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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, presided, and the other Grand Officers present were Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., J.G.W.; John Fawcett, as D.G.M.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter); John Havers, P.G.W.; Montagu Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; James Lewis Thomas, Assistant G.D.C.; Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; Col. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; W. H. Lucia, G.S.B.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; John Wright, P.G.P.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Edward S. Snell, P.G.D.; James Glashier, P.G.D.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.W.; John Whitwell, M.P. P.G.W.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; John Hervey, G. Secretary; F. Robinson, P.G.A.D.C.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Simeon C. Hadley, P.G.A.D.C.; W. E. Gumb'eton, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Joseph C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Fred P. Cockrell, G. Sup. of Works; Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Hon. Richard Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Samuel Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Henry Murray, P.D.G.M. China; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; W. Locock Webb, Q.C., P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Howe, G.P.; W. Wilson, A.G.P.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.P.; J. M. P. Montagu, J.G.D.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Raphael Costa, J.G.D.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Charles Atkins, Dr. E. Brette, E. Cox, J. G. Marsh, W. Worrell, J. H. Southwood, H. C. Levander, W. Smallpeice, J. R. Goepel, of Liverpool, Thos. Massa, James Terry, Magnus Ohren, Sigismund Rosenthal, D. R. Still, George Kenning, Frank Green, John Reed, W. T. Thompson, Walter Hopekirk, E. H. Thiellay, J. W. Baldwin, F. Barnes, A. A. Pendlebury, W. H. Lee, W. Dodd, E. D. Ewins, C. F. Hogard, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey (*Freemason*); the Grand Stewards, Past Grand Stewards, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges, numbered between 400 and 500.

Grand Secretary having read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of Grand Festival, the same were respectively put to Grand Lodge and confirmed.

The balloting papers for the election of the members of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board, and of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons were then distributed.

Lord Carnarvon then rose and said: Brethren, I shall proceed now to the first motion that stands on this paper. On Saturday, the 11th of May, we were all startled in this country by the sudden and frightful news that an outrage had been attempted—that an outrageous attempt had been made upon the life of the Emperor of Germany. (Hear, hear.) In consequence of that I gave notice of a resolution to the following effect:—"That this Grand Lodge agree in a vote of congratulation to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, on his happy and providential escape from the recent attempt on his life." Brethren, only a few days since, I think on Monday, the 3rd of June, we

heard to our great sorrow that that foul attempt had been once more renewed, and at this time had been renewed with far graver results. As the Emperor was driving through the town, beloved by his people, with confidence in their loyalty—reposing, I should say, on their loyalty—he was wounded by the murderous aim of an assassin, and at this moment a life very valuable in the councils of Europe stands, it may be said, in great danger. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, this crime is unhappily not the first which many of this generation have witnessed; but there has been generally a singular fortune, I might almost say a singular providence, which has turned aside the bullet and the dagger of the assassin. (Hear, hear.) During the lives of the present generation it would, perhaps, be not too much to say that there has hardly been a single crowned head in Europe who has not at some time or other been exposed to this terrible risk; but the number of those who have fallen for many generations past might easily be counted on our fingers. If, indeed (which God forbid), this attempt should end disastrously to the life of the Emperor of Germany, we can only say that one more life, certainly not less illustrious than those which have been so taken, will have been most murderously carried off; and if not less illustrious, certainly no Sovereign that I know in Europe has so little deserved such a fate as this. (Hear, hear.) His venerable age, his high character, his great public services to his country—for if he was not the sole author, he yet was the distinct embodiment and impersonation of German unity—all these considerations might have pleaded for him; and it may be truly said, that at this most critical juncture in the affairs of Europe there is no life, perhaps, which could be so ill spared. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, apart from some few miscreants, I believe that every feeling in Germany is absorbed in the one common sense of horror and indignation at this act (hear, hear); and the feeling in Germany simply reflects the feeling in Europe and in this country also. (Hear, hear.) It is not our habit, as you well know, for Grand Lodge to mingle in the political concerns of the day (hear, hear); but this tragedy is one which rises almost above the ordinary political level, and there is this special reason why we may express our sentiments on this occasion, that the Emperor of Germany, unlike many Sovereigns in Europe, has never been afraid of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) He has identified himself with it, and he has had the affections of the Freemasons of this country as much as of his own loyal subjects. (Hear, hear.) It is therefore in connection with him as the head of the Prussian Freemasons that I now invite you to agree to this resolution. The disastrous circumstances of the last few days have compelled me to alter the terms which I should have originally submitted to you, and now, without further preface, I desire to propose to this Grand Lodge, perfectly secure as I am of their hearty acquiescence in it:—"That this Grand Lodge desires to express its sorrow and indignation at the late foul attempt to assassinate his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, and its trust that the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased to spare a life so valuable in the councils of Europe." (Hear, hear, and loud applause.)

Bro. J. Fawcett, Prov. G.M. for Durham: M.W. Pro G.M. and brethren, I beg to second the proposition that has just been made to you. In doing so it would ill become me to attempt to make any observations supplementary to the forcible way in which the proposition has been brought before Grand Lodge, nor would I attempt to express sentiments which must be in the breast of every brother present. I beg to second the adoption of the amended motion which has been made.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, is it your pleasure to agree to the resolution which has been moved and seconded? (General cries of "All, all.") I have the satisfaction of declaring that it is unanimously agreed to. I will request the Grand Secretary to forward to me the record of this resolution, that I may transmit it in the first instance to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., that as a formal and solemn document it may receive his signature also. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of Carnarvon then moved:—

"That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, for the assistance of the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curacao, West Indies, who have suffered from the hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September, 1877."

He said: Brethren, it was necessary to defer this on the last occasion in consequence of some enquiries having to be made. Those enquiries have been made, and are perfectly satisfactory. We are simply following in this instance a precedent which has been repeated on more than one occasion. The hurricane referred to in this resolution was a very violent one, the damage done very great, the distress equally great; and I doubt not Grand Lodge will agree to this motion. I think I may, perhaps, mention incidentally that His Royal Highness the Grand Master took some interest personally in the vote.

Bro. Fawcett: M.W.G.M., I beg leave to second it.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I come now to a matter of considerable importance. Grand Lodge will remember that on the failure of the house in which for so long a time the funds of Grand Lodge had been placed, a temporary arrangement became necessary. That arrangement was practically to open an account at the London and Westminster Bank, giving power to the Grand Secretary and to the President of the Board of General Purposes to draw cheques upon that account. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge I explained, as far as it was possible the state of the case and our general prospects; and I believe that what I then stated with regard to the future is in a very fair way to be verified. I hope that Grand Lodge will not be a loser to any very large

amount. (Hear, hear.) Meanwhile it was necessary to arrange somewhat more permanently for the disposition of our moneys, and also to look into the whole system under which we had hitherto been acting; and on my advice Grand Lodge appointed a Committee for that purpose. I was a member of that Committee. I took the chair at its meetings; I think that the Committee, if I may say so, entered very carefully into the business before them; and I for one am perfectly satisfied with the results at which they arrived. I may also mention to Grand Lodge that the opinion of that Committee was unanimous. Grand Lodge will remember that at the last meeting I advised that the election of the Grand Treasurer should for the present be postponed; and I think it is desirable that that election should for a short time still stand over. (Hear, hear.) I apprehend that there will be no practical inconvenience whatever arising to Grand Lodge, and on the other hand there will be fuller time allowed to Grand Lodge to satisfy itself by full inquiries as to the person who should occupy that important post. Brethren, I hold in my hand the report of the Committee, but I must frankly admit to Grand Lodge that unfortunately, by some inadvertence in giving the notice to night a mistake has occurred, and that full notice, which the Book of Constitutions requires when an alteration or a repeal of the existing law takes place, has not been complied with, and, therefore, we are in this position—I cannot ask Grand Lodge, as I had intended and contemplated, to pronounce an opinion upon the clauses or provisions contained in that report, and, I think, it must stand over till the next Grand Lodge. At the same time I think Grand Lodge will be glad to hear what that report is (hear, hear), and therefore I propose to read it to you in extenso, though, owing to the mistake, the error which has been committed, it is impossible for us technically to take any decision upon the report this evening. I do not think in this case that there will be any practical inconvenience. There is a resolution which I shall ask Grand Lodge to agree to which regards the actual money arrangements for the immediate present. That, I am of opinion, they can agree to at once; but the main body of the report must stand over. Grand Lodge, on the other hand, will have the advantage during the next three months of considering that report very carefully, and they will be all the better prepared when we meet again to express an opinion on any particular part of it. I therefore will read at once this report. I shall read it only for the information of the Grand Lodge. "The Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge to enquire into and report upon the whole of our financial and banking arrangements beg to report that they have carefully considered the matters referred to them, and with a view to averting in the future a similar catastrophe to that which has recently occurred, they are of the unanimous opinion that no single individual should be entrusted henceforth with the funds of the Grand Lodge, and they recommend that the current accounts be kept at the Bank of England, and that such accounts be in the names of the Grand or the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, who shall give the requisite authority to the Bank to pay all cheques signed as heretofore, and in all cases countersigned by the Grand Secretary." I may just mention for the information of Grand Lodge that the power now given is to the Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the President of the Board of Benevolence, and when those officers are absent, the locum tenens of each is authorised to sign. "The Committee have made the necessary enquiries and have ascertained that the Bank of England will be quite willing to carry out this arrangement. Certain alterations in the Book of Constitutions will in consequence be necessary, and the Committee therefore beg to recommend the following resolution to the consideration of Grand Lodge" (which of course I cannot put) "First, to repeal the words of Clause 3 on page 35 of the Book of Constitutions, and to substitute for them the following—All moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand Master, or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer shall be to keep a general supervision of the accounts, to sign the cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, for all moneys duly voted by the Grand Lodge, and generally to assist and advise the Trustees and Executive Officers in the due and faithful administration of the funds of the Fraternity. The accounts shall be annually audited by the professional auditor, to be appointed by the Grand Lodge pursuant to a resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd June, 1859." Brethren, that is the report. It will now be practically in the hands of Grand Lodge for the next three months, and at the following Quarterly Communication I hope that we shall be prepared to take formal action upon it. The only resolution which I should now wish to put to you is to this effect—because that seems to be necessary in order to carry on, I may say, our current business—"That henceforth all moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand Master or the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, they giving authority to the Bank to honour the cheques drawn as now by the Presidents of the various Boards, in all cases countersigned by the Grand Secretary." Grand Lodge will perceive that all those questions relating to the functions, the authority, and the position of the Grand Treasurer are reserved for the next Quarterly Communication, and the only power which is now asked is that this money should be deposited in the Bank, and that power should be given to certain individuals to draw cheques upon it. (After a communication from Bro. Havers.) I am reminded very properly that inasmuch as the appointment of the Grand Treasurer is postponed, the words

"Grand Treasurer" must be omitted from this resolution. Bro. Fawcett: M.W. Pro G.M. and brethren, I beg leave to second the resolution which has just been proposed to you by the M.W. Grand Master in the chair.

Bro. C. W. Hutton, P.G.D.: M.W.G.M., may I be allowed to ask if the President of the Board of General Purposes proposes putting his signature to the cheques?

Bro. McIntyre, G.R.: M.W.G.M., I think I can answer the question which has been put by our Bro. Hutton. In all cases the real signature is the counter-signature of the Grand Secretary; but in all cases where the cheque is from the Board of General Purposes, the President of the Board affixes his signature, and that is part of the resolution to-night.

Lord Carnarvon: Brethren, you have heard this resolution read, and it has been moved and seconded. Is it your pleasure to agree to it?

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Bros. Cottebrune, James Terry, H. Bartlett, H. Garrod, W. H. Lee, Joseph Smith, John Newton, Edwin Bare, W. J. Muriis, W. Hilton, James Willing, and Walter Hopekirk were then entrusted as scrutineers of votes for the election, and withdrew, the voting papers being collected.

Lord Carnarvon then said: Brethren, I regret that in consequence of business which it has been absolutely impossible for me to put aside, I am compelled at this moment to leave the chair. It was with considerable difficulty I came here this evening, but I felt so much anxiety as to the important work which we have just disposed of that I came here even though knowing I should be obliged to leave at eight o'clock. I shall, therefore, request Bro. Fawcett to take my place.

Lord Carnarvon was then conducted out of Grand Lodge, accompanied by Sir Harcourt Johnstone, G.J.W., whose place was occupied by Capt. Platt, Past G.J.W. Col. Burdett took the chair of Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Secretary read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which were recommendations for the following grants:—

The widow of a brother of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes	£75 0 0
A brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, London	125 0 0
The widow of a brother of the South Norwood Lodge, No. 1139, South Norwood	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London... ..	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 208, Dewsbury	75 0 0

Bro. Nunn moved and Bro. C. S. Burdett seconded the first of these grants; and Bro. Nunn moved and Bro. A. D. Loewenstark seconded the second.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, in moving the last three grants, said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, it becomes my duty to move the confirmation of the next three recommendations, and Grand Lodge has indulged me now and then as President of the Board in making of such observations as occurred to me, and which I have thought it my duty to communicate to Grand Lodge. It must not be supposed for a moment that I object to any one of the recommendations I am going to propose, but I cannot help saying that there is a disposition on the part of the Lodge of Benevolence to give rather large grants. I may remind Grand Lodge that on two former occasions I have asked them to apply a certain portion of the annual surplus every year for particular objects, that is, to help our young boys and girls when they leave the schools, before they can become bread-winners for themselves. When I first did that nine years ago we had accumulated a fund of £27,000, and our annual surplus was then as now over £1500. Grand Lodge then thought the time had not come, that the funds were not sufficient for us to begin to apply any surplus. Four years ago I repeated my motion, and our funds had then amounted to £35,000 with the same annual surplus. Although our expenses had increased, our funds had increased in the same proportion. The accumulated funds now amount to £42,000. Grand Lodge thinks it again too soon to do anything; but I think it right to remind them that they have that fund, and that there is an annual surplus, I think last year it was nearly £1700; and I must say that, entertaining the opinion that the Lodge of Benevolence sometimes are moved to make larger grants than the occasion requires, I cannot blame them for it, because when there is this large fund and this annual surplus, and Grand Lodge does not apply that surplus, you can hardly be surprised at the Lodge of Benevolence desiring to be very liberal indeed with that fund behind them. With those few remarks, I beg to move the third grant on the paper.

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion, which, with the other two, also moved by Bro. Clabon, and seconded by Bro. Nunn, were carried.

Bro. McIntyre said: M.W.G.M., I am sorry to have to state to yourself and to Grand Lodge that the President of the Board of General Purposes, in consequence of a severe domestic affliction, is not able to be present at Grand Lodge on this occasion, and I, acting on his behalf, beg to move that the report be taken as read.

Bro. H. C. Levander, V.P. of the Board of General Purposes: I beg to second it.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken as read:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

1. Several matters of Masonic complaint have been brought before the Board since the last Quarterly Communication. These have, however, either been withdrawn or so disposed of as not to necessitate a specific report to Grand Lodge.

2. An application from Mr. Thomas Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, for a new lease on the expiration of the existing one, at the end of the present year, was referred to the Premises Committee for consideration and report; and the Board of General Purposes unanimously agreeing with the recommendation of that Committee now advise Grand Lodge that a new lease for seven years from the expiration of the lease be granted to Mr. Thomas Bacon at the present rental, subject to the proviso that such lease be not alienable on death or otherwise.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Freemasons' Hall, London,
21st May, 1878.
President.

At the meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That the thanks of the Board are due, and are hereby tendered, to the V.W. Bro. John B. Monckton, the President, for his attention to all matters of business that have been brought forward during the past year, for the ability with which he has conducted the proceedings, and for his courteous bearing to all the members of the Board."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer of £3543 13s. 9d.; in the London and Westminster Bank, £2145 7s.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

11. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 17th of May, 1878, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

The report was then ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Grand Registrar, seconded by Bro. Levander; after which the report was adopted.

Grand Secretary then laid before Grand Lodge the Report of the proceedings of the Governors and Subscribers for the past year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was adopted on the motion of Bro. S. Rawson, seconded by Col. Burdett.

