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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 155).—While Masonry makes no distinction generally between individual members, there are peculiarities attaching to certain lodges which give a kind of special feature and interest, and make them, as it were, the observed of all observers. For many years the old Perseverance has had a quiet yet distinguished position in Liverpool, representing as it does what may be termed the "blue blood" of the Order to a great extent. Its meetings are but few, its members distinguished by Masonic zeal and position, its initiation and joining fees are fixed at a figure which prevents any but the well-to-do from participating in the honour of membership; and as a consequence the work to be done is of the most limited amount. Still there are those connected with No. 155 who have won their Masonic spurs in other fields, and they well deserve the otium cum dignitate which they enjoy within the genial precincts of this lodge. The annual installation meeting, in addition to the four regulars fixed during the year, was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where there were present Bros. Councillor G. Fowler, W.M.; F. Murdock S.W.; D. Jones, P.M.; J.W.; G. Morgan, P.M.; J.D.; R. Wylie, W.M. 1675, P.P.G.S.D., S.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.M. P.P.G.D.C., I.G.; Thomas Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; Sec.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; and the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap. W. Lancashire and Cheshire; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.G., and others. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., took the chair, and installed Bro. F. Murdock as the W.M., the presentation being made by Bros. Goepel and Wylie. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. G. Fowler, I.P.M.; D. Jones, S.W.; W. H. Ivett, J.W.; H. S. Alpass, Treas. (re-elected); Thomas Armstrong, Sec. (re-appointed); G. Morgan, S.D.; J. W. Turley, J.D.; and J. R. Goepel, I.G. It was unanimously resolved to appoint Bro. Goepel the representative of the lodge on the Masonic Hall and Masonic Relief Committees. A sum of money was voted from the funds of the lodge on behalf of a distressed brother, and all the brethren present subscribed on behalf of the W. Lanc. Masonic Educational Institution, and the Hamer Benevolent Fund. The brethren afterwards banqueted in the building under the presidency of the new W.M., and the full flow of harmony continued during the pleasant evening's proceedings.

**STONEHOUSE.**—Lodge of Sincerity (No. 189).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-room, St. George's Hall, agreeably to summons, on Monday, the 8th of July, for the installation of Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Senior Warden of the lodge, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large assemblage of the brethren of the Three Towns. The W.M. elect was presented by the W.M. (W. Bro. J. Moon), to the W. Bro. Major J. Shanks, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., for the benefit of installation. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. (W. Bro. T. Waldo Hore), and W. Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who, with the following, formed the Board of Installed Masters:—W. Bro. Isaac Latimer, P.P.G.J.W., A.S.; R. Robinson Rodd, P.P.G.R., S.W. (Cornwall); Richard Rodd, P.P.G.R.; John Sadler, P.P.G.S.B.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. R. Measham, P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. Whitley, P.P.G.C.; E. Aiken Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Miller, P.P.G.D.C.; R. H. Rae, P.P.G.S.D.; T. S. Bayly, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Goodall, and J. Baxter, P.M.'s 954. Among the visitors present at the lodge were Bros. Admiral Glassey, C.B., Captain Thain, Dr. E. B. Thomson, and H. A. Latimer, of Swansea. At the close of the installation the new W.M., (W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G.C.) appointed the following brethren of the lodge as his officers for the year ensuing:—W. Bros. James E. Moon, I.P.M.; George Jackson, S.W.; Colonel H. C. Fitzgerald, J.W.; Rev. Franklin; A. S. Bellamy, Chap.; T. S. Bayly, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. H.

Rae, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; Charles Croydon, S.D.; Henry Horton, J.D.; J. G. H. Evans, D.C.; R. E. Holmes, O.; George R. Barrett, I.G.; A. S. Hendrey and George Hawken, Stewards; John Rogers, Tyler. The resignation of the office of Representative for the lodge at the Committee of Petitions having been tendered by W. Bro. T. Waldo Hore, P.M., and accepted, the W. Bro. W. E. Curteis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously elected to that post. In the evening a large party of members of the lodge and visiting brethren sat down to a cold collation at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, under the presidency of the new Master of the lodge, Rev. T. W. Lemon, who was joined at the festive board by the R.W. Bros. L. P. Metham, P.M., P.P.G.D. (England), D.P.S.M.; J. Head, P.M. 70; Rev. J. Erskine Risk, P.P.G.C.; W. F. Moore, I.G. 156, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and drank, and a pleasant evening spent.

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The last of the installations for the year 1878, in this district, took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., and wound up a series of successful and enjoyable gatherings with placing Bro. A. C. Woodley, S.W., and W.M. elect, at the head of the above lodge, in which he has served the whole of the minor offices with care and credit. The lodge was opened at 12 o'clock (noon) precisely, Bro. S. Waters, W.M., presiding, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. A. Reed and J. E. Swanson, and, after approval, those gentlemen were initiated into the Craft. Bro. Malings was then raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bro. T. Butt having taken the chair as Installing Officer, the W.M. elect was presented for installation, and with the usual ceremonies was inducted into the chair and saluted by the brethren. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. N. Warren, S.W.; J. Wilkins, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; C. B. Hobson, S.D.; W. McCoy, J.D.; G. Beaver, I.G.; H. Roberts, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Butt then gave the charges in fine style, and as this was the second time he had installed Masters of the lodge, it was proposed and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks should be presented to him and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge recording that fact; and Bro. Butt returned thanks. A Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was then presented to Bro. Waters, and the lodge was closed. The banquet took place at Bro. Hubbard's, the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, and was simply perfection; the commendations of all assembled being neither few nor stinted. Among the company were the following Past Masters of the lodge and visitors:—Past Masters J. Rowland, F. Dawson, G. Crawford, S. Goddard, W. Graham, E. Bowles, C. Hobson, T. Ward, W. Ritchie, T. Butt, T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; A. Manning, W.M. 1472; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; R. Russell, P.M. 299; W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; Young, P.M. 704; W. B. Lloyd, S.W. 913; J. Plume, J.W. 1472; G. Barth, 913; W. Rees, 913; F. Lyons, 913; Josh. McCaffery, 1536; James McCaffery, 1536; J. Skully, 706; Saunders, 1539; Tappenden, 700; A. Yates, 948; H. J. Ansell, 1305; G. A. Pillen, 90; E. Farwig, 180; H. Ball, 77; G. R. Nicholls, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). After dining "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," and the rest of the Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Waters then rose, saying the W.M. had lent him the gavel for a time, and most of them knew to what purpose he was about to put it—it was to propose a toast, "The Health of their W.M." It was his province and he should only be doing his duty by saying something complimentary to the W.M., but in that case it was not only a duty but a pleasure for him. The W.M. had by his unwearied assiduity, steady and patient labour, worked his way to the high position he now held, and his election at their hands had been unanimous. That fact alone would prove how worthy he was of the position, and he asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. Bro. Woodley, in reply, said he thanked them very much for the manner in which both the brethren responded to the call of their I.P.M., and him for his kind expressions on his behalf. He had especially to thank the visitors for being present and giving him their support. It was a very great pleasure and honour for him to occupy a position that had been occupied by so many worthy and talented Masters before him, and he trusted, with their support and assistance, so to rule and govern the lodge that none of its past splendour should be dimmed, but rather if it could it should be increased by him. "The Past Masters," of whom there was a large array present, then had their health drank, and Bro. Waters, to whose hands the response was entrusted, suitably replied. "The Initiates" were next the subject of many good wishes, and they responded as usual. "The Visitors" was the next toast, and, as the W.M. said, there is no lodge where visitors were more welcome than at the Nelson. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hayes, W.M. of the Patison, their sister lodge, and said he should also like to hear from the other visitor. Bro. Hayes then responded in a speech full of eloquence and good feeling, and was followed by Bro. Pilling. Bro. Hopekirk then bore his testimony to the magnificent manner in which Bro. Butt had installed their W.M. Some little time ago he went to Bro. Butt to get a little information from him as to the installation of his (Bro. Hopekirk's) successor, and from that brother he got valuable assistance, but he certainly had not expected to hear him give the ceremony with the impressiveness and eloquence he had that day done. He felt sure if the Nelson Lodge went on as it was going, and kept firmly united, it would be, like Nelson himself, invincible. Bro. Bickerstaff said that day twenty years ago he was raised to the Sublime Degree in the Nelson Lodge, and although he had left it in 1865, when he left Woolwich,

he had not lost sight of it, and was proud to see his mother lodge so strong and prosperous. Bro. Farwig also well responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Warren briefly replied, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**RUNCORN.**—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).—The annual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, July 17th, at half-past nine in the morning. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. R. Wass, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmorland, to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Wass, W.M., assisted by Captain Simner, P.M., P. Dist. G.S.W. British Burmah, presented Bro. Charles Gerrard, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The first part of the ceremony being completed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the Installing Master appointed his Wardens and Inner Guard. The Master Masons having retired, the W.M. elect was entrusted and withdrew. W. Bro. Bowes then opened a Board of Installed Masters in ample form, being assisted by twelve Past Masters. The W.M. elect was then re-admitted and placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren were then re-admitted according to their respective degrees, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the manner usual among Masons. After the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, the Installing Master delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. Captain Simner proposed, and Bro. Wass, I.P.M., seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that the cordial thanks of the lodge be given in writing to W. Bro. John Bowes, for the very able and impressive manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master that day. Bro. Bowes having acknowledged the compliment and the other business before the lodge being completed, the lodge was closed with prayer. The brethren then left the Hall in conveyances, accompanied by their "wives and sweethearts," to the Castle Hotel, Halton, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Charles Gerrard, who was supported by nearly seventy brethren and ladies. Grace after meat having been said by the Chaplain, Rev. J. Lockwood, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The presence of the ladies afforded scope for some divergence from the usual post-prandial proceedings, and many happy allusions were made for the especial benefit of the fairer part of the audience. During the proceedings the W.M. on behalf of the members of the lodge presented Bro. Wass with an elegant Past Master's jewel, on which was the following inscription:—"Ellesmere Lodge, 758. Presented to brother W.R. Wass, P.M., by the members of the Ellesmere Lodge, 758, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his services to the lodge during the 18 months he held the office of Worshipful Master. July, 1878." Several excellent songs were sung by Bro. Dumville, P.M., the leading tenor of the Manchester Cathedral, and Bro. Greenwood, Organist of All Saints' Church, Manchester, the latter gentleman being "a host in himself." The party then adjourned to the grounds of "The Castle," where dancing, bowling, and other out-door amusements were engaged in until six o'clock, when they proceeded to Halton Church, which by the kindness of the Rev. J. Lockwood, the Chaplain of the lodge, was thrown open to them for their inspection. On entering, the party quietly seated themselves, and Bro. Greenwood having taken his place at the organ and played a short voluntary, the Rev. J. Lockwood gave out the Old Hundredth Psalm, which was heartily and devotionally sung by all present. Bro. Greenwood then sang most ably and artistically the aria from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, "Oh, rest in the Lord," accompanying himself on the organ, after which Bro. Dumville sang most effectively the tenor solo from the "Messiah," "But thou didst not leave," being accompanied on the organ by Bro. Greenwood. The party then returned to "The Castle," where they sat down to a sumptuous tea, and after listening to some excellent singing by Bros. Greenwood, Dumville, and Wareing, they again repaired to the grounds, where out-door amusements were engaged in until half-past nine o'clock, when they returned in conveyances to Runcorn, all well pleased with the whole of the day's proceedings.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The brethren connected with this lodge, which for vitality and charitableness occupies a chief position in the extensive province of West Lancashire, met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., for the purpose of giving countenance and active support to the annual installation proceedings. There was a very large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. John Houlding, W.M., was at his post, and he was supported by Bros. W. Wilson, I.P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; W. Cottrell, P.M.; Major G. Turner, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; W. Boulton, P.M. D.C.; J. Holland, P.M.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325, S.W.; J. Cuthbert, J.W.; P. W. Oglesby, Secretary, and others. Bro. H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325, the W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefits of installation by Bro. Major Turner and Bro. W. J. Lunt (two of the oldest P.M.'s), and the ceremony of installation was most admirably and impressively performed by Bro. John Houlding, the retiring W.M. One of the closing charges was given by Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Houlding, I.P.M.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W.; T. Webster, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); Joseph Boyle, Secretary; T. H. Carefull and J. Beesley, S.D. and J.D.; W. Brassey, I.G.; R. H. Webster, J. M. King, Gotham, and Galley, Stewards; W. Boulton, P.M., D.C.; R. Brough, Organist; and W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to

Bro. John Houlding, I.P.M., as a token of the high regard in which he was held by the Evertonians, and this gift was further enhanced by the presentation of an elegant album, containing portraits of all the initiates during his year of office in the chair—this presentation being made by Bro. Hudson, the senior initiate, on behalf of the "youngsters" of Bro. Houlding's year. The brethren, after business, adjourned to supper, and during the evening various toasts were given. In proposing "The Worshipful Master" Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M., spoke of the prominence of the position, especially in such a lodge as 823. He was sure Bro. Ashmore would feel proud of filling it; and he might say that, from the steady way in which he had worked his way up hitherto, the lodge might feel proud too. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that they would all join in ensuring their new W.M. a prosperous year of office. The W.M. in replying promised his best efforts to give satisfaction to the brethren, and to emulate the example of their esteemed I.P.M. (Bro. Houlding), and thanked all present. "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., and enthusiastically received. Bro. Houlding, in replying, said he passed one of the happiest years of his life as their W.M. If he had appeared at all over strict in the performance of his duties it was through anxiety to promote the interests of Masonry in general and the Everton Lodge in particular, and he hoped they would pardon him. He concluded by thanking them cordially for the honour they had done him. "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and others toasts followed, and the brethren separated. On the following day the brethren and their lady friends, to the number of over 250, were conveyed by special train, which left Woodside at 9.45 a.m., to Gresford. The morning was somewhat overcast, but the weatherwise prophesied a fine day, a prediction which was amply justified, as the sun soon shone out gloriously, and the beautiful scenery of Cheshire and Wales was shown to perfection. No vexatious delay occurred, and on arriving at their destination the travellers immediately proceeded to view the fine old church and its surroundings. In the churchyard is a venerable yew tree, said to be eleven hundred years old. At any rate it is unquestionably of great age, measuring thirty-two feet in circumference. The ancient monuments next attracted attention, and the excursionists observed the time-honoured custom with "The Everton" of singing the "Old Hundredth" in the church with fine effect. About noon a substantial cold collation was served up in a spacious tent adjoining the hotel, and as there were many willing and attentive Stewards, the comfort of all was secured. The arrangements were indeed admirable, and reflected great credit on the picnic committee, of which Bro. William Cottrell, P.M., was chairman, and Bro. W. Boulton, P.M., secretary. Bro. Cooley, 1086, carried out the minor details to the satisfaction of all concerned. The excursionists then dispersed for the afternoon, some exploring the lovely walks on the wooded slopes or by the purling Dee; while others, especially the juvenile members, preferred dancing on the green. A refreshing breeze tempered the heat of the weather, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Tea was served up about five o'clock, and the country air enabled the participants to do ample justice to it. Bro. Henry Ashmore, W.M., presided, as before, and was ably supported by the Past Masters and officers. The party left Gresford at eight p.m., arriving in Liverpool at half-past nine, after one of the most successful picnics ever carried out by the Everton Lodge.

**DERBY.**—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W., Treas., as S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; J. O. Manton, Sec.; S. Steele, S.D.; W. Butterfield as J.D.; T. H. Hepworth as I.G.; S. Pipes, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D.; J. Worsnop, P.M. and P.P.G.P.; and a number of other brethren, including Bro. R. W. Hollon, P.M. 226, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorkshire, &c., &c. The lodge was opened in the several degrees, there being the usual intermediary business, and Bros. Hefford and Arnoll were raised in ancient form by the W.M. The name of a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry was submitted to the lodge, and other business of local import only was then dealt with, and then the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards did substantial justice to a substantial banquet.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).—The installation of Bro. James Leggett as Worshipful Master of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a very large number of brethren. Among the officers and brethren of the lodges were: Bros. H. Townsend, W.M.; Leggett, S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; T. Marco, Treas.; H. Woodward, Secretary; Bourke, P.M.; J. Lind, P.M.; J. Johns, S.D.; J. Strick, J.D.; E. May, I.G.; W. Walton, Steward; G. Nelder, Steward; G. Nicholas, T. Burton, Francis Rowley, James Dudge, H. Selby, E.A.; G. Arnold, J. State, T. Wilton, E. Austin, J. Bailey, W. Farren, P.M.; E. Boorman, T. Lawrence, J. Wilson, P.M.; W. Baker, C. Downs, J. Cable, C. Russell, H. Holmes, P.M.; W. Dart, H. Wickens, H. Allison, C. Travess. Among the visitors were: Bros. T. Palsgrave, S.D. 487; Frank Meredith, 487; G. Lancaster, P.M. 903; J. O'Connor, W.M.; W. Montgomery, 1341; N. Mitchell, J.W. 903; W. R. Bowden, 340, P.G. Purst. (Oxon); L. Hackman, P.M. 342; A. L. Emanuel, P.M. 1069; M. E. Frost, P.M. 487, P.G. Treasurer; H. Threadingham, W.M. 487; W. Payne, W.M. 342; R. Barnes, J.W. 342; G. W. S. Lancaster, P.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; E. G. Holbrook, P.M. 309, P.P.G. Registrar, and others. Bro. Townsend, the retiring W.M., carried out the duties of Installing Master with great ability, delivering the impressive charges and ritual gen-

