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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS. Traft Masonry.

THE ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1717).— This flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Farnfield, W. M.; J. Dennis, S.W.; J. K. Coleman, acting J.W.; N. J. Fenner, Treas.; Leonard Potts, S.D.; W. C. Young, I.G.; C. A. Smith, Org.; J. J. Abbott, T. Bates (who acted as J.D.), H. J. Hancock, E. Withersten, E. Phillips, J. B. Finney, R. M. Talbot, T. L. Kennett and F. A. White, D. M. Core, and honorage, rember of the ladge. P.M. 907, and honorary member of the lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed ballot was taken for Messrs. Hunt, Grout, Mills and Kirk, the result in each case proving unanimously affirmative, these gentlemen, to-gether with M. Hine, who had been balloted for and approved at a previous meeting, being the initiates of the evening. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree Bro. T. L. Kennett, candidate for raising, was duly and regularly raised to the Sublime Degree, this part of the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Dennis, S.W. (by permission of the W.M.); he having initiated Bro. Kennett and also advanced him to the F.C. Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and during the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. N. J. Fenner, Treas., took the opportunity, this being the last regular meeting before the Installation, of proposing that a jewel with a suitable inscription be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the W.M., referring to the fact that he was in reality the founder of the lodge, as the idea originated with him, and that during the year he had worked heartily for the good of the lodge, its present prosperous condition being mainly due to his exertions. This being seconded by Bro. F. A. White in a short but pithy speech, was put to the meeting, and it is almost needless to say unanimously carried. The W.M., having entered, was informed of the resolution, and in a few well chosen words heartily thanked the brethren. He was proud to have been a founder and the first W.M., of the All Saints Lodge, and if during his year of office he had won the esteem and confidence of the members of the lodge, he was well repaid for any little trouble he had been put to. The mark of their favour was a source of great gra-tification to him, and in the future as in the past he would always have the interests of the lodge at heart. The candidates for initiation being in attendance were then severally and duly admitted to the First Degree. The next business being the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the Secretary announced the brethren eligible for the position, and the unanimous choice of the lodge fell on Bro. J. Dennis, S.W.; who briefly returned thanks. Bro. N. J. Fenner was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison, Tyler, and Bros. Bates, Potts, and Witherston were nominated to serve on the Audit Committee. A letter of resignation, on account of ill health, was read from Bro. Chard, and the lodge, after a meeting of about three hours, duration, was closed with solemn prayer and adjourned.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The last meeting of this new but prosperous lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 29th ult. The lodge was opened at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. W. H. Jackson, jun., W.M., P.M. Royal Arthur, assisted by Bros. C Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., &c., J.W., and Scc. (pro tem.); W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. A. Dubois, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middx., &c., Hon. I.P.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. L. Green, W.M. 1194; W. Malthouse, West Smithfield; and S. W. Fraser, 1670. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the

W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated Messrs. W. Potter, jun., and C. Potter into Craft mysteries, and passed Bros. M. Samuel and Quilter to the degree of F.C.; both ceremonies being well performed. Upon the motion of Bro. Walls, J.W., seconded by Bro. Jacques, S.W., Bros. Wellsman, Dalwood, and Dodson, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, for their services to the Farringdon Without Lodge, were unanimously elected honorary members. Bro. Nawton, of the Belgrave Lodge, having been balloted for as a joining member, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant repast, well catered for by Bro. Ackland, manager to Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in a neat speech by Bro. Dubois. "The Initiates" having been duly toasted, made a suitable response. "The Visitors," "The Treasurer," and "The Officers" followed. The latter toast was responded to by Bros. Jacques, Walls, and Lardner, on behalf of themselves and absent brethren. In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. made a very exhaustive speech upon the principle and necessities for support of those valuable institutions. The name of Bro. Dubois having been associated with the toast, that brother in reply endorsed the remarks of the W.M., and also made a powerful appeal upon behalf of the whole of the Masonic Charities, and hoped that No. 1745 would be well represented at the festivals in 1879. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated.

BATH.-Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41) —A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Monday, July 22nd, almost especially for the purpose of initiating a candidate, elected some time ago, who has been on a voyage, and considering the time of year there was a fair muster of brethren, Past Masters, and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form at 7.45 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. F. Wilkinson, supported by Bros. F. J. Brown, I.P.M., and P.S.G.W.; Major J. W. Preston, P.M.; Geo. Falkner, S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; W. Hunt, Acting Scc. pro. tem; J. J. Bobingon, I.G.; A. Helmes, and Ed. I. B. Merrer. Robinson, I.G.; A. Holmes, and Ed. J. B. Mercer, Stewards. In the absence of Bro. Wilton, Bro. Carey, P.M., kindly undertook the office of D.C.; Bro. Davies, P.M., kindly undertook the office of D.C.; Bro. Davies, S.D.; W.B. Gregory, J.D. There were also present Bros. Ames; James Clark, P.M.; T. E. Wilton, jun.; Richd. Mann; W. L. Baldwin; J. W. Murlis; R. B. Cater; Chas. Wilkinson, S. G. Mitchell, P.M. The visitors present were W. F. Reeves, P.M. 906, P.P.GO.; F. D. Gardiner, W.M. Rectitude Lodge, Corsham. The W.M. first invested Bro. W. L. Baldwin with the Organist's college. The candidate Mr. S. S. Parton, being presented, was collar. The candidate Mr. S. S. Parton, being presented, was duly admitted and initiated; the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., after which Bro. Ashley delivered the charge in his usual clear manner; the work ing tools were presented by Bro. Geo. Falkner. An apology from Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins for absence, being at present on the continent, was made by Bro. W. Hunt. Ballot was then successfully taken for two newly-proposed candidates, Mr. H. B. Smith and Mr. W. E. Smith. 'The lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 9 o'clock, when by the kind hospitality of the W.M., Bro. Frank Wilkinson, the brethren adjourned to the large room adjoining the lodge to an excellent collation, and after the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Princess and Family," which were heartily and loyally responded to amidst capital firing. A special toast and farewell address was given to a most respected brother and P.M. of 41, Major J. W. Preston, who is about removing to Birmingham to a higher appointment, and having evinced, during his long connection with this lodge, an untiring exertion, a never failing and regular pursuit of all its duties, the kindly acknowledgment of these Masonic characteristics were most heartily evinced by every brother connected with this lodge; and the Major having feelingly responded, a similar compliment was paid to the S.W., Bro. Geo. Falkner, who will be leaving Bath shortly, and who has passed through all the offices to the entire satisfaction of every Mason he has come in contact with. Bro. Falkner responded in a neat little speech. After some capital songs by the brethren, and a few other suitable toasts to the visitors and the officers of the Royal Cumberland, all of whom were highly complimented by the W.M. on the very creditable manner in which the duties were performed, and their regular attendance, the meeting separated after a most enjoyable evening.