On the motion of Bro. Head, seconded by Bro. Nunn, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. Fawcett: Brethren, I have now to communicate to you that the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to appoint Bro. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., as President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. John A. Rucker as President of the Colonial Board.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Limerick, G.M.M.M., presided. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and G.M.M.M. elect, was on the right of the Grand Master, the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M.M.M., on his left; Gen. Brownrigg, G.S.W.; Bro. W. E. Gumbleton, G.J.W.; Mellor, G.M.O.; Goppel, G.S.O.; and S. Rosenthal, G.J.O.

The other brethren present were:—Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Prov. G.M.M.M. Warwickshire and Staffordshire; John Wordsworth, Prov. G.M.M.M. West Yorkshire; the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G.M.M.M. South Africa; Sam. Rawson, Prov. G.M.M.M. China; D. M. Dewar, G.S.O.; Rev. F. W. Thoys, G. Chap.; Rev. P. M. Holden, G. Chap.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec.; R. C. Elze, G.J.D.; William Wigginton, G. Sup. of Works; Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Walter Spencer, G.A.D. of C.; Capt. Chas. Hunter, Asst. G. Sword B.; J. B. Shackleton, Asst. G. Standard B.; W. T. Belcher, Mus. Doc.; G. Org.; Thos. Poore, G. Inn. Guard; Joseph Tomlinson, G. Sid.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler. With the following Past Grand Officers:—R. W. Bros. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.J.W.; Col. John Whitwell, P.G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. George Mellor, P.G.S.O.; T. Meggy, P.G.M.O.; S. C. Dubois, P.G.J.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G. Chaplain; W. Bros. C. C. W. Griffiths, P.G.S.D.; Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.J.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.J.D.; George Weall, P.G. Supt. of W.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D. of C.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D. of C.; Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; J. H. Spencer, P.G.I.G.; A. Williams, P.G. Stwd.; H. Massey, P.G. Stwd. (Freemason); and Provincial Grand Officers—W. Bros. T. T. Strachan, Dep. Prov. G.M.M.M. Northumberland and Durham; Geo. Higgins, Prov. G.S.W. North Wales and Cheshire; R. H. Thrupp, Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey; R. Loveland Loveland, P. Prov. G.J.W. Hants and I. of W.; R. J. Mure, P. Prov. G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; Rev. Thos. Radley, Prov. G.C. Lane; Jas. Salmon, P.G.R. N. Wales and Cheshire; J. W. M. Piggott, P.P.P.G.R. Middx. and Surrey; J. L. C. Hunter Little, Prov. G.S.D. Monmouthshire; Chas. Goddalk, P. Prov. G.D. Devon; Thos. Coxhead, P. Prov. G.A.D. of C. North Wales and Cheshire; T. I. Pulley, Prov. G. Std. Br. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. M. Gibson and John Close, Prov. G. Stewards Middlesex and

Surrey; J. L. Thomas, W.M. 8; George Smith, P.M. 75; Rev. H. J. Hatch, S.O. 22; O. H. Pearson, W.M. 7; G. J. Robinson, York T.I.; R. G. Smith, 12; C. L. Mason, W.M. 111; S. H. Knaggs, S.W. 181; J. N. Rogers, Reg. 181; Wm. Barfoot, P.M., 104; H. R. Cooper Smith, P.M. 55; M. Kemp, P.M. 182; Capt. G. Watson, P.M. 69; Capt. A. T. Perkins, W.M. 109; T. W. Murley, W.M. 144; H. W. Charrington, S.W. 114; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 173; Col. H. S. Burney, 197; Lieut. Col. S. H. Clerke, P.M. 197; H. E. Batcher, 43; and E. Greenway, 54, and others.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge the G.M. and Dep. G.M. were saluted, Bro. Berridge acting as D.C. Bro. Binckes, G.S., then read the minutes, which were put and confirmed.

The next business being the reception and adoption of the report of the General Board, it was taken as read, and on the motion of General Brownrigg, seconded by Bro. Gumbleton, was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report was as follows:—

During the six months ending 31st March, 1878, there were issued 612 certificates, bringing the number of brethren registered as having been advanced, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to a total of 11,078.

In the same period there were granted warrants for 12 new lodges, viz.:—

- T. I. "The Howe," Birmingham.
- No. 211 "Hammersmith," London.
- " 212 "Albion," Barbados.
- " 213 "Fletcher," Whitehaven, Cumb., and West.
- " 214 "St. John's," Abergavenny, Mon.
- " 215 "Devon," Newton Abbot, Devon.
- " 216 "Henry," Frizzington, Cumb. and West. (Confirmation, formerly Scotch Constitution).
- " 217 "Corrystone," Kimberley, South Africa.
- " 218 "Lyegrove," Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire.
- " 219 "Ardvorlich," Rawul Pindec, Bengal.
- " 220 "Sandeman Stat Veritas," Dum Dum, Bengal.
- " 221 "St. John's," Mean Meer, Punjab.

(Memo.—Since the date named, six warrants have been granted in addition to those named.)

The certificates exceed the largest number ever issued in a corresponding period (556) by 56, and the gratification derived from this fact will be further increased when it is stated that the amount received for fees, dues, &c., is largely in excess of any previous corresponding receipts—£487 to March, 1876, and £491 to March, 1877—the total in the past six months having been £596.

For several years past the expenditure at the festivals held in aid of the Benevolent Fund has exceeded the amount provided for by the sale of dinner tickets and the fees paid by the Stewards. This has been partly owing to the want of efficient supervision on the part of the Stewards, arising from the circumstance of the residences of the majority being in the provinces, and partly to the non-payment of their fees by some of those officers. The total liability in connection with these festivals is £39 17s. 11d., and the Board recommend that this amount be paid out of the Benevolent Fund.

Regulations for the conduct of future festivals have been made by the Board which will effectually prevent the recurrence of similar liabilities.

There is a balance at the bankers on account of the General Fund of £359 3s. 7d., and the Board recommends the investment of £200, making the total invested property on this account £800.

There is to the credit of the Benevolent Fund a current balance of £69 4s. 8d. The investments on account of this fund amount to £800.

With a view to extend the usefulness of the fund established for purposes of benevolence, the Board recommends:—

"That so soon as the invested property of the Fund of Benevolence amounts to £1000, a separate account be opened, to be called the Education Fund.

"That one-half of all contributions hereafter received for the benevolent purposes of the Order be paid to the Education Fund, and one-half to the Benevolent Fund.

"That the income accruing from whatever source to the two funds be kept entirely distinct.

"That the Education Fund be administered in such manner as shall be from time to time directed by Grand Lodge."

It is with the greatest satisfaction that the Board is enabled to submit to Grand Lodge the two following communications, embodying the formal recognition of this Grand Lodge by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America. With reference to this most important event, resolutions will be formally submitted for the approval of, and adoption by, Grand Lodge.

"General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.

"Office of General Grand Secretary, Buffalo, N.Y.,
March 1st, 1878.

"F. Binckes, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c.

"Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,—I take occasion to forward to you by the hands of Bro. A. G. Goodall, who is about to visit England, a copy of the resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in August of last year, recognising the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as the rightful governing body of the degree of Mark Master Mason in the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, in which no Grand Body of that degree claims jurisdiction, and by means of which it seeks to establish with the Grand Lodge a more intimate and perfect relation than has hitherto existed between the two bodies.

"The printed proceedings of the General Grand Chapter will soon be forwarded to your address.

"Permit me to express the hope that the future relations

of the Grand Lodge and the General Grand Chapter may be productive of peace and harmony, and fruitful of good results in the intercourse of their constituencies.

"Fraternally,
(Signed) "CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
"General Grand Secretary."

"General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.

"Office of General Grand Secretary, Buffalo, N.Y.,
"March 1st, 1878.

"Be it Known: That at the twenty-third triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, held at Buffalo, in the State of New York, on Friday, August 24, 1877, the following resolution was adopted, viz:—

"Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America hereby recognises the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, as the rightful and supreme authority over the degree of Mark Master Mason in England and Wales and those colonies and dependencies of the British Crown in which no existing Grand Body claims jurisdiction over that degree.

"In witness whereof the seal of the General Grand Chapter is this day impressed.

(Signed) "CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
"General Grand Secretary."

Communications have been received from the U.S. of America on the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, which Grand Lodge is recommended to refer back to the General Board for further consideration.

It is with great regret that the Board announces the loss of the services, by death, of R. W. Bro. John Sutcliffe, Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire, and of R. W. Bro. James Mackay Cunningham, Provincial Grand Mark Master of Sussex.

Of the eminent services rendered to the Order by the former, it is impossible to speak too highly; while with reference to the latter it may be truly said that he proved himself in every respect a worthy successor to the late R. W. Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows.

The zeal and energy of these distinguished brethren cannot be too warmly appreciated, nor can their loss be too deeply deplored.

In order more clearly to define the power of District Grand Masters in connection with their granting authority to brethren to open lodges, waiting the approval of the M. W. Grand Master, the Board recommends:—

"That the following words be added to the Constitutions:—

"Clause 56: 'District Grand Masters having the additional power to give a dispensation authorising brethren to meet as a lodge, until a Warrant of Constitution shall be signed by the M. W. G. M.'"

"And also, with a view to diminish the expenses of the Grand Festival, that in Clause 44, with reference to Grand Stewards, the word 'Twelve' be substituted for 'Eight.'"

"The Board has considered a petition for relief on behalf of

Mrs. J. H., widow of the late Bro. J. H., of Devizes, whose services in behalf of the Order were exceedingly valuable, and only interrupted by his premature decease, and recommends a grant of £15.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months to 31st March, 1878, are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1877	...	£307	1	3
Half-year's receipts	...	£585	2	0
Dividends	...	11	2	2
		596	4	2
		£903	5	5
Half-year's disbursements:				
Purchase of Stock	...	£107	15	0
Expenditure	...	643	5	3
		751	0	3
Balance 31st March, 1878...	...	£152	5	2

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Balance from 30th September, 1877	...	£306	3	6
Receipts for half-year	...	£26	15	6
Dividends	...	17	5	8
		44	1	2
		£350	4	8
Disbursements	...	£65	10	0
Purchase of Stock...	...	215	10	0
		281	0	0
Balance, 31st March, 1878...	...	£69	4	8

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.,
President.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

14th May, 1878.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., in moving the first of the recommendations of this report, said he thought it would not be unbecoming before doing so if he congratulated G.L. on the wonderful increase that had taken place in the number of lodges and certificates, as stated in the report. No less than 12 new lodges, and six other warrants issued since, during the last half-year, had been granted. He would particularly draw attention to the fact of the Time Immemorial Lodge, the "Howe," at Birmingham, having now come under the banner of this Grand Lodge. It was one of the most important to get under this banner; one that this Grand Lodge had been trying to get for the last fifteen years, ever since this Grand Lodge was started; and this Grand Lodge would most

likely have failed in their object if it had not been for the Grand Master of the Province of Warwick, the Rev. W. K. Ryland Bedford. It was entirely owing to that brother's endeavours that the Howe Lodge had given in its adhesion to Grand Lodge. He would now move "That £200 be invested in New Zealand or other colonial bonds on account of General Fund." If the brethren would be good enough to turn to the end of the report they would see that there was a considerable balance to the account of the General Fund—no less than £359 3s. 7d. Therefore the Board recommended that £200 of that sum be invested. It would be perfectly safe to do so, because funds were coming in very rapidly, and the £159 3s. 7d. would be quite enough to keep at the bankers' for any emergencies that might arise between now and the end of the next half-year.

Bro. Goepel seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next moved the second recommendation.

That in Clause 44 of the Book of Constitutions, the word "eight" be erased and "twelve" substituted.

That the following words be added to Clause 36, "District Grand Masters having the additional power to give a dispensation, authorising brethren to meet as a lodge, until a Warrant of Constitution shall be signed by the M. W. G. M."

The point of that proposed alteration had reference to the Grand Stewards. It was the privilege of the provinces in this Order to recommend in turn a brother to be appointed a Grand Steward by the Grand Master. The Grand Steward's fee was fixed at two guineas, which went to pay whatever sum was not covered by the sale of dinner tickets at this half-yearly festival. Hitherto the expense of this festival over and above what the tickets would provide for had been very considerable, and that extra expense had fallen upon the general funds of Grand Lodge. The General Board had thought that this was an exceedingly undesirable state of things to be continued if it was possible to arrive at any other solution. After considering the matter the Board thought that if the Board of Grand Stewards was increased in number from eight to twelve, the extra sum paid by the fees of the additional four would leave the balance to be paid by Grand Lodge very small, if not eliminate it altogether. He could not but think it was a most useful thing that energetic brethren in the provinces should be nominated by their respective Grand Lodges for the office of Grand Steward; and he thought also it would be an advantage as regarded the funds of Grand Lodge. As it would increase the patronage of Provincial Grand Lodges if this recommendation was approved, he would move to that effect.

Bro. Col. Wigginton seconded the motion.

Bro. Hunter Little said he observed that Clause 44 went on to state that four of the Stewards should be nominated by the provinces of Middlesex and Surrey, and four by the remaining Provincial Grand Lodges. In what way was it contemplated to provide for the nomination of the additional four Stewards: was it by giving all the extra patronage to Middlesex and Surrey?

The M. W. G. M. said he believed it was understood that the intention was that as the number of the provinces had increased since the Book of Constitutions was made out, the nomination of the whole of the four additional Stewards should go to the Provincial Grand Lodges other than those of Middlesex and Surrey. Middlesex and Surrey would still nominate four, and the other eight would be nominated by the remaining provinces.

Bro. Hunter Little expressed his satisfaction at this arrangement.

Bro. Sabine asked whether Middlesex and Surrey exercised its right year by year.

Bro. Binckes replied he was not sure that it did. There was generally a difficulty in getting the requisite number of nominations, but he hoped there would not be any such difficulty in future. Five had been nominated by Middlesex and Surrey this year.

The motion for making the alteration in Clause 44 was then carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next moved the alteration in Clause 56, as given above. He said that it was suggested by reason of twelve weeks elapsing between the time of sending from India the petition for a lodge and the receipt in India of the warrant. It was therefore proposed to give the District Grand Master the power of granting brethren a dispensation for holding a lodge in the interval.

Bro. Hargreaves having seconded the motion, it was put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal then moved the next recommendation—"To alter and amend the rules regulating the Fund of Benevolence."

The recommendation was "That so soon as the invested property of the Fund of Benevolence amounts to £1000, a separate account be opened, to be called the Education Fund.

"That one-half of all contributions hereafter received for the benevolent purposes of the Order be paid to the Education Fund, and one-half to the Benevolent Fund.

"That the income accruing from whatever source to the two funds be kept entirely distinct.

"That the Education Fund be administered in such manner as shall be from time to time directed by Grand Lodge."

This recommendation was the natural consequence of the suggestion made by the Board at the last Grand Lodge that they should consider what could be done for the special benefit of the children of decayed Mark Masons. The Fund of Benevolence was instituted some years ago for the assistance of Mark Masters, their widows and children; but so far as the children were concerned they had hitherto only benefitted from the assistance given to Mark Masters or their widows. The Benevolent Fund had now increased so largely, consequent upon the claims

upon it by Mark Masters and their widows having been so few, that the Board felt they might now extend the operations of the fund to doing something if possible for the children of decayed Mark Masters. Looking to the fact that at the last election of the Boys' School no less than 46 children were unable to be elected for want of room, he thought there could be no doubt in the mind of any of the brethren that they could not benefit a Mark Mason or his widow better than by assisting in the education of his or her children. The Board, therefore, proposed that so soon as the Fund of Benevolence amounted to £1000, anything that might afterwards be received on account of that fund should be divided into halves, and that one-half should be expended as Grand Lodge might direct from time to time—they did not bring any motion about that forward to-day, but would leave it to next Grand Lodge—one-half should be put aside for the assistance of the children by educating them, and the other half, as now, to go towards relieving the distresses of Mark Masters and their widows. Grand Lodge need not be afraid that Mark Masters or their widows would suffer from this arrangement, inasmuch as by the proposition it was provided that one-half of the fund must go to them. He believed that this new arrangement would meet with so much favour among all Mark Masons that as a result there would be a very great increase in this Benevolent Fund. He hoped the brethren would pass the recommendation unanimously, for he was sure they could not do anything more conducive to the benefit of the Order and their own fellow creatures than by helping those poor creatures whose parents were unable to give them that push in the world which was afforded by that good education which we all desired our children should have.