erally with marked effect. The ceremony of installation over, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Townsend, I.P.M.; Williams, S.W.; Johns, J.W.; Mares, Treasurer; Woodward, Secretary; Strick, S.D.; May, J.D.; Wilson, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Wilton, Organist; Livery, I.G.; and Nelder and Walton, Stewards. The musical portion of the ceremony was effectively performed by Bro. Wilton, the Organist. The customary votes of thanks were accorded, and a handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Townsend, in recognition of his services during the past year. The duties of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where they were joined by several who had been unable to be present during the afternoon. The menu was elaborate, and the manner in which the whole banquet was served reflected the highest credit on Bro. Heath, the caterer. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," and "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In proposing "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," he said he had had the pleasure of sitting in Prov. Grand Lodge with him, and he had met him under other circumstances in connection with Masonic matters, and from what he knew and had heard of him he believed that he did all he possibly could to promote the interests of the Craft, and was ever ready to render assistance to any lodge in his extensive province, no matter at what personal inconvenience or expense. The toast was well received. The W.M. next proposed "The V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Hickman) and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Mark E. Frost, Prov. Grand Treasurer, responded, and in doing so bore testimony to the untiring interest taken in Masonic matters by Bro. Beach. The province was a very large one, mustering thirty lodges, and the Provincial Grand Master found it exceedingly difficult to distribute his patronage every year in the way of giving office to the brethren, seeing that he only had fifteen or sixteen offices to fill. As far as the provincial officers were concerned, he might say that they all did their duty to the best of their ability. He expressed great gratification at the manner in which the retiring W.M. had performed the installation ceremony that afternoon. He had the honour of installing Bro. Townsend as W.M. last year, and he was glad to find that he had carried out his duties so satisfactorily during the past twelve months. He fully believed that Bro. Leggett would worthily fill the chair during his term of office, and that under his rule the United Service Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Townsend, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so said it had been his pleasing duty that afternoon to instal Bro. Leggett as W.M. of the lodge, of which he was one of the oldest members. He had fairly worked his way up from the door to the chair, and if he fulfilled the duties of his present exalted position as attentively and well as he had fulfilled those of the offices he had already held, the brethren would have no cause whatever to regret having elected him to rule over them. He (Bro. Leggett) had told him on the night of his election that it would be impossible for him to attend to his duties during six or seven months of the year, owing to his duties in connection with the public service. It might be thought by some that it was wrong to elect one who could not devote all his time to the lodge, but it must be remembered that in that lodge the brethren were nearly all connected with either the army or the navy, and the character of their public duties was such as to prevent their regular attendance. Bro. Leggett had attended closely to his duties whenever he possibly could, and it was felt that it would be wrong not to advance him to the highest rank it was in their power to confer upon him, seeing that he had so ably filled all the other positions. He (Bro. Townsend) had now left the service, and had a certain amount of leisure time, which he should be happy to devote towards the furtherance of the interests of Freemasonry, and particularly of the United Service Lodge. He would now repeat the promise he had made on the night of Bro. Leggett's election, namely, that whenever the W.M. was unable to attend he would do his best to carry on the duties. The W.M. on rising to respond was greeted with loud and long continued applause. He heartily thanked the brethren of his lodge for the great honour they had conferred upon him, and the whole of the brethren present, who had done him the honour to attend his installation. It was satisfactory for him to reflect that he had worked his way, step by step, up to his present position, and to feel that his conduct had been such as to meet with the approval of the brethren. He intended to work hard to ensure the continued success of the lodge, and he knew he should be well supported in his endeavours by the officers whom he had appointed. He next proposed "The Installing Master," whom he warmly eulogised for the able manner in which he had conducted the ceremony. Bro. Townsend, who was very warmly received, responded, and in the course of his observations thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him as a memento of his year of office. With reference to the question of providing a hall of their own, which had recently been discussed in the lodge, he said he trusted that the lodge would soon be strong enough to build a place in which to meet. He hoped in the course of a month or two to be in a position to submit a scheme which he thought would meet with the approval of the brethren. The W.M. proposed "The Worshipful Masters of Neighbouring Lodges," the toast being acknowledged in suitable terms by Bro. O'Connor, of the Phoenix; Bro. Payne, Royal Sussex; Bro. Threadingham, Portsmouth; Bro. Lancaster, Gosport; and Bro. Frost,

United Brothers. Bro. Lieut. Bourke, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Bowden, of Oxford. The remaining toasts were "The P.M.'s of 1428," "The Founders of the Lodge," and "The Officers." During the evening several excellent songs were sung, Bro. Sylvester ably accompanying on the pianoforte. The proceedings of a very successful gathering terminated about midnight.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Garbette's fine hall on Angelsea Hill, and was a most successful affair. The room had been prettily decorated for the occasion with flags and choice plants, tastefully and prettily disposed, and the coup d'œil presented was most effective. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed; Bro. Roxford was then passed to the Second Degree. It was then announced that Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, had arrived, and shortly afterwards that distinguished brother entered the lodge, and was received with the customary honours. Bro. Hay Grieves Picken, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. G. Spinks, W.M., and at his hands received the benefit of installation, and was saluted according to ancient custom. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Murphy, Treas.; Rev. G. A. Solbe, Chaplain; W. Welding, S.D.; A. Brooks, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; T. Holleyman, I.G.; C. Buckland, D.C.; Wilkin, A.D.C.; W. A. Watkins, W.S.; T. Sharpe, A.W.S.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The three charges were then given in a most effective and eloquent manner, and indeed the whole of the ceremony was one great and sustained example of clearness, precision, and eloquence, seldom equalled, and certainly unsurpassed by anything we have ever heard. Genuine and general applause following each recital, and upon its completion Bro. Spinks was highly congratulated on his beautiful working, and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be presented him, and as well inserted on the minutes of the lodge for it. He was then presented with a jewel of the value of ten guineas, and returned thanks for both. A very gratifying tribute of respect was then paid to Bros. Dr. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and Hayes, W.M. 913, in the shape of a unanimous resolution, placing them upon the roll of the lodge as hon. members, and they returned thanks. Bros. Gibson and Sharpe were then thanked for their officiating as Auditors during the past year, and Bros. Saunders and Anderson were accepted as Auditors for the present year. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a well-served and choicely selected banquet. Among the brethren and guests present were Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Dr. Spurrell, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Blakey, P.M. 20, 184, and 1593, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; T. H. Field, W.M. 558, and P.M. 1436; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913; L. Etheridge, P.M. 829; J. A. Bates, P.M. 1424; F. Garbette, W.M. 1178; A. Woodley, W.M. elect, 700; W. B. Lloyd, S.W. 913; J. Donnoley, S.W. 706; J. Warren, J.W. 700; Jas. Chapman, J.W. 913; J. Wilkins, S.D. 700; T. F. Davie, 87; T. Harper, 1604; D. C. Capon, 913; J. Grief, 158; A. Hiscock, 13; M. Bentley, 202; E. A. Spinks, 158; F. Lyons, 913, and 700; F. Huggett, 1050; G. F. Fraser, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of "Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent," and said that as their esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, had but little time to stay, he should as well include his name with it. It was the first time Bro. Eastes had paid them the honour of a visit, and he had expressed his pleasure at what he had seen done in the lodge that day. They might be aware from the returns made at the late Boys' School Festival, that Kent was the second upon the list for the amount of subscriptions, and under the able guidance and inspiration of their Prov. G.M. and Bro. Eastes, he hoped next year to see Kent at the head of the list. Bro. Eastes, on rising to reply, was received with great cheering and clapping of hands, said he thought he would rise at once to respond after that burst of Kentish "fire." The first he should address them about would be Lord Holmesdale, their P.G.M., and he was pleased at the opportunity, because he could say more about him in his absence than in his presence. Lord Holmesdale was one of the best G.M.'s in England. No one but those who knew could estimate the amount of work he had to do and how well he did it. It was not in the power of the G.M. to visit the various lodges at such times as their installations, but he had placed that duty in his (Bro. Eastes's) hands, and it was a duty he was proud of, and never had he been more pleased at being at an installation, or more proud of his duty than he had been that day. Their lodge was not, however, a total stranger, for before he had an opportunity of seeing it he had read of their excellent work, and great progress in the *Freemason*, and felt a deep interest in what he there saw of its vigour and intelligence. He had had lately opportunities of seeing several brethren of the lodge, and from what he had seen of them he had every reason to be proud of them. Nothing gave Lord Holmesdale greater pleasure than to have had the opportunity, at their late Grand Lodge meeting of making one of their brethren, Col. King, his G.S.W., and he remembered with pleasure that it was by his recommendation another distinguished brother, their First Master, Bro. Pownall, had received office in the province. There was something in military lodges that always struck him (as a civilian) as being most admirable. It was the ability, discipline, and precision with which even the smallest trifles were carried out in those lodges, that gave him an idea of something different to what he generally saw at other lodges. He must con-

gratulate them upon their Installing Officer, and him upon the admirable manner in which he had carried out the important duties of that position. The W.M. had said that Kent was the second upon the list of subscribers for the Boys' School Fund this year. It was certainly something to be proud of, and he was rather surprised to hear Bro. Binckes say that he was not too satisfied with the handsome sum of £10,000 and upwards, handed in that day. Kent was second upon the list, and he (Bro. Eastes) saw no reason why Kent should not be next year first on the list, if the brethren would as well as paying their four shillings per year through their lodges, give a guinea each from their own pockets. He hoped to see the day when everyone would feel it his duty to support one or other, and all if he could afford it, of those magnificent Institutions, that made the charity of Freemasonry something more than a name. Those who did so would reap their reward in knowing that they were doing that which would help a poor distressed and aged brother in his sorest need, or placing the orphan in a position where its future would be secured through good training and sound education, and their reward would be great. They could see by that that his ideas of Freemasonry were that charity was one of its greatest duties, and the first to prove its sincerity and truth. Bro. Eastes concluded a most eloquent address by hoping it would not be long before he was with them again, and thanked them sincerely for the hearty reception his name had met with at their hands. He then retired amid rounds of cheering, and other manifestations of esteem. Bros. Coupland, Spurrell, and Blackie, severally responded for "The Rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Spinks then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in choice and appropriate terms, and Bro. Picken replied, thanking them for their kindness to him in the past, and craving their indulgence in the future. "The Visitors" were next toasted, and Bros. Bates, Hayes, Woodley, Etheredge, and Donolly, severally responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," paying a distinguished compliment to Bro. Spink's, for the magnificent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation, and Bros. Spink's and Weston returned thanks. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Shaw suitably replied. "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative was received with cheers, and Bro. Jolly returned thanks. The worthy host was then specially thanked for his excellent catering, and responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. A military quartette, comprised of Bros. Buckland, Harding, G. Smith, and Taylor, performed a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music during the evening, receiving for it a cordial vote of thanks.

**HALLIFORD.**—The Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, on Saturday, the 6th inst., Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, W.M., in the chair, the remaining officers present being:—Bros. W. Sweetland, S.W.; W. Paas, P.M., Treas. J.G.; Marsh, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; W. Alcock, S.D.; and the following P.M.'s and brethren: Bros. W. T. Stowe, I.P.M., P.P.G.P., and P.G.P. England; Colonel James Peters, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Geo. Townsend, P.M., P.G.S.; E. F. Thomas, Penniston Dunn, R. Stone, H. H. Burrows, and J. H. Southwood. The lodge unanimously voted five guineas to the Boys' and Girls' School respectively, and five guineas to the "Burdett" Testimonial Fund. We were glad to notice, since the last meeting, this lodge has been particularly favoured by the R.W. the Grand Master on the appointment of Bro. Colonel Peters, P.M., to the chair of G.J.W., and Bro. J. L. Jones, P.M., to P.G.D., also Bro. Geo. Townsend, P.M. to P.G. Stwd. In the course of the business Bros. Albert J. Altman, J.W. 1657, and J. H. Southwood, W.M. 1260, were unanimously elected joining members. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, Bro. T. B. Yeoman, W.M., although far from enjoying the good health that we have long been accustomed to meet him in, presiding with his usual ability. The usual Masonic toasts concluded a most agreeable summer meeting. The lodge was honoured by the following visitors: Bros. F. R. Green, P.M. 8; E. P. Barlow, P.M. 15; and T. A. Hussey, 180.

**PARKGATE.**—Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—The annual meeting of this young and thriving lodge took place on Thursday, 11th inst., in their handsome lodge room at Parkgate. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Chesworth, was in the chair, supported by his officers, Bros. John Jones, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. S. Cuthbert, J.W.; J. Beesley, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; A. Richardson, Secretary; J. Pemberton, I.G. There was a numerous gathering of influential brethren from the counties of Chester and Lancashire. After some formal business of the lodge had taken place, the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Chesworth, by Bros. Staley, W.M. 605, and J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. of Cheshire. After acknowledging the ancient obligation, all below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. Bro. John Jones was then installed by Bro. Chesworth, the retiring Master, in a very able and Craftsmanlike manner. After the usual obligations had been taken, the brethren were again admitted, when, after saluting the new Master in strict Masonic order and fashion, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. Thomas Chesworth, I.P.M. and Treasurer; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W.; Arthur Richardson, J.W.; W. Jones, Secretary; J. Pemberton, S.D.; Hugh Chesworth, J.D.; Henry Thomas, I.G.; Thos. Cottrell and Thomas Munnerley, Stewards; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Thomas Acton, the obliging and attentive host of the Union Hotel, Parkgate. Bro. John Jones, the Worshipful Master, presided, doing the honours and duties of the chair with excellent effect. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and re-

ceived with the utmost respect, attention, and cordiality, and were ably responded to. After enjoying a most pleasant afternoon and evening, to which no little zest was given by the capital songs sung by several of the brethren, a separation took place at an early hour, with hopes expressed that all might meet again to celebrate a like event. The usual concluding toast was then given, "The Tyler."

**RAYLEIGH.**—Trinity Lodge (No. 1734).—This young lodge, which was only consecrated last March, is in full working order, the duties of every officer being well and efficiently discharged, held their regular monthly meeting on Friday, the 19th inst., at their lodge room, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. W. Pissey, (P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W.), W.M., presided, and was assisted by W. Bros. D. B. Grout, (P.M. 160, P.P.S.G.D.), acting as P.M.; John Allen, (P.M. 160, P.P.G.S.B.), S.W.; E. Judd, (P.M. 160, P.P.G.R.), J.W.; Bro. Allen, Secretary; W. Bro. F. J. Wiseman (P.M. 160), S.D.; Bros. W. J. Belcham, jun., acting as J.D.; Rev. A. F. Heaton, I.G., and J. Allen, Tyler. The business of the lodge was confirming the minutes of last meeting, raising Bro. Joseph Webster to the Sublime Degree of M.M., passing Bro. C. T. Witham to the Degree of F.C., the passing and raising being done in a very able manner by the W.M. After some propositions were made the lodge was closed, and a most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent.

### Royal Arch.

**KENDAL.**—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—It has been the custom for some years past in this chapter to hold the annual festival in the summer, and to go from home to celebrate it. This year the Grange Hotel at Grange-over-Sands, the Torquay of the North, was chosen for the occasion. We most heartily congratulate the M.E.Z. and his officers on their good taste and power of "selection." The locality is extremely beautiful, the hotel charmingly situated, and the appointments perfection. Dinner was put on the tables at four o'clock, and the M.E.Z. E. Comp. Joseph Bintley was supported by E. Comps. John Talbot, H., Prov. G. Assist. S.; George McKay, J., Prov. G.S.E.; John Holme, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N.; W. Kirkbride, P.Z., Prov. G.P.S.; Armon, P.Z.; Titus Wilson, P.Z., Treas. of 129; and Comps. John Armstrong, P.S. No. 148; W. Cartmel, Banks, Nelson, Taylor, Baron, T. O. Atkinson, and others. The dinner, which was served à la Russe, included every delicacy of the season, and the wines were of the choicest brands. Grace after meat having been said by E. Comp. J., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts received due honour. The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Prov. G. Supt., the Earl of Bective, and the Prov. G. Chapter," referred to the excellent manner in which his Lordship ruled over the province, and made a happy allusion to the proverbial hospitality of Underley. E. Comp. McKay, Prov. G.S.E., responded, and referred to the many advantages that would accrue to Royal Arch Masonry in the province by the formation of the Provincial Chapter. He hoped soon to have the bye-laws ready for distribution, and also to have the bye-laws of individual chapters approved by the Prov. G. Superintendent. E. Comp. Bowes proposed "The M.E.Z., Officers, and Members of the Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129," and in doing so referred to his long connection with the chapter, having been one of the promoters and the first M.E.H. He complimented the present officers for the zeal they manifested as promoters of the Royal Art, and made an especial reference to the M.E.Z., E. Comp. Joseph Bintley, who had for many years been a "worker" in the good cause. The toast was very warmly received. E. Comp. Bintley in reply thanked all present for the reception they had given to the toast, so kindly proposed by their old and valued friend, Comp. Bowes. He had done something for the good of Masonry, and he hoped to do still more. Their Chapter was in a good position, financially and otherwise, and with such an overseer of the work as Comp. Bowes he did not doubt that they would meet with as much success in the future as they had in the past. "The Visitors" having been proposed, Comps. Kirkbride, Arnison, and Armstrong respectively responded, and expressed their great pleasure in being invited to take part in such enjoyable festivities. Comp. McKay, having obtained permission to propose a toast, said he had the utmost pleasure in proposing "The Health of E. Comp. Bowes." No one present was more indebted to that companion than he was. No matter what work had to be done Comp. Bowes was always equal to the occasion, and not only so, but his services were always most willingly rendered. The whole province was greatly indebted to that companion both in the Craft and the Arch. He proposed his good health with the greatest cordiality. Comp. Bowes in responding said he was conscious of having done something for the good of Masonry in the province, and the fact that his services were acceptable to them was a sufficient reward for the trouble he had taken. He was not tired yet; he loved Masonry now better than ever he did; he hoped for many years to be spared to assist in rendering their beautiful ceremonies in a creditable manner. "The Health of E. Comp. John Holme, P.Z.," having been proposed, that companion made a suitable reply. He had presided on the occasion of three of their annual gatherings, and it always afforded him very great pleasure to meet his brothers and companions for the purpose of promoting those principles which they all professed to admire. During the evening Comps. Kirkbride and Nelson sung some excellent songs, and a most enjoyable day was brought to a close at an early hour.