WARRINGTON. — Lodge of Lights (No. 148.)—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 29th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Tunstall, I.P.M., presided, assisted by the Wardens, and a goodly number of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Dr. Mackie and G. F. Curzon being candidates for preferment were examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the two brethren re-admitted and passed. The lecture peculiar to the Fellow Craft Degree was delivered by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland. The lodge having been closed down in selemn form, the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

GARSTON.—Ladge of Harmony (No. 220).

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at four in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. Samuel Tickle, presided, assisted by his officers and a large number of P.M.'s, members, and visions, including Bros. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; John Bawes, P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland an ilwest-

morland; Vines, Prov. G.D.C., and others. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Baker and Vines presented Bro. George Price, S.W., and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The pre-liminaries having been completed, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to instal Bro. Price, which he did with the aid of a Board of Installed Masters, properly constituted. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Baker, P.M. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, well served by Bro. Wood, the host of the Wellington, and under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly cared for, and in the course of the evening the W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a costly Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Tickle.

HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. F. W. Levander, W.M.; H. C. Levander, S.W.; J. L. Thomas, J.W.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.M., Sec.; R. M. Jones, S.D.; R. Applegarth, J.D.; and W. S. Moses, I.G.; and the following brethren, members of the lodge: Bros. E. Kimber, P.M.; Thos. Keene, P.M.; C. J. Wallis, W. O. Bywater, J. W. Lambert, and G. A. Rooks. Visitors: Bros. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. Bristol, 1364; W. Murlis, 1642; R. A. Wright, 504; Col. J. Peters, 1460; W. Stephens, 1489; J. M. Klenk, 1339; C. G. Rushworth, 1309; and F. W. Percival. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, and other lodge business transacted, the W.M. installed his successor in the chair of K.S. in a most correct and impressive manner, which elicited universal approbation. Bro. H. C. Levander, having been saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. L. Thomas, S.W.; W. S. Moses, J.W.; Thos. Cubitt, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; J. W. Lambert, S.D.; G. A. Rooks, J.D.; W. O. Bywater, I.G.; C. J. Wallis, Steward; F. H. Atkins, Org.; B. Humphrey, Dir. of Cer.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. W. F. Levander, the lodge was closed and adjourned to an elegant banquet, prepared in Bro. Sadler's best style.

Royal Arch.

WIGTON.—Chapter of St. John's (No. 327).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, High-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst., at which a number of members were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Comps. Henry Bowes, Z.; Jas. Gardiner, H.; Joseph Pearson, J.; John Gate, P.Z.; Hoodless, E.; Lazenby, N.; Robinson, as P.S.; Walters, as A.S.; Harris, Jun. S.; and Richardson, P.Z., Janitor. The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous convocation being read and confirmed, the chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Gardiner was unanimously elected Z.; Pearson, H.; Hoodless, J.; Bewes, P.Z., Treas.; Lazenby, E.; Carrick, N.; Robinson, P.S.; and Richardson, Janitor. The business of the chapter having been disposed of and the chapter closed, the companions partook of refreshments.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503). A convocation of this chapter took place on the 24th ultimo., at the Albany Hotel. Amongst those present were Comps. W. Wiggington, P.G.S.N. Middx., M.E.Z.; Tomlinson, P.Z., H.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.S. Middx., Treas., and acting J.; H. Court, S.E.; W. Taylor, P.S.; Walls, P.G.O. Middx., 2nd Assistant; Rushworth, W.; H. Saunders Platts, Prudent Brethren; Harrison, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his officers, ably exalted Bro. Richnole, 1503, and Dr. Jefferies, No. 2, Kilwining, to the Sublime Degree of the R.A. Several communications having been read, the convocation was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured. Comp. E. Horsley replied at length to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He also proposed in very flattering terms the health of "The M.E.Z." Comp. Wigginton having highly replied, gave "The Exalters." This toast having been duly honoured, Comp. Dr. Jefferies, upon behalf of his co-exalted and himself, made a very interesting speech in reply. The toast of "The Second and Third Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers," quickly followed, and were briefly acknowledged by the companions thus honoured. The proceedings terminated with the Janitor's toast. The next convocation of this chapter will be held on the fourth Wenesday in October next.

Anights Templar.

RICHMOND.—Harcourt Preceptory.—This preceptory met on the 26th ult., at the Greyhound, under the presidency of the Eminent Preceptor, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A. The Preceptory was opened at 4.15 p.m., when there were present Sir Kts. Rev. A. W. Hall, Preceptor; W. Nettleship, Constable; Hyde Pullen, as Marshal; Dr. Harcourt, as Sub-Marshal and Captain of the Guard; Frank Richardson, as Reg.; R. H. Thrupp, as Prelate; Grillion and Boor, as B. Brs.; E. M. Lott, as Org.; and the following visitors:—V.E. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sub.-Prior; Sir Knt. Charles Goolden, K.C.T., Treas., Great Priory; Hon. R.W. H. Giddy, Prov. Prior, South Africa