Bro. T. J. Sabine in seconding the motion, said as a member of the Board he expressed his personal gratification that the fund which he and a few others were the means of establishing a few years ago had grown to such proportions that they were able to deal with it in the way proposed. The system which Bro. Portal had explained must commend itself to every Mason present and to every member of the Order. With the fund in such a prosperous state as it now was they had every prospect that in the future it would attain to such an amount that they would be able to do something very handsome for the children of Mark Masons who had fallen into adversity.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next moved, "That the Grand Treasurer be authorised to repay from the Fund of Benevolence the sum of £39 17s. 11d. to the General Fund for sundry disbursements on account of said fund." Having explained that the sum named was an accumulation of deficits for some years past in the receipts from Stewards' fees for the Benevolent Fund Festival, which deficits had been paid by the General Fund, he said it was now proposed to repay the General Fund out of the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. H. C. Levander seconded the motion.

Bro. Strachan objected to the amount being taken from the Benevolent Fund, and thought it was the first time Grand Lodge had been asked to expend any portion of the Fund of Benevolence for eating and drinking. The donations to the Fund of Benevolence were made for benevolent purposes, and should be applied to those purposes only. He would respectfully move as an amendment that this subject be referred back to the General Board to find some other means of liquidating the amount other than by trenching on the Benevolent Fund. If they could not find such means, he for one would be ready to pay his share of the amount. (Loud cheers.)

After some discussion as to the best means of accomplishing the end proposed by Bro. Strachan, the brethren appearing to be unanimously of his opinion, the motion of Bro. Portal was rejected, and as a consequence the General Fund, which has paid the amount, has to bear it.

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, seconded by Bro. James Stevens, £15 was granted to the widow of a late brother.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next said, with reference to the recognition of this Grand Mark Lodge by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, that it was impossible to exaggerate the importance of this step, because it carried with it recognition by the other Grand Chapters of the United States. He thought this should not be allowed to pass without some notice or acknowledgment on the part of Grand Lodge. He then moved, "That this G.L. receives with the greatest satisfaction the resolution of the General G. Chapter of the United States of America to recognise this Grand Lodge as the rightful and supreme authority over the Mark Degree in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown."

Lord Skelmersdale, in seconding the resolution, said he had much pleasure in doing so, for it was a matter for great congratulation and rejoicing that Grand Chapter of America had recognised this Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said he was quite sure there would be but one feeling in Grand Lodge in favour of sending a fraternal answer to such an important body as the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America. The brethren would all feel satisfied and pleased that this Grand Lodge was now on terms of communication with that body.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, then rose and said—M. W. G. M., it falls to my duty on the present occasion, having been the nominator of the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale as Grand Master for the ensuing year at the last Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge in December last, to move his election as Grand Master of this Order. I do so now with a great deal of pleasure. The records of this Degree since the meeting of last December carry out and prove what I then stated with regard to the success of the Degree

since the establishment of Grand Lodge some twenty years ago. I am quite sure I have only to mention the name of our Right Hon. Brother to claim from you on his behalf a unanimous election, and a welcome of him to the throne of Grand Mark Masonry. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, it is my duty to declare that, there having been only one brother nominated to the office of Grand Mark Master at our last Communication, our brother, without any formal election, is duly elected as Grand Mark Master Mason for the ensuing year; and I will consequently proceed to the installation of our Most Worshipful Brother. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M., accompanied by Bros. Alfred Williams, G.S.; C. Pulman, G.S.; J. H. Spencer, G.S.; Captain Hunter, G.S.B.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; the Rev. W. K. Ryland Bedford, Prov. G.M. Warwick and Staff; and Capt. John Wordsworth, Prov. G.M. Yorkshire, presented the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale to the M.W.G.M. for installation.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said: M.W.G.M., it is now my very pleasing duty to present to you Lord Skelmersdale as G.M. of this Order for the ensuing year. Our brother is so well known in all the degrees of Masonry that I feel it is needless for me to enlarge upon the advantages that will accrue to this Order in placing so worthy a brother upon our throne; but I may just say that it is only one more link in the chain which always has, and I trust always will unite this Order of Mark Masters with the Craft Grand Lodge of England, that the worthy brother whom we purpose to place as our ruler upon that throne to-night is also Deputy Grand Master of Craft Grand Lodge. It is also, I think, worthy of record, that so popular is our brother among the brethren of this Degree, that upon the death of our lamented brother, Bro. W. Romaine Callender, in Lancashire, Lord Skelmersdale was unanimously chosen by the province to be recommended to the Grand Master of that time for appointment in Bro. Callender's place; and I may, I think, say this also, that the unanimous choice of the brethren has been well justified in the result. I therefore, now, my Lord, without further preface, present to you Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, to receive at your hands the benefit of installation as Grand Master of this Order for the ensuing year.

The M.W.G.M.M.: Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, it is not necessary for me at any length to dilate on the duties of your high office. You have held such high offices in the province, that the duties which will devolve upon you in this chair must be well known to you. I may, however, express to you with what great pleasure and satisfaction I receive the request made by our worthy brother and Past Grand Master. I shall now proceed to install in this chair one who I am convinced has laboured hard for the good of the Craft, and I am persuaded that I shall place in your hands with perfect safety the interests of the Degree, and that the progress and prosperity of the Order which has hitherto marked it will continue under your rule.

The Rev. F. W. Thoys, G.C., then performed his duty, and, amid loud cheers, Lord Skelmersdale was installed by the Earl of Limerick.

Lord Skelmersdale thereupon said: Brethren, I beg most heartily to thank you all, especially Bro. Portal and Bro. Lord Limerick, for the kind way in which they have spoken of me, and you have received me in this chair. Bro. Portal has truly said that I at present hold a high dignity in Freemasonry, in a different degree. This, I may say, is almost the last I can possibly hope to obtain. I only hope that I shall be able to maintain this particular degree, and to advance it as much as possible, and that when I leave this chair I shall find it not only in as flourishing a state as it is now in, but even more so. I can assure you, brethren, as far as in me lies, I will do my duty. I have the honour, as Bro. Portal says, to rule over a province, the Province of Lancashire, in Mark Masonry. I think I am justified in saying that that is one of the most flourishing provinces under Grand Lodge. That it will increase and prosper I have no doubt; and I am quite sure, brethren, if anything will conduce to make me do my best and work hard in the cause it is the kind way in which you have received me among you this day. Before sitting down, brethren, it is my pleasing duty to present to the late Grand Master, Lord Limerick, a Past Grand Master's jewel. In presenting this jewel to you, Bro. Lord Limerick, I can only say I hope to be able to follow in your footsteps. That you have benefited this Order enormously, I know well. I hope I may be able to follow your example. It is with exceeding regret I find you leave this chair.

The Earl of Limerick, P.G.M.: M.W.G.M. and brethren, I thank you for this Mark jewel, which I trust proves that you are satisfied with the manner in which I have endeavoured to discharge the duties of the office which I have had during the past three years. It has been my earnest desire that Mark Masonry should prosper during my year of office, and that I might be able to hand it over to my successor in an increasingly flourishing state. I trust that the object has been attained. You have heard that during the last eight months no less than eighteen new warrants of lodges have been granted. I trust that that augurs well for an increased prosperity in the year. But, brethren, that I have been able, as I trust I have, to discharge my duty to your satisfaction, is principally, almost entirely, owing in fact to the support which I have received from all the brethren in the Degree, especially from those Grand Officers with whom I have been privileged to work during the three years I have had the honour to hold the office of Grand Master. It is to their exertions much more than to any of mine that the flourishing state of the Degree at the present day is due. I thank you most heartily for the kind way in which I have been treated by you, and for the mark of your kindness and of satisfaction at the way in which I have endeavoured to discharge the duties of my office. (Applause.)

The M.W.G.M. then announced that he appointed as

Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Donoughmore, but he was sorry to say his lordship was unable to be present, as he was now in Ireland. He had a letter of apology from his lordship to that effect, and regretting very much his absence.

The salutes for these Grand Officers having been given, the following appointments were made:—

Bro. Lord Henniker.....	S.G.W.
" Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P.	J.G.W.
" Thomas J. Sabine	G.M.O.
" Reginald James Mure	G.S.O.
" Raymond H. Thrupp	G.J.O.
" Rev. John H. Hatch	G. Chaplains.
" Thomas Radley	
" Frederic Davison	G. Treasurer.
" H. C. Levander	G. Reg. of Marks.
" F. Binckes.....	G. Secretary.
" Benjamin Smith	G. S. Deacons.
" Alfred Williams	
" Richard George Smith	G. J. Deacons.
" Capt. George Watson	
" William D. Bright	G. Dir. of Works.
" Robert Berridge	G. Dir. of Cers.
" Martin Kemp	G. Asst. Dir. Cers.
" Capt. Charles Hunter	G. Sword Bearer.
" John B. Shackleton	G. Standard B.
" W. T. Belcher.....	G. Organist.
" Donald M. Dewar	G. Asst. Secretary.
" W. Hammond, Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., George Higgins, O. H. Pearson, S. H. Knaggs, H. W. Charrington, Thomas W. Murley, W. Barfoot, Samuel Jones, Capt. A. Thrall, Perkins.....	Grand Stewards.
" C. T. Speight	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master informed the brethren that he had appointed Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, President of the General Board, and Bros. Meggy, Rosenthal, Dibdin, Matier, Stidolph, and Thos. Cubitt members. The following brethren were then elected by Grand Lodge on the Board:—Bros. Sabine, Mure, Shackleton, Pearson, and Wigginton.

Bro. Binckes drew attention to the following notice:—"Moveable Grand Lodge at Keswick, on Friday, 14th June, 1878. Arrangements have been made with the London and North-Western Railway Company to convey brethren from London to Keswick and back in first-class saloon carriages, on the following terms:—For fifty or upwards, £2 13s. 4d. each; for twenty-five and under fifty, £3 4s. each. Leaving Euston Station at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, the 13th June, and returning from Keswick on Tuesday, the 18th June. Brethren who intend to avail themselves of these terms are requested to inform the Grand Secretary not later than Tuesday, the 11th of June, so that the necessary arrangements may be made."

The M.W.G.M. having informed the brethren that owing to a previous engagement he would not be able to dine with the brethren, Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best, in Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Limerick presided, having Sir E. H. Lechmere, M.P., on his right, the Rev. G. R. Portal on his left, and Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., in his chair of J.W. The usual toasts were afterwards honoured, and a beautiful selection of music was performed by Bros. Hodges, Beckett, and De Lacy, assisted by the W. Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.G.M. Organist, and Bro. W. Belcher, Mus. Doc., G.M. Organist.

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Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Bro. R. S. Kingham, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. J. Willing, P.M.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; C. J. Scales, J.W.; W. Side, S.D.; W. M. Stiles, Secretary; Geo. Clark, W.S.; H. Lovegrove, Steward and Assistant Sec.; Daley, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at five o'clock, and Bros. W. E. Smith, A. Gemmell, and E. R. Freebody were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bros. C. W. Blake and F. J. Perks were passed to the Second Degree, and after ballot Messrs. W. F. Bates and W. F. Dixon were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned for refreshment. Several visitors were present, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Jacobs, Brummell, Stiles, Putland, and Brooker.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since its consecration on the 9th ult. was held at the Viaduct Hotel, on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. Royal Arthur, W.M.; Jacques, S.W.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W. and Secretary pro tem. (Freemason); Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; Lardner, S.D.; Clarke, P.P.G.D.C. of Herts, acting I.G.; Dwarber, P.M. 159, &c., honorary member; Dubois, P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Levander, P.G. Secretary of Middlesex, &c.; George Kenning, P.G.D. of Middlesex; Marsh, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex; Dalwood, W.M. 1589, &c.; Dewar, P.M. 1627, &c.; Newton, 749; Golstein, 3, Herve (Germany). The minutes of the consecration having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably initiated Messrs. M. Samuel and Quilter into Craft mysteries. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. Dubois, one of the founders of the lodge, as his Hon. I.P.M. Several propositions having

been handed in the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The cloth having been withdrawn, the preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who, in a brief but pertinent speech, congratulated the lodge upon having for its first Master a brother so admirably adapted for the position, as Bro. Jackson had by his performance of his duties that evening proved himself to be. The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Health of the Initiates." This toast was received with excellent "fire," and Bro. Marsh having contributed the song of "The Entered Apprentice," Bros. Samuel and Quilter ably responded. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. dwelt at length upon the number of distinguished Masons who had visited the lodge since its advent in the Masonic world. He hoped that the hospitality of the Farringdon Without had been in every way agreeable to them, and that they would carry away with them kindly recollections of their visit. He, in conclusion, coupled the name of Bro. Levander with the toast. This pledge having been duly honoured, Bro. Levander in reply thanked the W.M. for the honour paid to him in coupling his name with the toast. He had been well pleased with his visit to the lodge. The working from the W.M. downwards was carried out smoothly and well. He hoped, as an old Mason, they would excuse his remarking that they should exercise every care in the admission not only of candidates for initiation, but of those brethren desirous of joining the lodge. Freemasonry at the present time was making such gigantic strides that it behoved every true lover of its principles and mysteries to exercise such a discrimination that its high character should not be lightly damaged or destroyed. It was not mere numerical strength that was required to keep the Craft flourishing, but that happy essential quality. In conclusion, he remarked that as long as the members of the Farringdon Without made "quality" the guiding principle in the admission of candidates their lodge must prosper. Bro. Dalwood said, that as one of the officers of the St. Dunstan's Lodge who had signed the petition of No. 1745, he much regretted that indisposition had prevented his being present at its consecration, and which ceremony he had heard had been highly successful. He personally returned them thanks, not only for having given him an opportunity of witnessing their admirable working, but of partaking of their splendid hospitality. He quite endorsed the remarks of the last speaker: lodges were getting not only too numerous, but the members were very often too lax in the indiscriminate admission of members. The Farringdon Without Lodge had commenced its career on a sound basis, because they desired to make it a limited representative lodge, and whilst they continued to carry that idea out it would flourish. The present members were brethren of well-known Masonic character, and of some standing in the Ward. In conclusion, he wished them every success in their new undertaking. Bro. George Kenning said that as the two previous speakers had exhausted the subject matter of the toast he should not attempt to occupy their already limited time by further expatiating upon it, but upon behalf of the other visitors he returned the members of No. 1745 their hearty thanks for the reception that they had received that day. In conclusion, he remarked that according to his idea the members of a lodge should be like a family party: the spirits of discussion and antagonism should not be generated, but every brother should endeavour to preserve the true principles of fraternity and harmony, in order that the charm of the Masonic circle should not be rudely broken. "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by each officer present. The remainder of the evening having been spent most agreeably, the brethren separated until the last Monday in July next.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock by Bro. J. Ellis, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. G. S. Willings, I.P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.M.; P.G.S.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. H. Gregory, J.W.; T. Peake, Sec.; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknall, J.D.; J. Bailey, S.S.; R. Foulds, I.G.; P. Bull, Tyler. The following members were also present: Bros. Luya, Jones, Hudson, D. Jones, Hall, Broadbent, T. R. Willings, G. Jackson, Formby, Lees, M. Davies, Wood, Brookes, Swan, Stewart, and Catlow. The visitors included Bros. D. Callow, 823; Foster, 573; Davies, 16 and 22 (Canada); and other brethren. Bro. Hudson presided at the organ. Bros. T. R. Willings, G. Jackson, Broadbent, and Barker were passed to the degree of F.C., according to ancient custom. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Beck, Brooks and Stewart were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Harver, 203, was proposed as a joining member, by Bro. I.P.M. Willings, seconded by Bro. P.M. Devaynes. Nothing more appearing for the good of Freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular, it was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, and after supper the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Davies, in responding on behalf of the visitors, said he was struck by the great amount of vitality existing in Masonry in this town, and thought a great deal of this arose from the great enthusiasm and unanimity existing amongst the members of the various lodges in the town. Bro. Davies next took upon himself the duty of lecturing the P.G.M. and his Deputy for not visiting the lodges in the province more frequently, which could hardly be considered in good taste, as coming from a Canadian representative. The harmony of the evening was well sustained by several well rendered songs, by Bros. I.P.M. Willings; Lloyd, S.D.; Foster, Norman, Jones, Callow, and others. After a very pleasant evening the brethren separated about

half-past 10 o'clock. Great interest will attach to the next meeting, when the I.P.M. (Bro. Willings) will raise his son and Bro. G. Jackson (son of another P.M.) to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

