	2 2 0
Watkin Williams	2 2 0
C. Gray	2 2 0
E. F. Storr, P.M. 22	2 2 0
E. B. Crichton	2 2 0
J. Lorkin, 192	2 2 0
W. S. Gover, No. 1	2 2 0
E. Fox	2 2 0
C. Birch	2 2 0
G. W. Hunt	2 2 0
C. Arkell, P.S.W. 192	2 2 0
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.	2 2 0
Thos. James	2 2 0
J. W. Vickers	2 2 0
C. Barclay	2 0 0
C. Jacob	2 0 0
J. Clabon	1 1 0
Hyde Pullen	1 1 0
J. Burroughs	1 1 0
W. Smithett	1 1 0
C. Jardine	1 1 0
F. W. Braine	1 1 0
George Abbott, P.M. 192	1 1 0
C. Magnay	1 1 0
E. W. Richardson	1 1 0
T. Cohu, P.M. 192	1 1 0
John Hogg, P.G.D.	1 1 0
J. Paddle, P.M. 715	1 1 0
J. Weedon, P.M. 715	1 1 0
A. C. Cope	1 1 0
C. W. M. Wilson	1 1 0
H. Watts	1 1 0
Warden	1 1 0
J. Forsyth	1 1 0
E. Pottle	1 1 0
R. W. Little, D.G.M. Middx.	1 1 0
A. Partridge	1 1 0
G. Phythian, W.M. 22	1 1 0
Darnell	1 1 0
Geo. Cockle	1 1 0
J. Waddell	1 1 0
Tattershall	1 1 0
Col. Creaton, P.G.D.	1 1 0
Hooton	1 1 0
Kent, 192	1 1 0
Capt. Sewell	1 1 0
S. L. Tomkins	1 1 0
G. Beauman	1 1 0
T. C. Chapman	1 1 0
Thos. Perry	1 1 0
H. J. P. Dumas, P.M., etc.	1 1 0
John Hervey, G. Sec.	1 1 0
Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.	1 1 0
W. Bennett	1 1 0
D. W. Pearse, G.R. Middx.	1 1 0
J. Canham	1 1 0
Henry James	1 1 0
Isaac Paddle	1 1 0
E. B. Warner	1 1 0
W. Bayley	1 1 0
T. Underwood	1 1 0

Amount brought forward

Bro. D. P. Owen, P.M., Treas., 998	£265 9 0
" F. Livingier	1 1 0
" Downing	1 0 0
" Loewenstark, A.D.	0 10 6
" Loewenstark, jun.	0 10 6
" J. Hyde	0 10 6
" Fredk. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.	0 10 6
" Peter Wagner	0 10 6
" W. Hopekirk, Treas. 179	0 10 6
" J. R. Jones	0 10 6
" C. E. Mayo	0 10 6
" Eugene Benard	0 10 6
" J. Copestick	0 10 6
" T. S. Carter	0 10 6
" A. Wylie	0 10 6
" Dickie	0 10 6
" C. G. Smithers	0 10 6
" Shayer	0 10 6
" H. C. Levander, G. Sec. Middx.	0 10 0
" W. H. Bowden	0 5 0
" W. T. Howe, G.P.	0 5 0

Making a total received up to Mar. 14th, of £278 9 6

Brethren wishing to contribute to this testimonial will oblige by forwarding their contributions as early as possible. The presentation will be made next month. Full particulars will be duly announced in the *Freemason*.

Committee Rooms, 1, 2, and 3 Little Britain,
March 14th, 1878.

GRAND LODGES IN ENGLAND AND BRO. HYNEMAN.

By Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

From the "Voice of Masonry."

Our esteemed Brother Caldwell, Grand Secretary of Ohio, having given Brother Hyneman's misrepresentations of Early English Freemasonry new life by reviewing them in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for 1877 (just published), we have thought it our duty again to present an antidote to the bane, as we did in 1872, on the appearance of "Ancient York and London Grand Lodges." Few books on Masonry, of which we have any knowledge, contain so many errors and statements contrary to facts, and probably no one has done so much to mislead our American brethren as Brother Hyneman in his late works. We respect our brother for his Masonic zeal, but feel bound to enter our protest against such perverted and distorted accounts of our English Grand Lodges, and we are all the more sorry to see them again brought before the reading Masons of the United States in the handsome volume of the Ohio proceedings for 1877. We hope Brother Caldwell, who is always so ready to give fair play, will not fail to insert our answer to the statements in question in the proceedings for 1878, and we fraternally invite our friends, the editors of American Masonic magazines especially, to reproduce our reply.