**PORTSEA.**—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 342).—The regular quarterly meeting of this large chapter was held at Freemason's Hall, St. George's-square, on Wednes-

day, the 3rd inst. There were present Comps. A. Riddell, Z.; G. Green, H.; R. Twiney, J.; and a large number of the officers and members, including J. Craven, I.P.Z.; E. S. Main, P.Z.; and others. After the usual business, which included an exaltation, the ceremony in connection with which was most ably performed, especially the rendering of the comprehensive and interesting lectures peculiar to this degree—also the duty of P.S. was most ably sustained by Comp. James Willmott—a sum of £10 10s. was voted to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Female Fund), thus proving the practical as well as the professed principles of this good working chapter. After the chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to a cold supper, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### Mark Masonry.

**TRURO.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 180).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th inst. The R.W. Bro. W. J. Hugan, P.G.W. of England, installed the W. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun., P. Prov. G.S.B. of Cheshire, as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Hugan having installed every W.M. since he acted as the first Master of the lodge in 1865. The W.M. (who is much respected as a zealous Mason), appointed and invested his officers for 1878-9: Bros. William Lake, P. Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M.; John Jeffery, S.W.; Dr. William Mason, J.W.; Richard Lean, M.O.; J. Cooper Furness, S.O.; J. T. Tellman, J.O.; William J. Johns, P.M. (P. Prov. G. Secretary), Treasurer; J. C. R. Crewes, P.M. (P. Prov. S. of W.), Secretary; W. Allen, Reg. of Mks.; Henry Toope, S.D.; J. T. Trythall, J.D.; Walter P. Smith, C.E., D.C.; Henry Roberts, I.G.; John Langdon, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Middleton, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D., and W. Rooks, P. Prov. G. Purst., and as visitors Bros. W. F. Newman, P.M. 94, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Michael Little, W.M. 94, P. Prov. G.S.B.; John J. Taylor, S.O. 87; W. D. Rogers, Secretary 94; and G. Brown, P. Prov. J.G.W. Leicestershire, who kindly acted as J.W. The R.W. Bro. J. Hugan exhibited photos from the pages of an old Mark book of Aberdeen, of A.D. 1670.

**MARYPORT.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151). The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 18th inst. There was not a large attendance. Present:—Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M., P.G.A., D.C.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; J. Gardiner, P.M., as J.W., P.G.J.W.; E. G. Mitchell, M.O.; J. W. Robinson, S.O.; J. D. Thompson, J.O.; W. F. Lamony, Chaplain, P.P.G. A.D.C. (Freemason); Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treas., as S.D., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Adair, Sec.; W. Stoddard, S.D., as I.G.; W. H. Leuthwaite, as J.D.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org.; R. G. Harris, Tyler; T. Weatherston. The minutes being read and confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. J. H. Raven and T. Milburn, both of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, which were unanimous. Bro. Raven being in attendance, he was duly advanced to the honourable degree in the most perfect manner by the W.M., this being Bro. Banks's first night in the chair. The new Overseers also deserve very creditable mention. Bro. Milburn, the other candidate for advancement, was not present. After certificates had been presented to two or three brethren, Bro. Lamony moved, and Bro. Mitchell seconded, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gardiner for the time and trouble he had expended in undertaking the Stewardship of Whitwell Lodge at the recent festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which resulted in a sum of nearly £20 being raised. Bro. A. Walter, W.M. of Mark Lodge of True Friendship, No. 20, Scotch Constitution, Maryport, was proposed as a candidate for advancement, not as an officiating member be it noted. The lodge was then closed.

Reports of Lodge 1526, Chapters 223, 1423, and 1393, stand over.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).—The annual festival assembly of the knights attached to this conclave of the Masonic Order of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, situated in the West Lancashire division, was held on the evening of Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Em. Sir Knight J. Capell, M.P.S., was on the throne, and amongst others present were Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Int. General; Sir Knights Thompson, V.E.; R. Young, Prelate; W. Vines, Recorder; Pyer, Roberts, Callow, J. R. Goepel, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer (Freemason); H. Burrows, 90; with Em. Sir Knight J. Skeaf, M.P.S. of the Skelmersdale Conclave, No. 55, and Sir Knight R. Reader, as visitors. The throne, after the conclave had been solemnly opened, was taken by Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. K. Smith, Int. General W.L., who most impressively enthroned Em. Sir Knight Thompson as M.P.S. Sir Knt. R. Young was invested Prelate; Sir Knt. Joseph Wood was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Sir Knight Vines again consented to act as Recorder. The appointment to the other offices were left over until the next meeting. The knights subsequently banqueted in the same building.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—This cooling Medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system; one Pill taken shortly before dinner, does away with the indigestion, fulness, and flatulency—indications of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcome all acid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures, which is most desirable for preservation of health.—[Advrt.]



### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening last, at Freemason's Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, as President, James Brett, as Senior Vice-President, and S. Rawson, as Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were H. J. Bartlett, P.M. 147; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Chas. Atkins, P.M. 27; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 937; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; G. P. Britten, W.M. 183; Edwd. Heyde Hewett, W.M. 235; Chas. G. Hill, P.M. 1366; A. Way, W.M. 45; Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; John White, W.M. 1076; Thomas Good, W.M. 1288; George Darcy, W.M. 901; W. H. Cohen, W.M. 1298; B. H. Malton, P.M. 382; W. Allan, W.M. 1159; and E. C. Massey, W.M. 1297 (*Freemason*). Bros. Buss, Pendlebury, and Dodd were also present.

After the Lodge of Benevolence had been opened grants to the amount of £205, recommended at last meeting, were confirmed. There were twenty cases on the new list, two were deferred, and one was found ineligible. The remaining seventeen cases were relieved with a sum of £440, and were made up of two £50 (£100), three £40 (£120), three £30 (£90), four £20 (£80), and five £10 (£50).

### THE APPROACHING ROYAL MARRIAGE.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Thursday, in Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of her Majesty's most gracious message with regard to the proposed Royal marriage:—

1. That an annual sum of £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund of Great Britain and Ireland, towards providing for the establishment of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, and H.R.H. the Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia; the said amount to be settled on his Royal Highness for life in such a manner as Her Majesty shall think proper, and to commence from the day of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses; such annuity to be in addition to the annuity now enjoyed by his Royal Highness under the Act of the 35th year of the reign of Her Majesty.

2. That Her Majesty be enabled to secure to H.R.H. Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes, in case she shall survive H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, an annual sum not exceeding £6000 during her life, to support the Royal family.

### DRAMATIC NOTES.

"Brief abstract and chronicles of the time." HAMLET.

OLYMPIC.—This most unlucky house has had yet another failure in "Nancy Sikes"—a weird, murderous, blood-thirsty play hatched in America and brought to England for no other purpose than I can see but to be plucked. And why should the play be called Nancy Sikes, I wonder? Nancy was not entitled to Bill's surname. I can only suppose that the author of the piece imagined it would be immoral to indicate on the stage that Bill and Nancy, like many others in their class of life, cohabited without clerical or government authority, and he must evidently have thought that murder is a more respectable crime than fornication. Well, it is a question of ethics, and he may be right, but as a dramatist he is certainly wrong. The play is a very bad one from a dramatic point of view, and it is only from a dramatic point that critics and the public look at any play.

PRINCESS'S.—The drama at this house, entitled "Queen's Evidence," written by Messrs. George Conquest and Pettitt, is without exception the best sensational drama that has been seen in London for a generation. It is rarely indeed one sees a drama written on the orthodox lines, sensational and emotional, that can lay any claims to construction on character-painting, but in "Queen's Evidence" one sees both. The construction is not merely good, it is perfect, not a word, sentiment, incident, nor scene that is not part and parcel of the story, and which does not lead up in the most natural manner to some incident in scenes to follow. The character-painting too, a matter seldom or never regarded by most writers of sensational drama, has in "Queen's Evidence" received due consideration at the hands of the authors, and we get in Kate Medland, Miss Marie Litton, Ada Somers, Miss Fannie Leslie; Gilbert Medland Mr. Charles Warner; Matthew Thornton, Mr. W. Rignold; and Isaacs, Mr. Harry Jackson: clever yet natural delineations that form a striking group of dramatic characterization. The play is put on the stage in a manner that is above all praise, and altogether I am bound to say that there is no theatre in London where the programme at this season is as attractive as "The Princess's." The plot of "Queen's Evidence" is so excellent that I feel tempted, in spite of the rule I made to give the plot of a play, to tell it for the mere pleasure of telling. But I refrain. In the third act Miss Fannie Leslie sings a sweetly pretty song, by Mr. Clement Scott, in the most charming manner conceivable. She has a rare, sweet and powerful voice. It is hardly necessary for me to say, having mentioned the names of the leading artists in "Queen's Evidence," that the acting was excellent. The names speak for themselves, Isaacs, as rendered by Mr. Jackson is the best Jew I have ever seen. I think Mr. Warner makes a mistake in wearing a light beard and black hair, which he does after the first act.

The London General Omnibus Company's receipts for the past week show an increase of £1,622, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W.G.M. of Cornwall, proposes holding a Prov. Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Redruth, on Tuesday week August 6th, at 10 o'clock a.m. precisely.

Col. J. Tanner Davy, the P.G.M.M.M. of Devon, will hold a Prov. Grand Lodge on Tuesday next, at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbott, at 3 p.m., to transact the business of his Prov. Grand Lodge and to consecrate a new Mark lodge—the Devon Lodge, No. 215. Mark Masonry is flourishing in Devon, which has as many, if not more, Mark Lodges than almost any county in England.

R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. for Derbyshire, distributed on Wednesday, at Eastbourne, the prizes and certificates won at the December examination at that centre in connection with the Cambridge Local Examinations. In his after address he remarked that it appeared to him that the study of the English language and of English literature was a paramount necessity at the present time, and he was glad that the attention of the examiners was turned to it. He need not tell them that knowledge was the most powerful weapon that could be placed in their hands.

Bro. Frederick Cavill was to attempt to swim from Dean's Point, on the extreme south of Kintyre, Scotland, to a point near Fair Head, on the coast of Ireland, on Thursday, but owing to the weather the attempt was postponed.

The Most Hon. the Marquis of Salisbury has received the second of the two vacant Garters, and thus shares with the Prime Minister the honour which was formally conferred upon him by her Majesty on Monday. The vacancies, it will be remembered, were caused by the decease of the Earl of Ailesbury and Earl Russell.

The following, which is a complete list of the Knights of the Garter, and for which we are indebted to our able contemporary *The Daily Chronicle*, will be read with interest. Duke of Abercorn, Emperor of Austria, Earl of Beaconsfield, Duke of Beaufort, Leopold II., King of the Belgians, Emperor of Brazil, Duke of Brunswick, Duke of Buccleuch, Duke of Cambridge, Duke of Cleveland, Duke of Connaught, Earl Cowley, Earl Cooper, Duke of Cumberland, King of Denmark, Duke of Devonshire, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl Fitz-William, Emperor of Germany, Crown Prince of Germany, Earl Granville, King of Greece, Earl Grey, Earl of Harrowby, Grand Duke of Hesse, Prince Christian of Holstein, King of Italy, Earl of Leicester, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Marlborough, Reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Shah of Persia, King of Portugal, Prince William of Prussia, Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Marquis of Ripon, Emperor of Russia, Duke of Rutland, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, Earl of Shaftesbury, Duke of Somerset, Earl Spencer, Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, Duke of Sutherland, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Duke of Wellington, and Duke of Westminster.

The Earl of Beaconsfield on Tuesday evening presented a message from the Queen to the House of Lords, which was to the effect that Her Majesty, having agreed to the marriage proposed between the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Princess Louise Margaret Agnes, third daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, had thought fit to communicate it to the House of Lords; and the numerous proofs which the Queen had received from their lordships of their loyalty and attachment to her person and family left her Majesty no doubt of their readiness to make further provision for His Royal Highness.

EXPEDITIOUS TELEGRAPHING.—The Agent-General for South Australia sent a telegram to Adelaide, at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 22nd inst., from Broad-street, E.C., and a reply to the same was received by him at Westminster at 9.45 a.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

A joint communication of Eagle and Hardin lodges was held June 25th for the purpose of installing officers. After the business of the meeting was over, Past Grand Master H. W. Rothert, on behalf of Hardin Lodge, in a neat speech, presented R. F. Bower, Esq., retiring Master of the lodge, with a Past Master's pin. Bro. Bower is accustomed to being astonished and surprised in this way, as this was only one of many similar experiences, and, although he has been presented with jewels from higher sources, we venture to say that none were so highly appreciated as this testimonial from the members of his own lodge.—*Keokuk Constitution*.

CYPRUS.—Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son have received a telegram from the Austrian Lloyd's Steamship Administration, Trieste, informing them that a weekly service of steamers has been arranged to Cyprus, via Alexandria.

The Grosvenor Gallery was visited on Sunday by upwards of 3,000 persons. It will be opened in the same way on Sunday, August 4th.

The "Celebrity at Home" in this week's *World* is His Grace the Duke of Manchester, R.W.G.M. Norths and Hunts.

A man dressed in sailor costume was brought up in a criminal court the other day upon a charge of stealing a pair of boots. As he had no counsel, the court appointed a young lawyer to take charge of the defence. The lawyer opened the case with a speech in which he alluded to his client as "a child of the sad sea waves, a nursling of the storm, whom the pitiless billows had cast, a forlorn and friendless wail, upon the shores of time, after a life spent in fierce and heroic contest with the raging elements." The evidence revealed that he was cook upon a canal-boat, previous to which he had hawked fish. The "nursling of the storm" is now in gaol for six months.

We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Superintendent of England, has been pleased to appoint Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P., D.L., R.W.P.G.M. for W. Yorks, to be the Prov. Grand Superintendent of the R.A.M.'s of West Yorks, vice the late lamented Comp. Bentley Shaw, and that his installation is to take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, at an early date.

The *City Press* regrets to hear of the death of Mr. Samuel Tomkins, which took place on Sunday, at Shoreham, Sevenoaks, at the age of 68. There is no doubt that his death was accelerated by the downfall of the house of Willis, Percival, and Co., in which he was a partner, an event which would be acutely felt by so high-minded and honourable a man as Mr. Tomkins. He was treasurer of several great charitable institutions.

The general manager of the London and Brighton Railway, with a view of affording increased comfort to passengers travelling during the hot weather, has ordered at a penny a glass a supply of fresh cold drinking water to be supplied to passengers at certain stations on their journey. The platform attendants will walk alongside the train, and as may be required hand the drinking water to the passengers in the carriages.

An appeal has been issued on behalf of the popular actor, Bro. Henry Marston, who, from infirmity, is unable any longer to follow his profession. The services Bro. Henry Marston has rendered to dramatic art at old Sadler's Wells Theatre, and elsewhere, ought to secure him a handsome testimonial to alleviate the pecuniary distress from which he is now suffering.

Anderton's Hotel, (Bro. Clemow's), Fleet-street, is to be rebuilt, and for the carrying-out of the work thirteen tenders have been sent in, varying in amount from £28,497 (Messrs. Kirk and Randall), to £27,036 (Messrs. McLachlan).

Miss Emily Faithfull delivered an address on "Modern Extravagance, its Cause and Cure," at the Pavilion, Buxton, on Thursday last. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire presided.

The ninth annual competition of the Society for the Promotion and Encouragement of Gardening in the City was held on Tuesday in the grounds of Finsbury-circus, the Lady Mayoress—in the absence of Princess Beatrice, who, it had been hoped, would this year present the awards—distributing the prizes.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester, R.W.G.M. Norths and Hunts, took the chair on Tuesday night at a banquet at Willis's Rooms, given by a number of gentlemen connected with the colonies in honour of the Australian cricket team. A very brilliant company was present, including the Right Hon. Hugh Childers, M.P., and a number of distinguished colonial administrators.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT DARTMOUTH.—On Tuesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince Louis of Battenberg and Sir Massey Lopes, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, paid a visit to the Britannia training ship at Dartmouth. Their Royal Highnesses left with their two sons, who return home for their holidays. The Prince and Princess had a most enthusiastic reception on Tuesday afternoon, and the town was brilliantly decorated and illuminated in honour of the visit. The Prince received an address on board the Britannia from the Mayor and Corporation, and the Princess presented the prizes to the cadets. The Duke of Connaught received his brother on his arrival.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the proposed lodge to be held at Landport will shortly be constituted; the petition was strongly supported by the Masonic elite of the district, and favourably recommended by the Provincial Grand Master to the Grand Secretary. We have no doubt under the able guidance of Bro. R. Murrell, the W.M. nominate, it will prove a great success, its situation at the north of this prosperous town securing for it a large amount of patronage and support. The Freemasons of this locality must be congratulated on the privilege of witnessing its constitution by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the able Provincial Grand Master, whose performance of this, as of all other ceremonies connected with our sublime ritual, is worthy of emulation.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held on Friday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford. A full report will appear in our next.

The Harcourt Preceptory of Knights Templar was held at the Greyhound, Richmond, yesterday. The Provincial Priory of Surrey was also held, and the new Provincial Prior installed by Lord Skelmersdale. A full report will appear in our next.

R. W. Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, opened the first coffee-house for Leamington on Wednesday. Speaking of the evils of intemperance, he said, as a thirty years' visitor of Warwick Gaol, he believed the prison would be closed were it not for that vice.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—At the last meeting of this flourishing lodge of instruction, it was decided that the meetings should be adjourned over the summer months. The lodge will re-open on Monday, October 14th, at 6 o'clock p.m.

Apropos of the imperturbable Mr. Cool, here is a little incident somewhat savouring of the quiet flavour of our old friend in *London Assurance*. It occurred in a London theatre a little time ago. Said a highly got-up very "gummy" young man—black-crutched, toothpicked, and short-sighted—to a stranger who happened to be standing on the steps leading into the stalls, "Aw, have you got a programme?" and the answer came back very quietly and promptly, "Yes, thanks; got one from the other man." It was much better than swearing at him, wasn't it.—*World*.

## Reviews.

BRIEF. A Weekly epitome of the Press. Vol. 1. Wyman and Sons.