Royal Arch.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).—The companions of this chapter appeared in deep mourning at their meeting on the 30th ult. at the Cannon-street Hotel, Comp. Dr. William Alban Atwood, one of the members, having died suddenly at the Trafalgar Hotel, Ramsgate, on the 7th April, since the last meeting. Notwithstanding the bright array which is always an attendant of a R.A. chapter, a gloom was cast over it by the black crape rosettes on the badges which every companion of the chapter wore. Dr. Atwood was a highly respected companion, and the officers and companions of the chapter felt they could not meet without paying this last sad tribute to his memory. Presided over by Comps. George Newman, Z., Aug. Braun, H., and Dr. W. H. Kempster, J., they directed a letter of the condolence to be written to Dr. Atwood's widow, expressing also the regret with which every companion heard of his death. The companions who were present at the meeting of the chapter were, besides the three Principals above named, Comps. Henry Garrod, Treasurer; William Worrell, P.Z., S.E.; W. E. Newton, S.N.; John J. Gibson, 1st A.S.; J. T. Pidditch, J. T. Hiscoc, Jas. J. Joseph, Jas. Sinclair, Thos. Barker, Wm. Jewett Miller, H. J. Reissmann, P. L. Steinmann, J. R. Williams, Henry Francis Partridge, K. Wickwood, J. H. Burns, Walter W. Young, Jonathan Taylor, Z. 933; S. D. Ewins, 192; H. E. Frances, P.G.D.C. 857; H. T. Thompson, 1185; W. W. Morgan, 141; James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771; J. M. Klench, Z. 1339; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*). The work of the chapter consisted of the exalting of Bro. Walter W. Young, 1420; and as it was installation night, the election of the officers having been confirmed, Comp. J. T. Garrod, H., installed Comp. Aug. Braun as Z.; Dr. Kempster, H.; J. and T. Gibson, J. Comp. H. Garrod was installed as Treasurer; Comp. W. Worrell, S.E.; Dr. Cutmore, S.N.; J. T. Hiscoc, P.S.; J. J. Joseph, 1st A.S.; J. T. Pidditch, 2nd A.S.; and Comp. Grant, Jani or. The companions afterwards closed the chapter, and adjourned to a choice banquet in one of the spacious rooms of the hotel. All the arrangements for a pleasant evening were perfect, and the companions when they had disposed of the repast, honoured the usual list of toasts. The usual loyal and formal toasts having been given, Comp. George Newman proposed "The M.E.Z." In doing so he said that Comp. Braun had been from the commencement of the chapter one of its officers, and he had worked step by step until he had attained the highest position in the chapter. He (Comp. Newman) was very proud of it, and he trusted that Comp. Braun would have a very prosperous year of office. The William Preston Chapter did not wish to be very numerous, and they did not require it; as far as his own experience went he found a small chapter was better than a large one; a small chapter was the most enjoyable chapter; and he trusted that the William Preston Chapter would always be, as it has always been, a very happy and united family. He hoped that nothing would ever occur to destroy the harmony which had existed hitherto in the chapter. It had never yet had one wry word or an angry retort in the chapter; and at the table the companions had been characterised by the same feeling. He hoped it would always be so, and that no companion would ever think it worth his while to sow dissension among them. When anything like discussion once began it was very difficult to see where it would end. In this chapter the companions had but one aim in view, to make themselves in the most extended sense happy by affording happiness to those around them. Long might they continue to be so actuated. Many of the companions had known Comp. Braun for several years. He (Comp. Newman) was one of those. In early days, before he (Comp. Newman) knew Masonry, it was a great pleasure and delight for him to meet Comp. Braun, and from that time to the present they had been, as he hoped they always would be, dear and esteemed friends. The other companions he was sure were of the same way of thinking, especially those of the Earl Spencer Lodge, who were coming into this chapter in force. Comp. Braun, in replying to the toast proposed by Comp. Newman, said he had arrived at the summit of his Masonic ambition. When he entered Masonry he made up his mind to rise to the chair in the blue, and now he had taken the chair in the R.A. He did not know how it was; certainly it was not by merit. He was exalted just four years ago, on the 28th May, 1874. Among old Masons it was considered the greatest honour that could be conferred upon them to be installed as M.E.Z. of a chapter, and he was no exception to the rule. Comp. Newman rose to say a few words with regard to the election of Secretary to the Girls' School, and said that their Comp. W. Worrell was a candidate for the office. He asked the companions to support Comp. Worrell, if they were not already pledged. Comp. Worrell knew what the duties of such an office were, and he would be able to plead the cause of the Girls' School with tact and energy. All the companions knew how essential this was, because they were aware that if Comps. Terry and Binckes were not such earnest advocates as they were, the Institutions they represented would not secure the large amount of subscriptions they received. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Health of the Exalté," Comp. W. W. Young; and Comp. Young, in replying, said he was extremely gratified at being admitted to this degree. He was going to say something about the Earl Spencer Lodge, but Comp. Kempster told him he had better not. Nevertheless, he felt there was something about the Earl Spencer that had brought forth the officers of the William Preston Chapter, and as he had

been admitted to that chapter he should follow in the footsteps of the Earl Spencers. If they were good men and true, and he presumed they had proved themselves to be such by getting into the positions they now held, he hoped he should be a good man and true, and able to work in the chapter in the way the other companions had done. He would like to add that he was much gratified at being admitted into a chapter like this, where he found the working was something surpassingly smooth. Of course he had never seen any chapter working before, but he could judge of the working by the working of the lodge. He was accustomed to good working in the Earl Spencer Lodge, and he had seen working in other lodges. He had, however, found that no working surpassed that of the Earl Spencer Lodge. The working in the William Preston Chapter was beyond what he had expected to find it. It was impressive, as every ceremony in Freemasonry should be. The working very much affected a candidate on his entering into the Order, either in lodge or chapter, and he thought that the companions could not do better than get officers of a chapter to work up and perform the duties as the officers of the William Preston Chapter had performed them that evening. Comp. Jonathan Taylor, Z. 933, replying for the visitors, said there was no chapter he visited with greater pleasure than the William Preston Chapter; the companions of that chapter had always given their visitors such a hearty fraternal reception that it was an inducement for the visitors to come again and again. Comp. James Stevens also replied, but confined his remarks almost exclusively to the subject of the candidature of Comp. Worrell for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School, which he heartily supported. Comp. H. T. Thompson said he would delay his reply to the next occasion when he visited the chapter. Comp. H. E. Frances also replied. Comp. Worrell replied for the P.Z.'s, and in reference to his candidature above adverted to by Comps. Newman and Stevens, said he should continue to be a candidate, and he was happy to say that there was a perfectly friendly feeling between himself and the other candidates. He meant to work very hard; he should do all he could to succeed; and if he did not succeed it should not be his fault. The M.E.Z. gave "The Health of the Installing Principal, Comp. H. Garrod," who in reply said he had had the honour for the fourth year of installing the Principals in this chapter, and he had always performed his duties with a great deal of pleasure—on no occasion more than he had that evening, knowing that the companions installed were so well fitted for the duties that devolved upon them. He felt confident that while the William Preston Chapter elected such companions its success was secured. He wished to make one remark with respect to Comp. Worrell's candidature. Having seen some very flattering testimonials, Comp. Worrell had received from very eminent men, not only Masons but non-Masons—the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain, Mr. William Morley, and an eminent Queen's Counsel—he might say that he was spoken of in the highest terms as the Secretary of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum. Comps. Kempster and Gibson replied to the toast of "H. and J." Comp. Hiscoc for "The Officers," and the toast given by the Janitor concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held at Windsor on Thursday, the 4th proximo.

The "*West London Express*," conducted by Miss Emily Faithful, has been enlarged by 4 pages.

A small branch railway from Andernach to Nidermendig has been opened. Rhine tourists will henceforth be able to visit the Laacher See without the discomfort with which the journey hitherto was attended.

Mr. R. Belt of Wilton-place, has taken a cast of the features of the late Earl Russell.

KEEPING TIME.—The annual report of the Astronomer Royal was read at the meeting of the Board of Visitors at Greenwich on Saturday. Sir George Airy gave an account of the arrangements for disseminating time signals throughout the country, and stated with regard to the Westminster clock that since it was started on October 11th, after being cleaned, the error on the greater number of days had been under one second, and it had never exceeded three seconds.

The annual installation meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, last Monday afternoon, the 3rd ult. A full report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

The formal opening of the new Printing Works of Messrs Hazel, Watson and Viney at Aylesbury, was celebrated on Saturday last by a soiree, given by the firm to their workpeople and to which a number of guests of the town and neighbourhood were invited. Amongst those present were, The Ven. Archdeacon, Lady Emma, and Miss Cust; Rev. F. and Mrs. Young, and Miss Chapman; Rev. A. T. Lloyd, Rev. W. Le Pla and Mrs. Le Pla, Rev. J. Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. W. Hazel, sen., Mr. J. E. Viney, Mr. E. Viney, Mr. Dudds, Mr. J. Drew, and Mrs. Drew, Mr. R. Hodder and Mrs. Hodder, Mr. C. Hooper and Mrs. Hooper, Mr. H. Gunn and Miss Eustace, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. R. Gibbs and the Misses Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. W. Page, Mr. T. Field, sen., Mr. and Mrs. G. T. De Fraine, Mr. and Mrs. Jowett, and others. A very pleasant evening was spent. Messrs Hazel, Watson and Viney were the printers of Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia, and now print the "Masonic Magazine," and the Masonic Archeological Library.

The name of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett was omitted from our report of the House Committee last week.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Martineau and Smith's *Hardware Trade Circular* announces that a handsome iron-work gateway has recently been erected in the churchyard at Hawarden, as a memorial to the late Lord Lyttelton. Over the main portion is a Gothic arch carrying the words, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving."

A Reuter's telegram, dated Dover, May 31, says:—"The twinship Calais-Douvres, while coming from Calais to Dover to-day with 310 passengers, burst two cylinders of her engines in addition to the one which burst the previous day, and when within a short distance of the Admiralty Pier the steering gear gave way, causing the ship to run into the pier. She stove in two of her bow plates."

On Thursday evening, the 30th, ult., Mr. W. Simpson, F.R.G.S., artist of the *Illustrated London News*, whose sketches of Dr. Schliemann's excavations in Troad and at Mycenæ, and of Mr. Wood's at Ephesus, have been deservedly admired, read a paper on the subject before the Society of Arts, in its theatre, John-street, Adelphi. A general account was given of the chief objects of interest to be seen on each of the three sites. A discussion followed, in which the chairman (the Rev. Sir George Cox), Mr. Jones, the Hon. R. Cust, and Mr. Wood, the explorer of Ephesus, took part, and Mr. Simpson, having replied, was cordially thanked for his paper.

We are glad to find that needless and mischievous piece of harness, the bearing-rein, is being discarded by the best drivers. Nearly half the teams paraded by the Coaching Club at the recent meeting were free of this merciless instrument, although the Four-in-Hand Club does not evince the same amount of intelligence. It is satisfactory to find that the ascertained facts and general considerations urged in deprecation of the use of the bearing-rein are beginning to be recognised; and, whether on grounds of policy or humanity, a system which has been conclusively shown to be injurious, and to produce an ungainly, exhausting, and unsafe carriage of the head in the horse, is likely to be abandoned.—*Lancet*.

Tourists in the Austrian Tyrol are likely in future to meet with a considerable increase of courtesy from hotel-keepers and guides, as the Viennese Alpine Society, "Alpenberger," anxious to prevent travellers from being imposed upon, have instituted an annual money-prize to be awarded to the particular Tyroles who, during the year, may have most aided strangers by his or her information courteousness, and counsel.

A sugar cane disease in Porto Rico, produced by a certain worm, has spread so rapidly, that a Royal Order has been issued for an investigation into its cause and character and the means of prevention. The disease thus far appears to be confined to Porto Rico.—*Medical Examiner*.

The better lighting of cities is attracting as much attention across the Atlantic as the utilisation of the electric light in Paris. An inhabitant of Pittsburg now proposes to illuminate the town by means of three light-houses erected upon the surrounding hills, which would emit such a flood of light over the whole neighbourhood that a pin could be seen lying on the pavement in any of the streets in the very darkest night. The Pittsburgers, however, object to their night being so turned into day, fearing that they would lose their ordinary night's rest.

The *Daily News* understands that it is the intention of Dr. Hooker to retire at the close of the present year from the presidency of the Royal Society.

The Prince of Wales (says the *Sheffield Telegraph*) has expressed a desire that the Mayor of that town should select a number of Sheffield workmen to proceed to Paris and examine and report upon certain exhibits with which they have technical knowledge. The Mayor (Alderman F. T. Mappin) will accordingly, acting with the Master Cutler, decide upon a number of representative artisans to discharge this duty.

The chief priest of the fire-worshippers at Yezd, in Persia, the principal seat of the sect, died recently, and the priest Hormunga Mori Azmida, who is only twenty-eight years old, was elected his successor. The fire-worshippers enjoy now in Persia perfect liberty of worship.

It has been decided to establish a museum of decorative art in the Pavillon de Flore at the Tuileries, on the model of South Kensington.

At Paris on Thursday week M. Sardou, the eminent dramatist, was received into the Academy. The Duke of Aosta and the Archdukes of Austria were among the privileged guests. Alexandre Dumas was in the chair.

On Friday week the Tay Bridge was opened in the presence of a distinguished company. A train conveying upwards of 1500 persons passed over the bridge, and when it reached the Dundee side of the Tay the bridge was declared open. Afterwards a company of 600 gentlemen lunched together in Albert Hall, Dundee, when the freedom of Dundee was conferred upon Mr. John Stirling, chairman of the North British Railway Company, and Mr. Thomas Bouch, engineer of the Tay Bridge. The proceedings were characterised by great cordiality and enthusiasm. The bridge is now open for the regular traffic of passengers and goods.

At the last meeting of the Royal Irish Academy, on the 27th ult., Cunningham Gold Medals were presented to Dr. Aquila Smith, for his inquiries into Irish numismatics; to Dr. Casey, for his mathematical discoveries; to Professor E. Dowden, for his literary works, especially in the field of Shakespearian criticism; and to Dr. G. J. Allman for his researches into the natural history of the hydrozoa.—*Academy*.

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Answers to Correspondents.

P.M.'s letter is not admissible in our pages. He says on "hearsay" that one of the candidates for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School is a "noted Socialist." We are not aware of it, or to whom he alludes.

H.L.—It is decided at Freemasons' Hall in London, on the recommendation of the P.G.M. for provinces.

A Review on "Singing: an Essay," by Bro. F. Penna, will appear in our next.

BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"Masons' Vows;" "Medical Examiner;" "Citizen;" "Brief;" "Broad Arrow;" "Risorgimento;" "Masonic Eclectic;" "Advocate;" "West London Express;" "Ours;" "Der Triangel;" "Cincinnati Daily Enquirer;" "Is the Book Wrong?" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Keystone;" "Young Folks' Budget;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Masonic Token;" "Masonic Herald;" "Die Bauhutte;" "Builder;" "Sunderland Times;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Fifteenth Report of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution;" "Westminster Papers;" "Bazaar Journal and Monster Gala Gazette."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

ALLEN.—On the 30th ult., at Moss Vicarage, Doncaster, the wife of the Rev. F. H. Allen, of a son.

LITTLE.—On the 1st inst., at Belle Vue, Sydenham-hill, the wife of W. A. Little, of a daughter.

NECK.—On the 1st inst., at Southampton-row, High Holborn, the wife of W. G. Neck, of a daughter.

TAYLOR.—On the 2nd inst., at Dorset-square, the wife of J. Taylor, Esq., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BAXENDALE.—On the 1st inst., at Portman-square, Richard Birley Baxendale, aged 54.