We pass over all remarks by Bro. Hyneman as to the motives which actuated Drs. Desaguliers and Anderson to say so little about their Grand Lodge in the first Book of Constitutions (of any Grand Lodge), printed in 1723, because it is too late in the day now to pretend to have discovered them, and also as unnecessary to answer them. It is more than probable that none of the "Revivalists" of 1717 ever contemplated such an increase to the society as took place within the following twenty years, and it is quite evident that no such success was provided for, added to which, while the facts would be known to the Masons of 1723, they would not be so familiar to those of 1738; hence the second edition contains information as to the "Revival" which was absent in that of 1723. The Constitutions of 1723 was however not the first Masonic work published, for a curious MS. was issued in 1722, the only copy of which that we know of being in the splendid library of our good friend Bro. Robert Farmer Bower. Brother Hyneman claims that "prior to the Revolution, 1717, the Craft in the South of England still held their relation to the York Grand Lodge." The fact is that there was no York Grand Lodge until 1725, and the first Grand Lodge ever established was in London, 1717. Of Bro. Hyneman's statement there is not the shadow of a proof in this country, and as we are as familiar with the Records of the two Grand Lodges as could well be, "we speak that which we do know, and testify to that which we have seen." Before 1725, at York there was but one single lodge, and before 1716-7 there was not a Grand Lodge in the world! The "annual assembly" of York had long ceased to exist, and Freemasonry was at a low ebb, in England especially. There were doubtless other lodges in England at the time of the Revival, and which took no part in the changes of 1717. We have ourselves traced more than one of these, some of which joined the Grand Lodge soon after its institution.

Our next extract from Brother Hyneman's work is a most startling one! "There were lodges and Masons in London holding their allegiance to the York Grand Lodge that would not countenance nor acknowledge the new London Grand Lodge. There was no actual schism in 1738, as Anderson, Preston, and recent writers assume.

There was no third Grand Lodge formed in England out of those lodges, which for good and sufficient reasons remained true to their allegiance to the York Grand Lodge, nor of those who left the London Grand Lodge. The story of a third Grand Lodge is wholly mystical." The foregoing paragraph is absolutely and altogether untrue, and so much so that it is difficult to understand how any one could credit such an unfounded series of assertions in the present day, because, 1. There were no lodges in London hailing from the York Grand Lodge until 1778, and never after 1790. 2. The schism of

1738-50 not only took place, but a third Grand Lodge was formed, the Records of which we have seen and examined in the Grand Secretary's office, London. 3. This body of Seceders became the Grand Lodge, according to the old Constitution, or "Ancients," and united with the regular Grand Lodge in 1813, at which period the York Grand Lodge had ceased to exist. 4. The "Ancients" were sometimes called "York Masons," but unfairly so, and it was the "Ancients," or "Seceders," which constituted so many lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges in the United States and elsewhere abroad. 5. These "Seceders," or "Athol Masons," as they were called, issued many warrants for America, many of which have been transcribed and published, all of which, and all not published, are dated from London, and never from York, and no claim is ever made in such documents to being the York Grand Lodge, though of course mention is made therein of "Prince Edwin," and his charges, etc., at York, which any Grand Lodge might state with just as little or as much authority. 6. The Grand Lodge of all England (as it was called) at York, never issued any charters whatever out of England. Of this fact we have abundant testimony, and the Records still at York, 1712, to 1790, furnish proof positive. 7. The claim of certain American Grand Lodges to be descended from the "Ancient York Masons" is therefore an erroneous one, and should be at once and for ever ignored.

All these points we have fully elucidated in our "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (New York), and which have never been contradicted or disproved in any way. It is singular that not only was there a third Grand Lodge, but from 1779 to 1790 there was a fourth Grand Lodge, being the third in London, all at work during that period, and with the one at York making four Grand Lodges in England, 1779 to 1790. This fourth Grand Lodge was formed by the "York Grand Lodge," under the wing of the "Lodge of Antiquity," during the temporary withdrawal of that ancient lodge from the regular Grand Lodge of England of 1717. In 1790, when Brother Preston and others were reinstated, and the differences healed, the fourth Grand Lodge was broken up, and two or three years later the York Grand Lodge collapsed, when there were but two Grand Lodges left, both being located in London, and neither having, nor ever having, had any connection with the York Masons. These two Grand Lodges at London united in 1813, and since then we have had but the one "United Grand Lodge of England" to rule over the English Craft.