We have been favoured with this goodly first volume of a new weekly paper, now, we believe of much circulation. We have connoed over its pages, and found much to admire and much to amuse in them. As an epitome of weekly facts it undoubtedly has its use, and if "brevity be the soul of wit," we think that it is likely to be much appreciated, inasmuch as short extracts are often read when long leaders are passed over. Without at all endorsing its peculiar views or political utterances of many kinds, as alien altogether, whether on one side or the other, from the genius and mission of Freemasonry proper, we yet can fairly commend the idea, and as honestly praise the consummation.

THE HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF KELSO, No. 58. By Bro. W. FRED DIXON, W.M. No. 261. Printed for private circulation.

We have read this little work in extenso, having had the pleasure to peruse part of it in the *Scottish Freemason* previously, with much satisfaction, and we feel strongly that the thanks of all Masonic students are due to Bro. Vernon. This unpretending sketch of the valuable Minute Book of the Lodge of St. John, Kelso, dating from 1701, is full of those minute touches of facts which delight the eyes of our Masonic "Dryasdusts" and "Jonathan Oldbucks." Two points come out clearly, the mixture of the speculative and the operative elements in 1701, and the late character of the Master Mason's Grade, (1754), "nominatim," though of the Master Masons named, all seem to have been old members of the lodge. We can commend this little work as most carefully and conscientiously edited by Bro. Vernon, and to all in whose hands it falls it will be, as it was to us, alike a source of valuable information.

MUSIC. Six New Tunes to Well-known Hymns. By Mrs. M. A. TEBBS, dedicated to the Bishop of Rochester. London, Novello and Co.

These hymns, the production of the wife of our well-known and able Bro. the Rev. W. Tebbs, will be welcomed by all lovers of hymn music. They are written to certain well-known hymns in the equally well-known popular selection termed "Hymns Ancient and Modern." We wish for them all success, and we think we shall not be wrong in anticipating for them much of public patronage and approval.

### Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I was refreshing myself with a "dip,"—(how suggestive in this weather),—into Edward Jesse's pleasant edition of honest old Izaak Walton's "Complete Angler," when at page 280 I lighted on the following note, which is quoted as taken from Tenneman's "Manual of the History of Philosophy, Bohn, 1854." All such notes, "quantum valent" when found, I think right to be recorded, and, therefore, I give this one for the benefit of fellow students.

"The title of the Rosycrucians, or the brothers of the Rosy Cross, was first assumed by a set of Hermetic philosophers in Germany about the commencement of the 14th century. They professed to have a knowledge of all the occult sciences, as the making of gold, the prolongation of human life, the restoration of youth, from which they were also called Immortales, and the formation of the Philosopher's Stone; but all these secrets they were bound by a solemn oath to reveal only to the members of their own fraternity, and it is to this custom in particular that Walton alludes. Their founder was a German gentleman, named Christian Crux, who had travelled to Palestine, where falling sick he was cured by Arab physicians, who, he asserted, revealed to him their mysterious arts. He died in 1484, and the name of his society was composed of the word Ros, dew, and his own name, Crux a Cross, the old chemical character for Light."

MASONIC STUDENT.

### THE NEW "CREATON" LODGE.

(Communiqué.)

We have been informed that some difficulties have arisen in the granting of a warrant for this proposed new lodge. We think, however, that there is some mistake about the matter, inasmuch as, according to statements which have reached us, some one seems to have made a blunder of the most amusing kind. It appears that some persons have read the name of the proposed new lodge as "Creaton," whereas it was intended to be called the "Creaton Lodge," after our gallant and deserving Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, who was to be the first W.M. And this is the one point we do not ourselves profess to understand, nor can we realise how any such mistake could possibly have been made in the affair. It is obviously impossible for a moment to admit the idea that any slight, on any ground, personal or otherwise, was intended to be cast upon so excellent and worthy a brother as Lieut.-Col. Creaton, and we feel sure that this is a mistake of some kind, which has arisen from "circumstances over which nobody had any control." As we understand the case, the proposed Creaton Lodge has been set on foot by many most respectable and zealous brethren residing in the neighbourhood of Regent-street, who were desirous to give their new lodge (a not unpardonable desire) the prestige and popularity of their well-known and highly valued Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. We are aware that some opposition has been entertained to the multiplication of the names of living Masons as given to lodges, but remembering that we have a "Hervey Lodge," an "Erasmus Wilson Lodge," and a "Muggeridge Lodge," we are glad to hear of the so-called "Creaton Lodge."

### R. WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

The first meeting of the committee, appointed on the 5th inst., was held on Friday last. The chair was taken by Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P. Col. Burdett was elected Chairman, he having consented to accept the office if the committee would act without him for the next two months, during his absence from England. Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Asst. G.D. of C., was elected a member of the committee, and it was resolved to ask Bro. Col. Creaton if he would become a member of the committee and accept the office of Vice-Chairman. It was resolved that an advertisement be placed in the *Freemason* asking for donations to the Fund to be sent to Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, Freemason's Hall, and that a letter be printed and sent to the Life Governors of the Girls' School, and to the Masters of lodges, but it was thought advisable that this should be postponed until the first or second week in October, as the lodges were now closed for the vacation. The Chairman wished the members of the committee to ask all their friends to forward donations to the Treasurer in the meantime. The meeting was then adjourned until Monday, the 28th of October, at 5 p.m.

### THE CRYSTAL PALACE AND EDUCATION.

Professor James Stuart, of Trinity College, Cambridge, whose exertions in establishing the University Extension scheme, of which he was the principal founder, are well known, recently visited the Crystal Palace on behalf of the Cambridge Syndicate, and delivered an address in the lower lecture-room of the Ladies' Division of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature. Mr. Thomas Hughes, Q.C., chairman of the company, was in the chair, and there were also present Mr. George Grove, the Rev. Henry White, of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, Professor of English Literature to the Palace Company; the Hon. and Rev. Augustus Legge, Vicar of Sydenham, Major Flood-Page, Miss Macmillan, Mr. F. Shenton, and a number of ladies. Mr. Stuart's lecture was mainly an explanation of the system adopted by the University for the instruction of the extra University classes, which now number many thousands of pupils. Not only are lectures delivered, but the teacher is directed to remain in the room for some time after the conclusion of each lecture, and class, in order to answer questions or solve the difficulties which have occurred to pupils, and to give advice as to the reading of text-books and other means of efficiently studying the subject. Each lecture is accompanied by a syllabus distributed to the pupils and by questions. Those who desire to answer these questions do so in writing at home, and submit their answers to the teachers for correction and comment. A class is formed of those who desire to study more fully the subject of particular lectures. The class, at the discretion of the teacher, either takes up the subject of the lectures or cognate subjects bearing directly on it and necessary for its elucidation. The teaching in the class is more conversational than that in the lecture. The teaching in a course of lectures is of a continuous character. Written examinations are held at the conclusion of each course by examiners appointed by the Syndicate, certificates of attendance and examination are given, and after three years' attendance the students become entitled to a Vice-Chancellor's certificate specifying the courses attended and the distinctions gained. Mr. Stuart having given his account of a system which has been already experimentally in force for a year at the Palace, thanks were offered to him by Mr. White, Mr. Legge, and Mr. Hughes, and the meeting dispersed. The original design of the Crystal Palace was to promote education, and for that purpose large sums were expended in science and art collections. It now has 500 regular students and 27 teachers, and is seeking to develop the educational department of the Palace into a collegiate institution for the South of London. The Cambridge local examinations for ladies are conducted at the Palace, and it is the fourth centre for them in England in importance. Three courses of lectures will now, in the ensuing session which begins in October, be delivered to ladies by teachers appointed by the Cambridge Syndicate. The subjects are to be history of England, political economy, and "social history," which means a sketch of the nature, progress, and influence of the various classes and ranks of the community—a history not of Governments but of nations, with special reference to the English. Courses by the ordinary teachers of the school will also be delivered on general history, physical geography, English literature, and German literature and language. At the meeting the hope was expressed that University extension lectures will be established for young men also, but Mr. Legge said, amid signs of surprise and amusement, that in some parts of his parish the female population is three times that of the male.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have given their consent to the experimental execution of designs for the decoration of the dome of the Cathedral. An experiment is first to be made of Mr. Leighton's cartoons, to cost £4000, and if successful his larger work will be undertaken, costing from £45,000 to £50,000.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer the vacant Garter upon the Marquis of Salisbury.

**STORM WARNING.**—The following cable message has been received at the London office of the *New York Herald* from New York:—Storm centre, preceded by shallow depression, will probably reach British, affecting French, coasts, about the 27th, attended by strong south-east to north-west gales; rains, possibly lightning, following by fall of temperature. Storm track will probably range between latitudes 40 and 50 to longitude 30, thence north-eastward over British islands.

### NOTES ON ART, &c.

It is said to be "authoritatively reported" that the Porte is about to grant an English company a concession for a railway from Mersina through Diarbekir to Erzeroum, "both for strategical and commercial purposes."

Alexandria is threatened with a water famine. The canal, thirty miles long, supplying it from the Nile, has become almost dry. It is choked with mud, the water being diverted by great landowners higher up for their cotton crops. The old Roman cisterns have mostly been broken up for building material, and those remaining are too foul for use.

Professor Kiepert asserts that the Dobrudscha will ever remain, despite the most energetic efforts to improve it, what it has been for three thousand years, an unhealthy, treeless, desert soil.—*Standard Correspondent*.

A Madras paper narrates the following occurrence:—On the 13th of May a very large number of locusts settled on a portion of the Madras line of railway, covering the metals for some distance. A passing train crushed some thousands of them, and the glutinous substance from their bodies rendered the rails so slippery that the wheels refused to take the metals, and the engine had to be brought to a stand-still, and the wheels and metals cleaned before the train could proceed. The train which followed was also detained by the same cause.

The recently printed Bill which empowers the Trustees of the British Museum to transfer to other places some of their collections, according to which the Natural History Departments will be moved to South Kensington, ought to add more than a hundred valuable portraits, long ago hoisted over the stuffed birds, to the National Portrait Gallery. These works are nearly all of more or less interest. They include a good picture of the Protector Oliver, by Walker, and 23 Royal Portraits—e.g., Elizabeth, Princess Palatine, by Mierevelt, and Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, by the same; the Duke of Monmouth; James I.; Duke of Cumberland, by Morier; Queen Elizabeth, ascribed to Zuccheri; George II., by Shalketon; Margaret, Countess of Richmond; Queen Caroline. There are many portraits of men of science, and letters, and arms, such as Dr. A. Giffard; Rev. T. Birch; H. Wanley; Claudius J. Rich; Sir H. Sloane, by Slaughter; Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford; Sir R. Cotton; Sir John Cotton; Edward Harley, Earl of Oxford, by Dahl; Speaker Onslow; Bacon; Duke of Marlborough; A. Marvel; Archbishop Usher; H. Spelman; M. Prior, by Hudson; W. Camden; Speed; John Ray; Cranmer; G. Baughman; Voltaire; Vesalius, ascribed to A. More; Sir F. Drake; Luther; Captain W. Dampier; J. Locke; Dr. J. Wallis; R. Baxter; Britton, "the small coal man"; Sir H. Vane; Robert Cecil; and Lord Anson. Also a first-rate Weenix, "A Hunting Piece," which would be welcome at the National Gallery. Clause 2 of the Bill permits the Trustees of the Museum to transfer "all or any pictures belonging to them to the National Gallery or to any department of her Majesty's Government."

The Blackpool Winter Garden and Pavilion, which have been formed at a cost of about £100,000, were opened on Thursday week by the Lord Mayor of London and a great body of civic dignitaries from all parts of England and Wales.

Sir Coutts Lindsay asks us to state that it is his intention to open the Grosvenor Gallery free after 3 o'clock on the afternoons of the ensuing Saturdays—viz., July 27th and August 3rd. As the galleries will only accommodate a limited number some system of admission is indispensable, and it has therefore been decided to issue tickets, which can be obtained gratis on Friday next and on each succeeding Friday by application, either personally or by letter containing addressed envelopes to the secretary, 132, New Bond-street.—*Times*.

The *Building News* says that Mr. Street has undertaken to design the memorial brass, which is to be placed over Sir Gilbert Scott's grave in Westminster Abbey.

A young lady, the daughter of Mr. C. K. Hall, an Englishman in practice at Paris as a French advocate, has just successfully passed her second examination at the Sorbonne, which entitles her to the diploma of Bachelier *ès Lettres*.

The parish church of Eckington, near Chesterfield, has been reopened after restoration, and, being of great antiquity and interest in the neighbourhood, was visited by crowds from all parts. Stained windows, by Taylor, have been presented to the church—the two in the tower by the Wells family, and those in the north aisle by Messrs. Wilson, of Eckington Mills, and by subscription of friends in memory of the late Mr. Alderson.

Theatrical business at Pompeii, which has been at standstill since the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D., appears to be looking up, judging from the following announcement of Signor Luigni:—"After a lapse of more than 1800 years, the theatre of this city will be reopened with La Figlia del Reggimento. I solicit a continuance of the favour bestowed on my predecessor Marcus Quintus Martius, and beg to assure the public that I shall make every effort to equal the rare qualities displayed during his management."

On Friday week a tank of 2000 gallons of creosote, which was being conveyed from Birmingham to South Wales, burst at Hereford and ran into the River Wye, killing a great quantity of salmon, trout, and other fish.

It has been determined to form a high grade school in Barrow-in-Furness, and with a view of assisting the scheme, the Duke of Devonshire has given £1000. It is proposed, pending the erection of a permanent building, to commence the school in temporary premises forthwith, and the Duke of Devonshire has offered £50 a year towards its maintenance. The school will be under the South Kensington Department.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

ST. GILES.—Without the consent of the W.M. such minute we apprehend cannot be erased, but it could, in our opinion, be "non-confirmed," though as a record of facts it was undoubtedly true. There are two views of non-confirmation, one of which goes as to the entry itself, the other as to correctness. In the interests of harmony it would be better to erase it probably.

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

"Devonport Independent and Plymouth and Stonehouse Gazette;" "Corner-stone;" "Die New Yorker Bundes-Prese;" "Daily Telegraph, St. John, N.B.;" "Saint John Globe;" "Der Triangel;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Hull Packet;" "Broad Arrow;" "West London Express;" "Hornet;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Civil Service Review;" "Der Bund;" "Voice of Masonry;" "La Voix d'Irland;" "The Modern Order of Knights Templar," a reprint by Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore.

We shall be much obliged if Correspondents forwarding Newspapers will kindly mark the paragraphs to which they desire to call attention.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—On the 22nd inst., at St. Julian's-road, Streatham, the wife of E. J. Anderson, of a son.

SAUNDERS.—On the 21st inst., the wife of T. J. Saunders, Esq., of Thayer-street, Manchester-square, of a son.

UDAL.—On the 18th inst., at Elmley Lodge, Harborne, Birmingham, the wife of W. Udal, jun., of a son.

## DEATHS.

BECKWITH.—On the 12th inst., at 225A, New Cross-road, E. Beckwith, age 56.

GOMPERTZ.—On the 19th inst., at 87, Brompton-road, aged 63, the wife of M. Gompertz.

OUGH.—On the 19th inst., at 47, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, Frances, the beloved wife of Wm. Ough, aged 64.

SMITH.—On the 23rd inst., at Hadley Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey, William Wyke Smith, in his 70th year.

TOMKINS.—On the 21st inst., at Shorham, Sevenoaks, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., late of 76, Lombard-street, aged 68.

WHITE.—On the 20th inst., W. Foster White, Treasurer for 18 years of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Deeply regretted.

## THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1878.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Hardly a week passes over our heads but we have to deplore the loss of friends and brethren, and record that irresistible summons which Death, the stern visitor of humanity brings to us all in turn. In vain are the sighs of friendship or the tears of grieving relatives, all have to bow submissively to that stern behest. We deplore to-day, and our Craft will deplore, the removal from amongst us of our old and valued Grand Treasurer, Bro. Samuel Tomkins. For nearly a quarter of a century he was the active and respected Treasurer of our Grand Lodge, and if clouds supervened and dimmed his later days, such, the often the inevitable lot of mortals, ought to be regarded by Freemasons with feelings of sympathy and commiseration. We shall all of us long remember his smiling face and his gracious presence, and his kindly words, and many of us in old lodge association, and the privacy of the friendly and domestic circle, will recall before us happier souvenirs of "Auld Lang Syne," and the genial heart and unchanging pleasantness of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. It is sad to think what havoc time is making in the serried phalanx of our ancient Masons, and it may be that in years to come, some will have cause to call to mind how much they owed to the good sense, zeal, earnestness, and highmindedness of that older generation to which Bro. Tomkins belonged. Peace be to him!

## THE CONSTITUTIONALISM OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

If there is one thing to which we should all adhere, as essentially bound up with our very existence, it is what an old Grand Master of ours liked to call, the "Constitutionalism of Freemasonry." But just now we see that that great characteristic of English Freemasonry receives often very rude shocks, owing to the idiosyncrasies of some, the perversity of others. In a very distinguished province (which shall be nameless pro hac vice), a proposal was recently made, which on the face of it was clearly illegal, and ought never to have appeared on the agenda paper at all. We have reason to believe, that the highest authorities have declared the proposal to be illegal and unconstitutional, and yet we read in the province's agenda paper, that a discussion which is declared to be "ipso facto" useless, because illegal, is to be "resumed." This is not Masonic Constitutionalism. Whatever our private opinion or fancies may be, we ought to give way to proper authority, and we trust that there is some mistake in the matter, and that the agenda paper is in error.