MALET.—On the 26th ult., at Winkfield, Windsor, Helen, wife of W. St. Lo Malet, Esq., in her 32nd year.

ODELL.—On the 1st inst., at The Elms, Coventry, Joseph Odell, J.P., aged 69. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

PARRY.—On the 2nd inst., at The Market Hill, Calne, William Parry, aged 71.

STILLWELL.—On the 4th inst., at Sion House, Ladywell, Kent, Edward Swift Stillwell, of Little Britain and Barbican, London, aged 52.

WAGSTAFF.—On the 20th ult., S. H. Wagstaff, of 21, Queen Victoria-street, P.M., P.Z., etc.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1878

MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

The meeting of Grand Lodge was well attended, though not so largely as was expected. Lord Carnarvon presided in his usual effective and dignified manner, though unfortunately he had to leave at an early period. Bro. Fawcett, P.G.M. for Durham, an old and worthy Mason, much respected in his province and out of it, then presided over Grand Lodge, and proved to the brethren that years had not dimmed his Masonic efficiency as a most able ruler of the Craft. The motion of regret for the recent dastardly attempts to assassinate our illustrious brother the Emperor of Germany was unanimously passed, with strong marks of adhesion and approval. There was but one feeling in Grand Lodge at the desperate wickedness of the act, and of its instant and indignant reprobation by all Freemasons, as well as by all patriot citizens. But recent events have proved, (if, alas! it needed proving), that nothing can apparently check the inroads of Communistic madness or repress the outburst of Socialistic violence. It would almost seem as if some classes, and not the most uneducated amongst us were content to relapse, eager to revert, to a positive state of savage barbarism. But we quit the mournful and humiliating topic, expressing our heartfelt sympathy with the august sufferer, and our trust in which all English Masons will share, that in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., his recovery may be speedy and complete. The latest news is most reassuring, and we will fondly hope that a life so valuable to Germany and the world may be raised up once again, God's great and providential rule controlling alike the destinies of nations, and rebuking the madness and wickedness of men. The business of the Grand Lodge was next proceeded with. The report of the Committee for the consideration of the financial affairs of Grand Lodge was read. As, owing to an informal notice, its main recommendations stand over until September, we will merely add that two of its main recommendations, that the money be paid in under certain names, and that the Bank of England be the place of deposit, were heartily approved. Whether the arrangement as regards the Grand Treasurer's office is the best that can be made, may, we think, be a matter for some little consideration. Grand Lodge having voted £100 to a lodge at Curaçoa, owing to a tornado, the rest of the routine business was proceeded with, and the Boards of General Purposes and Colonial Board, &c., were then elected. Grand Lodge closed about 8.30, much earlier than had been expected.

For the information of our readers we think it well to mention here that the following was the result of the election for members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

NOMINATED BY THE M.W.G. MASTER:—

John B. Monckton, President; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Erasmus Wilson, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, James E. Saunders, Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., John A. Rucker, Thos. Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, Joseph Smith.

The following were the W. Masters nominated at the General Committee on the 22nd May, as candidates for election on the Board of General Purposes. (No election, the required number alone being nominated). Bros. Thomas G. Bullen, 1150; Arthur B. Cook, 259; Ralph Gooding, M.D., 1; Robert Turtle Pigott, 11; George Pitt Lewis, 1584; Henry R. Cooper Smith, 1731; John Knight Stead, 21.

Past Masters elected by Grand Lodge:—Daniel Betts (154 votes), Henry C. Levander (128), Charles Atkins (108), John G. Stevens (101), Henry Bishop (100), Frank Green (98), Charles F. Hogard (97).

COLONIAL BOARD.

NOMINATED BY THE M.W.G. MASTER:—Bros. John A. Rucker, President; Hugh D. Sandeman, Joseph Smith.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE:—Brackstone Baker, Daniel Betts, James Brett, John Gibson, Robert F. Gould, Griffiths Smith, John G. Stevens.

THE ELECTION FOR THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This is, as our readers now know, fixed for the 11th July, and we beg all country voters especially to remember the date, as the voting is personal, no proxies being available by the laws of the Institution. It will be seen by a paragraph elsewhere, that an application has already been made to the authorities of the Girls' School to secure at once the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern for the election, in order to meet the convenience of the voters, and also to ensure the perfect fairness of the election. Those of us who were present on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the General Committee of the Girls' School, will have a vivid remembrance of the noise, confusion, and crowding, and the collapse of all voting arrangements. Bro. Webster, who had undertaken the management of the voting papers, and who laboured most energetically and assiduously to carry out his arduous and self-imposed duties, though assisted by all the experience and urbanity of our excellent Bro. Joseph Smith, was utterly unable to cope with the throng of eager and impetuous applicants. He was, in fact, completely overmastered by the unexpected influx of the brethren, and it is not saying too much that without better arrangements for the future, there is no one brother or many brethren but must equally fail to preserve order and superintend a satisfactory delivery of voting papers. In the inevitable confusion there was every possibility of a "duplication" of voting papers, as there was practically no check, nor could there be any, on those who applied for, and those who received their voting papers. Any unscrupulous brother might easily have filled up two papers, and all attempts to render the voting a "secret ballot" utterly failed, some brethren kindly filling up other brethren's voting papers. We hope, therefore, that on the day of election for the Secretaryship the large hall will be secured, as any proposal to limit the brethren to the "Board-room," or the "Zetland," or any other room, can only end in utter confusion and dissatisfaction, and must seriously interfere with the fairness and honesty of the election itself. It is in the interest of all the candidates that we ask to-day for a "fair field and no favour" for all alike. As Freemasons we should avoid anything like the semblance of trickery, and anything like the taint of gaining an advantage. All should be fair and above board, and we are convinced that we shall not appeal in vain to the authorities of the School, in the great interest of Masonic justice and equal rights for all, when we press upon them the necessity of securing at once the great hall, to avoid overcrowding and confusion, and to guarantee the certainty of honest and manly voting.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The eightieth Anniversary Festival of this most valuable Institution will take place at the Alexandra Palace on the 8th July, under the exalted patronage and presidency of our Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. We shall all feel, we think, the kindness and consideration of H.R.H. in thus personally testifying to his fraternal interest in the Boys' School, and we feel sure that a long list of Stewards and a numerous gathering will evince our gratification and our gratitude. We refer our readers to a "Communiqué" elsewhere, which gives an interesting account of the attractions and arrangements of the fête. A very large number of Stewards have already sent in their names, and we append the names of the President and several of the Vice-Presidents of the Board of Stewards, which seem to augur well for the success of the gathering. They are—President: Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, R.W. Prov. G.M. Norfolk; Vice-Presidents: R.W. Bros. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron of the Institution; Major General J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Lieut.-Colonel Charles Lyne, Prov. G.M. Monmouth, Vice-President of the Institution; W. Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, G.J.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution; George Plucknett, G.J.D.,

Vice-President and Treasurer of the Institution; Benjamin Head, P.G.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution (H.C.); J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., V. Patron of the Institution; J. Wordsworth, P.G.Std., Vice-Patron and Trustee of the Institution; Sigismund Rosenthal, Vice-Patron of the Institution (H.C.); Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Vice-President of the Institution (H.C.); Hon. Treasurer: W. Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.M. 183, P.G. Purst., Vice-President of the Institution; Hon. Secretary: W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Vice-President (P.G. Std.), and Secretary to the Institution; and all the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Institution, Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Grand Stewards, and Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. We are very glad to hear that non-Masons are not to be present, while we equally approve of the attendance of our fair sisters. Bro. Binckes, far-seeing in his generation, has learnt by experience, what great help can be obtained by us poor "men" from the kindly countenance and active sympathy of "woman," and we have no doubt that his past successes will be even more successful in this year of Light and Grace 1878. Wishing the governing body goodly lists and fine weather, we anticipate with confident expectation that the approaching Festival will be an "Alba Dies" in the memorable annals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE GIRLS' AND THE BOYS' SCHOOLS.

When these lines meet the eyes of our readers the elections for the House Committees and Audit Committees of these two Institutions will be over. We shall have selected those brethren for 1878, to whom we have thought well to confide the immediate and internal government of our two important Schools. It will have struck many of our brethren how much more interest has been manifested this year than is usual in elections, which have often seemed to be a mere matter of form. All of a sudden the Board-room is filled with an eager and excited crowd of voters, and the positions of the old Committeemen and the claims of new aspirants for office, are warmly upheld, or zealously opposed. The reason of all this is not far to seek. The Institutions are becoming very great and remarkable ones in every sense, and it is not unnatural that with an increased constituency there should be a larger number of applicants for office. We think it well then, as such is the case now, and such is still very likely for many reasons to be the case for the future, to call the attention of the authorities of both the Schools to some irregularities, as we deem them, which are allowed, no doubt ignorantly, so to say, to exist, but which if not corrected and removed will in time materially affect the progress and welfare of those two noble Institutions. I. First of all, there seems to be an objectionable system of the House Committee issuing a "list" of themselves, and those they think "proper and fit to be on the Committee." We are aware that in many institutions there is a "house list," and we, therefore, do not make any complaint about a common custom, though it be one, we think, for various reasons, very undesirable in itself. And we will tell our readers why. The one great evil of all such institutions is, the assertion of quasi-vested interests, the unwillingness to improve, to reform, to progress, the objection to "new blood" on the Committee. It is not advisable, we venture to think, to have the same Committee every year, and it is perfectly natural for the Life Governors to seek to put on new members year by year. If, however, the House Committee make it a "personal question," and form a "clique" or a "caucus," and resist change, any attempt to put on new members, (except by a very strong "whip,") becomes an herculean labour. We need not go far to find an illustration of this fact in one of the recent elections. II. We also object to the practice that nominators of brethren should be scrutineers. The scrutineers should certainly be always selected from those who are not nominators, as, though we know the high character of our brethren who kindly act as scrutineers, yet as long as human nature remains human nature,

under similar circumstances it will be impossible to prevent complaints as to favouritism, doubts as to "absolute purity of election." "Caesar's wife should be above suspicion," remarks a classical friend of ours, and while we agree in the truism, we think that its moral may fairly be applied to all such voting arrangements. III. In the third place we do not think that any brethren connected with the supplies to the Schools should be on any of the Committees. It is certainly not the custom in other like Institutions. They are barred properly from the "House Committee," and they ought to be from the Audit Committee, as it is an act of great absurdity for a "Contractor" to audit his own accounts! If such be the case in either of the Institutions, the sooner it is put a stop to the better. We say all this in a most kindly spirit. We are simply anxious for the present and future welfare of our admirable institutions, and, therefore, what we say we trust will be taken in good part, and in the spirit in which it has been penned. It is the duty of the Freemason to seek in all fraternal good feeling and modesty to endeavour to lead and form our Masonic public opinion, but in this case we venture to say that we reflect the feelings of the great majority of our readers, and of many of the most zealous and cultivated friends of our admirable and useful Institutions.

THE COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL

We shall all be truly sorry to read of and hear of that mournful collision by which a great German ironclad has been sunk, and 300 of its gallant crew lost. We shall all deeply deplore so sad and unaccountable an accident, and the lamentable destruction of so many valuable lives. It does, at first sight, appear a great reflection on human skill and science that such fearful accidents involving such awful waste of human existence, should take place before our eyes. But let us not too hastily blame or condemn. The very advance of naval architecture, under altered conditions and with new forces, seems to entail upon us also grave drawbacks and novel dangers, and the recent grievous accident will, in all probability, turn out to be, like that of our own "Vanguard," a matter almost beyond human skill to avoid, or earthly power to prevent. In the meantime, our sympathies with the poor friends and relatives of the lost will be widespread and earnest, and we rejoice to hear that a subscription list is about to be opened, under the auspices of the Lord Mayor, for those whom this awful catastrophe has left bereft of their natural protectors and support. We feel sure that alike to Germans and Englishmen, such a veritable calamity will not appeal in vain.

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.]

ELECTION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I think it but right, in the face of the forthcoming election of the Girls' School, to show the brethren who intend to vote on that occasion, and were not present at the above election on Thursday week, the mode of procedure on that day, in order that they may be present at next General Committee, and insist upon some better plan being adopted. The meeting commenced by appointing scrutineers, some of whom were actually candidates for the Audit Committee.

The poll having been declared open, voting papers were supplied, carefully arranged, printed with the names of the old Committee in different type to that of the new candidates. This was, no doubt, for the guidance of the voters, who had been previously supplied with a card issued by the Committee.

Those papers were supposed to be handed to voters after they had signed the attendance book, but I challenge those in charge to deny the possibility of unprincipled voters getting a double supply. In the fearful confusion there was in obtaining them—the noise and bustle being so great that the meeting was concluded with the greatest difficulty—the Chairman, who really deserved the sympathy of every one present, declared it impossible to proceed with the business. Now, sir, there were 216 signatures as voting power present, I counted them myself, and this is borne out by your report of Saturday last. 230 were declared to have voted. How comes this? Where did the other fourteen votes come from? And even then some had obtained two

papers instead of one, by signing twice, for I saw the signature of one brother twice. In what capacity does he vote twice? Let those who had charge of this matter say if they consider this a legal election. But I go further, and say it was a dishonest election, when one of our brethren, well known, stood at the table where the papers were issued, and with a handful of papers, as though officially placed there, and when he saw brethren who were not up to these sharp practices (many of them never having been at an election before), got their papers from them, telling them it was all right, he would fill them up for them, which he did to his own liking. Many of the brethren, I am sure, will bear me out in this, and are ready to give evidence if needed, as it was a subject of general comment. This, I am informed, was an old "confidence trick," practised last year to serve this same individual's election.

Surely, such things cannot be too widely known throughout the Craft, that those intending to vote on the next occasion may frustrate these practices of packing and nursing Committees, and I think after such a scene we should endeavour to alter the constitutions of these Committees, by making it imperative that a certain number shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election during the same year.

Apologising for having taken up so much of your valuable space,

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

AN OLD MASONIC BOOK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have a book that the 6th chapter of the 1st part of it corresponds with the "mutilated copy in possession of the J.W. 168." Chap. VI.: The state of Masonry from Grand Master Seleucus Nicanor to the death of Herod the Great. (Note: in mine Nicanore not Nicator). The paragraphs quoted by Bro. J.D. 168 from it also correspond; there is at the end of it a collection of Masonic songs, a List of Grand Masters or Patrons of the Free Masons in England from the coming-in of the Anglo-Saxons to the year of our Lord 1767, a List of Provincial Grand Masters deputed by and under the protection of the Grand Master of England, which appeared in the *Freemason* about two years ago, copied from this book.

Also a copy of the Charter of Incorporation of Free and Accepted Masons, which appeared about the same time in the *Freemason*. The title of it is "The Constitutions of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the History of Masonry from the Creation throughout the known World, with the Charges, Regulations, &c., &c."

Will this be of any use to "Masonic Student?"

In reading Bro. Dr. Dalcho's Masonic Orations (Grand Master of the Sublime Grand Lodge of South Carolina), delivered in the Sub. G. Lodge of S.C., in Charleston, on the 21st of March, A.L. 5807, A.D. 1803, to which is added an appendix containing an historical inquiry into the origin of the difference of Antient and Modern Masons, usually so called, &c., &c.

At p. 78: "In the year 1736, a provincial deputation was made by Lord Loudon, Grand Master of England, for South Carolina."

On looking over the list of lodges, &c., as altered by order of the Grand Lodge of England, April 18th, 1792, the following appointments for South Carolina are recorded, viz.:—

- "A.D. 1735, No. 45, Solomon's Lodge, Charleston, S.C., Lord Viscount Montague being Grand Master.
- "1743, No. 75, Prince George's Lodge, Winyard, S.C., Lord Viscount Dudley and Ward being Grand Master.
- "1755, No. 116, Union Lodge, Charleston, S.C., Marquis of Carnarvon being Grand Master.
- "1756, No. 125, A Master's Lodge, Charleston, S.C., Marquis of Carnarvon being Grand Master.
- "1756, No. 126, Port Royal Lodge, S.C., Marquis of Carnarvon being Grand Master.
- "1763, No. 173, St. Mark's Lodge, S.C., Earl Ferrers, Grand Master.