Sir P. Colquhoun, LL.D., Past Grand Chancellor; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; Charles Grillion, Studholme Preceptory; J. Lockhart Sim, and Standish Grove Grady. The muster roll was read, and the minutes of last preceptory were read and confirmed. Apologies were received for non-attendance from Sir Knights Col. Burdett, Dr. Willett, T. W. W. Bullock, and C. H. Rogers Harrison. Comp. Ralph Gooding, B.A., M.D., London, of Heath Lodge, and of Prince of Wales Chapter, 259, was balloted for, and installed. The preceptory was closed at 5.30 p.m., and the Provincial Priory was opened, the Harcourt having previously received the provincial officers. Present: Sir Kts. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, as Installing Officer; Rev. A. W. Hall, Prelate; F. W. H. as Installing Officer; Rev. A. W. Hair, Fielder; F. W. Hair, Red Ramsay, Sub-Prior; G. Harcourt, M.D., P.P. Prior; Hyde Pullen, as Constable; G. E. Wainwright, as Marshal; J. Lockhart Sim, as Sub-Marshal; R. H. Thrupp, Chancellor; Frank Richardson, as D.C. and Captain of the Guard; J. R. Boor, Registrar and Treasurer; W. F. Nettleshtp, Herald; E. M. Lott, as Organist; Ralph Gooding, (just installed). Visitors: V. E. Sir Kt. Shadwell H. Clerke, (just installed). Visitors: V.E. Sir Kt. Shadwell H. Clerke, Gr. Sub-Prior, Installing Officer; Sir Kts. Chas. Goolden, K.C.T., Treas. Gt. Priory; Hon. R. W. Giddy, Prov. Prior S. Africa; Sir P. Colquhoun, LL.D., Past Grand Chancellor; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; Charles Grillion, Studholme Preceptory; J. Lockhart Sim, Standish Grove Grady. The V.E. the Prov. Prior nominate, V.E. Sir Kt. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.; the V.E. Sir Kt. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, Installing Officers, and other Grand Officers and Officers of Provin-Officer, and other Grand Officers and Officers of Provin cial Grand Priory were received under the Arch of Steel The Prov. Priory was then opened, muster roll called, letters of apology for non-attendance read from Sir Knights same as at Harcourt Preceptory. Minutes of last Provincial Priory, held at the Greyhound, 28th July, 1876, read and confirmed. Sir Kt. J. R. Boor. Prov. Registrar and Treasurer, then gave his report: Balance in hand on general account £28 10s. 6d., on Alms account £7 2s. 6d.; total, £35 13s. Accounts audited and found correct by Sir Kts. Thrupp and Nettleship. The report being considered satisfactory, Sir Kt. Boor was again re-elected Treasurer by ballot. The V.E. the Prov. Prior then appointed his officers, viz., Sir Kts. Dr. Ramsay, Sub-Prior; W. F. Nettleship, Constable; G. E. Wainwright, Marshal; Rev. A. W. Hall, Pielate; R. H. Thrupp, Chancellor; J. R. Boor, Registrar and Treasurer; F. W. Bullock, 1st Std. Br.; Capt. Blake, 2nd Std. Br.; Ralph Gooding, Sub-Marshal; W. H. Dodwell, Captain of the Guard; F Richardson, 1st Herald; Alfred Isaac Bristowe, 2nd Herald; E. M. Lott, Org.; Frater Geo. Harrison, Equerry. Alms collected £1 5s. 6d. Prov. Priory closed, 6.15 p.m. A procession was formed and entered the preceptory, passing under the Arch of Steel, and the chair was taken by Sir Kt. Col. Shadwell Clerke, the G. Sub-Prior of England. After opening the Provincial Priory Sir Kt. Shadwell Clerke addressed the assembled Knights, and informed them that in consequence of the resignation of Sir Kt. Harcourt as Provincial Prior of Surrey, Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., had been appointed by the Great Prior to be P.G.P. of Surrey, and that it would be his duty that evening to instal Sir Kt General Brownrigg. He alluded to the valuable and eminent services which had been rendered by Sir Kt, Harcourt, and said that he was sure that the appointment of Sir Kt. General Brownrigg, who already held high Masonic honours in the county, and was well-known as a most energetic Mason, would be most beneficial to the province, and he congratulated both Gen. Brownrigg and the province on the appointment. General Brownrigg then took the required obligations, and a procession being formed he advanced through the Arch of Steel to the east, and was duly installed by the Great Sub-Prior, and was saluted by the assembled Knights. After having thanked the Knights for his reception, the Prov. Prior expressed his sense of the valuable services which had been rendered by his friend and predecessor Sir Kt. Harcourt, whose position in the province it would be difficult to fill, and Sir Kt. Harcourt having responded, the P. Priory proceeded to the discharge of its duties, and the P.P. appointed his officers for the ensuing year. The proceptory having been closed the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet, and afterwards proposed and drunk the usual K. I. tonsts. General Brownrigg having proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk in usual K. I. form, gave "The Master of the Order," and this toast having been honoured, General Brownrigg said : Sit Knights, on a recent occasion that official, whose health I am about to ask you to drink, the Eminent Grand Prior. remarked (I thought very justly, and at all events had my entire sympathy) how very advisable it would be that speeches on all occasions, especially on Masonic occasions, should be made as short as possible. I am sure you must all agree with me how tensible the temark was, and how wise it would be for us to follow it. I will thank you, therefore, now to drink "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, the Great Prior of England and Wales." Most of us know him personally, and have seen the way he performs all his duties. It is not only the charming manner that he has about him, but I do think that as a fine, upstand-ing, bandsome Englishmen he is very well worth looking at. He holds his position well wherever he goes. I am old enough to remember him when a very little boy, and I have watched his career since he was that small boy and until he grew the fine man he is. He takes a leading part in all manly English pursuits and sports. In those pursuits and sports, in cricket for instance, he excels, and it is gratifying to us, who are members of this Order, to have such a fine type of an Englishman at our head. Up to this point I have omitted the name of a distinguished visiter which I ought to have coupled with this toast. That dis-tinguished visitor has done me the honour to-day of in-to the Order. That was one reason why I wished to restalling me in the dignified position I now hold.