We do not think it worth while to refer at any length to a number of other erroneous statements so abundantly scattered over Bro. Hyneman's work, and which, alas, have again received prominence, when we had hoped they had disappeared for ever; we shall therefore simply conclude by saying that the final paragraph, to the effect that the lodges which "continued until the union in 1813," were "under the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge," is on a par with the rest of Brother Hyneman's assertions, and altogether opposed to the facts of the case, there being no York Grand Lodge, or any lodges under its jurisdiction (or ever formerly so), then in existence, the "Union" being, as we have said, with the two London Grand Lodges, familiarly known as the "Moderns" and "Ancients," or, more correctly speaking, the "Regular" and "Seceding" Masons. One of the best Masonic authorities living, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, visited York, carefully examined the Records of the extinct Grand Lodge of all England ("York Masons"), and declared in the *Freemason*, that "Bro. Hughan is quite right, and Bro. Hyneman quite wrong," as to the matters in question. Bro. Woodford also expressed his sorrow at seeing "an able brother like Bro. Hyneman putting forward what is in truth a parody on all the known facts of the case. * * * It is no doubt true, as Brother Hughan well puts it, that the history is, in fact, at one time the history of four separate jurisdictions. The Antiquity Lodge was made by the York Grand Lodge, a co-ordinate Grand Lodge, South of the Trent, and Dermott's Grand Lodge was independent of, and separate from, the Lodges of York and of 1717."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The results of the last Cambridge Local Examination are now published, and we learn from the class lists that from the Masonic School 25 candidates were entered (2 seniors and 23 juniors), of whom 24 passed.

Out of the 22 juniors who passed, 19 gained honours and 3 satisfied the examiners. One failed out of 25.

SENIORS: 1, W. R. Parker; 2, C.D. Green.

JUNIORS: Honours 1st Class.—3, E. T. Sage and 4, H. Bowler (distinguished in Latin); 5, A. A. Bryant; 6, G. S. Widdowson; 7, W. A. Booser; 8, C. M. H. Uwins.

Honours 2nd Class.—8, W. Davenport; 10, J. I. Hazeland; 11, P. K. B. Heavside; 12, J. E. Battye; 13, A. E. Grimes; 14, J. H. Moon; 15, H. E. K. Pinson.

Honours 3rd Class.—16, C. Sage; 17, S. H. Sargant; 18, W. E. Sawtell; 19, W. S. Sparkes; 20, J. G. Whyatt; 21, H. J. Wellington.

Satisfied the Examiners—22, E. L. Ralling; 23, H. N. Tayler; 24, W. B. Dancy.

General and Mrs. Grant and Mr. Jesse Grant, according to a Reuter's telegram arrived at Rome at ten o'clock on Wednesday night, and were received at the station by the United States Minister and the leading American residents there. General Grant proposes to make a stay in Rome of about a month.

Application has been made to the War Office for permission to form a Scottish regiment of volunteers in Manchester.

THE LATE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

Two recent events have tended to recall the memory of the late Duke of Leinster—namely, the visit of an ex-Premier to Carton and Maynooth, and the still more recent dedication of the Masonic Hall in Dublin. The first incident revived the historical reminiscences of the Geraldines, and brought the mind back 700 years. The stone table at which the councils of the Earls of Kildare were held in Maynooth, placed in the garden at Carton by the old Duke himself, and the antique chair which he likewise stationed at the vantage-point from whence the ruins of the castle of the Geraldines can be seen most effectively, were naturally associated with the pleasing memories of one of the most amiable, if not the most brilliant, of the noble house on whose representative, in the 12th century (Maurice Fitzgerald), Strongbow conferred high honours. The second incident—the dedication of the Masonic Hall—also restored for a season the fading colours of recollection (for new ideas and younger men obscure or extinguish the memory of even the once illustrious dead). It was just the scene—so thoroughly demonstrative of the religious character of English and Irish Freemasonry, as contradistinguished from that of the French—that would have gratified the heart of the fine old Grand Master whose ashes now repose in the picturesque churchyard at Maynooth. One other thought suggested itself to the mind, that till the Marquess of Abercorn, the present Grand Master, was raised to a dukedom, the late Augustus Frederick, Duke of Leinster, was Ireland's only duke. Our space is too limited to enter upon an historical review of the noble house of Kildare, who, though originally of foreign extraction, were more Irish than the Irish themselves.