Three years before the existence of that body in London calling themselves Ancient York Masons, the first lodge was established in this State, under the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons."

In Cole's List from 1770, Solomon's Lodge numbered 62, while in the list above in 1792 the number is 45. According to Bro. Dalcho I find in p. 77 that he gives the date of the Earl of Crawford as Grand Master in 1738, which must be a mistake for the Marquis of Carnarvon.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
R. W. O.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Perhaps few operations are more painful than having one's eyes opened against their will. As a Mason of some ten years' experience I am grieved to say I am more frequently conscious of acute pain in this direction in connection with Masonic work than is consistent with our Masonic professions. Unsophisticated Masons do believe in the vital forces of those great principles of honour, right, truth, and justice, which are so elaborately formulated in our Masonic ritual. I wish some of our very active members had those principles more deeply engraven on their hearts—then such an unseemly scandal as the disorderly proceedings at the elections on Thursday, May 30th, would have been avoided. I cannot conceive any body of men who could have paid less respect to our distinguished Chairman, and Bro. Colonel Creaton must be blessed with great forbearance, or he would have dissolved the meeting as incompetent to discharge the

duties for which it had met. It reminded me of Dickens' description of the Eatonswill election mob, where sounds and fury were intended to drown every dissentient voice, when a body of Life Governors met to discharge a most important duty to one of our noblest charities. As a consequence, much of the real work, such as hearing the petitions, had to be taken as ready because the noisy partisans of certain candidates would continue to violate all decorum, after repeated appeals for "order" from the Chairman, and to the great annoyance of their fellow Life Governors. I hope I am not uncharitable, but the election appears to me a great farce. On receiving my voting paper I was astonished by the singularity that the names of the three gentlemen appeared over and over again as the nominator of twelve out of the seventeen candidates who went to the poll. The query naturally arose—who are those three indefatigable brethren who champion the re-election en bloc of ten-twelfths of the old Committee, and tail off one of their two to lend a feeble and falsely descending hand to the other two of the aspirants for office. I sought information, and was told by a veteran Mason, that the ten candidates indicated form the House List, and that Messrs. Smith, Jones, and Robinson, are their particular friends, who are only exercising their undoubted right as Life Governors to nominate as many as they please. I am going away, answered if not satisfied, until another veteran, who has overheard my query, jocosely adds that two of the three wholesale nominators are tradesmen to our Girls' School, hence their loyalty to old friends. "Alas, for the rarity of human charity." But what once looked copious disinterested philanthropy now looks, as the Yankees say, very small potatoes.

Now, I do not mean to assert that a Life Governor has no right to become a tradesman to the Institution, or that we should refuse a tradesman to the Institution becoming a donor of such a sum as gives him a vote, nor that such a relationship should disqualify him from voting for the House and Audit Committees, but I do think it a great impertinence to the great body of supporters of the Charity for any brother, who is the tradesman to the Institution, to nominate ten-twelfths of the candidates for the House Committees, or to offer himself as a scrutineer at the election, and I question very much the propriety of any tradesman to the Institution being on the Audit Committee of the same. The administration of the affairs of our Masonic Charities should be above the suspicion of "a ring."

It appears to me, and several brethren who were so thoroughly shocked by the undignified character of the last election, that much of the touting would be avoided if the list of candidates were posted to the Life Governors before the election, with permission to return them, under cover, to the Chairman, and to him only. The Committee would then be elected by the governing body, instead of by a clique.

I pray you, in fraternal goodness, pardon my errors of judgment where you find them, but give us the valuable aid of your greater experience in advice how to avoid a repetition of the 30th May last.

Yours truly and fraternally,
L.G. AND P. STEWARD R.M.I.G.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

LES PHILADELPHES.

We hear a good deal, nowadays, of Les Philadelphes. I have thought it might interest some of your readers, if I put together a few notes on the subject.

At present, Les Philadelphes are a so-called Masonic lodge, but, as has long been known, not purely Masonic, inasmuch as the taint of political and secret society complicity, has undoubtedly affected them. They have been mixed up with revolutionary movements and Communistic upheavings.

Curiously enough, when we come to look into their history, just as the "whirligig of time" always bring "strange conceits," so Les Philadelphes of to-day differ a good deal from the real and original Philadelphes in their aims, through their "modus vivendi" be more or less the same.

"Les Philadelphes" were founded at Besançon, in France, about 1796, and originally was composed of about 60 members, among whom was a General Malet. He, with several other republicans, alarmed at Buonaparte's tendency to Autocracy, gave up their Republicanism, and conceived the idea of Bourbon restoration, on the principle of legal guarantees, and a purely limited monarchy. To Oudet, however, a French officer, and Lieut.-Colonel, and a very able organizer, must be conceded the actual development of "Les Philadelphes," Oudet was a Freemason, and he gave "Les Philadelphes" a quasi-Masonic reception and union. This society spread rapidly among the French army, and at one time no less than 4000 officers of the French army are said to have belonged to it. Pichegru, and Moreau, both were members of it, and both sought to make it subservient to the restoration of the Bourbons. Pichegru, who wished to restore the Count de Provence after Louis XVIII, without conditions, and Moreau, who desired to do so, with, as in fact, a sine qua non, were greatly mixed up with it. Moreau at one time, was its actual head. So skillfully had Oudet, however, organized the society that neither Fouché nor Savary, nor Dubois could fully master its ramifications. At one time it also affiliated to itself, "Les Freres Bleus," the "Miquelets" in the Pyrenean Department, the "Barbets," in the Alps, and the "Bandoniers" in the Jura and Savoy.

To this society, though Oudet, gravely suspected, escaped discovery, is owing alike to the military insurrection of 1800, and the unjustifiable attempt to assassinate Napoleon, December 24th, the same year in which Carbon, St. Rejant, and Limolin were mainly and ostensibly concerned, and for which they were executed, and which

led to the equally illegal arrest and deportation to Cayenne of 130 of the old Jacobins.

As it is known, Les Philadelphes in 1804 took the name of "Les Olympiens." Oudet, the original organizer, was killed, with several of the society, his brother officers, at the battle of Wagram, it is averred by Nodier and others, by treachery, by command of Savary, and by the military police. But this seems very doubtful.

The extraordinary attempt to seize Paris in 1812, during the absence of the Emperor, was carried out by Malet, Lahorie, and Guidal, and Les Olympiens, or Philadelphes.

After the restoration of Louis XVIII Les Olympiens seem to have resumed the name of "Les Philadelphes," and to have been mixed up with all the efforts of the secret societies, such as the reformed Carbonari and the like. They never have been anything but a secret political society, and can in no way claim the name of Freemasons, for true Freemasonry utterly detests and disavows all secret plots and conspiracies against the State, and has nothing whatever to do with those baneful secret associations, which have not hesitated to encourage plunder, and preach assassination, which have fomented civil wars and have disturbed the peace and good order of society, and which deserve the reprobation of every patriot and Freemason.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Reviews.

OURS. A Holiday Quarterly Magazine. Charing Cross Publishing Company.

This is a new candidate for public favour, which, under the skilful editorship of Miss Annie Thomas (Mrs. Pender Cudlip) comes before us with a "very strong order" indeed. It can hardly fail to be a success, as the writers have all "made their mark" in our current literature, and the list of contents is both varied and pleasant. We should like to give some extracts, but unfortunately our laws of space as are the "Laws of the Medes and Persians." Perhaps a "kind friend in the City" may find room for a further review of a most meritorious serial in the *Masonic Magazine* for July.

IS THE BOOK WRONG? By HENRY SMITH. Bemrose and Sons, 10, Paternoster Buildings.

This pamphlet is one among many little "splintering of spears," which the loyal soldiers of reverent belief have essayed often against the "free lances" of scepticism and belief. Of course the argument in favour of the truth and right of God's word is both manifold and many-sided, and never ending. As successive attacks are made they are resisted, as changes of position take place they are met, as new lines of formation are taken up, they also are opposed by new fortifications. From the days of Celsus, of Julian the Apostate, through the baneful subtleties of Spinoza and the polished sarcasms of Shaftesbury and Bolingbroke, the sneers of Gibbon, the unbelief of Hume, the savage attacks of the older and the later Deists, until we come to the rationalism of Strauss and the German School, and the cribbed and second-hand no-nentities of Essays and Reviews, until we reach the Spinozist-Colenso's repetition of obsolete assaults, faithful men have laboured in many lands and many tongues to uphold the simple verity of the word of God. Hence we welcome all friendly allies in the contest, though their mode of defence be not always ours, and though we may all have different notions of what constitutes the best and safest method of repelling the insidious or acrimonious assailing of to-day. We agree with the writer of the little pamphlet before us, that the attack on the Bible is often most disingenuous, most unscientific, and most dishonest—that there is a "suppressio veri," as well as a "suggestio falsi," in many so-called learned lectures, and above all in the "oppositions of science," falsely so called. As Freemasons, reverently believing in and accepting the word of God, we have read "Is the Book Wrong?" with profit and pleasure.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA. 198, Fleet-street.

The Cyclopædia is the most comprehensive form that information can be arranged in, and gives to the purchaser the most knowledge for the least money. We have no doubt the present work will be welcomed by a large circle of readers. Indeed it had nearly one thousand subscribers prior to publication, including some thirty or more lodges. The work is issued by Bro. George Kenning in very handsome style, bound in blue cloth, with characteristic gilt stamping. It will prove ornamental and useful to any Freemason, and be handy to have about the house or lodge. We wish it the success which it merits, and will be sure to obtain. We will indicate some of its leading features. It is unusually accurate in its facts and information, is abreast with the latest discoveries of Masonic archaeologists and writers. It is conservative, not radical in tone. It has no rubbish in its pages. It espouses no Masonic heresies, but boldly exposes them. Bro. Woodford has given to the Masonic world a book of positive merit, which will, we cannot doubt, find a ready sale in all English speaking countries.—*Philadelphia Keystone*.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA and Handbook of Masonic Archaeology, History, and Biography. Edited by the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A. 198, Fleet-street. 1878.

The institution of Freemasonry has never been more popular in this country than it is at the present moment, and the number of neophytes necessarily leads to a demand for books which afford a ready means to attain a general knowledge of its archaeology and history. Fully recognising the existence of important works, such as those of Mackey, Schlatter, and Zille, and Kloss, Mr. Kenning saw that a smaller compendious Masonic Cyclopædia of Ma-

sonry, as projected by the Rev. Mr. Woodford, might find a class of readers in those who were unwilling or unable to obtain the larger and more costly books, and the result is the present publication. Mr. Woodford is a well known and esteemed member of the Craft, highly cultured and with large stores of information, and he has made his book interesting not alone to Freemasons. Our own opinion has long been, with him, "that we have in speculative Masonry the sequence of the guild system, which seems to have had a Roman origin in the 'Collegia Fabrorum,' and to have been grafted on to Greek, Egyptian, and Hebrew teaching. We cannot shut out from our consideration the enormous amount of confirmatory or indirect evidences, and the ceaseless witness of the Masons' Marks.—*Builder*

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

Vade-mecum d'Archéologie, d'Histoire et de Biographie Maçonnique, par le R. V. A. F. A. WOODFORD, docteur es-lettres. 1 vol. grand in-8° de 666 pages. (Langue anglaise.)

Un de nos amis, savant modeste et Maçon zélé, causant récemment avec nous, se plaignait amèrement de ce que, selon lui la Maçonnerie n'avait jusqu'à cette heure donné le jour à aucune œuvre importante à aucun écrivain de grand mérite. Nous ne protestâmes que faiblement contre cette objurcation, sachant que l'objection même en était la source et que, semblable à ces amants passionnés qui ne peuvent souffrir la moindre imperfection dans leur idole, notre interlocuteur rêvait pour notre Ordre des Tacite et des Homère.

Aujourd'hui, si nous reprenions ce sujet nous appellerions son attention, comme nous le faisons pour vous cher lecteur, sur une œuvre magistrale, qui fait grand honneur et à l'Institution qui l'a inspirée et aux FF. Kenning et Woodford qui l'ont menée à bonne fin.

L'Encyclopédie Maçonnique de Kenning, que nous avons en ce moment sous nos yeux, forme un beau volume richement relié en toile gaufrée représentant nos principaux attributs Maçonniques, gracieusement relacés et au milieu desquels se détachent en or les portraits des trois Grands-Maitres actuels de la Franc-Maçonnerie des Îles britanniques.

Nous avons souvent constaté que pour découvrir d'une façon nette et sûre la pensée vraie d'un auteur et le but poursuivi, il fallait s'en rapporter à la préface. Nous avons donc lu la préface du F. Woodford et nous n'avons pas été déçu.

Ce que les FF. Kenning et Woodford ont eu en vue, en rédigeant et publiant cette encyclopédie, a été de réunir en un volume tout ce qui, sous le rapport historique, archéologique et biographique, peut intéresser la Maçonnerie. Et ce n'est pas un piètre labeur qu'exige une telle entreprise. Aussi, comme le dit le F. Woodford lui-même, oser espérer que toutes les erreurs ou les omissions ont été évitées serait trop demander à la faiblesse humaine. Et cependant nous nous plaignons à le reconnaître hautement, elles sont bien rares les omissions que nous avons pu constater, et nous ne doutons pas que, dès la première des nombreuses éditions auxquelles nous semble appelée cette œuvre, ces légères imperfections disparaîtront.

Tel qu'il est, cet ouvrage, qui contient près de 5000 articles, nous semble appelé à orner et à enrichir la bibliothèque de tous les Maçons intelligents et désireux d'approfondir les beautés de notre Institution. Comme livre à consulter chaque Loge devrait en garnir sa bibliothèque.

Le prix de ce beau volume magnifiquement relié ad hoc est de 10 shillings 6 pence (13 francs) seulement, ce qui le met à la portée de toutes les bourses.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We are pleased to publish the following for the information of our London readers and our country cousins:—

The 80th anniversary will be celebrated on Monday, July 8th, at the Alexandra Palace, by a Festival and Garden Fete. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.W., has graciously consented to take the chair.

In order to do honour to the present auspicious event, Bros. Bertram and Roberts have consented to place at the disposal of the Stewards the Concert Room, the Italian Garden, the Conservatory, the Picture Gallery. The whole of this magnificent accommodation (at the western side of the building) will be reserved exclusively for those attending the Festival. The company will assemble in the Picture Gallery, the access to which is immediately adjoining the staircase leading from the Palace Railway Station.

The banquet will be served in the Concert Room, in which 1000 persons can be seated with ease and comfort. The Italian Garden will be opened for recreation. Tea and coffee will be served in the Conservatory. The Garden and Conservatory will be brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns and coloured lamps. Vocal and instrumental music will be given throughout the evening.

Ladies' and Brethren will dine together at the same tables.

This day, 8th July, will be the Thirteenth Anniversary of the new building, and it is hoped, that with the fortunate combination of circumstances under which the Festival will be held, Stewards will be more than ordinarily zealous in securing a large attendance of ladies' and brethren. Every information as to detailed arrangements will be furnished to Stewards as soon as determined.

The price of ladies' tickets will be 15s.; that of brethren, 21s. Morning dress; ladies' with bonnets.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These celebrated Pills are essentially useful in purifying the blood, cleansing the stomach, gently stimulating the kidneys, and acting as mild aperients. A few doses of this purifying medicine set the soulet stomach right, remove all bilious symptoms, steady the circulation, give strength to the muscles and composure to the brain and nerves. The Pills are so innocuous that they may be taken by persons in the most delicate state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enervated by over indulgence, or exhausted by mercurial preparations, these Pills are excellent restoratives, they expel the poison and enrich the blood.—[ADVT.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. STRONG.

On Friday week, on the occasion of the visit of the House Committee to the Institution at Croydon, advantage was taken of the opportunity to present to Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong the testimonial voted to him by the Committee for his care of and attention to the aged inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, as Honorary Surgeon of the Institution for the last seventeen years.

There were present on the occasion Col. Creaton, Vice Patron and Trustee, Chairman; Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; S. Rawson, Past Dist. G.M. for China; J. A. Farnfield, Dr. Strong, Mrs. Strong, James Terry (Secretary), Mrs. Terry, Bro. George Foster, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, Dr. James Adams, H. Massey (Freemason), and Bro. Norris, Warden of the Asylum.