Health of the Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell Clerke." He comes next in rank to Lord Skelmersdale, and we are all aware how able a lieutenant Lord Skelmersdale has in him. Aware as we are of this fact, I am sure none of us are more aware of it than Lord Skelmersdale himself. ability was shewn most manifestly to-day. I must say I am deeply impressed with the ceremony in which I took a principal parr. I have never seen it before, and what pleased me more than anything else was that all the Sir Knights were permitted to see the whole ceremony. old Masons can see the necessity of a Board of Installed Masters, where every one but an installed Master is kept out of the lodge at an installation; but in this degree everybody is allowed to be present to see what is done, and I was particularly gratified to find that they had the opportunity of witnessing a ceremony performed in an admirable manner. It was a very beautiful ceremony, and I am quite sure I had the sympathies of you all when I submitted to that patriarchal benediction which was so ably delivered. Col. Shadwell Clerke, in reply said: I thank you very sincerely indeed for this toast. had the privilege of knowing your Provincial Prior for many years it was a high honour for me to attend to instal him. I felt at the same time very sorry indeed that that was in succession to so good and so worthy a Sir Knight as I have on my right (Dr. Harcourt.) Still, these things must be done when ordered, and consequently I am here to-day. As I said just now, it was very gratifying to me to put so good and worthy a brother in the chair. I omitted to tell you that Lord Skelmersdale fully intended to be down here; but at the last moment there was an important whip in the House of Lords. He told me yester-day that it was perfectly impossible he could attend here and he begged me to apologise to the Provincial Prior and the Sir Knights present. All you who know Lord Skel-mersdale will credit him with a desire to be here. The Duke of Connaught would also have been here, but I know of my own knowledge that it was simply impossible he could attend. As short speeches are the order of the day, I will not say more than that I am very much obliged to you indeed, and also tender my best thanks to the very important officer, the Prelate of the Order, who assisted me, and whose duties gave great zest to the proceedings.

Dr. Harcourt proposed the next toast, and said:

I am just placed in that position to observe a happy medium. I am afraid of saying too much, and I should be ashamed if I said too little. I cannot sufficiently praise the high individual to whom this glass is dedicated—the Provincial Prior of Surrey. You need not any great or grand language from me to show you the charm he feels in Masonry, the interest he takes in it, or how much the welfare of this province must increase under his auspices. I think you are fortunate in having so able and so excellent a Sir Knight to preside over you. I have no doubt that he will properly exact from you due obedience to his orders, and that at the same time those orders will be such as will entitle him to the love and esteem of every member of the province. From circumstances of many years' standing I might say a great deal more, but the order of the day is short speeches, and it I made a speech of an hour I could not add to the high position our Provincial Prior has taken in the Craft, and not only in the Crast but in the province and in society. General Brownrigg, in reply, said: I hope that when the time arrives that I find myself in the position the Sir Knight who has just preceded me finds himself, I may be enabled to retire with the grace and dignity with which he has retired from his office. I think nothing can be more touching than the way in which he has spoken to us. We all know the admirable way in which he has performed his work, and it makes it all the more difficult for those who succeed him to perform their duties. I will, however, sincerely do my best to follow the good example he has set me. I must own that I feel disappointed at the state of the Order in the province. At this Provincial Priory one preceptory is not represented at all, and one preceptory is almost extinct. However, I was a little bit encouraged by a conversation I had with one of the members of the Grove Preceptory, and I am not without hope that with a little good feeling, and a little give-and-take on both sides we may be able to recuscitate that. I think with the instincts of an old soldier I may be able to impress upon them that obedience—and not only obedience, but in fact fidelity to our Masonic promises—should induce them to come under our banner again. I have good hopes that we may be able to succeed. I thank you Sir Kt. Harcourt for the kind way you have spoken of myself, and I can only say that I trust when the time of my retirement comes I may retire as full of years and as full of honours as you do. General Brownrigg: Sir Knights, I ought to have coupled the few observations I ventured to make in our excellent Sir Knight Harcourt's presence with a command that you should join me and show your old fidelity by drinking his health. I am sure there has been no toast drunk this evening with greater warmth, affection, or fervour than the toast I now ask you to drink to "Our Past Excellent Prior." Dr. Harcourt, in acknowledging the toast, said: If there is one thing more than another that I dislike it is om the very candid toast has been received, I find that if I were to give way to it I could only talk of myself. That I beg to decline. At the same time, I feel how grateful I am at having the good opinion of those with whom I have been so long in contact. It was certainly a source of much regret on my part to retire from the high position that I held; but there were various reasons for it. I found that I had not the energy that is absolutely necessary in these days to carry on the work. I felt that my time was getting past, and that a new Provincial Prior would give life and energy With tire: I do not intend to retire altogether. I hope for a "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale" I beg to give you "The long time to come I may, like the old soldier, "shoulder