## THE PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF OUR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

We take this subject in hand, which is rather a wide one, and undoubtedly a very important one, with some reluctance and not a few misgivings, especially in this very hot weather, for we can expect our readers, suffering and perspiring, to read our lucubrations, much less, if they hardly are able to cast their eyes upon them, to think over them. The process is alike too fatiguing and too exhausting. However, as no time is like the present time, and whether we are at 90° in the shade of Fahrenheit, or cool, collected, and comfortable, the *Freemason* must appear hebdomadally, we shall proceed to favour our sympathetic audience with our ideas on the subject, premising that if they like them not, or disagree with them "in toto," if they neither seem customary nor convincing, they must be so very good in their fraternal charity as to put it all down to the "great heat." We are among those who, while we admit the very wonderful efforts which have been made for the Charities of late years, alike in the metropolis and the pro-

vinces, do not affect to regard with satisfaction their "present position," much less their future prospects. And we will tell our readers why. The present position of the Charities is simply this. They are working the "willing horses" too heavily, in our opinion. Year after year, the same brethren generously come forward as Stewards, while the great majority of our brethren do nothing. Like a general officer who attacks a position with the same gallant men over and over again, not using his reserves, so the Secretaries of our Charities, through no fault of their own, are making use of the same Stewards year by year. The proportion of new Stewards is not sufficient, and this fact alone suggests many serious considerations. What is the present position of our Charities? Two-thirds of the lodges and chapters do nothing, and have done nothing, for the Charities; not two-tenths of our brethren are to be found among the Life Governors or the Subscribers. As Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton so well said at the Boys' Festival, not much above 60 brethren and 52 lodges and chapters are Vice-Presidents of the Boys' School! What then is to be done? We would venture to impress upon our brethren that if the Charities are to be supported in the future more must be done to qualify lodges and chapters and individual Masons as Life Governors of our Charities. Our three Charities now require an annual income of £30,000 to be kept up in a proper state of efficiency, and for this sum we shall have to rely on increased efforts on the part of brethren and lodges and chapters! Then the best friends of the Charities need not feel anxious for the future, then the zealous efforts of the Secretaries would be cheered, and their grave responsibilities lightened in respect of the Institutions they serve so well, and all loyal Masons would feel confident that in the future, as in the past and present, the zeal and liberality of our brethren would be commensurate with the claims of our Charities. Then instead of retrogression we should anticipate advance in that general support, which those great and goodly creations of true Masonic Charity have a right to expect at the hands of English Masons.

## OUR NEW LODGES.

Our new lodges are not "coming to the front" for charity as we should like to see them. From No. 1700 downwards only ten have aided the Girls' and Boys' School this year, and we feel bound to express alike our disappointment and regrets at such a state of things. We fear that, in London especially, the expenses of the social circle swallow up all the available returns, however large, and that many of the lodges are in debt to their Treasurers. We, therefore, feel bound, in the interests of charity and of the new lodges themselves, to remind them, that stately and æsthetic consecrations are very good in their way, that the social gathering is by no means to be overlooked, but that as Freemasons, whether as regards the lodge or themselves as brethren, the great and blessed principle of Charity has a paramount claim on their sympathies and their finances. We might say much more, but we think it well to stop here to-day.

## NOT AFFECTATION.

Freemasons are accused by the *Hornet* of an "unworthy affectation" in these words:—"I took up a Masonic journal the other day, and was a little surprised to find, as I thought, that the Freemasons had invented a new deity, whom they spoke of in print, and in capital letters, as the G.A.O.T.U. 'G.A.O.T.U.' said I to myself; 'what heathen divinity can this be?' A friend, however, explained to me that the mystic letters stood for Great Architect of the Universe. I am a little consoled, but I still wonder why the simple, but majestic word God, which is good enough for the Bible, is not good enough for the Masons; and I am still inclined to regard the uncouth G.A.O.T.U. as an unworthy affectation." Why the Freemasons should be guilty of unworthy affectation, or how they are, this somewhat unreasoning scribe says nothing, except it be on his own "ipse dixit," which, to say the truth, cannot stand for much. There is no



possible harm in the use of this harmless and familiar symbolism, and if a writer wishes to attack Freemasonry, he must be very badly off for an argument, if he can find any fault or make any merchandise out of so unpretending and innocent a formula. It is well known and agreeable to Freemasons, and that is quite sufficient for "Hornets" or any one else to know or to be told.

### 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.]

#### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of my Ill. Bro. Gen. Pike, in the *Freemason* of 6th inst., does not, I regret to say, treat the points on which he writes with that impartiality which I would expect from a brother of his distinguished eminence and learning.

He denies that the higher degrees of Masonry were practised by the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France prior to the commencement of the present century, and he states that the Grand Lodge practised the Blue Degrees only. He admits, however, that that lodge had united with it the first twenty-five degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and, as regards the Grand Orient, he speaks of it as having in 1786 reduced its degrees to seven, thereby implying that prior to that date it had practiced a larger number. But the Grand Chapter General of France, possessing, according to Thory, an "incredible number of degrees," and every other Masonic order in France, became united to the Grand Orient prior to 1801, when it proclaimed the unity of Freemasonry in France.

We learn, further, from Gen. Pike himself, that the Supreme Council of Charleston in 1801 had before it "the French Copy of the Constitutions," containing peculiar provisions; and the Supreme Council of Scotland describes the position of the Rite in 1765 as having then "extended throughout Europe." At that period France was the leading kingdom of the world, both socially and politically, and if the Rite then extended throughout Europe, and France had an edition of the Constitution for itself, why deny its existence there? It is well known that the Order originated in France, and I take the liberty to say that no one knows that fact better than Gen. Pike himself.

I regret that I must question the accuracy of the General's statement as to the formation of the present Supreme Council of France. That Council was formed in May 1821. Assuming that the Count de Grasse imported, as the General states, the Ancient and Accepted Rite into France, we find that in October 1804 he instituted, according to Gen. Pike, a genuine Supreme Council, which he designated the "Grand General Scottish Lodge of France." In December following that lodge entered into a concordat with the Grand Orient by which the two bodies became united, and the Grand Orient was declared to possess "the Grand Council of the 32°," and the Supreme Council of the 33°." De Grasse and the Office Bearers of his lodge became officers of the Grand Orient, and his lodge proclaimed that its existence had terminated. In consideration of this union the Grand Orient discharged the pecuniary obligations of de Grasse's lodge, and guaranteed a pension to its Secretary.

One named Pyron, who had been Orator of De Grasse's Lodge, having calumniated some of the officers of the Grand Orient, was deprived of this office also held by him in the Grand Orient, and in consequence he immediately thereafter organised a rival council, and prevailed on de Grasse, and others of his friends, to join it. Following up this secession, De Grasse in 1805 pretended to cede the rights he had previously transferred to the Grand Orient, and which that body still held to Prince Cambacérés, as Sovereign Grand Commander of Pyron's Council. It is manifest to any one that such a proceeding was invalid. But Gen. Pike appears to be of opinion that everything De Grasse did, however extravagant, was lawful, and that he could enter into onerous contracts and break from them at pleasure. Strange principles! The Grand Orient held other views. It adhered to the agreement, and still adheres to it. It is thus seen that Prince Cambacérés's body was spurious. But even it recognized the rights of the Grand Orient, and provided by its constitutions that none of its degrees would be conferred, unless the recipient at his initiation took an obligation to the "Grand Orient as uniting to itself the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite." The Cambacérés body ceased to exist in 1814.

De Grasse in 1815 instituted another Supreme Council under the title of the Supreme Council of America, or Du Prado. To evade the diligence of creditors he left France in 1816. On his return in 1818, his Du Prado Council still existing, he created another, which he styled the Supreme Council of Pompeii. Outraged by this proceeding, the Du Prado Council met, tried and deposed De Grasse, as being guilty of "trafficking in degrees."

General Pike wishes it to be understood that De Grasse's first council, that of the "French West Indies Islands," was part and parcel of the Du Prado and Pompeii Councils. In this he is mistaken, for the West Indian Council continued its existence throughout, and side by side, with all the other Supreme Councils of France, and exercised jurisdiction there until at least 19th March 1823. I have seen one of its diplomas of that date. The Du Prado Council ended its career in 1820. In 1821 the members

of the Pompeii Council convened some of the members of the late Council of Cambacérés, and they on 7th May, 1821, declared themselves the Supreme Council of France. It is thus seen that that Council was formed in 1821.

General Pike states that the Grand Orient of France "never had any lawful possession of the supreme powers of the A. and A. Scottish Rite. This possession for a long period of time became title by usurpation." We have seen the character of the Grand Orient's possession of the Rite, and that, assuming it did not have it before the concordat of 1804, it lawfully acquired it then. But this is a singular objection on the part of General Pike. When did he, a well known Masonic historian, discover that the Grand Orient never had lawful possession of the Rite? His own council, and that of Northern States of America, for many years, not only recognised, but entered into alliances with the Grand Orient as a lawful Supreme Council, and General Pike and his council interchanged representatives with it. This alliance is no doubt now severed, but it was so only in 1870, and not because the Grand Orient was in unlawful possession of the Rite, but because, being so, it had recognised as genuine a Supreme Council for Louisiana, which was repudiated by the other two American Councils. The severance too, was not intended to be permanent, for these two councils declare, in announcing their breach of alliance with the Grand Orient that "this suspension of amicable relations will continue only until all claim of right on the part of the Grand Orient of France, to consider the pretences of legality of bodies of the A. and A. Scottish Rite within our respective jurisdictions, are disavowed." It was then too, and only by way of retaliation, that the two American Councils resolved "henceforward to recognise the Supreme Council for France and its dependencies \* \* \* as the sole legitimate supreme power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of France." In the face of such circumstances, I have again to ask General Pike when he first became aware of "the usurpation of the Grand Orient as a Supreme Council"? To say that the Grand Orient is not a Supreme Council because it does not adopt that descriptive name, is simply playing upon words. The infallible De Grasse called his councils by many names, some of them certainly strange ones, and yet General Pike makes no objection to them.

The explanation he gives of the institution of De Grasse's Supreme Council of the "French West Indies Islands" renders the genuineness of that body very doubtful indeed. But this is so clear that it is unnecessary for me to follow him on the point. Its existence at Paris was clearly illegal. We have seen how the General has dealt with rival councils in Louisiana, and the exercise of the functions at Paris of the West Indian Council was in more unfavourable circumstances, for there it was not only acting beyond its assigned territory, but in rivalry to councils, the creatures of its Grand Commanders' own creation. While General Pike denies that it exercised jurisdiction at Paris, he contradicts that denial by stating that it did so in 1815, and giving a list of distinguished men (Dr. Morison has to be added) whom it admitted in France as members of the Rite. None of them appear to afford the excuse of having been connected directly or indirectly with the French West Indies, to which the Charleston Council limited De Grasse's patent as Grand Commander.

But General Pike states Dr. Morison's patent of 1814 had nothing to do with his powers in 1846, and he hazards a random statement that Morison "had ample power then." He does not say what that power was, nor by whom conferred. Between these dates, no additional powers were conferred on Morison. His mere presence at meetings of Supreme Councils did not confer such powers. He was there under his limited patent of 1814. By that patent, the power to create councils was expressly withheld, and the Supreme Council of Scotland in its Constitutions assigns to that patent alone, Morison's authority to form it. In so far as the creation by him of a council in Scotland is concerned, it might as well have been formed by any one not a member of the A. and A. Rite. Scotland has recently conferred the Thirty-third Degree on a brother in New Zealand, but under a declaration that he shall not have power to form Supreme Councils. Suppose that brother were to disregard the terms of his patent, would General Pike consider a council formed by him as lawful, because he discovered he had been subsequent to the date of his patent present as a 33° at a meeting of a Supreme Council? If he would not, why does he maintain the Supreme Council of Scotland to be validly created? The General says that the English Council was similarly formed. The circumstances are entirely different. Dr. Crucefix received his patent direct from the Supreme Council at Boston. That council's validity is admitted, and the patent was granted for the special purpose of forming the English Council. Dr. Morison held his Patent from a spurious source, and even by it he was debarred forming councils. When we consider for what Masonic offence De Grasse was deposed, the cause of the restriction is easily seen. Morison himself seems to have had little faith in the genuineness of his patent, after having been, according to General Pike, a genuine 33° for ten years, or in that of the Supreme Council of France, for in 1824 he applied to the Grand Orient for the 30th Degree, and obtained it in May of that year, probably with a view of further advancement.

The Supreme Council of France's recognition of Scotland appears to have been given on the erroneous assumption of Morison's patent being unqualified in its terms, and that the 33rd Degree was not worked in Scotland at the time. Had it been truly informed on these points, such recognition would have surely been withheld. France, however, by its recognition conferred no warrant on the Scottish Council. Its recognition was an act of courtesy merely, neither conferring a right nor taking one away.

I think that General Pike has failed to establish that his

is the Mother Council of the world. There was only one original council. The General says that it existed at Berlin, and unless his council was formed by some member of it, or a descendant of such member, his council is necessarily illegitimate. I fear that it is so.

So, for by the Constitutions, the presence of three Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals is required to form a council, and by the Charleston records only two—assuming them to be genuine—were present at its formation. To overcome this fatal difficulty the General makes an inference, but inferences are not admitted to override the statements contained in contemporary records, and thus create legal titles. Besides, the inference that De Grasse was present does not hold, for his patent is dated in 1802. The Charleston Council was formed in 1801.

Yours fraternally,

A 33°.

#### IRISH ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The original of the enclosed has been sent me by my friend, our Ill. Bro. Col. C. McLeod Moore, 33°, the Great Prior of Canada.

This certificate is now the earliest known record of Irish Royal Arch Masonry, and proves that this degree was worked in Ireland 106 years ago, the next record being that contained under date 2nd December, 1781, in the minute books of the High Knights Templar of Ireland, Kilwinning Lodge.

Lodge 308 was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland on 7th December, 1758, and was working at Carrick-on-Suir up to the year 1825. This Royal Arch Degree must have been conferred under that Craft Warrant.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

15th July, 1878.

"We, the Right Worshipful Grand Officers of a Royal Arch Excellent Lodge, held under the sanction of Lodge 308 on the registry of IRELAND,

"Do certify the bearer hereof, our well-beloved Bro. Henry Price, a Past Master of Lodge 308 aforesaid, was by us installed and instructed into the Sublime Secrets of Royal Arch Excellent Masonry, he having with due honour and justice to the Royal Craft justly supported the mysterious and amazing trials of skill and valour attending his admission to our said lodge, wherefore we recommend him as a just, honest, skilful, and worthy brother.

"Given under our hands and seals of our lodge at our lodge room in Carrick-on-Suir this 27th day of July, 1772, and of Masonry 5772,

EDWD. RYAN, H.P.  
THOS. LARK, R.A.C.  
EDMD. AUSTIN, G.M.  
EDWARD STAWILE, S.G.W.  
JOHN RYAN, J.G.W.

EDWD. RYAN, Sec.

#### CLIQUEISM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There seems, if I may judge from current conversation amongst my brethren, a sort of floating idea, very prevalent just now, that there is a tendency to create and make use of such a very unwholesome agency in our English Freemasonry, and especially in the metropolis.

From the most careful enquiries I am led to hope that such is a chimera, as not only would such a state of things be most hostile to all the true principles of Freemasonry, but I do not think that Freemasonry is a soil in which such a parasitic plant could flourish. Your correspondent "H" seems to have heard the same remarks as I have, but he, unlike myself, seems to lay more stress upon them than I do. I believe Masonic cliqueism to be impossible.

Yours fraternally,

CAUTION.

#### MARK MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter of Bro. Mortlock I beg to state.

1. That there is no metropolitan district in Mark Masonry.
2. That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was constituted in 1870.
3. That the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173, was consecrated in 1874.
4. That the Temple Mark Lodge meets at Stepney, in the county of Middlesex, and is, therefore, within the province of Middlesex and Surrey.
5. The Temple Mark Lodge refuses to pay dues or acknowledge the Provincial Grand Lodge in any way.
6. That the Provincial Grand Lodge contests the so-called decision of the Temple Mark Lodge, and the matter has yet to be otherwise disposed of.
7. That my report to the Provincial Grand Lodge was therefore correct.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. BRIGHTEN.  
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary  
Middlesex and Surrey.

[This communication reached us too late for insertion last week.]

#### THE RITE OF SWEDENBORG.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's courteous letter, I beg to say that I am quite open to information and correction upon the point.

As far as I have been able to master the history of the so-called Swedenborgian Masonry, or the "Rite of Sweden-

borg" two points are clear. 1. That Swedenborg was not a Mason himself. 2. That Swedenborgianism is an outcome of "Martinism." Though I am quite ready to accept Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's statement that it cannot in any sense be called a "Christian Rite," yet it has always been classed amongst the "Apocalyptic systems," so termed. I do not profess to understand, if it is not based upon Christianity, on what it can be built up.

Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie will remember that the "Handbuch" denies the name of a system to it, and declares that it is "nur eine phantasic der Französischen Schriftsteller—only a phantasy of the French writer."

The "Handbuch" asserts that it is identical with the system of the "illuminés philosophes" and was first put forward by Benedict Chastanier in 1767, and by the Marquis de Thomé in 1784, with some alterations.

I shall read Bro. Mackenzie's communication in the *Rosicrucian* with much interest.

I am yours fraternally,

CRAFTSMAN.

#### GASTRONOMICAL EXCESSES. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The remarks of Lord Skelmersdale on the excessive banqueting at present in vogue amongst us, cannot but be acceptable to the majority of right thinking Masons, although Bro. Binckes endeavoured to champion the present social system. The necessity of a reform in our present dinners is generally admitted, as there is no reason why we should not enjoy the pleasure of each other's society without the elaborate and expensive style of banquet which at present prevails; an example in this respect could be well set by the Provincial Grand Masters, who should endeavour to discountenance as much as possible the many course dinner, and substitute a plainer, more homely and inexpensive luncheon at the Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, which would be quickly followed by the lodges under their control; and in fact the adoption of this course would popularise the meetings, and the P.G.M. would find himself supported at the luncheon table more numerously than heretofore.