The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver salver, engraved as follows:—"Presented, together with a service of plate, of the value of one hundred guineas, by the Committee of Management, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., Past Provincial Grand Warden Surrey, in recognition of the great attention and valuable services rendered by him to the residents of the Institution at Croydon during a period of seventeen years as the Honorary Surgeon. 31st May, 1878."

Along with this salver were half a dozen silver gilt Queen Anne spoons, a silver coffee-pot, hot milk jug, tea-pot, cream ewer, four salts and spoons, dining forks, dessert forks (18 of each), two silver tazzas, four knife rests, and four dish covers. Prior to the presentation the brethren and ladies partook of a nice little family dinner prepared by Miss Norris, the Matron at the Institution, and after the dinner had been partaken of, the Chairman, Col. Creaton, who had Bro. Terry as Vice-Chairman, first proposed the toast of "The Institution," and called on Bro. Terry (with whom he coupled the name of Mrs. Terry) to respond.

Bro. Terry, in replying, said the Institution had done an incalculable amount of good, and that good had been seen by most of those present. He hoped and trusted that as it had arrived at its present proud position of being the first of the three Institutions, as far as regards the amount of its subscriptions, so he hoped it might go on and hold its own in the hearts and affections of the brethren of the Fraternity. It had now 280 annuitants, and the amount paid to them was £10,300 a year. When Dr. Strong first became Honorary Surgeon of the Institution its income was something like £2000 or £3000 per annum, and last year it totalled up a sum of over £16,000; so that it would be seen that in that time the Institution had made wonderful progress.

The Chairman then said—I have now to propose the health of an officer of the Institution who has done good and service to it for a great many years, and I am very happy to say that those services have not been forgotten by the Committee of Management, but that they fully appreciate those services, and only on the last occasion of their meeting voted a sum of one hundred guineas to present Dr. Strong with a testimonial. This feeble tribute of acknowledgment of his services I know is small, but I am quite sure he will understand it, and take it for granted that it is meant in the kindest possible spirit. The Committee, as I have said, appreciate very highly all that he has done and is continuing to do; and I go further—the inmates of this Institution are equally alive to the kindness and attention he pays them both by night and by day. I will not detain you longer. I am quite sure Dr. Strong will understand what I mean, and we, the Committee, mean, everything kind and good towards him. I will ask him to accept from me in the name of the Committee this present of plate. On the salver is the inscription. (Col. Creaton read it.) I hope and trust, Dr. Strong, that you and your good wife may live a great many years to look upon this small testimonial which we present you with to-day, and when it pleases T.G.A.O.T.U. to call you to Him I hope and trust this will be handed down to your children, and that they will emulate you and walk in the same footsteps as their father.

Bro. Dr. Strong, in reply, said—There are episodes in a man's life when speech-making becomes a necessity, and there are episodes in a man's life when it becomes almost an impossibility. I dare say to most of you who are here present, some opportunity has occurred of making a speech at some time or other—some, perhaps, as young men, when returning thanks for the ladies, perhaps when they have been married, or some other period of their lives; but I do not know any period more embarrassing, perhaps, than an occasion of this kind, when one has to return thanks for a kind offering, and to express oneself in terms of proper thanks to the chairman for that which he has so nicely expressed. It is true that I have been connected with this Institution for over seventeen years, and I trust it may be a very long time before the connection which exists between this Institution and myself may become severed. I trust also it may please T.G.A.O.T.U., who rules over us all, that the connection which exists between you, sir, as Chairman of the Institution, and those whom I see around me, who are mostly connected with the governing body of the Institution, may still go on in that career of usefulness and good which you have hitherto pursued. I can assure you that it is a labour of love with me to do anything which I have done for the good of the inmates of this Asylum. I must say that if I have a hobby and a pet subject, it is the interest and welfare of this Institution, and anything which I can do to further its interests, either in the building or abroad, I think those who know me will say I never have allowed an opportunity to pass without trying to do the best I can. I do feel that whatever claims the other

Institutions may possess (and there is no doubt they have very great claims), to solace those who are aged, and who are here through affliction, and from causes over which they have no control; is the duty, and the primary duty of all Freemasons. That being my idea, I have endeavoured to carry it out. Of course, sir, time, which is always on the wing, and is always working great changes, has worked great changes in this Institution; and when we consider what Bro. Terry has told us, that the member of our annuitants has vastly increased, that where we have hitherto been spending £3000 or £4000 a year we are now spending £10,000, it shows the necessity for increased exertion. I am not going to detain you long, but this handsome present which you have kindly given to me this evening will be an incentive to me to go on in the future as I have done in the past. I think it shows the kind way in which this has been brought about, and the amount of thought which has been given to the matter, that it should have been presented to me here in the sphere of my labours, and surrounded on my right and left by those to whom I have been able to administer. I take it not only as a very great compliment, but as a very great honour, that I should have been selected for this very handsome and magnificent present, and I have to thank you, sir, and Bro. Raynham Stewart, who I believe was the proposer of the testimonial, that he should have done me the honour to propose it at the Committee of Management. I trust that the same Committee of Management who have manifested so great an interest in this Institution, and who have done so much for it—who have not only maintained its prestige, but have increased its benefits to those who are here—may long continue to go on in that career of usefulness which they have begun. There is another thing, sir, which has given me a great deal of pleasure this evening. Not only by your testimonial have you shown me that you appreciate any little humble efforts that I have been able to make for the benefit of the inmates of this Asylum, but I am sure you will not think me egotistical—you will excuse me for saying it, it is one of the most pleasing incidents of my life—that it was in January, 1877, that the inmates of this Institution presented me with this handsome watch (producing it), which I now have the pleasure and honour of wearing; and not only with the watch, but with a handsome locket which my wife now wears, and with a miserable copical cabinet. That tells me that not only have my efforts been gratifying to you, but also to those who are the objects of any little good I can do under the will of our Divine Master. As I am not going to inflict on you a long speech, I have only to thank you, and if you think I have not done so sufficiently you must attribute it rather to a want of eloquence on my part, and remember that there are times when the gift of language is denied us and our tongues are dumb.

Bro. Raynham Stewart proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said that whenever Col. Creaton had an opportunity of imparting pleasure to the inmates of the Institution, or of doing anything which would advance its interests, he always had the greatest happiness and pleasure in taking advantage of it.

The Chairman in acknowledging the compliment said that it was always a pleasure to him to do anything for the Institution, but it was especially a pleasure on this occasion, when he had to present to Dr. Strong a testimonial in recognition of his services. He was afraid he had discharged his task very imperfectly, but he was glad that what had been done had given satisfaction both to Dr. and Mrs. Strong.

Bro. Terry informed the companions that the following day would be the anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Strong's wedding day, and called on the ladies and brethren to wish them many happy returns of that day.

This having been done, Dr. Strong said that during the time he had been married he had been blessed with a very good partner, a thorough good working partner, who had assisted him very materially on many occasions.

The Chairman gave "The Health of the Visitors," and called on Mr. Hunt to respond.

Mr. Hunt, in reply, said he was sorry he was not able to address the gentlemen as brethren, for he was sure if he had he should have been frequently the guest at many such agreeable meetings as this. He was present through the kind consideration of Dr. Strong, who had given him and Mrs. Hunt the opportunity of witnessing a very gratifying ceremony, the presentation of a testimonial to Dr. Strong. As a resident in Croydon he could testify to Dr. Strong's usefulness as a public man, and better than that, he was a good man, and the Croydon public looked to him as one of the rising generation—as a man who was likely to do them a great deal of good in Croydon.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of Bro. Norris, the Warden of the Asylum," and said he hoped they would all have the pleasure of seeing him there many years. They appreciated all that he did, admired him very much, and were glad to come down there to see him.

Bro. Norris thanked the Chairman and brethren most cordially for the consideration they had kindly shown to him and his co-residents, whom he had the honour now to represent. He wished it to be thoroughly understood that the presentation of to-day was a presentation as from themselves. On a former occasion he and his co-residents did that which as far as their limited means went they were able to do, and they were now highly delighted to think that the Committee had come forward and supplemented that gift.

The toast of "Dr. Adams" (Dr. Strong's professional partner), for which Dr. Adams responded; "The Press," to which Bro. Massey replied; and "The Ladies," for whom Bro. G. Forster responded, were afterwards given; and after the proceedings were thus brought to a close the party were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Strong at their residence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Browse. The brethren who attended were very numerous, and among them were Bros. James Lewis Thomas, Benj. Head, Raynham W. Stewart, Joshua Nunn, George Row, W. F. C. Moutrie, S. Rosenthal, Thos. Cubitt, J. W. M. Dosell, George Kenning, W. Worrell, H. T. Thompson, Rev. Dr. Morris, D. M. Dewar, F. Walters, Thos. J. Sabine, Capt. N. G. Philips, Alfred Durrant, Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, Geo. J. Palmer, F. H. Ebsworth, F. M. Haigh, T. J. Sabine, Geo. Newman, R. B. Webster, Joyce Murray, Herbert Dicketts, W. Paas, J. G. Chancellor, H. Venn, H. Cox, H. Jardine, F. B. Davage, Peter de Lande Long, Col. James E. Peters, J. R. Gover, H. A. Dubois, D. W. Pearse, W. H. Main, Dr. Hogg, A. J. Ireton, A. D. Loewenstark, stark, Bros. Dudley Holl, Aug. Braun, S. B. Wilson, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. K. B. Webster, Thomas Cubitt, H. Jardine, H. Cox, and Willing were appointed scrutineers of votes at the election of members of the House Committee, which was then proceeded with.

The brethren then considered the petitions of candidates for election to the Institution. Of these there were five, all of whose petitions were passed; and the candidates placed on the list for October.

On the recommendation of the House Committee the salary of Mrs. Walkden, its assistant matron at the School, was increased from £40 to £50 a year.

Bro. Binckes (Secretary) said he had to report that Bro. Plucknett (Treasurer) had received from Mr. Turquand, representing the late firm of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., the sum of £738 os. 3d., being the amount of nine shillings in the pound agreed to be paid by the Hants and North Wilts Banking Company to the creditors of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., on taking over the business of the firm. That amount had been paid into the London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury branch, to the account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. There was yet the amount of £75 4s. 4d. to the credit of the Sustentation Fund with Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., but it had been declined to deal with that at present, the reason being that Bro. Samuel Tomkins was a Trustee of that fund, and it was believed that the amount would be paid in full out of Bro. Tomkins' private estate.

Bro. Binckes then reported that he had received a communication from the Secretary of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, held at Anne-street, Rochdale, transmitting to him a copy of a resolution of the lodge, congratulating the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the success which the boys had met with at the late Cambridge local middle-class examination.

Applications having been made by four ex-pupils of the Institution who had obtained situations for the usual outfit of £5 each, these applications were granted.

On the motion of Bro. H. A. Dubois, seconded by Bro. Benj. Head, £100 was ordered to be transferred from the General Account of the Institution to the Sustentation Account.

Bro. Benj. Head reported the presentation to Mrs. Monckton of her portrait. From an amateur performance in which she took part £100 had been presented to each of the Schools, and it was decided afterwards that a testimonial should be presented to Mrs. Monckton in whatever form she preferred. That lady preferred that it should take the form of a portrait of herself, and each of the two Institutions then resolved to spend a sum not exceeding £10 from their funds for the purpose. The portrait had been painted, and Mrs. Monckton, on its presentation to her by Col. Creaton, Bro. Peter de L. Long, and himself (Bro. Head), was much pleased with it. The whole cost of the work was £17 17s., of which the Girls' School had already handed to him £8 18s. 6d., leaving £8 18s. 6d. for the Boys' School to hand over.

The Chairman said all the brethren were very much indebted to Bro. Head for the trouble he had taken in the matter, and he begged to move a vote of thanks to him.

Bro. Hyde Pullen seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Head acknowledged the compliment, and said it had given him great pleasure to present the testimonial. She was a young lady he had known ever since she was a little girl, and her parents and grand parents before her.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., said he wished to ask the Committee to take into their kind consideration the providing of a workshop for the use of the boys, and by that means to cultivate a knowledge of the mechanical arts among them. He thought it would be found useful on days when the weather would not allow the boys to engage in outdoor exercises. There was a quantity of scientific apparatus in the Institution which could not be used for want of room; and he believed if the Institution were to take steps like this the brethren would be very happy to add to the present stock of scientific apparatus placed at the disposal of the boys, and that they would soon get a collection of mechanical appliances, a knowledge of the use of which would be of very great service to the boys in their after life. The cultivation of the use of their fingers he held to be of very great importance, and he was sure the Committee would agree with him in that opinion.

After a slight discussion it was resolved that the suggestion should be laid before the House Committee to consider, and report upon to the next Quarterly Court. Dr. Hogg to give the Committee his ideas more in full.

At the declaration of the poll the following brethren were declared duly elected on the House Committee:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

	No. of Votes.
Bro. J. Gyles Chancellor	80
" William Roebuck	80
" G. J. Row	79
" W. Hyde Pullen	79
" Benjamin Head	78
" W. F. C. Moutrie	78
" J. Joyce Murray	78
" William Paas	78
" R. W. Stewart	78
" Sigismund Rosenthal	76
" Henry Wallis Hunt	76
" Stephen Wood	75

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The following brethren, nominated on 4th May, 1878, being the number required, became this day duly elected without ballot:—Bros. John Boyd, J. W. Dosell, E. B. Grabham, Benjamin Head, W. Mann, D. W. Pearse, Jesse Turner, Alex. Wallace, and R. B. Webster.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Scrutineers of votes, and to Bro. Henry Browne for presiding, and the brethren thereupon separated.

THE ELECTION FOR THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

(Communiqué from a Correspondent.)

We understand that in consequence of the confusion and crowding which took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in the Board Room, an application has been made on behalf of Bro. Hedges' Committee to the authorities of the Girls' School, to obtain the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern for the day of the election, in order that all may be properly arranged. Such a suggestion seems a very sensible one, and one which will commend itself to the parties concerned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

Bro. William Kelly, F.R. Hist. Soc., Provincial Grand Mark Master, presided at the annual communication of Mark Master Masons of this province, at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, and the veteran Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, was warmly received and well supported.

The Mark Lodges were fully represented, and the reports from the Worshipful Masters descriptive of a prosperous year, with a marked increase in members.

Bro. Robert Waite was unanimously elected Treasurer, and a cordial vote of thanks tendered for past services.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren as the Grand Officers, and invested those present:

S. S. Partridge	Prov. G.M.
J. T. Thorp	Prov. G.S.W.
William Sculthorpe	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. William Langley, M.A.	Prov. G. Chaplain
C. A. J. McBride	Prov. G.M.O.
R. A. Barber	Prov. G.S.O.
Dr. Henry Meadows	Prov. G.J.O.
R. Waite	Prov. G. Treas.
Clement E. Stretton	Prov. G.R.M.
J. M. M'Allister	Prov. G. Sec.
R. Taylor	Prov. G.S.D.
Thomas Worthington	Prov. G.J.D.
A. H. Burgess	Prov. G.D.C.
Dr. R. B. Smith	Prov. G.A.D.C.
William Vial	Prov. G.I.W.
Dr. J. Hunt	Prov. G. Sword B.
William M. Randall	Prov. G. St. B.
T. A. Wykes	Prov. G. Org.
Samuel Knight	Prov. G.I.G.
T. R. Pickering, J. Simpkin, and Edward Newton, jun.	Prov. G.S.

At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the interesting ceremony of installing Bro. R. A. Barber in the chair of the Fowke Lodge was ably performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, who is ever ready to use his best exertions in promoting the welfare of the province over which he has presided since it was constituted in 1858. Bro. Kelly is now the senior Prov. Grand Mark Master in England, and that he may long be spared to direct the business is the desire of every brother.

Bro. R. A. Barber, newly installed W.M., invested with the collar and jewel of their offices Bros. Wm. Sculthorpe, I.P.M.; T. A. Wykes, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; J. Young, M.O.; R. Taylor, S.O.; J. Farndale J.O.; G. Odell, Treas.; T. Worthington, Sec.; J. O. Mc. Donald, R.M.; J. O. Law, S.D.; Dr. Thomas Macaulay, J.D.; S. Knight, D.C.; W. T. Rowlett, Org.; W. H. Chamberlin, I.G.; S. S. Partridge, P.M.; and T. R. Pickering, Stewards.