my crutch," and see in preceptorics how the work is done. Col. Shadwell-Clerke, in proposing "The Health of the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall," said: We have met here to-day under the banner of the Harcourt Preceptory. Before the Provincial Priory was opened we met in the Harcourt Preceptory, and I believe every one here will agree with me that we were charmed with the beautiful work we saw I never saw better work in the course of my life, and I must congratulate the Harcourt Preceptory on the manner in which it was done, and more especially on hav. ing an Eminent Preceptor who could do the work so beautifully. Our Bro. Sir Knight Ambrose Hall has made his name in the Order of the Temple, as he has done in other Orders; whatever Orders he has entered into he has made his mark there. I have had the privilege of know ing him some years, and I do really mean it when I say that a more enthusiastic and a more effective worker in all these different Orders we belong to I have never come across in my life. It is, therefore, Sir Knights, a very great and peculiar pleasure to me to be permitted to propose to-night his health, as the Preceptor of the Harcourt Preceptory, to thank him personally for the treat he has given me and the other visitors, in shewing how the Templar ceremony should be worked in its proper manner. I congratulate the candidate to-night, our Sir Knight, Dr. Gooding, on having really received that degree in proper style, which is not always the case in this Order, as frequently the reception of other degrees is not in their respective Orders. It is a very great pleasure to me to see our Bro. Hall perform that work, and I, therefore, have even unusual pleasure in proposing his health to-night, as the Preceptor of the leading preceptory in the Provincial Priory of Surrey. The Rev. Ambrose W. Hall in reply said: I consider this a proud day for the Harcourt Preceptory; but at the same time, I consider that my name being drunk alone is not quite what it should be, because we of the Harcourt Preceptory are as a body entertaining the Provincial Priory of Surrey. At the same time, for the kind words that have emanated from our very excellent and worthy Grand Sub-Prior I assure you that I, as Eminent Preceptor of this preceptory (and I feel and speak the sentiments of all the Sir Knights belonging to it) have very great pleasure in seeing so eminent a Mason as himself, and the very eminent men who compose the Provincial Priory of Surrey, in our midst. He has alluded to the Harcourt Preceptory as the first of this province. Although the preceptories here are small in numbe, we are the head of them, and I have endeavoured, by good work, though not of the quality Col. Clerke has made it, to make the preceptory a good one. That I shall continue to endeavour to do, and I know the other Sir Knights who succeed me will do as I have done. Thus we shall keep the Harcourt Preceitory in the proud position it now holds in this very important I trust that our very Excellent and Eminent Provincial Grand Prior will have the opportunity of often coming among us, and when he does he may be assured that he will have that kind and brotherly greeting which we have endeavoured to hold out to him to-day. Speeches, as you say, should be short, and therefore I will not say much more, except that this preceptory, standing, as it does, in an excellent position, will, I hope, give an impetus to the other preceptories of the province, which I think have not done their duty towards our very Eminent Provincial Grand Prior-that it will show them what they ought to do. I think they ought to have been represented here to-day, and I hope and trust that the preceptory, to which the Eminent Prior has alluded, at Ewell, the Grove Preceptory will, through his influence-and I know his influence is great, and his persuasion and kind courtesy of manner is still greater—persuade that preceptory to hold its own again in this province. General Brownrigg: Sir Knights, there is at least one more toast, which perhaps we ought to have drank before, the toast of "The Visitors," We have several distinguished visstors here; but there is one especially who has made his mark in our Order, and who has done right and real good service. All those who know him and have and real good service. All those who know him and have the advantage of his personal acquaintance love and respect him; and therefore in giving "The Health of the Visitors," I shall couple with it "The Health of Sir Kt. Patrick Colquhoun." I could say a great deal more, but in his presence I would rather not do so. We began by saying we would make short speeches, but I fear we have great into longer over them. I intended, I selected which gone into longer ones than I intended. I ask you to drink the toast of "The Visitors," and to receive it with all the warmth of fraternal affection, coupling with it the name of Sir Kt. Patrick Colquhoun, Past Grand Chancellor of the Order. Sir Patrick Colqunoun, Past Grand Chancellor of the Order. Sir Patrick Colqunoun—On behalf of the visitors, and on my own behalf, I return you my hearty thanks for the compliment paid to me individually, and to the visitors through me. I speak to you as a kind of corpus mortuum, and you will look upon me in the light of a resurrection. If you will allow me to say, it puts me in mind of that distinguished prophet and that unfortunate monarch who read the writing on the wall on a certain paleon. On who read the writing on the wall on a certain palace. On my own behalf and on that of the visitors I thank you cordially and heartily, and I think I have now made the shortest speech of the evening. (Laughter.) The Equerry's toast was next given by Sir Kt. George Harrison, and drank by the Sir Knights, after which the company returned

On the occasion of the inspection of the squadron at Spithead by her Majesty, on Tuesday next the 13th inst., there will be no general issue of tickets, as only a very limited number of vessels can be set apart for the conveyance of official visitors. Naval officers on half-pay, and military officers of Portsmouth, garrison, will be accommodated on board her Majesty's ships Valorous and Dasher respectively, and should apply to the Commander in Chief's office at Portsmouth Dockyard. The inspection will take place at four p.m.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons was held on Wednesday, when the following Grand Officers were present: Comps. Saml. Lawson, Z.; Capt. Platte, H.; Capt. phillips, J.; Col. Clerke, P.S.; Rev C. W. Arnold, Asst. S.E.; S. C. Snell, Asst. S.E.; Erasmus Wilson, N.; H. G. Buss, as E.; James Lewis Thomas, S.B.; and Robertson, D.C. Among the other companions present we noticed Comps. Colonel Creaton, Long, Glaisher, Pullen, Care Files Pueles Nuns and Halman Grey, Filer, Rucker, Nunn, and Holman.

The business on the paper included the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was adopted, and petitions for six new chapters, five of which were granted,

to be attached to the following lodges: Star of Gwalia Chapter—Lodge 1066, Bengal. Marlborough Chapter—Lodge 1399, Woodstock.
Mid-Surrey Chapter—Lodge 144, Camberwell.
St. Peter, Westminster, Chapter—Lodge 1533, London.
St. Thomas Chapter—Lodge 142, London.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 5th inst. in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was an unusually large

attendance, the hall being crowded in every part.

The Throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart,
Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Senior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. F. A. Barrow, S.G.W. and Bro. Shaw-Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, discharged the duties of Junior Warden. Among those on the dais were Bros. the Rev. Thompson Grant, H. Inglis of Torsonce, Bros. the Hev. Thompson Grant, H. Inglis of Torsonce, D.G.M.; Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, S.G.M.; Col. W. M. Neilson, Prov. Grand Master, Glasgow; T. Halket, Grand Bible Bearer; Alex. Hay, G.J.; Captain Hills, G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; D. Kinnear, Grand Cashier, and others. There was a large number of representatives present from the Western Provinces, and among others in the leaft of the hell was a Province of the hell was a large of the leaft was a larg others in the body of the hall were Bros. Maclean, Sec. Prince's Lodge; J. Munro, P.M. 360; J. Smellie, Pr. S.W. 489; Thos. Stobo, R.W.M.; D.G. Stobo, J.W. 581; W. H. Bickerton, Prov. Grand Sec. Glasgow; Wm. 581; W. H. Bickerton, Prov. Grand Sec. Glasgow; Wm. Bell, Pr. M. 434; J. Steven, S.W. 116; J. A. Ferguson, Pr. S.W. 0; W. L. Shaw, Pr. J.W. 591; W. F. Shaw. Pr. J.W. 230; J. M. Watters, J.W. 17; J. Baird, J.W. 597; J. Morgan, R.W.M. 219; J. Nisbet, Pr. M. 453; Wm. Officer, Pr. M. Egypt and Penn.; Wm. Edwards, R.W.M. 36; W. L. Mair, and J. Rhind, Dr. J. Loth, Pr. S.W. 452, and 6thers. S.W. 479, and others.