Yours fraternally,

E. S. M.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

An occurrence of a very interesting character to members of the Masonic fraternity took place at Liskeard on the 16th inst., when Bro. William James Hughan, of Truro, was presented with a testimonial by the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510. Few members of the Craft are better known among Freemasons than Bro. Hughan; none, perhaps, are more respected. His researches into the early history of the Order have won for Bro. Hughan distinction, not only in the Grand Lodge of England, but generally amongst all English-speaking Masons; whilst his devotion to the Craft, and his labours on its behalf, are highly appreciated in the province with which he is more particularly connected. For many years past he has acted as one of the Stewards for the great Masonic charities, representing in that capacity the county of Cornwall, and as such he has displayed a faculty of organisation that has borne valuable fruit to his constituents. Instead of allowing the Cornish votes to be distributed over a number of candidates, he succeeded in inducing their holders to entrust them to his care, and thus the whole voting strength of the province has been brought to bear in support of the most deserving cases in the county. If at any time there has been no Cornish candidate for election to the benefits of a particular charity, Bro. Hughan has given his votes to another province on condition that he should have its support for some other charity for which he might require it. This plan has worked so well that a Cornish candidate supported by his province, small though it is, may almost be certain of success. Amongst those benefiting from Bro. Hughan's exertions have been a Past Master of St. Martin's Lodge, and the widow of another Past Master, who were some time since elected as annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and it was in recognition of his labours on their behalf, and his good fame as a Mason, that the members resolved to pay Bro. Hughan the well-deserved honour which he has received from them. Associated with him in this testimony of gratitude was Bro. John Constable, P.M. of Lodge 185, a well-known London Mason, who rendered great assistance in the election of one of the annuitants.

The day's meeting was held in the handsome lodge room of St. Martin's, in the Masonic Hall, which is the property of the lodge, and which is quite an ornament to the town. The W.M. (Bro. John Beaglehole) presided, with the Senior Warden (Bro. William Nettle) and the Junior Warden (Bro. John Harris) in their respective chairs. Amongst the brethren also present were Bros. H. G. Colville, P.M. 330, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Kerswill, P.M. 970, P.P.J.G.W.; J. F. Childs, P.M. 510, P.G.R.; T. W. Chegwiddden, P.M. 510, P.P.G.D.C.; T. White, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Rowe, W.M. 330; J. Smith, W.M. 856; J. Rawling, W.M. 1071; H. Pole, W.M. 1164; G. Barnes, P.M. 1164, P.P.G.P.; W. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1151, P.G.S.; T. Lang, P.M. 510; R. Coath, P.M. 510; and R. E. K. Wilkinson, P.M. 767, P.G.R. Punjab. After the lodge had been opened the ballot was taken, and Bros. Hughan and Constable were unanimously elected honorary life members. Bro. Hughan was then introduced into the lodge by Bro. Courtney, the Secretary, and met with a very cordial reception. In informing Bro. Hughan of his election, the W.M. said he knew of no brother who deserved to be received more heartily, and that he looked upon it as a very great honour to have the names of Bros. Hughan and Constable on the books of the lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Hughan, in returning thanks, remarked that he

believed the honour of election as honorary member had been conferred upon him by about as many lodges as his age numbered years; but that as the youngest child was generally the pet, so his warmest sympathies would be with the lodge of which he had just become a member. He felt the honour very much indeed.

W. Bro. Chegwiddden called attention to the presence of Capt. Colville, expressing regret at his approaching removal from the province, and bearing high testimony to his labours on behalf of the Order. In conclusion, he moved that the lodge should pass a vote, to be recorded in its minutes, recognising Bro. Colville's zeal for Masonry during his residence in Cornwall. This was seconded by W. Bro. Childs, and carried amidst much applause.

In the course of a feeling acknowledgment of the compliment, Capt. Colville said that whatever he might have done for Freemasonry was only that which every Mason ought to do. He held that no man ought to take the obligations of the Order without carrying them out. He could not leave the county after eighteen years' residence in it without many feelings of sincere and great regret. He had made many friends there, and believed that he had made no enemy; should unfortunately this not be the case he hoped that before he left Cornwall he would grasp the hand of the man who was his enemy, so that this stain might be wiped away. Capt. Colville concluded by congratulating Lodge St. Martin's on having done honour to a brother towards whom he had feelings of esteem and regard that he durst not express in his presence.

The lodge having been closed, the members and visitors proceeded to Webb's Hotel, where a cold collation had been laid. After the toast of "Queen and Craft," and that of "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," Bro. Chegwiddden proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England."

Bro. Hughan, whose name had been coupled with the toast, replied, and in so doing referred with pride to the high position attained by Grand Lodge, which was the parent of some of the noblest charities under the sun. The progress of Freemasonry generally during the last 150 years far exceeded, he believed, that of any other society. One hundred and fifty years ago the number of lodges in England was about that now existing in Devon and Cornwall, and he estimated that throughout the world there were 2,000,000 Freemasons, whose lodges had an income of £5,000,000. But he felt that neither antiquity nor wealth would help them in their progress if they failed to realise the glorious principles which lay at the root and foundation of the Order. A society having for its principles not only the fatherhood of God but the brotherhood of man must succeed; if it did not it must be because something was wrong in the realisation of those principles.

Bro. Childs afterwards rose to make the presentation of the testimonial. He said they had met together to do honour to one to whom honour was due, and to whom their lodge, the whole Province of Cornwall, and the fraternity in every part of the world were deeply indebted. (Hear, hear.) Their Bro. Hughan was looked upon as one of the greatest living authorities on Freemasonry; he had done more for the Order than anyone living, and by his exertions he had considerably augmented the funds of the great Masonic charities. After referring to Bro. Hughan's management of the votes for the charities, the speaker remarked upon the scant acknowledgment it had received, and added that Bro. Hughan had worked nobly and steadily on with scarcely the thanks of the province to help him. (Hear, hear.) He fully acted up to the three grand principles which lay at the foundation of their Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Loud applause.) The members of St. Martin's Lodge were deeply grateful and thankful to him. Sufficiently thank him they could not, but as a small token of their gratitude, they begged his acceptance of a purse of twenty-five guineas—(renewed and long-continued applause)—and hoped that that would be the forerunner of a much larger and suitable acknowledgment from the province. (Applause.) Mr. Childs then read the following address, accompanying the purse, subscriptions for which, it may be added, were confined to the members of St. Martin's Lodge:—

To the Right Worshipful Bro. William James Hughan, P.M. 131, Truro, P.S.G.D. of England, P.S.G. Warden of Egypt.

We, the undersigned members of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Liskeard, desiring to express to you our gratitude for, and our appreciation of, the valuable services rendered by you to the Craft, but more especially to our own lodge, by your successful efforts to secure the election of our Senior Past Master and the widow of a Past Master of our lodge as annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London, request your acceptance of the accompanying purse of twenty-five guineas as a slight acknowledgment of these services.

Dated this 16th day of July, 1878. A.L. 5878.

[Here follow the names of fifty subscribers.]

At a regular meeting of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, held on the 16th day of July, 1878, A.L. 5878, at the Masonic Hall, Parade, Liskeard, the Right Worshipful Bro. William James Hughan, P.M. 131, &c., &c., was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the lodge, in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge.

JOHN BEAGLEHOLE, W.M.

W. NETTLE, S.W.

JOHN HARRIS, J.W.

R. A. COURTNEY, P.M., Secretary.

The reading of the address was followed by loud cheers.

Bro. Hughan, in returning thanks, said he had never felt so pleased at anything he had done in his Masonic career as he had that evening. There were several reasons

for this, and one was that to whomsoever he had spoken on the subject he had been told that the annuitants to whom reference had been made were fully deserving of the benefits of the charity. He felt that they were just commencing in the province of Cornwall to take their proper position with regard to the great Masonic charities, but what they had done for them was nothing to what they ought to do. During the ten years he had had the management of the votes of the province they had received in Cornwall something like £6000 or £7000 from those charities, and he was glad to find that there had been a generous response made to the appeal on their behalf by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, the contributions of the province amounting to £560. The speaker afterwards spoke of the large sums expended in charity by the Order, and concluded amidst renewed applause.

The toasts of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Visitors, and the Masters of Lodge St. Martin followed.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P.; and Bros. William Tweedy, P.G. Treas.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G.S.; T. C. Stephens, P.J.G.W.; and R. John, P.G. Assist. Sec.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

In compliment, it is to be presumed, to a juvenile lodge, the Suffolk Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons held its annual meeting, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., under the banner of the Lodge of St. Andrew's, at Gorleston. Every arrangement that could possibly be devised to give eclat to the event and show their sense of appreciation of the honour conferred on the locality was made by the Worshipful Master of the St. Andrew's Lodge, Bro. E. P. Youell, and the successful result of the day's proceedings entitle him to the thanks of the brethren of the district for having creditably acquitted itself, and of the brethren of the entire province for the preparations for their comfort in accomplishing a long programme of Masonic duties. St. Andrew's Hall has not an imposing exterior, architecturally speaking, and is situated in a locality where the juvenile element abounds to a degree which speaks volumes for the healthiness of the district. The approach to the building could not be improved, but all the care and taste of the decorator's art were lavished upon the interior, and under the guidance of the committee specially appointed for the purpose, consisting of Bros. Youell, Major Dods, Messrs. Cockerell, J. Hammond, J. Fiske, and J. T. Arnott, a coup d'œil was achieved which must have been as satisfactory to those who accomplished it as it was to those who merely visited it. In addition to the usual upholstery of a Freemason's lodge, a handsome dais was constructed, covered with crimson cloth and festooned with beautifully white and delicate-looking drapery. Around the side of the dais some choice plants were arranged, whose foliage contrasted well with the blue, white, and crimson surroundings. Conspicuous amongst the banners on the walls was that of St. Andrew's, 1631; and that of the Provincial Grand Master (with its motto, "Loyal au Mort").

The Lodge of St. Andrew's was opened about one o'clock, when the W.M., Bro. Youell, presided. Presently the brethren, numbering about 150, were called upon to receive with fitting honours the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk. As the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, the Organist played some appropriate music, and they were conducted to their proper positions on the dais. The R.W.P. Grand Master, Lord Waveney, after cordially shaking hands with the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. P. Youell, took the chair. Amongst those on the dais were the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England; Bro. Terry, P.G.D.C., Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution; the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and several past and Present Prov. G. Officers from the Province of Norfolk. Bro. W. H. Lucia, Grand Sword Bearer of England, was in his place as Prov. G. Sec., Bro. E. P. Youell, occupied the position of Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. W. Bobby, P.P.G. S.W., P.M. 114, that of Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Armstrong, P.P.G.S.D., as acting Senior Deacon; Bro. Wrightson, Junior Deacon, Bro. W. Whitmore, Pursuivant. Amongst the brethren present were also the following, P. Whitehead; P. Byford; T. J. Wentworth; W. G. Cunliff; Geo. Abbott, P.G.S.B.; R. Lenton; W. Daking; A. A. Bennett; T. Hanson; W. Wilmshurst, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Clark, P.M.; Geo. Hall; J. A. Fisk; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.S.W.; W. B. Jeffries, P.G.S.; W. E. Smith; H. R. Campling; F. W. Tewson; James Bond, P.P.G.P.; W. Stembridge; J. G. Churchyard; A. L. Woodward; H. Sparrow; Chas. Nunn; G. Roper; J. M. Hervey; W. W. Bird; J. Marjoram; W. C. Randall, P.P.G.P.; W. Dods, P.G.S.W.; J. Makin; Jos. Shepherd; John Gohner; Alfred Cracknell; Thos. Newman, P.P.G.P.; F. S. Ballard; J. I. Clarke; H. Smith; E. J. Bonfellow, P.G.A.D.C.; J. S. Cockedge; H. E. Rowe; W. Whitmore; Robert Baker; H. A. Morris; J. H. Cooper; R. W. Hubbard; W. O. Chambers; W. J. Nunn; C. Chipperfield, P.P.G.P.; W. Armstrong; W. Maddison; J. T. Hassall, P.G.C.; R. W. Saut; F. Mills; R. H. Gissing; J. Bee; A. Laughton; E. W. Wrightson, P.G.J.D.; R. Martins; J. R. Thompson, P.P. G.S.B.; H. Miller, P.P.G.C.; D. R. Fowler; G. Bowes; P. Chamberlin; L. Spence; G. T. Paine; J. J. Fuller; F. Danby Palmer, P.P.G.J.W.; C. S. Pedgrift, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Teasdel; Allison D. Stone; E. Howes; W. Clarke, P.G.D.C.; E. B. Adams, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Whitmore, P.G.P.; A. Hanlon; C. W. Chaston; J. Franklin, P.P.G.P.; and others.



The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened with prayer by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. T. Hassall,

The Prov. Grand Master proposed, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master seconded, that the minutes be taken as read, and this was agreed to. The minutes were then confirmed.

Representatives from the several lodges in the Province reported on the condition of the lodges respectively.

Bro. Strathern called attention to an omission in the minutes with reference to the report of the Provincial Grand Secretary, as to what constituted a Provincial Grand Lodge. Past Masters were omitted. He also called attention to the desirability of registering the names of members of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The P.G. Secretary explained that with regard to the first point it was purely an accidental omission; and with regard to the other matter, that relating to the registration, while he perfectly agreed with the remarks of Bro. Strathern that such a book ought to be in existence, such a book could not be kept unless returns were sent to him regularly and properly. (Hear, hear.) Notices of removals and deaths should be sent to him at once. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G. Master remarked that the forms prepared by the P.G. Secretary provided for the fullest information, and it was the members' own fault if that information was not supplied. He thought the brethren would agree with him that the Provincial Grand Secretary had shown a minuteness of attention in preparing returns that was beyond all praise—(hear, hear)—and he would avail himself of the authority with which they had invested him to direct that such a book be prepared, and that it should be a permanent record in the nature of a ledger, which should be serviceable for some years to come. (Hear, hear.)

On the suggestion of Bro. Strathern, Masters of lodges were rendered eligible to attend, and in their absence appoint a Past Master to attend.

The Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge on the solicitude that the Board of General Purposes had shown for the honour and integrity of the Masonic body, and agreed in the importance of having the fullest enquiry made into the antecedents of applicants for the honour of being admitted to Freemasonry, especially when individuals, after being black-balled in one locality, sought election in another. In all these matters, however, they must show a spirit of brotherly forbearance. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Strathern again brought before the Provincial Grand Lodge the scheme of centralising the voting power of the province for elections for Masonic charities in a committee. Since the meeting last year at Haverleigh the matter had been discussed at a meeting at Ipswich, and after entering fully into the question, he had decided to bring forward the following motion, which he thought, from its permissive character, would reconcile the views of all parties: "That in order to prevent, as is often the case, a waste of votes from the brethren of the lodge of candidates for Masonic charities in this province, a committee be appointed to conduct the election of such candidates, such committee to consist of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Wardens, and the Secretary, *ex-officio*, and a member appointed by each lodge in the province; and that it be a recommendation to the Provincial Grand Lodge that the several lodges and such committee, by giving the votes of their members when not otherwise engaged, and that they avail themselves of this committee when they deem it advisable."

Bro. T. F. Lucia said when they met at Ipswich time would not allow this question to be gone into; he, therefore, thought that the committee should again be called together, and that it would not be right to receive the proposition of a single member of the committee, instead of a recommendation from the whole of the brethren appointed for that purpose. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who bore testimony to the difficulty experienced in securing the election of a candidate from the Province of Suffolk to either of the Masonic charities. If they had a central committee in whom was vested the power of using all the votes in the province, they could by a reciprocal arrangement assist in the election of candidates in other provinces, and when occasion required there would be a similar amount of support given in return to the province. Until, however, they had the sanction of the Prov. Grand Lodge to such an arrangement they could make no promises of support to other Provincial Grand Lodges, and they could never rely with any certainty on the chance of securing the election of any of their own candidates. He asked them to make it compulsory, although some people might kick against it and say, "We have paid our money, and we have a right to vote just as we like;" but he was sure that until they had such an organisation they could not utilise their voting power as they might under the circumstances he proposed. The voting power in Suffolk had been very greatly increased. Last night the list for the province of Suffolk reached £125, which he thought was no mean sum for the province to send up, and in future years that would no doubt be considerably increased, because in the past few years the voting power in Suffolk had doubled, trebled, and quadrupled. It was therefore an important matter that those votes should not be scattered, but be gathered together as far as possible. (Hear, hear.) He did not wish in any way to bring forward his own views in opposition to the views of the Grand Lodge, but he apprehended that, after the long discussion which had taken place at Ipswich, they should be no nearer a settlement of the question two years hence than they were now, and he therefore advised the adoption of Bro. Strathern's motion.

Bro. W. Whitmore, P.G.P., seconded the proposition.

The motion was then carried.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest his

officers for the year, and said that, in the exercise of his prerogative, he had resolved in future the term of office in Prov. Grand Lodge should be one year only, instead of two as previously. In the absence of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the appointment of their successors was not proceeded with.

The P.G.M., however, invested Bro. Youell as Senior G.W. designate. In appointing the Rev. W. Bird, of Framlingham College, to the office of Chaplain, he remarked that he for one knew how anxiously and steadily his labours had been given to the young men of this province, and he was sure that what he had done for the young men he would continue to do the old men, and he had great pleasure in showing the confidence he placed in him by appointing him Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro. Wheeler, of Lodge 1224, was appointed Registrar; Bro. George Cooper, of Lodge 71, Supt. of Works; Bro. Campling, of Lodge 929, Deputy Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Huddleston was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer; and Bro. Syer, Tyler.

The R.W.P.G.M. said he had pleasure in re-appointing as Prov. Grand Secretary for the year Bro. W. H. Lucia, to exercise those duties which he had satisfactorily discharged for so many years to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk. (Applause.)

Bro. W. H. Lucia having thanked the P.G.M., the following were appointed as Stewards: Bro. C. F. Brown, Doric Lodge; Bro. Woodward, Adair; and Bro. Cracknell, Hartismere.

The P.G.M., in highly complimentary terms, re-appointed Bro. Clark as Director of Ceremonies. (Applause.)

The brethren, who were attired in full Masonic costume, and who excited considerable interest among the large number of spectators, then proceeded to Gorleston Church. (The church is in process of a much-needed restoration, and in this work Bro. Youell has taken the greatest interest.)

The Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Tomkins, read the prayers, and the Rev. M. Whitehead the lessons. Bro. Bailey was most polite and attentive in his capacity as churchwarden. Bro. Bray presided at the organ. The hymns used were of an appropriate character.

The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. W. Bird, Master of Framlingham College, preached an excellent sermon from the text, "He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." The collections amounted to £9 11s. 8d.

In leaving the church, the brethren re-formed their procession and returned to the lodge-room, where the R.W. Bro. Lord Waveney delivered an eloquent oration on the principles of Freemasonry, prefacing his observations by desiring that the offertory at the church should be placed in the hands of the Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, partly for the restoration of the church, and partly for the purposes of charity in such manner as he might deem suitable.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master conveyed the regret of Lord Henniker in being unable to be present, and said he was asked the previous evening by the Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, Lord Suffield, to make a similar apology, and express his lordship's hope that the proceedings would be of a satisfactory character. (Applause.)

The Senior Grand Provincial Warden, Bro. Youell, returned thanks to the Grand Master for placing the proceedings of the offertory at his disposal.

The P.G. Master, in his address, recapitulated what had occurred in the past year, and then expressed their hopes for future. He was happy to find there was such a good feeling existing between this and the neighbouring Provinces of Norfolk and Essex. (Hear, hear.) They had not forgotten the kind way they were received in the neighbouring city of Norwich on the occasion of the Grand Master of England being present. (Applause.) Those events should never fade from their memory. (Applause.)

Under the presidency of Lord Waveney the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet in a marquee on Bro. Youell's lawn. Willing hands had also been at work here, and the result was that the floral decorations were really very beautiful.

The noble Chairman, in introducing the toasts, said that, under present circumstances, if they could not act purely Masonic they could be loyal. He therefore, in giving the toast of "The Queen," finished with cheers.

Then came "The Health of the Grand Master of England," of whom his lordship spoke in the highest terms, and whose name was received with rounds of applause.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," said Lord Skelmersdale was always ready to come down to Suffolk to do anything in his power to promote the interests of the Craft. On Wednesday he would be at Clacton-on-Sea to inaugurate the Lifeboat there. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. P.M. Lucia, Grand Sword Bearer of England. (Cheers.)

The toast was most heartily received.

The Worshipful P.G.S.B. of England, Bro. Lucia, returned thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed, and the heartiness with which the brethren had received it. Unlike the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, he was able to be present, and was very happy to have the honour of returning thanks on behalf of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. (Cheers.)

The V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, said he was only too delighted to have such an excellent *confirmer* as Bro. Lucia to respond for the Provincial Grand Officers. One of the greatest privileges belonging to the position of a Grand Officer was that of proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," who ruled over the province. (Hear, hear.) There was no man in England holding the position that he (Bro. Martyn) held with such a Provincial Grand Master as he had the honour to be associated with. (Applause.) He had the pleasure of proposing, and he asked them to drink it with all cordiality "The Health of the Provincial Grand

Master, Lord Waveney." (Cheers.) We all know (he said) how in every relation of life our W. Master shines, and it would be superfluous in me to say further in introducing the toast to your approval. (Cheers.) I may mention, however, that I notice on the card that the song to the toast is "Love's Request." Let it be love's request that you drink this toast. (Much cheering.)

The Provincial Grand Master, in response, said he felt quite sure that the discipline and admirable arrangements for which this Grand Lodge was noted were never more fully discernable than on the present occasion, as was proved by the fact of their drinking his health in a lodge that was not close tyled. He felt particularly fortunate in having so excellent a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he felt confident he should always be able to concur in whatever was done by Bro. Martyn in his absence. (Hear, hear.) He assured them his work was both easy and pleasant, and he thanked them for the honour they had done him that day. (Applause.) Rising shortly afterwards, his lordship said the toast he was about to give them was that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.) He would say nothing of the advantage it was to himself to have such assistance, but he might be permitted to say that it was of signal advantage in working the province of Suffolk to have such assistance granted to such a lodge at the shortest notice. (Hear, hear.) The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was always accessible either by letter or in person on any contingency that might arise, and he was a man who was looked up to as one who was experienced in the Craft. (Hear, hear.) He gave "The Health of the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," and he trusted he might be as acceptable to them as he was to him. (Applause.)

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, when the cheering had subsided, said he had at all times received so many marks of kind favour from the Provincial Grand Master that he hardly knew the way to thank him sufficiently for the kind sentiments he had expressed. (Hear, hear.) Anything connected with Freemasonry was to him a labour of love, but it fell to the lot of very few men to have their own peculiar hobby honoured as his own hobby had been; but it so happened that he had succeeded more in Masonry than his most sanguine expectations had looked forward to, and this he attributed to God's great goodness to him, and to the kind forbearance shown towards him in his many shortcomings. He thanked them most heartily for the kind way in which they had received the toast proposed by the Provincial Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) The Grand Master had said he trusted him, and he (Bro. Martyn) hoped and trusted that that trust had not in any way been misplaced. (Cheers.) Such were his feelings towards him, and he believed they were those of all the members of the province. (Applause.) Their Provincial Grand Master had just completed his 50th year of Freemasonry, and he would tell them that he had never regretted having joined it from the first down to the present day. (Cheers.)

The Rev. W. W. Bird, Chaplain, in responding to the toast of his health, said he was not a little surprised when he received a letter appointing him to the Chaplaincy of their lodge. The more he saw and heard of Freemasonry the more he was convinced that it was worthy of every support from them. He was sometimes asked what was the use of Freemasonry, and his answer was, "If I am not a better man the fault is my own; the fault is not in the system." (Applause.) Freemasonry was based upon the strictest principles of morality, and rested on the soundest of bases—the volume of the Sacred Law. It was a wheel within a wheel, and he most firmly believed that those beautiful and solemn ceremonies, which had been heard or joined in by every brother, must sooner or later produce a wholesome effect. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's Lodge." (Long continued cheering.) The hospitality which was associated with the name of St. Andrew's was as well known many degrees to the south of the county in which he lived. (Hear, hear.) The question had been raised whether the figure of St. Andrew should be placed before or behind the cross, but wherever St. Andrew's cross was seen, whether it floated from the great keep of Edinburgh or from an English castle, it was respected and honoured. (Applause.) The privacy of Bro. Youell's beautiful home had been broken in upon by friends, and they all knew how well he had received them, and honoured their visit by ensuring their reception in that great and noble church, which, like the other churches in this country, was a beacon of safety, not only to the landsman but to the mariner on the deep. (Applause.)

The toast was very heartily received and responded to by the W.M. in appropriate terms.

At this stage of the proceedings Lord Waveney was compelled to leave, and the chair was most ably filled during the remainder of the evening by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Martyn.

The other toasts of the evening were "The Officers of St. Andrew's Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Strathern in a lengthy speech, and which was admirably responded to by Bro. James Terry; "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. T. F. Lucia; "The Prov. Grand Secretary," by the Chairman, in a very humorous and complimentary speech; and that of "The Ladies" exhausted the toast list.

We cannot close this report without expressing, on behalf of all who were present, the warmest acknowledgments to Bro. Youell for his brotherly and generous reception. All that could be done was done by him and Mrs. Youell and family, and we are sure that such kind efforts will not soon, if ever, be forgotten. Thanks are also due to Bro. and Mrs. Franklin for the admirable manner in which, although so far from head quarters, the entire arrangements of the banquet were carried out.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE  
OF FIDELITY, No. 3.

Again we have the pleasure of narrating the annual excursion of the members and friends of the Lodge of Fidelity, and, long as this lodge has been established, as shown by its noble order of precedence in the Masonic list, we will venture to assert, at the outset, that the day has never been surpassed either in the brilliancy of the gathering, the beauty that adorned it, or the pleasure which attended it in its train. The festival was, indeed, not only worthy of the lodge which organised it, but also of the city in which the renowned Dick Whittington was chief magistrate.

The enjoyment of all, too, was no doubt enhanced by the weather which prevailed. It was almost disappointingly fine, for, early in the morning and up to eleven o'clock threatening clouds swept through the murky horizon, and at that hour one could only hope against hope that the weather god would be propitious. So much of the success of such a fête—an *al fresco* entertainment—depends on the kind of weather that prevails that it is almost absolutely essential that a fine day should be a factor to ensure a satisfactory result; and though we did not see "the sun spring dancing through the gates of day," shedding a stream of glory all around, still we had at intervals a gleam of his ethereal splendours, lighting up the gay landscapes, and "hurling his bright beams o'er the proud hills," as we slowly pursued our way over the once sweet and "silvery Thames," endeared to us by the memories of the past.

"Punctual as lovers to the moment sworn," we "hove anchor" at Kew Bridge at twelve o'clock, and the famed "Maria Wood" never bore a lovelier burden or a more hopeful band. Onwards, aided by the tide, and harnessed to half-a-dozen proud steeds, flew our gallant barque, as if proud of its charge. The watchful pilot stood at the helm—all eye, all ear, while his satellites stood attentive to his call. As we leave the old bridge the strains of music burst upon our senses, and the call to the dance is eagerly responded to by maiden fair and gay cavalier, who "exhibit that sense of the graceful which is one of the higher faculties of our nature." Well might an admirer of the "fair" (and who is not?) muse with Suckling,

"Her feet beneath her petticoat,  
Like little mice, stole in and out,  
As if they feared the light;  
And oh! she dances such a way  
No sun upon an Eastern day  
Is half so fair a sight."

Faithful to the traditions of the past, the band (Edward's military) as we approached Richmond struck up the favorite ballad of "The Lass of Richmond Hill," a compliment not unnoticed nor unappreciated by the spectators on the banks. "With stately step, and slow" we continue our journey till we reach Pope's Cottage, at Twickenham opposite which we cast anchor and moor for dinner. A splendid repast is served, after which a few toasts are given.

It would be impossible amongst any company of Englishmen with the slightest pretensions to loyalty, particularly amongst an assembly of gentlemen so chivalrously loyal as all Freemasons, to omit rendering due honour to the throne of these realms. "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen" was, therefore, most appropriately proposed by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. George Cordwell, the Chairman of the dinner, who also, in happy terms, gave "The Health of the Prince of Wales," alluding to the Prince's devotion to all questions calculated to advance the principles of Freemasonry, and to the love and respect entertained by every member of the Craft towards not only His Royal Highness, but to every member of the Royal family. The toasts elicited the warmest greetings, and were followed by the singing of the National Anthem, first as a solo by a lady volunteer, who sang it in capital style, and subsequently by the whole company in chorus.

Bro. Dearsley, P.M., next proposed "The Lodge of Fidelity," coupled with the name of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cordwell, and feelingly alluding to the many years of uninterrupted friendship that had subsisted between them. He congratulated the Worshipful Master on the numerous array of beauty and worth which graced the annual excursion of the lodge on the present occasion, and naively intimated that the W.M., though a widower, was far from being in the "sere and yellow leaf." Reciprocal compliments were paid by the Chairman to his old friend, Bro. Dearsley, and reference was made to the long friendship—upwards of twenty years—which had prevailed between them. The W.M. also assured his Masonic brethren that he should never fail in his interest to the lodge, nor in his endeavours to promote the interests of the Craft. Alluding to Bro. Dearsley's compliment to the ladies, the Chairman gallantly remarked that he felt that the present company was worthy of the Lodge of Fidelity, but a prince might be flattered with having such a galaxy of beauty around him. Only one other toast was proposed, that of "The Ladies," which was given by the Chairman and duly acknowledged.

Dancing was then resumed, and the barge left her moorings at Twickenham at five o'clock. The return journey was devoted to the "poesy of corporeal motion" with the same vigour as the onward journey had been, and Kew Bridge was reached once more, after a couple of hours spent in the most exhilaratory manner, conscious only of the flight of time by its loss. Here we remained for upwards of an hour, anchored in mid-stream, and still pursuing the same pleasurable occupation which had engrossed our attention throughout the day, and during which there was no sign of abatement, nor the least flagging in the general harmony which prevailed throughout. "The thousand hopes," indeed, with which we had sallied forth, "unspeakable for brightness," had been more than realised, and none could have for one moment

regretted having determined in the first blush of morning to run the risk of the frowning weather which seemed as if it would destroy all the hopes which had been formed.

We must not conclude our account of this happy day's meeting without acknowledging the assiduity and polite attentions of Bro. J. W. Squire, who ably occupied the important post of M.C., nor of the willing services of other members of the lodge, all of whom were unremitting in their efforts to make the day, that which it proved to be, a crowning success to all, and not merely that, but one of those enduring monuments of pleasure which can never pass away whilst any of those who participated in it shall continue to enjoy this "pleasing, anxious state of being."

The company present was larger this year than it was in 1876 or in 1877. In the first-named year it numbered 105; in 1877, 110; and on Thursday last, 120; whilst it was known that several others were absent on this occasion on account of the threatening aspect of the weather, so that, as the pleasing gatherings are becoming decidedly more appreciated every year, we may hope, in 1879, to see a still more numerous assembly than any preceding year has witnessed.

Amongst the company we noticed the W.M. of the Lodge of Fidelity, Bro. Cordwell, Bros. H. Dearsley, P.M., Treas.; J. Squire, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Squire, M.C.; Macnamara and Miss Macnamara, A. Yates and wife, Savaffer and wife, Medcalf and wife, H. West and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Bros. Iron and wife, B. Hart and Miss Hart, Mr. Ladbroke, Mr. J. Larkin and wife, Miss R. Scoones, Bro. C. Saunders, Lodge of Economy, Miss L. Sydney, Miss Oliver Fardell, Mr. and Miss Radcliffe (Virginia Water), and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK  
MASONS OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE  
ISLE OF WIGHT.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the above Province, the Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal, M.A., with his officers, honoured the Aldershot Mark Lodge, No. 54, by holding their annual meeting at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, on Wednesday, 10th July, 1878.

The lodge was close tiled at 2.30 p.m., when there were present:—The R.W. and Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal, M.A., in the chair; V.W. Bro. W. Hickman, D. Prov. G.M.; V.W. and Rev. Bro. Johnson, No. 17, Prov. G. Chaplain; V.W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Bro. R. Eve, No. 54, Prov. S.G.W.; W. Bro. Groves, No. 17, Prov. G. J.W.; W. Bro. Harrison, No. 62, Prov. G.D.; W. Bro. Osborne, No. 17, Prov. G.D.; W. Bro. Payne, No. 2, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, No. 54, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Bros. Hacker, Gold, Adnett, Douglas, Benham, Nichols, Westall, Dormor, Bruce, Ellis, White, and others of Lodge 54.

After the ordinary business of the lodge, the R.W. Prov. G. Master invested his officers for the ensuing twelve months as follows:—Bros. Hickman, D. Prov. G.M.; Everard, No. 17, Prov. S.G.W.; Henry Hacker, No. 54, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Johnson, No. 17, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Lillywhite, No. 17, Prov. Grand Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, No. 63, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Benham, No. 54, Prov. S.G.D.; Osborne, No. 17, Prov. J.G.D.; Douglas, No. 54, Prov. G.M.O.; Payne, No. 2, Prov. G.S.O.; Harrison, No. 62, Prov. G.J.O.; Cole, No. 54, Prov. G.I. of W.; McKenzie, No. 54, Prov. G.A. Dir. of Cers.; Askham, No. 54, Prov. G.I.G.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge being over, it was closed in due form after solemn prayer.

The brethren then retired to an excellent banquet, which was provided at the Wellington Hotel, and served in the recherché style for which that hotel is noted.

After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and drunk with the enthusiasm which characterises Freemasons, the Prov. Grand Master expressed the great satisfaction he experienced in complimenting the Masters and Wardens and members of the Aldershot Lodge upon having made during the past two years greater progress than any other lodge in the province.

The Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Officers," which was responded to by W. Bro. Hickman and Bro. Eve, who stated that it afforded the brethren of the Aldershot Lodge much pleasure in having the honour to entertain the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and still more to hear the complimentary terms in which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master had been pleased to speak of their efforts to promote the best interests of Freemasonry in this district, and that he might depend that what had been done in the past was an earnest of zeal in the future.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Master, Wardens, and Members of the Aldershot Lodge."

Bro. Hacker, in the absence of the W.M., responded, and thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the honour done the lodge in appointing Aldershot for the meeting this year, and also in selecting members of that lodge for his officers.

After some excellent songs by Bros. Eve, Adnett, White, and Hacker, the brethren left at an early hour.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND  
AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The following has been sent us from Quebec, which we publish, of course, with all reserve:—

## PROCLAMATION.

To all brethren in obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Scotland has granted warrants to form two lodges of Masons at Montreal, in the province of Quebec, one to be called "King Solomon, No. 622," and the other "Argyle, No. 625," And

Whereas, it has been officially announced that the said lodges are to be erected, constituted, and consecrated by virtue of such warrants, and their officers to be installed on the twenty-fourth day of June, instant. And

Whereas, by such action, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has unjustifiably and unlawfully invaded the territory and jurisdiction of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," in violation of the laws and traditions of the fraternity affecting the establishment and sovereignty of Grand Lodges, and in a manner calculated to interfere most seriously with the welfare and harmony of the Craft in the said Province. And

Whereas, such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has occurred after unconditional recognition by her of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in said Province, which recognition she subsequently withdrew without just or lawful cause.

Be it therefore known unto you all, that in vindication of the sovereignty of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," and of the inherent rights and prerogatives of our ancient, honourable, and loyal fraternity, and in justice to all those Grand Lodges whose recognition has been extended to her;—I therefore, in virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," declare and proclaim that the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in granting said two warrants, was and is unfriendly and unconstitutional; that said warrants are irregular and illegal; that the lodges to be formed thereunder will be irregular and illegal lodges; that all Masons named in said warrants are now, and all persons becoming members of said lodges will be, irregular Masons; and I hereby further declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the G. L. of Scotland, and all lodges and brethren in obedience thereto; and all brethren of the G. L. of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no Masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said G. L. of Scotland, as far as ancient Craft Masonry is concerned; and this edict shall be and remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of Quebec;—and it is hereby further ordered that due proclamation of this edict be made to all brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge, of all which they will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly; and also that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 21st day of June, A. L. 5878.