The late Duke was identified with almost every movement that had for its object an improvement in the condition of the people of Ireland, and the Government of Earl Grey was induced to ask him to undertake the initiative in introducing into Ireland the National system of education, and for several years he took an active part as one of the Commissioners. Again, in 1841, his Grace became a foremost leader in a movement originated by Mr. Peter Purcell, namely, the establishment of the National Agricultural Society, and as President of the association he advanced its interests considerably. He found himself, however, in very troubled waters, Mr. O'Connell having joined the society with the deliberate purpose of abrogating its fundamental rule—"that the discussion of political matters or measures before Parliament should be altogether excluded from its deliberations." O'Connell's object was good in itself—the sanction of public works for the employment of the people; but the duke successfully resisted the proposition, and thus closed the door against objectionable political measures—not, however, without much difficulty, for in the first instance O'Connell carried his point. No trait in the character of his Grace was more remarkable than his constant anxiety to improve his estates, and the record of all transactions connected with his property were kept so accurately that a few minutes would be sufficient to show every arrangement that had been entered into, and every item of outlay. He was an excellent farmer, and was never so happy as when walking over his grounds, in plain rural garb, superintending and designing further improvements upon his extensive estates. An anecdote, very generally circulated in Masonic circles, tends further to illustrate his unostentatious and generous disposition. One day in summer he was attracted by a way-wearied traveller of the farmer class, the wheel of whose cart had rolled off, immediately opposite the principal gate at Carton, and the farmer himself was lying, most disconsolate, upon a log of timber. The duke at once offered his aid, replaced the wheel, and assisted the humble man to go on his way rejoicing. The farmer was grateful, and believing the Duke to be only one of his own retainers, expressed himself willing to compensate him for his trouble. The duke pleasantly refused, and at the moment the steward appeared and summoned "My Lord Duke" to lunch, leaving the honest farmer in a state of bewilderment.

Few men have been more honoured or respected by all classes and parties than his Grace. On his retirement from the office of President of the Agricultural Society, a handsome testimonial was presented to him. He was beloved by the poor. Practical in his benevolent inclinations, he founded at Carton a dispensary, which was entirely supported by himself, and proved a blessing to the humble and afflicted.

In politics the Duke was a Whig, and from the principles advocated by him and his supporters he never swerved. He was a faithful supporter of the principles of the Reformation, and discountenanced Ritualism in all its forms. He was a strenuous advocate of Roman Catholic Emancipation, and the celebrated Leinster Declaration of 1828 exercised much influence in the ultimate success of a measure which for so many years agitated Ireland. Following up the declaration, his Grace consented to preside at a banquet given to Lord Morpeth, who afterwards became distinguished as 'Viceroy, and on that occasion the Duke of Leinster was complimented by O'Connell and Shiel as "a descendant of a race of patriots and martyrs to the cause of Ireland;" "an Irish Fitzgerald presiding over an assembly consecrated to the principles of freedom."

When the Queen and Prince Albert first visited Ireland, the Duke and Duchess of Leinster were honoured by a visit from them, which has lately been recorded by her Majesty in the "Leaves from her Journal":—"August 10th, 1849.—We arrived at Carton a little past one o'clock, and were received by the Duke and Duchess of Leinster, the Kilratts, Mr. and Lady Jane Repton, and their two sons. The Duke is one of the kindest and best of men. We walked round the pleasure-grounds, and after this got into a carriage with the Duke and Duchess, our ladies

and gentlemen following on a large jaunting-car; the people riding, running, and driving with us, but extremely well behaved, and the Duke is so kind to them that a word from him will make them do anything. We drove along the park to a spot which commands an extensive view of the Wicklow hills." This narrative of her Majesty will be perused with very sad reflections that so many of the actors in that joyful drama have ceased to live.