The Grand Master having opened the lodge in the E.A.

Degree and raised it to the Sublime Stage, Bro. Nisbet, Glasgow, before entering on the business, complained about a handbill which had been distributed at the door of the hall, requesting brethren to vote against his motions which were to come up, on the ground that they were merely proposed for the purpose of turning certain gentlemen out of office.

Bro. D. Robertson rose to speak to a point of order, when great uproar ensued, and some time clapsed before quietness was restored.

Bro. Robertson went on to say that they had nothing to do with bills distributed outside, and the business should be proceeded with. (A Voice: "It was inside the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master then said : An irregularity has been committed, but it is outside, and the Grand Lodge has nothing to do with it. There is a lot of business before us, and my wish and duty is to act fairly and impartially, (Hear, hear.) It may be very improper, but it is not be-fore the Grand Lodge, and we had better go on with the business. (Cheers.)

A number of proxy commissions having been sustained

the Grand Master proposed that their Royal Highnesses Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold be elected honorary members of the Grand Lodge of

The motion was enthusiastically adopted, amid loud cheers, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to com-municate the decision of the Grand Lodge.

The minutes of the Grand Committee stated that the Finance Committee reported "that at a meeting held on the 6th of May they had resolved to recommend to Grand Committee that the amount of arrears found due by the Auditors be ranked for on the sequestrated estate of the late Grand Secretary. Further, that having met on the 9th of May, for the purpose of giving definite instructions regarding the investment of £1500 of Grand Lodge funds, as recommended by Grand Committee and confirmed by the Grand Lodge, they had instructed that the money be invested on deposit receipt with the Standard Property Investment Company (Limited), at four and one-half per cent. per annum, for three years—the money to be lodged in the name of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and payable to the order of the Grand Cashier or the Grand Secretary, and any two members of the Finance Committee for the time being—the Cashier to hand over the deposit-receipt to the Grand Secretary for preservation.

The Grand Secretary exhibited the deposit-receipt for

The report was approved of.

Bro. Thomson, Galashiels, moved that this portion of the minutes be not approved, and called in question the stability of the company.

An acrimonious discussion followed, in the course of which Bro. Robertson maintained that the security was undoubted, while a number of others were of opinion that the debts of the Grand Lodge should all be paid before

any money was invested. There were loud cries of "Vote, vote," when Bro. Mair, as counsel for Grand Lodge, stated that the committee had executive powers conferred upon them, and in pursuance of these powers had entered into this contract. The money had been invested, and could not be touched

for three years, and the Grand Lodge had no power to break the contract. The motion was then withdrawn.

Bro. Nisbet moved that the minutes, so far as they re-

ferred to the reappointment of the Finance Committee, as recommended by Grand Lodge, be not approved. He proceeded to speak at length in support of his proposal, but was frequently interrupted.

Colonel W. M. Neilson expressed the hope that brethren would not behave in such an unruly fashion. In Glasgow they were accused of conducting business in a somewhat noisy manner, but he never saw anything there as bad as what he had witnessed in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Bickerton seconded the motion for the disapproval of the minutes, and a vote was afterwards taken, when the minutes were adopted by 272 to 108.

Bro. William Mann called attention to an entry in the minutes to the effect that—"It was also, on the motion of Bro. Bickerton, seconded by Bro. William Barry, R.W.M. No. 223, unanimously resolved—'That Bro. Capt. Henry Moreland be asked to apologise for the insulting, unbecoming, and unmasonic language he had in open lodge used towards the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary, and to withdraw the words, which were very much out of place, and totally inapplicable to Bro. Murray Lyon, either in his official or his personal character." Bro. Mann said he had received a telegram from Capt. Moreland, who was unwell, asking that this matter should not be disposed of until he was able to attend. If Capt. Moreland had used the language indicated in the minutes, it should have been

taken notice of in Grand Lodge and checked at the time.

Bro. Bickerton said that the language referred to had been used in the Grand Lodge of India.

On the motion of Bro. Officer this portion of the minntes was remitted back to Grand Committee

Bro. R. Bryce called attention to an application by the Lodge Caledonian, Edinburgh, No. 392, for an amended diploma in favour of a brother who had been initiated under his "professional" name, when the Grand Secre-tary was instructed to alter the register and issue a new diploma on payment of the full fee of ten shillings and sixpence. The Committee also directed the Secretary to minute their disapproval of candidates being received under assumed names.

Bro. Bryce stated that the mistake had been inadvertently committed, and moved that the penalty should be modified.

After some discussion the decision was confirmed.

The Grand Lodge then took into consideration the pro-posed alterations on Grand Lodge laws. Those under Those under Section A, which contained 36 clauses, with one slight exception, had met with the approval of the Grand Committee, and after a considerable amount of discussion as to how they were to be disposed of, a vote was taken, which decided by a large majority that they were to be considered in cumulo.

Before proceeding to the vote, Colonel W. M. Neilson indicated that he was opposed to one clause having reference to bye-laws of lodges to be submitted to Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, and not to Provincial Grand

A large number of the Glasgow representatives considered that the vote had settled the whole of the alterations, and as Colonel Neilson was not likely to be heard, they left the hall in a body.

Col. Campbell afterwards tabled a motion to the effect that the whole of the alterations under Section A should be reconsidered at next quarterly communication.

On the motion of Col. W. M. Neilson, seconded by Col. Campbell, it was agreed that an accountant in Glasgow be appointed to act in conjunction with an accountant

gow be appointed to act in conjunction with an accountant in Edinburgh in auditing Grand Lodge accounts.