MELBOURNE M. TAIT,  
Grand Master.  
JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
Grand Sec. G. L. of Q.

THE VISIT OF OUR ROYAL GRAND  
MASTER AND THE PRINCESS OF  
WALES TO THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

The following graphic account from the *Times* of Tuesday of the visit of our Royal Grand Master and his amiable and gentle consort to the London Hospital on Monday, July 22nd, (the Prince only having arrived from Paris early on Monday morning), will be read with pleasure by our numerous readers. No words of ours can enhance the touching simplicity of the little tale nor of the kindness and warmheartedness of the Royal visitors.

The Prince and Princess proceeded from the Committee-room to the Buxton ward in the Alexandra wing, where there are 20 little cots for children seven years old and under. The ward was decked with flowers, and the children were amusing themselves with toys. The Prince and Princess went straight to the cot which had been occupied by Katie Ambler, the little girl to whom a few words of the Queen, on her memorable visit, seemed to bring speedy recovery. A child two years old, suffering from dropsy, lies there now, and next to it a sick baby of five months. The distinguished visitors made many minute inquiries about the patients in the several wards. Mr. Hutchinson, the surgeon, and the Sisters who direct the nursing (there are 27 head nurses, 127 under-nurses and probationers, as well as 70 male and female servants in the hospital), were continually called upon to give them practical information. In the Gloucester accident ward, which was visited after the Alexandra wing, there are 64 beds for men and boys suffering from the effect of accidents. William Henry, Duke of Gloucester, was president of the hospital from 1767 to 1805, and was succeeded in 1805 by William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester. The Albert ward is one of this group. It was named in 1842 after the late Prince Consort. Here a dock labourer, who broke both arms in falling down a ship's hold, men with compound fractures of the leg, &c., and with their legs in cradles, were typical cases. Much sympathy was expressed with the dock labourer (Robert Thorn) by both Prince and Princess. In the Cambridge ward, named in 1842 after the late Duke, lay a railway porter, Frederick Lobb, whose arm had been amputated. He was shutting the door of a railway carriage, when he stumbled over a parcel on the platform, and his arm went down between carriage and platform. In one of these wards was a man whose head had been lacerated and was bandaged, but he pushed the bandage off his eyes to see the Prince and Princess, and was eager afterwards to tell how the Prince stopped and asked how he was. Opposite him was an engineer, on whom an iron shaft fell as he was working in a cellar, who was equally anxious to speak of the notice of the Princess. The next man could repeat her exact words, "I see you are getting better; you are up;" but others reported her speeches with the freedom with which Dr. Johnson would

transcribe the proceedings of the House of Commons, and expressed the sense of the gracious Princess's words in the grammar and dialect of Whitechapel. Through the Beatrice ward the Royal party entered the sun-lit and well-ventilated apartment in the Grocers' wing to which Her Majesty the Queen in 1876 gave the title of the Victoria ward. Here, as in the ward called by the name of Princess Beatrice, were young children who had scalded or burnt themselves, fallen over hearth-rugs, or rolled into danger from the arms of sisters a little bigger than themselves. The surgical cases of children were also here, and in more than one instance a mother sat beside her little one. The Royal party went upstairs to the Rachael ward, so called after Mrs. T. Fowell Buxton, in which the Sister, a French lady, was able to speak with the greater freedom of her patients because she conversed in French with their Royal Highnesses. Typhoid, atrophy, Bright's disease, glandular disease, phthisis, St. Vitus's dance, had filled the wards on the first floor with pallid girls, one of whom held a rose in her hand; another was comforted by being allowed to nurse a pet cat; most looked up brightly, very grateful for the sympathetic smile which was never wanting from the Princess. "It was worth lying here to see that," said one after her Royal Highness had passed on. In this manner the tour was made of the Sophia, Augusta, Granby, and Princess Royal wards, where much, of course, that was painful had to be seen by the Princess. In the Mary ward was an Indian girl from the foot of the Himalayas, who had married an English soldier and was now being treated by the charity of a hospital which is open as freely to the dark-skinned as to the fair-haired subjects of the Empire. Through the Charlotte ward the Prince and Princess passed into the Victor ward, named after their own child. They went back into the Committee-room, where the mallet is still preserved which was used by them in laying the first stone of the Alexandra wing. It was carved out of a white thorn which grew upon the spot.

The Prince and Princess drove away from the hospital amid cheers, after a full hour spent in laborious examination of its details, and after the Prince had written in the visitors' book the opinion we have already quoted. His Royal Highness further desired Sir Dighton Probyn to inform Mr. Barclay that he was exceedingly pleased with his visit and was sorry that he was unable to see more of the building.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. JOLLY.

On Saturday evening, the 13th inst., Bro. C. Jolly was presented with a handsome silver claret cup and a cheque for £52 10 0, subscribed for by the Freemasons of the Woolwich district, as a recognition of his services as reporter to the *Freemason*.

The meeting took place at Bro. G. Beaver's, the Fortune of War, and was a most enjoyable affair.

Bro. W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913, was voted to the chair, and made the presentation in the following terms:—We meet to-night for the purpose of recognising the merits of one well-known and much esteemed both in and out of the Craft. It is unnecessary that I should sound his praises or even record his attributes. We have in our Bro. Charles Jolly a man with a warm and generous heart, a genial soul, and a good conscience. We have seen in his writings the genius and the instincts of the true poet. We have listened to his eloquence, and we have all admired, and some of us envied, the sterling talents which, if fate and fortune had been more favourable, would have placed the name of Bro. Charles Jolly high among the honoured of the land. (Applause.) However, it is in a special sense that we meet our Bro. Jolly to-night. Among his many avocations and amusements he has for some years past devoted some of his time and energies to the newspaper which is the organ of the Craft, and it is for the ability and fidelity he has displayed, as representative of the *Freemason* in this locality, that we are assembled now to honour him. It has been my privilege, during many years of service on the press, to be associated with Bro. Charles Jolly, and I know of no one from whom, as a colleague, I have received more kindness and sincere friendship. He has at all times performed his duties so as to win the respect and confidence of all those with whom he may have been associated. If otherwise, we should not have been here to-night. I am happy to inform subscribers that the testimonial has received spontaneous support from all quarters, among others our distinguished Bro. Boord, M.P. for this borough, and Bro. Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*, has been pleased to testify his appreciation of our brother by a contribution of £5 5s. The total amount is fifty guineas, and in addition we have, through the thoughtfulness and generosity of our Bro. Hayes, this magnificent claret cup, upon which Bro. Jolly will find inscribed the date and the motive of an event which I trust will be remembered with pleasure hereafter. (Loud cheers.) He then read the inscription, which was as follows: "Presented to Bro. Jolly, reporter of the *Freemason*, as a mark of their esteem by the Craft, July 13th, 1878," and in handing it to the recipient said: Bro. Jolly, in the name and on behalf of your brethren in this district, I present you with this claret cup and fifty guineas, which I beg you to accept as a tribute of our admiration of your excellent qualities and of the esteem in which you are held. (Cheers.)

Bro. Jolly, who on rising to respond was loudly cheered, said it was out of his power adequately to express to them his thanks for the very handsome and substantial present they had made him. His esteemed and respected brother, Past Master Vincent, had spoken of his poor abilities in such glowing terms, and had made the presentation in such a kind and genial manner, that the very recollection of it in after years would be as gratifying as the testimonial was, and would be useful and pleasant at the present time. (Cheers.) His association with Masonry and the

many friends he had made in it had been to him the best hours of his life. His reception by them had always been most cordial, and if his services had been of any value, then had he always been doubly repaid by the welcome he had at all times met with at their hands. Nor had he ever expressed or desired a greater reward than their continued kindness and brotherly love. (Cheers.) When he looked upon that handsome cup, and that valuable slip of paper, he felt that if he had been in the past worthy of it, then would he in the future try to be even worthier and more deserving of their continued friendship and consideration. He had no words to thank them, he must live his thanks. Actions were more eloquent than words, and like the eternal rocks lasted for ever. But his heartfelt thanks were offered to every subscriber. To Bros. Vincent and Weston his thanks were especially due for their arduous and loving labour in the cause. To Bro. Hayes, who always put the crowning stone upon every work that came under his hand, and who had presented that handsome cup, he tendered his warmest thanks, as well as he did to Bro. Pryce, who had so heartily and earnestly given his valuable aid. And to one and all he wished every happiness that such generous actions always earned. (Cheers.) In conclusion, Bro. Jolly assured them, that so long as he lived he should look upon that night as the most honoured and memorable in his whole life. (Loud cheers.)

The cup was then filled, and refilled again and again with champagne, and passed round, each brother drinking "Health, Happiness, and Long Life to Bro. Jolly."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. SAMUEL TOMKINS.

After the startling announcement of the 28th of last February, that the firm of Willis, Percival, and Co., had suspended payment, the brethren were fully prepared for the event of never seeing Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer of the Order, in Grand Lodge again. A sensitive mind would naturally induce a man who had always borne an unblemished reputation, to avoid the presence of his old associates, after a failure of his commercial relations, even though the failure were brought about by no fault of his own, but solely through misfortune. It is not the man of refined mind that asserts his purity by making no change in his accustomed walk; such a man feels his position destroyed, and bears an inward consciousness that his misfortunes have made him an inferior to those with whom he had been equal. Bro. Tomkins's absence from Grand Lodge since the memorable Thursday was therefore no surprise, but the Craft had not reckoned on his removal from among them by the power that knocks with equal hand at the cottage of the poor and the palace of the rich. Some brethren, indeed, had ventured on the prophecy that he would not long survive his misfortunes, but there are in all ranks of life prophets who prophesy evil things, and evil things are of sufficiently frequent occurrence to make the prophet in little jeopardy of damage to his reputation. Bro. Tomkins's banking firm has been established between one and two centuries, and its failure after so old a reputation seriously preyed upon his mind, and if ever there was such a complaint as a broken heart Bro. Tomkins succumbed to that infirmity. After the failure he was never the man he had been before, and on Sunday last he died at Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, of ossification of the heart, at the age of sixty-eight. The office of Grand Treasurer is at present in abeyance, and its filling up stands over. If the time ever comes when another Grand Treasurer is appointed, it will be almost startling to hear another voice than that of Bro. Tomkins speaking as Grand Treasurer from the dais, for Bro. Tomkins held the office for twenty-four years, and the brethren annually heard him return thanks for his re-election. Such an old familiar friend has been already missed—he never knew how much; but he will be missed much more when (if) he has a successor. There is still a remnant of old Masons left, and though another generation has arisen, which scarcely knew the old Grand Treasurer, the memory of him will remain green in a band of staunch and true brethren. Bro. Tomkins, whose remains were interred at Shoreham on Thursday, was originally a Scotch Freemason, in which character he joined the Lodge of Antiquity in February, 1852. He was Master of the lodge in 1855. Two years before that time he was elected Grand Treasurer, in which office he succeeded the late Bro. Percival. Bro. Tomkins also joined the Royal Alpha Lodge in 1872. He was Treasurer of the Benevolent Institution and of the Girls' School, and was a strong supporter of all the Masonic Charities.

##### BRO. FOSTER WHITE, P.G.D.

This event, which occurred on Saturday last, cannot be allowed to pass by without a brief record of services devotedly and zealously rendered to the two noblest and most useful of our city charities. Bro. Foster White was for a period of eighteen years the treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. During the whole of that time he resided constantly within the hospital, displaying daily, in the administration of its affairs, rare energy and sagacity, as well as warm-hearted sympathy with the suffering poor whom accident or disease had made inmates, and for whose individual comfort and well-being he never failed to evince a most considerate regard. In addition to the treasurership of St. Bartholomew's, Bro. White also discharged, for nearly six years, the equally important and onerous duties of the treasurership of Christ's Hospital, and the records of that institution, as in the case of those of its neighbour, bear abundant evidence of his attachment to that "religious, royal, and ancient foundation," and of his self-sacrificing endeavours to advance its interests, whilst his bearing and conduct towards the boys were such that every one of them truly felt that they possessed

in him a most sincere and generous friend. Many other institutions, and notably the Foundling Hospital, shared his liberality and his labours; and when, now six years ago, he was stricken by paralysis and rendered incapable of further work, the expressions of sorrow were on all sides most sincere. He has lingered long in his illness, withdrawn from the scenes of his active benevolence, but the affectionate regard of the many who, knowing him, had learned to appreciate him, is still alive and unfaded. The funeral took place on Friday at Norwood Cemetery.

##### BRO. EDWARD BECKWITH.

After a long and painful illness, the death is announced of Bro. Edward Beckwith, who was for many years connected with the Gas Light and Coke and the Surrey Consumers' Gas Companies. The deceased expired at his residence, 255A, New Cross-road, on the 12th inst., at the age of 56, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends in the neighbourhood of Rotherhithe, Deptford, and New Cross. His remains were interred in Brockley Cemetery on Tuesday, Bro. Hunt, of New Cross-road, being the undertaker. Bro. Beckwith was a member of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, held at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court.

##### VISIT OF AMERICAN MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO LONDONDERRY.

The Freemasons of this city had an opportunity, of which they were happy to avail themselves, on Tuesday evening week, of welcoming a number of the brethren who had crossed the Atlantic for the purpose of visiting some of the principle lodges in this country. The event is one of considerable importance, as showing the fraternal relationship which exists between the members of the Order, and the bond that unites them as closely in the new as it has for centuries in the old world, teaching the ennobling lesson to mankind that, amidst all the changes through which empires and peoples have passed, Freemasonry is immutable in its adherence to the principles of love and charity that the Supreme Architect of the Universe intended should bless and guide His creatures. About eight o'clock a body of the Knights Templar of Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, conducted by Brother W. E. Franklin, P.G.S.D., Durham, arrived at the quay, per the steam tender, from Moville, which the brethren had reached in the Anchor Liner Anchoria, and, on landing, proceeded to Mr. Jury's Hotel, Foyle-street. After remaining there for a short time, they left for the Freemasons' Hall, Magazine-street, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal of Free and Accepted Masons entertained them to a grand reception, under the presidency of Sir William Miller, M.B., Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The brethren, to the number of about seventy, sat down at nine o'clock to supper, supplied in recherche style, and the night passed over in a most enjoyable manner, to the delight of all present. The following are the names of the guests:—Charles E. Meyer, P.M.; Daniel Sutter, P.M.; Geo. T. Conrade, Charles Mathews, jun.; John Bordon, Thomas A. Harris, P.M.; H. Edward Wendel, Chas. W. Packer, P.M.; Charles W. Leary, M.D.; Jackso Heniss, Wm. M'Carter, John Dornan, William J. Norris, Christopher Johnson, Thomas Kelsh, Lewis G. Drake, John A. Bickel, John S. M'Kinlay, Daniel Alfred Davison, Edward White, Jacob V. Gotwalts. The presence of a number of ladies in the gallery also graced the proceedings. Nor should we forget to mention that the lady friends kindly supplied each guest with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, to which was attached a card bearing the Derry Arms and the words "cead mille failthe." The visitors left Derry for Portrush, and were to visit Belfast, Dublin, &c.

##### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemason's Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were also present Bros. Major E. H. Finney, R. B. Webster, H. Browne, Arthur E. Gladwell, John A. Rucker, Thos. W. White, E. Letchworth, Col. James E. Peters, Walter Wellsman, H. A. Dubois, F. G. Baker, Thomas Massie, W. Paas, W. H. Saunders, C. G. Rushworth, E. Spooner, S. Rosenthal, G. Faulkner, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

One petition was received, and the candidate was ordered to be placed on the list.

On the question of the guarantee to be given by the Secretary, it was arranged that he should give security for £500.

The salary of the head clerk was increased to £100 a year.

##### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, August 2, 1878.

###### SATURDAY, JULY 27.

Audit Com. Boys' School.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

" 1541, Alexandra Palace, The Palace, Muswell Hill.

" 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Dalston.

" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

###### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.

Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

###### MONDAY, JULY 29.

###### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.



Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, 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.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepey.  
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 Bds., 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddleton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.

Complimentary Dinner to the American Freemasons, F.M. Tav., 7.30 p.m.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosensary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Peckham, Malsmore 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, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly 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, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
Unions Emulation (for M.A.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.  
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., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

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For the Week ending Saturday, August 3, 1878.

MONDAY, JULY 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.

Lodge 730, Elmsmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.

St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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META BELL BRASIER.

The following letter, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 20th July, will fully explain the merits of the case.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust that you will give space for the following letter, in aid of a girl named "Meta Bell Brasier," whose case is so unique and exceptional that no words from me would be needed to draw attention to it, as any body thoroughly reading the details cannot fail to understand and appreciate; but as a rule, the circulars are only carelessly glanced at and then thrown into the fire or waste paper basket; I wish to attract the notice of your readers to a case whose claims only require to be known to receive the support of those whose votes are disengaged. Indeed, so great is the claim, that in my opinion, other claims which have one or more chances, might fairly lay in abeyance to secure her election. I know, or rather feel, that as a rule, you might reasonably decline a letter for any particular case, but I do believe that you could afford to insert this on behalf of a candidate whose position stands almost if not quite alone. I beg to state that I was, and am, unacquainted with any of the family, but when the case was pointed out to me by one who had known the father and family well and for many years, I at once saw the great need of every exertion, as there are only three vacancies at the ensuing election, so I temporarily gave up a case which could better afford to wait.

The case is as follows: The girl's father was initiated into Freemasonry in 1853, died in May, 1878, leaving six daughters unprovided for, the youngest of whom is the subject of my letter, and should she not succeed in the ensuing election, her age will preclude her from another attempt; now, the great claim consists in these facts, that our brother was a subscribing member for over twenty-five years, that he was a constant subscriber to, and took an active interest in all the Institutions, and, brethren, this is the only chance we have of showing in a small way our appreciation of one who so ably performed his work and assisted the Craft during his life, let it not be said that the Craft generally failed to render so small a tribute to one so worthy of our remembrance.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

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