The career of the Duke of Leinster as a Freemason fully sustains the character given of him by that poetical Irish orator—Sheil—"that he had assumed his natural and legitimate station 'at the head of the country', and had placed himself in that place of conspicuous utility which appertained to him." Of the duke it may be said as a constant and universally honoured Freemason, that he was, to use a Masonic term, "a perfect ashlar;" not a rude unshapen corner-stone of a great Craft, but smooth, while firm and polished, though homely. All who beheld in the Masonic Hall, at the recent gathering, the full-length likeness of that accomplished man, painted in 1813, when he was installed Grand Master, were struck by his handsome and benevolent face. Throughout his life he steadily practised the motto of the Order—"To hear, see, and be silent ('Audi, vide, tace')." With him silence was really golden—he was one of the most taciturn of men that ever reluctantly appeared in the crowded and noisy walks of public life. Loyal and devotional, he would have been proud of the Masons who, at the recent meeting in Dublin, to which we have already adverted—closed the doors of their Hall, after three days' exhibition of their mysterious chapter rooms, with the swelling notes of Telford's organ, in "The Heavens are telling the glory of God," and "God Save the Queen."

On the 24th of June, 1863, a banquet was given to the Duke on the completion of his fiftieth year as Grand Master; and on the 4th of August, 1871, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed in the Masonic Hall, Dublin, as Patron of the Order. Oloquy has been cast upon the institution by those who should know better, and it has been associated with secret societies. So long ago as the year 1836, the late Duke resisted successfully an effort made in the British Parliament to include Freemasons in the excommunicating operations of a bill then being smuggled through Parliament.

The Duke was most favourable to the cause of total abstinence. Nobody was more welcome at Carton than Father Matthew, who was justly denominated the Apostle of Temperance in Ireland.

We must conclude our memoir. The great debt of nature was paid by Augustus Frederick, Duke of Leinster, in October, 1874. All that was mortal of this, "the kindest and best of men," repose in a peaceful mausoleum at Maynooth, and his son, the Marquess of Kildare, is now his worthy successor. Shortly after the death of the noble Duke, the following requiem, written by S. N. Elrington, and composed by Mr. Culwick, was sung with effect at a Masonic gathering, in Dublin.

"Gather, brothers, gather round our Master's bed:

A grand Masonic sun hath set—our Geraldine is dead.

The hand that bore the banner of his noble race lies cold,

And for 'the kindest, best of men,' the burial-bell hath tolled.

No battle cry, no party zeal, his steadfast soul could move,

But pure benevolence and grace, fraternal truth and love. As modest as his own kind heart, the parting rite hath been:

No vain display, no proud array, hath marked that solemn scene;

Within the hallowed resting-place the gentlest of his line

In faith laid down his dual crown, immortal Geraldine. Then gather, brothers, gather around our Leinster's bed: A princely column lieth low—our Geraldine is dead."

—The Weekly Welcome.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M., China; Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M., Dorset; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; H. C. Levander, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Rev. Dr. Bratte, W.M. 1557; Nelson Reed, C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; J. Constable, H. Garrod, T. J. Sabine, H. Bartlett, C. Atkins, Edward Terry, W.M. 1319; Henry Hammond, William Stephens, Percy W. Taylor, P.M. 409; C. F. Hogard, Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; Griffiths Smith, E. H. Hewett W.M. 235; J. C. Mason, P.M. 1540; Robert Perkins, W.M. 34; Hugh Cotton, W.M. 554; W. Bailey, W.M. 49; W. Stuart, P.M. 87; H. C. Soper, W.M. 704; Richard G. Seaborn, W.M. 217; Charles Denton, W.M. 169; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; J. W. George, W.M. 1309; H. L. Seager, W.M. 194; H. Gouldon, W.M. 548; W. C. Corner, W.M. 1139; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293; H. Massey (Freemason), and C. B. Payne, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed grants of £160 made by the last Lodge of Benevolence. There were only sixteen cases on the new list, and these were relieved with a total sum of £415, which was made up as follows:—One grant of £125 (£125); one of £75 (£75); two of £25 each (£50); four of £20 each (£80); one of £15 (£15); and seven of £10 each (£70).