Bro. R. Nisbet moved—" That Section 8 of Chapter iii. of Grand Lodge Laws be deleted, and the following be substituted, namely:—" That no Grand Office-bearer (the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Substitute Grand Master, Deputy Grand Cashier, and Tylers examples. Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Cashier, and Tylers excepted) shall hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office." After discussion 32 voted in favour of the motion and 204 against.

On the motion of Bro. Officer, it was agreed that it be

competent to Grand Lodge to erect district Grand Lodges and appoint district Provincial Grand Masters abroad.

Bro. F. A. Barrow, seconded by Bro. Adam Thomson, moved—"That the law ordering a monthly audit of accounts be cancelled, and that Grand Lodge accounts be audited by the auditor annually." The matter was discussed at great length, and a vote was ultimately taken, when it was found that 8 were in favour of the motion and 215 against.

Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in ample form.

OPENING A BRIDGE. - On Saturday last the Duke of Cambridge was present at the opening of the Gloucester-gate Bridge, Regent's-park. After inspecting the bridge, his Royal Highness formally declared it to be open. Speaking at a luncheon given afterwards, he took occasion, after referring to the great utility of the new bridge, to say a few words in warm praise of the Indian troops whom he recently reviewed at Malta.

A FAIR DISTRIBUTION .- When the British ships under Lord Nelson were bearing down to attack the combined fleet of Trafalgar, the first lieutenant of the Revenge, on going round to see that all hands were at quarters, observed one of the men-an Irishman-devoutly kneeling at the side of his gun. So very unusual an attitude exciting his surprise and curiosity, he asked the man if he was afraid. "Afraid! answered the tar, "no your honour; I was only praying that the enemy's shot may be distributed in the same proportion as the prize money—the greatest part among the officers."

THE AMERICAN PILGRIMS.

The American Masonic Pilgrims, who left York on Friday, the 26th of July, arrived in Sheffield at noon, when they were received on the platform by the reception committee (of which Bro. S. B. Ellis, P.M., was Hon. Sec.), and adjourned to the dining-room at the Midland Station, where luncheon was provided. The party then proceeded in carriages to the show-rooms of the world-renowned firm of Messrs. Joseph Rolgers and Sons, Limited, and spent some time in inspecting the splendid display of cutlery, &c. Amongst the numerous articles exhibited may be mentioned a knife with 1875 blades, and some minute specimens of scissors, almost small enough for microscopical specimens. The party then drove to the Atlas Works of Messrs. John Brown and Co., Limited, where they were received and conducted through the works by Bros. Blair, Townsend, Dyson, and Richards, officials of the company. After witnessing the rolling and shearing of steel ship-plates, the armour plate mill was visited, the party being just in time to witness the rolling of a large plate for H.M.S. "Ajax," the weight of which, as rolled, was twenty-six tons, four cwt., and the Pilgrims were informed by the manager that when the plate left the works, cut to shape, its finished dimensions would be 12 ft. 5 in. x 8 ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 10 in. thick, and would then weigh 18 tons 2 cwt. Our American friends evidently considered this a "tall sight;" and indeed, it is hard to imagine a grander scene of the sort. The tout ensemble was "big," men, tongs, furnaces, machinery, rolls, and we may add "heat." When the enormous mass of white hot iron had passed a requisite number of times through the rolls, it was picked up by a fifty ton travelling crane, and carried out of the mill on to a bed of iron to cool.

The Bessemer shops were next visited, where a "blow" was going on. This process of making steel adds to its many good qualities that of being a splendid spectacle. The molten metal is poured into a vessel holding 10 tons, and is subjected to the action of numerous jets of air blowing up through it, emitting showers of sparks, and a large flame, only second in its intensity of light to the sun itself. The hydraulic machinery, controlled by a "pointsman" on an elevated platform, has the appearance of knowing exactly what is required of it, and the visitors were much amused to see large machinery moving about as though of its own accord. The "blow" finished, and the steel, fluid as water, disposed of in the moulds, the party were conducted to the blast furnaces, and after inspecting the splendid blowing engine of 300 horse power, saw a "cast" from one of the furnaces. At this, the extremity of the great works, the carriages were in waiting to conduct the party back to the hotel. After expressing their delight at what they had seen, the pilgrims drove off, not displeased to get away from the heat and smoke of the last two hours.

The ladies of the party, who could not obviously participate in the next part of the programme, were driven out to the beautiful western suburbs of the town, Bro. G. W. Hawksley, P.M., gallantly escorting them. Sheffield although a black, smoky, and not too handsome town, is yet favoured with surrounding scenery, unsurpassed in beauty and grandeur by any in the country. The pala-tial residences of Sir John Brown, Mark Firth, Esq., and other local magnates, were pointed out; the Botanical Gardens (a charming spot), and Weston Park and Museum, the property of the Corporation, were visited.

Meanwhile the Masons of the party were being entertained by the three Sheffield lodges, viz., Britannia, 139; Royal Brunswick, 296; and Wentworth, 1239. Bro. E. G. Webster, W.M. 139, opened a lodge of emergency at 6 o'clock. He was supported on his right by Bro. Nicholson, W.M. 296, and by Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D., W.M. 1239, and most of the P.M.'s of the three lodges. The American brethren being admitted, Bro. Webster, addressed to them a few appropriate words of welcome. Mr. Philips, a candidate for initiation was then admitted, and the ceremony was worked by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.P.G.S.B., and the charge given by Bro. W. Longden, P.P.G.D. Bro. Meyer, P.M., on behalf of the American brethren,

briefly and happily expressed his thanks for their reception, and his gratification at the manner in which the ceremony they had just winessed had been worked. The splendid lodge room and its appointments also came in for a share of approval.