There were also present: Bros. Rev. C. H. Wood, J. H. Biggs, J. Nugent, J. C. Duncombe, J. H. Hale, J. E. Beazeley, E. H. Butler, A. G. Chamberlin, Henry Eagle, Dr. Clifton, W. L. Ball, George Toller, jun.; and the Grand Lodge of England was represented by the Mayor, Bro. Clement Stretton, Past Grand Steward and Bro. William Barfoot, Grand Steward. Bros. John Harrison and Joseph Read were advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and Bro. Barber, W.M., ably presided at the banquet which followed.

Macmillan's Magazine for June contains an article "Freemasonry: its History and Aims," by Edward F. Willoughby.

SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL.

The Masonic Hall here having long been felt both insufficient to accommodate the Southampton Masons, and unworthy the influence represented by that body, the site for a new lodge has been secured in a commanding and yet retired position, a few yards out of the High-street, and within a direct stone's throw of the Guildhall, close to the County Court and the Jews' Synagogue. Overlooking and washed at its base by the beautiful western bay at the head of the Southampton Water, it forms part of the site of the original Castle of Southampton, and includes a relic of its original walls, perchance forming part of the donjon, which a few years since, when the property came into the market, or the action of a few archaeologists, were purchased and handed over to the town to be preserved as a relic of the old fortifications. It is intended to build here a lodge, with a banqueting room of the same size on the ground floor, having half as much capacity again as the present lodge room, with all necessary offices, and a smaller room for chapters and the like gatherings where the numbers are fewer. A limited liability company has been formed, with a capital of £4000, in £1 shares, about one-half of which has already been subscribed by the lodges and their members without appeal. A shadow of a hope was at one time entertained that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales might be induced to lay the foundation stone in due Masonic form on his visit to this town during the summer to lay the stone of the new church of Bro. the Rev. Basil Wilberforce (Royal Gloucester Lodge), but as that would seem to involve the presence of Grand Lodge, and if both were attempted on the same day might possibly militate somewhat against the full success of both schemes, it seems to be understood that the M.W. the Grand Master will not be pressed in the matter, though if he should have no objection to undertake both ceremonies none will be more heartily glad than the Masons, not simply of Southampton, but of the province whereof from time immemorial that town has formed no unimportant part.

INAUGURATION OF THE DE LACY PRECEPTORY.

By command of Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds, Grand Commander of Knights Templars in the County Palatine of Lancaster, the P.G. Officers and other Sir Knights were summoned to meet at the Cambridge Hall, Southport, on Saturday afternoon, the 18th ultimo, to assist in the inauguration of the De Lacy Preceptory and the installation of the Eminent Commander and his officers. Besides the E.G.C. of the division, there were also present Sir Knights Augustus Adam Bagshawe, P.E.C., P.P.G. Almoner Somerset, Jerusalem, 5, Manchester; John Raines, M.D., Past E.C. St. Joseph, Manchester; Josh. Wood (Freemason), Treas. William de la More, Bootle; Geo. Campbell, Reg., and W. Byrom, C. of L., Faith, Wigan; C. M. Jones, P. Sub-Marshal P.E.C. Albert; Richd. Cancliff, P.C. of L., P.E.C. St. Michael; John Sutton, Faith and De Lacy, Wigan; H. L. Hollingsworth, Danl. Buckley, Abraham Clegg, and Josh. Clayton, St. George's; J. H. F. Cottier, De Lacy and Faith; J. H. Jenkins, P.G. 2nd Capt., P.E.C. Jerusalem; Walker Newton, Loyal Volunteers; J. W. Lean, St. Joseph; J. L. Goodwin, Jerusalem; T. Baker Ashworth, Albert, E.P.; L. H. Coddington, and T. S. Cory, De Lacy; John Cragg, Loyal Volunteers; J. Holroyd, P.P.G.A.; John Charlwick, P.P.G.R.; Thos. Grimes; Wm. Bagnall; J. Truesdale; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Capt.; Wm. D. Walker, E.C.; and J. W. Kenyon, Edward Plantagenet, Bury; Robt. Caldwell, P.E.C., and John Gallagher, E.C., Loyal Volunteers, Ashton-under-Lyne; H. S. Alpess, E.P. Alpess, Liverpool; J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.P., and W. Vines, William de la More, Bootle; Y. W. Lean, St. Joseph, Manchester; J. Harrison, M.A., St. George, Oldham; R. W. Waterson, 2nd Capt. Plains of Mamre, Burnley; Benj. Taylor, St. Joseph, Manchester; Josh. Luch, Loyal Volunteers, Ashton-under-Lyne; S. S. Sadgrove, Hugh de Payens, Blackburn; John Barrett, De Lacy, Southport; Wm. Davis, P.E.C. Albert, Rochdale; John Ballard, C. of L. Plains of Mamre, Burnley; Hy. Thomas, E.C. St. George; Benson Baker, Faith and De Lacy; J. Compton Lees, St. George; James A. Birch, P.G. Treas.; E. Hartley, P.P.G.B.; Peter Royle, M.D., P.E.C. of Jerusalem, Sword Bearer of Lancashire, and Standard Bearer of England; C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, Gd. Comdr., C.P. Lancaster; R. Landless, Banner Bearer Plains of Mamre; Geo. Rockliffe, Equerry, James Lawton, De Lacy; S. H. Smith, 1st Capt. Lancashire P.E.C. Royal Volunteers, and S. A. Oliver, Faith, Wigan; T. S. Ainsworth, Hugh de Payens, Blackburn; J. E. Jackson, Alpess, Liverpool; Jno. Worsley, W. Wainman Cottam, and E. Barber, Prince of Peace, Preston; Geo. Turner, William de la More, Bootle; Wm. Taylor, Faith and De Lacy; and Thos. Berry, P.E.C. Jacques de Molay, Liverpool.

Shortly before three o'clock the E. Grand Commander commenced to open and inaugurate the De Lacy Preceptory, the warrant having been transferred from Burnley to Southport. After this warrant had been read and other preliminary business, Sir Knights H. S. Alpess and J. W. J. Fowler presented Sir Knight L. R. Rowbottom, the E.P. elect, to the E. Grand Commander to receive the benefit of installation. After having been duly placed on the throne, he appointed the following as his officers: Sir Knights J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C.; G. Benson Baker, Prelate; J. H. F. Cottier, Constable; J. Sutton, Marshal; T. S. Cory, Registrar; W. Dodd, Treasurer; W. Taylor, Sub-Marshal; Dodd, Captain of the Guard; J. Barrett, Almoner; and G. Rockliffe, Equerry.

The E. Preceptor then vacated the throne in favour of the Em. Prov. Grand Commander, who commenced the installation of those candidates who had been approved and balloted for. The work was done in a very impressive

manner. At the conclusion, the E.P.G.C. and Prov. G. Officers retired under the Arch of Steel. After other formal business, the V. Em. G. Commander, with a large gathering, re-entered under the Arch of Steel, and were saluted in the usual manner.

The Prov. G. Priory was then opened and the muster roll called over, when it was found all preceptories in the province were represented, except two, who were fined ten shillings and sixpence each. All the Provincial Officers were present except two, and as they had not sent any letters of apology they were each fined twenty-one shillings.

The minutes of the last Grand Priory, held at Manchester, and also of the Grand Priory of Emergency, held at Bury, were read and confirmed unanimously.

After the fees had been received and the Treasurer's accounts audited and passed, Sir Knight J. A. Birch was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year; Sir Knight W. Davies was also elected Equerry for the same period.

The E. Grand Commander appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights J. F. Tweedall, Sub-Prior; Rev. J. B. Phillips, Prelate; W. Ashworth, Chancellor; G. P. Brockbank, Constable; L. R. Rowbottom, Marshal; H. W. Thomas, Registrar; John Worsley, Vice-Chancellor; Jas. Hall, Sub-Marshal; J. E. Jackson, Standard Bearer; R. Landless, Warden of Regalia; H. L. Hollingsworth, Almoner; J. A. Oliver, 2nd Standard Bearer; Peter Royle, M.D., Banner Bearer; R. Cunliffe, 1st A.D.C.; A. B. Bennett, 2nd A.D.C.; J. E. Hall, Capt. of Guards; W. O. Walker, Sword Bearer; J. L. Goodwin, Organist; Jos. Leech, 1st Pursuivant; W. W. Cottam, 2nd Pursuivant; and Wm. Davies, Equerry.

The election of a General Purposes Committee was next carried out, and the alms received. After the transaction of divers other important business concerning the province, the Priory was closed in solemn form, and the E.G.C. and Provincial Officers retired with the usual honours.

The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where about 50 sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, presided over by the E.G.C. The dessert was especially of very high order, English grapes having a place on the table. The attendance was all that could be desired, and the tables were beautifully set out. Amongst the usual Masonic toasts the E.G.C. proposed one "To the Memory of our late Bro. Em. Sir Knt. Col. Birchall," which was received and honoured in solemn silence.

Sir Knight Alpess proposed "The E.G.C.," and enlarged upon the qualities of his father, the late G.S.

The proceedings closed at a very early hour on account of many having to travel by train from Southport.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, in the chair. A very good attendance of brethren was present, amongst others being Bros. G. Toller, jun., Past G.S.B. of England; Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W.; S. S. Partridge, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Macaulay, P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. Grant, W.M. of the Harborough Lodge; J. H. Douglass, Rev. J. Halford, Beaumont Smith, P.G.S.W.; Rev. F. H. Richardson, Prov. G. Chaplain; Dr. Hunt, of Thurnby, W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560; S. Cleaver, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, and very many of the local lodges, and from the Leicester and Melton lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock, and the routine business transacted included the reading and adoption of a lengthened report presented by the Charity Committee.

A vote of thanks for his services as Steward of the Masonic Girls' School Festival was unanimously given to Bro. Partridge, and a sum of money to a brother, who, from losses and illness, was recommended by the Charity Committee.

A fuller report will appear in our next.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade.—On Saturday last, the 1st inst., the new head-quarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, in Southwark Bridge-road, were formally opened by Sir J. M'Garel Hogg, M.P., Chairman of the Board of Works. The building was formerly known as Winchester House, and it forms the largest fire-brigade station in the world. The freehold has cost £38,000, and the establishment £32,000; but the Metropolitan Board of Works will be recouped to the extent of nearly £20,000. There are spacious engine stations, stables, smithy, several fine outbuildings, a court-yard, and apartments for Capt. Shaw in the front portion of the old Winchester House. Watling-street Station will not be closed; and it was stated by Mr. Edwards, Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee of the Metropolitan Board of Works, that the City will be more protected than ever by the new arrangements. Both Bro. Sir J. M'Garel Hogg and Mr. Edwards alluded in high terms to the energy and ability of Capt. Shaw. At present in the new station are 28 married men, and 26 single men. The building, which is by Bros. Hook and Oldrey, of Westbourne Park, does those brethren great credit.

Pope's Villa at Twickenham was offered by auction on Tuesday, and was bought in at £14,000.

As an instance of the value of City property the *Evening Standard* understands that the old freehold house, No. 35, Bucklesbury, with an area of 2208 feet, has been sold by Messrs. Phillip D. Tuckett and Co. for £21,250.

The following reports stand over:—Lodges 78, 166, 304, 1219, 1502, 1609, 1744; Instruction 1288; Chapter 249.

GRAND MASONIC CONCERT.

On Friday, 30th ult., the brethren and their friends in Leicester had a great musical treat in a grand pianoforte and harmonium recital which was given in the Masonic Hall of the town by Bro. T. H. Scott, a local organist, whose admission to the Craft we recorded a short time since. Bro. Scott is the Organist of St. John's Lodge 279, and the concert was given under the auspices of the lodge as a compliment to him, and a mark of the high appreciation of his valuable services. He is also the organist of Emanuel Church, Victoria-road, Leicester, where Bro. S. Cleaver, S.W. 279, is the conductor of the choir. The concert was in every sense a very great success, and though Bro. Scott was throughout entirely unassisted, the interest in the performance, and the thorough enjoyment of the audience was most manifest. Bro. Scott is truly an enthusiast in his profession, and an artist of most rare ability and taste. The applause was both frequent and hearty, and the encomiums passed upon the performer at the close were most enthusiastic. We congratulate Bro. Scott upon the unequalled success, and we heartily congratulate Lodge 279 upon such an excellent addition to their list of members.

Liverpool is at present all alive with excitement over the coming Whit-week Bazaar, Gala and Fancy Fair, in one of the people's parks, in aid of the funds of the Stanley Hospital, an institution which occupies a proud position amongst the numerous hospitals in "the good old town." The Earl and Countess of Derby will open the Bazaar on Monday. For wealth and variety of attractions this Fête has probably never been equalled in Liverpool, and, with fine weather, it is sure to be a brilliant success. Many well-known Masonic Brethren are the chief workers in the charitable effort, amongst whom may be named, Bros. Dr. Sheldon, Dr. Smith, Dr. Cochine, J. Jones (P.M. 216), Beesley, P. Armstrong, Houlding (W.M. 823), A. C. Wylie, R. Bennett, &c. Some splendid gifts have been made to the Bazaar.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 14, 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, JUNE 8.

- Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
 " 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

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, JUNE 10.

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.
 Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 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, JUNE 11.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-st.
 " 1209, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1538, St. Martin's Le Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 Chap. 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarrowburgh, 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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

- Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
 Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
 " 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.
 " 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.

Rose Croix Chap., G. and Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
 Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd.
 Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., 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, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd. N.W.
 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.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13.

- Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head-qrts. 1st Surrey Rifles.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns' Tav., Kennington,
 619, Beadon, Horns' Tav., Kennington.
 K.T. Encamp., 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.
 Rose Croix, St. George's, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jelly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14.

- Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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 Hot., 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, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 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 Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 15, 1878.

MONDAY, JUNE 10.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Derby L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, Loyalty, Flece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Crosston.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-de-Fylde.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Stanley L. of L., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of L., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hotel, Prescott.
 " 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1024, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1317, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
 Neptune L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13.

- Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howards Arms, Whittle.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Park Gate.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Patron, Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
 I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of a Secretary to the above Institution.

The qualifications below enumerated, will enable those desirous of assisting to form some idea as to my fitness for the appointment so recently held by our lamented brother R. W. Little.

Firstly.—I am 37 years of age, and have occupied the position of Accountant to the Thames Steam-Tug and Lighterage Company (Limited) for the past 13 years, during which period I have acquired large and varied experience, together with a personal knowledge of many of the leading men in our commercial houses.

Secondly.—Holding, as I at present do, the office of Preceptor in two Lodges of Instruction, as well as a position both in Chapter and Lodge, will, I trust, be considered some evidence of my zeal and interest in the cause of Freemasonry.

Thirdly.—The duties I formerly carried out for 9 years, as Honorary Secretary to the St. Cecilia Choral Society, will, no doubt, be also a recommendation with many brethren, and

Lastly.—The training I received at Highbury College, under the Rev. C. R. Alford, the late Bishop of Victoria, and the important fact of a close association with many workers in the scholastic world, must be advantageous when the special nature of the vacant appointment is considered.

May I, therefore, beg of those Life Governors, whose votes and interest are yet unpledged, to give me their personal support at the election. A communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I am,
 My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
 Yours faithfully and fraternally,
 THOS. CULL, S.D. 1446,
 P.S. Chapter 1365, Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction, Steward and L.G., 1878.

City Chambers,
 Railway Place,
 Fenchurch-street, London, E.C.
 May 16th, 1878.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life-Governors.
 Having intimated my intention of presenting myself as a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, I now beg to thank the large numbers of brethren who have promised me their support, and to solicit the vote and interest of those who are still unpledged. Again promising that, if elected, my whole energy and ability shall be exerted for the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

F. A. WHITE,
 P.M. 907, 1437, and 1716;
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Goddard, Rose Amelia	3790
Gattie, Minnie Alice Eliza	5550
Tucker, Marianne Patty	3460
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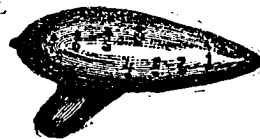
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