The lodge was then closed.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The installation of the officers of the Lazar Lodge, meeting at Kumara, in Westland, New Zealand, took place on the 18th Jan. The R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. Lazar, attended by his Deputy, Bro. John Bevan, and Bro. Hyams, D.G.D.C., arrived from Hokitika, and at 3 o'clock p.m. installed the Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward Anchor for the second year, in the chair of K.S., after which the R.W.D.G. Master invested all the officers with their respective badges. In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, John May, James Kin, and James Wyld, all Past Masters of the sister lodges in the district. After the usual loyal toasts had been given and duly honoured, "The M.W.G.M. of England and the other G.M.'s" was enthusiastically given and received, when the health and happiness of our aged and venerable chief, Bro. Lazar, R.W.D.G. Master of Westland, was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Anchor, who said, in the course of his remarks, that no installation seemed to come off well unless Bro. Lazar was present, and although now at the advanced age of 74, he (Bro. Lazar) seemed as young as ever and as ready as ever to promote the good of Freemasonry by attending, not only lodges in his own district, but also had lately travelled as far as Auckland, there to instal the two D.G.M.'s of that province. Bro. Anchor concluded by saying that he felt convinced that he was only conveying the sentiments of every brother present when he expressed a sincere wish that Bro. Lazar would be spared for many years yet amongst them. The toast was received with great applause. The R.W.D.G.M. said, in response to the toast, that he was extremely pleased with the reception that the mentioning of his name had received, and felt quite certain that what Bro. Anchor had said came from his heart, as also the kind applause which followed the toast. He informed the brethren present that he had met with a splendid welcome in Auckland; was also happy to say that his health was much improved by the trip. He concluded by proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Anchor, paying him a high compliment (and very deservedly so) as an industrious and most enthusiastic Mason and a worthy member of the Craft. He said that he felt it a pleasure, after the expiration of ten years, to again have the pleasure of installing him. Bro. Anchor was the first Master of the Greymouth Lodge, and it was mainly through him that a lodge had been established in that place, and now they had Bro. Anchor again to take a leading part in Freemasonry and occupying the chair in the Lazar Lodge for the second year, it proved conclusively how esteemed he was by the brethren. Bro. Anchor said in responding to the toast so kindly put by the R.W.D.G. Master and cordially received by the brethren, he certainly felt pleased and grateful for their good opinion. He had always, from the time he was first made a Mason, endeavoured to attain as much knowledge as possible, and at the same time to bring that knowledge so acquired to a practical result, and it afforded him much pleasure to see so many of his own pupils present. Even amongst the P.M.'s he saw present Bro. P.M. Kerr, whom he had the honour of initiating. Altogether, he thought that he had been amply rewarded for his troubles by seeing so many kind brethren coming a distance of twenty miles to be present at his installation. He again thanked the brethren most sincerely, and resumed his seat amidst great applause. After a number of toasts and songs had been given, the brethren separated at one p.m., having spent a most pleasant evening. The officers for the ensuing year are W.M., E. Anchor; S.W., George Furby; J.W., R. J. Seddon (Mayor of Kumara); Treasurer, Thomas Connell; Secretary, William Nicholson; S.D., Henry Burger; J.D., John Williams; I.G., Brown; Tyler John Anderson; Stewards, Charles Peters, and W. Hanna.

The consecration and installation of the officers of the Star of the South Chapter of S.P.R.C., working under warrant from the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° of England and Wales took place on the 24th Jan., 111. Bro. Edward Anchor arrived at Greymouth from Kumara, and at 3 p.m. proceeded to consecrate the chapter, after having first produced and read the warrant from the Supreme Council. The following brethren are the first officers: Bros. E. Anchor, M.W.S.; the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, H.P.; Morice, 1st General; H. W. Revell, 2nd General; J. J. May, Grand Marshal; P. Boylan, "Raphael"; John Sewell, Captain of the Guard; G. C. Bowman, Treasurer and Secretary; J. B. Roche, Almoner; A. Fowler, Equerry. At 8 p.m., Bros. Dr. Deamer and Thomson, from Christ Church, Canterbury, who came specially for the purpose, were duly admitted and perfected and installed to the 18°, the ceremony being very impressively given by the M.W.S., Bro. Anchor. In the course of the evening the M.W.S. informed the brethren, particularly the newly installed, that as a body in Dunedin (styling themselves the Supreme Council of the 33°) had not been acknowledged by the Supreme Council of England and Wales, he would warn all brethren against entering the said chapter, or taking any higher degree therein, as by so doing they would seriously compromise their standing as Rose Croix Masons. After the chapter had been closed the brethren partook of refreshments, at which, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drank, the M.W.S. proposed the health of the newly installed brethren, Bros. Dr. Deamer and Thomson, expressing a full conviction that they would soon open a chapter in Christ Church second to none. Bro. Dr. Deamer responded, thanking the brethren for the facility which had been offered them, and trusting to open their chapter, which he hoped would be a credit to the illustrious Order. He also complimented the M.W.S., Bro. Anchor, on the very elaborate manner in which everything had been arranged. After the M.W.S. had expressed his appreciation of the very kind attention and courtesy re-

ceived from Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary General, in all matters concerning the welfare and spread of the illustrious Order, and also the pleasure he felt at being the first M.W.S. of a chapter in New Zealand, he concluded by wishing Bros. Damer and Thomson success with their chapter, and the brethren separated, after having enjoyed a few happy hours.

The installation of the W.M. of Lodge United Service 421, I.C., took place on D.C. 27th, 1877, by Bro. J. H. Burns, P.M., and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the presence of Bros. G. P. Pierce, R.W.P.G.M. I.C.; G. S. Graham, R.W.D.G.M., E.C.; H. G. Wade, V.W.D.G. Sec., E.C., and a large number of influential brethren of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitution officers. Bros. F. Roycroft, W.M.; J. Goodacre, S.W.; W. S. Suiter, J.W.; W. W. Bath, P.M., Treasurer; J. Herbert Burns, P.M., Secretary; B. Holmes, S.D.; A. Barr, J.D.; G. Hulme, I.G.; C. Porter, Tyler; J. W. Melton and C. Sutherland, Stewards. The brethren retired to the banqueting-room and spent a pleasant evening.

At the request of the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge of Freemasons (735 E.C.), a choral service was held at the Cathedral Church, Nelson, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. M. Stanton as Worshipful Master. The musical portion was conducted by Bro. W. G. Sealy, and the various church choirs of the city combined therein.

A procession of Freemasons, in the usual order in regalia (the sacred volume being borne by the senior member) left the Masonic Hall, and arrived at Christchurch at 3 p.m., when the prayers were read by the Incumbent, the Rev. J. Leighton, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Thorpe, and a sermon was impressively delivered by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nelson, from the following text:—

2 Kings, x., 15.—“And when Jehu was departed thence he lighted on Jehonadab, the son of Rechab, coming to meet him, and he saluted him, and said to him:—

“Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart,” and Jehonadab answered, “It is.” “If it be, give me thy hand.” And he gave him his hand, and he took him up with him into the chariot. And he said, “Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord.” So they made him ride in his chariot.”

The *Australian Freeman* comments upon the subject as follows:—

“The Ultramontanes are bitter against the Sons of Light, and it is a great pity that a few Protestants here and there—being ignorant of our ‘mysteries’—are as stupidly prejudiced against us as the Papists. Numerous have been the persecutions waged against the Fraternity. In 1748 the Porte demolished a lodge and arrested its members at Constantinople. But at the present day the only implacable foes of our Order are the priests of the Church of Rome, who, if they had the power, would repeat with ‘fire and blood’ what was done by Pope Clement XII. in 1738, followed by an edict of Cardinal Ferrao in the succeeding year. But how differently did the Protestant Bishop of Nelson act, in opposition to the unhallowed, pernicious, and baneful policy of the followers of the ‘False Prophet’ and the so-called ‘Holy See.’ His lordship, though not a Mason, preached an eloquent sermon to the brethren on St. John’s day. His lordship’s chaplain is the chaplain of the lodge, which is presided over by W. Bro. W. M. Stanton, and we can well understand why the bishop takes such an interest in Masonic proceedings. Many Protestant bishops in various parts of the world belong to the Hiramic Order, and we are amused to find ‘a few clergy’ in the dioceses have the presumption to manifest their contempt (?) for the ‘gens libérale’ who are their superiors in Learning, Dignity and Office. His lordship of Nelson need not be surprised if some insignificant creature who is fond of dipping his wings in the mare magnum of Ritualistic and semi-Papistic mummeries, will take upon himself to cavil and carp; but the Bishop will not cease to command the Masonic respect, the Masonic Esteem and the Masonic Love, not only of the Masons of Nelson, but of ‘the Universal Brotherhood,’ where his lordship’s charity is made known.”

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Doric Lodge of Instruction, meeting at No. 79, Whitechapel-road, on Friday evening next, the 29th inst., at 7 o’clock precisely. Bro. T. J. Baines will take the chair, and will be supported by Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth, J.D. 12, J.W. 1688, S.W.; S. Godden, S.D. 862, J.W.; Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

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| 1st Section. | Bro. J. Murch, W.S. 27 |
| 2nd " | " S. Nichols, 1287 |
| 3rd " | " S. Godden, S.D. 862 |
| 4th " | " G. West, S.W. 1287 |
| 5th " | " R. P. Tate, J.D. 862 |
| 6th " | " W. Cleghorn, 1287 |
| 7th " | " W. Hill, 862 |

SECOND LECTURE.

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| 1st Section. | Bro. W. J. Hall, I.G. 193 |
| 2nd " | " H. G. Harris, 1586 |
| 3rd " | " R. Evans, 862 |
| 4th " | " W. H. G. Rudderforth, J.W. 1668 |
| 5th " | " E. Adair, 19 |

THIRD LECTURE.

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| 1st Section. | Bro. A. Braun, P.M. 766 |
| 2nd " | " J. Passingham, 193 |
| 3rd " | " J. C. Hayes, 619 |

The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed at The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday, March 28th, at 6.30 p.m., at Masons’ Hall Tavern, Masons’ Avenue E.C. Bro. T. Poore, P.M. 720, will act as Installing Master.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, March 29, 1878.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23.

Lodge 1679, Henry Muggerridge, Prince George, Park-rd., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MARCH 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis’s Rooms, W.
" 28, Old King’s Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen’s Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chis-l, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney’s Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James’s Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George’s, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o’clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, Westminster Chambers.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis’s Rooms, St. James’s.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tav., Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord’s Hot., St. John’s Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince’s Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James’s.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
" 753, Prince Fredk. William.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew’s, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin’s-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King’s Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28.

Gen. Com. Girls’ School, at 4.
Muggeridge Testimonial Com.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock T., Albion-rd.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George’s, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
" 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
St. George’s, Jolly Anglers’ Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons’ Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John’s Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T. Encamp., 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.’s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John’s Wood.
Westbourne, Lord’s Hotel, St. John’s Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James’s, New Tanners’ Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales’s-road, N.W.
St. Luke’s, White Hart, King’s-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince’s Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 30, 1878.

MONDAY, MARCH 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H. Liverpool.
Derby L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I. M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 32, St. George’s, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.
William de la More Encampment, A.R., Bootle.
Mariners L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

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Copy of Communication from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.
"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C."
"25th October, 1876.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have this morning received a note from Mr. F. Knollys, Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, requesting me to convey to you the thanks of His Royal Highness, for the book you have been good enough to send him, a request with which I have much pleasure in complying.—I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

"JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

"To Bro. Jadu."

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APRIL ELECTION, 1878.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS:—

GRACE SIMMONDS,
Candidate, No. 18 on the list.

The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Governors and Subscribers of the Institution are earnestly invited to support by their Votes and Interest, the admission of Grace Simmonds at this Election, THE ONLY OCCASION ON WHICH SHE WILL BE ELIGIBLE.

The Candidate, now in her eleventh year, is one of the family of seven orphans, without provision, whose father died suddenly on the 29th May, 1877, and the mother on the 7th of October following. The father—Bro. Fisher H. Simmonds—who was in business as a Brass Founder in New Charles-street, City-road, was initiated in the Crystal Palace Lodge in April, 1874, continued a subscribing Member till his death, and was already Life Subscriber to the Boys' School, as well as a donor to the Aged Benevolent Institution.

This case is strongly recommended by the "Neptune" Lodge, No. 22, the "Florence Nightingale" Lodge No. 706, the "Crystal Palace" Lodge No. 742, and by many Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Governors, and Subscribers. Votes for the other Charities will be available for exchange.

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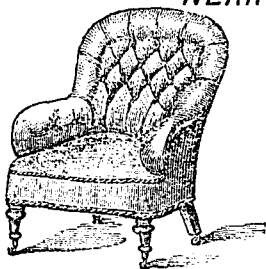
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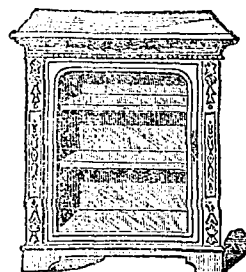
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