The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where about 130 sat down to a sumptuous supper. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of our American Visitors," was proposed by Bro. Webster, and was drunk with much en-thusiasm. Bro. Meyer responded, and during his speech took occasion to present to the three lodges an engraving from a celebrated American Masonic painting, represent ing an incident that occurred during the building of the Temple, Bro Meyer remarking that this engraving would not only serve as a memento of their visit, but also of the delightful harmony and fraternal union which they had witnessed as existing between the three Sheffield Lodges. Bros. Sutter and Mucklé also responded in speeches replete with kindly feeling, also the dry humour

of their country. Songs, glees, and recitations were freely indulged in, and the brethren separated, each one delighted with the manner in which the evening had been spent. On Saturday morning the hard-working Pilgrims were up in good time, and accompanied by several Sheffield brethren and ladies, drove to Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, who had given special permission to the party, not only to view the house and grounds, but

also the extra rooms, and by his express commands the splendid fountains played. Our friends were not altogether prepared for the treat in store for them here. The pictures, sculpture, carvings, tapestry, and articles of vertu, many

of them of historical interest, were inspected with the deepest attention. The conservatories, palm house, fountains, and water works were visited, and at two p.m. the party walked through the park to the beautiful village of Baslow, where dinner awaited them.

The weather was fine and the drive was charming—the route being via Owler Bar and Froggat Edge—representing every type of English scenery—farm, wood, and moor-land, craggs, hill, and dale—consummating in Chatsworth, where nature and art are so combined as to produce a glorious effect, making it well worthy of its world-renowed name of the "Palace of the Peak."

After dinner they drove to Bakewell, and just got a glimpse of famous old Haddon Hall, which the stern necessities of time and train forbade them to visit. At Rowsley Station the party embarked on a Pullman car for London, previously collectively and individually thanking over and over again their Sheffield friends, and indulging in hopes and wishes that they would meet again some day.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held at Lansdowne, in the county of Leeds, on Thursday, the 13th day of June, $\Lambda.L.$ 5878, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's Church, in that village. The following Grand Officers

R.W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., D.G.M., as Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Robert Hendry, jun., D.D. G.M., as Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. George M. Wilkinson, P.D.D.G.M., as Grand Senior Warden; W. Bro. Robert B. Aylesworth, as Grand Junior Warden; Bros. Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, as Grand Chaplain; Alexander Adams, as Grand Treas.; James Shannon, as Grand Sec.; W. Bros. Rev. John Gallagher, as G.S.D.; William B. Carroll, as G.J.W.; William A. Gunn, as Grand Supt. of Works; V.W. Bro. John Ormiston, as Grand Dir. of Cer.; Bros. James A Bradley, as Grand Asst. Dir. of Cers.; Thomas C. Starke, as Grand Sword Bearer; Henry Nuttall, as Grand Organist; W. Bro. A. Stewart, as Grand Pursuivant; Bros. Dr. Preston, M.P.P.; Thos. H. Seale, T. B. Richardson, E. Rose, E. Langdon, J. Wilmott, H. Taylor, A. M. Purvis, Turner Coyle, and W. H. Wellbanks, as Grand Stewards; W. Bros. Reuben Field, appointed to carry the Corn; James Hayward, appointed to carry the Wine; A. L. Riddle, appointed to carry the Oil; Bro. J. T. White, as Grand

Tyler.
There were also representatives from the following lodges: Ancient St. John, No. 3; Brookville, No. 5; Cataraqui, No. 92, Kingston; Gananoque, No. 201; Sussex, No. 210; Macoy, No. 242; Minden, No. 253, Kingston; St. John, No. 340, Pittsburg; Earl of Zetland, No. 1364, E. R.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 11.30, by R.W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., D.G.M., who stated that he had been authorised by the M.W. the Grand Master (who was unable to be present) to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, in the village of Lansdownc.

A procession having been formed in accordance with the regulations, the members of Grand Lodge marched to the site of the church, when a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the Acting Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed to the corner of the building where a platform had been erected for the Grand Officers. The proceedings were opened by singing the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," and Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, acting Grand

Chaplain, offered up the following prayer:—
Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and all times wisdom in our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this church set apart for Thy glory and honour, so that perishing souls may be won from the exils of this world. perishing souls may be won from the evils of this world.

A scroll, together with papers and coins, having been

deposited in a cavity prepared for the purpose, the Rev. R. L. W. Houston, the Incumbent, presented a handsome silver trowel to the Acting Grand Master, who in receiving the trowel said that he received the gift with pleasure, and should retain it as a pleasing memento of the work so happily begun.

The necessary mortar being laid, the Acting Grand Master spread it with the silver trowel, and said: I spread this cement as an emblem of that cement of peace and good-will which I trust will ever prevail in the sacred edifice to be erected, and may its heaven-pointed spire remind the congregation, under God's blessing, of those mansions of bliss from whence all goodness emanates. The upper stone being properly placed after being lowered by three halts, the Actin Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and the Acting Deputy Grand Master handed to R.W. Bro. Henderson the plumb rule, level, and square respectively, which he applied to the stone, and finding it properly laid, struck the stone three times with the gavel and said, "Well made, truly laid; true and trusty, may this undertaking be conducted, and completed according to the Grand Plan in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love."

Response: So mote it be.

As they were handed to him, he poured out the customary libations, saying, I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of plenty, I pour wine on it as an emblem of cheerfulness, and I annoint it with oil as an emblem of

comfort and consolation. May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessaries of life abound among men, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it.

Response: So mote it be.

The plans having been handed to the Acting Grand Master, he presented them to the Architect, saying: The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present to you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order and harmony, being perfected in beauty and strength. He also addressed the Rev. the Incumbent as follows: Having completed our work according to ancient usage, I now wish that every success may attend your and the congregation's endeavours, that as the work has been happily begun, it will, with God's blessing, be carried to a happy ending. May I remark that when on the chancel arch you will emblazon that prophetic sentence, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace good will toward men," you will remember that within our Mystic Halls we have inscribed in letters of gold on the cope stone of the arch, and on the pillars, these words of far greater antiquity, "Holiness to the Lord, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and thus your parishioners and our brethren are alike reminded of their duty to God and man.

The Grand Honours were then given, led by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Acting Grand Master re-ascended the platform, and

spoke as follows:

By invitation duly given, we assembled here to lay the corner stone of an edifice to the glory of God. The corner stone has been laid by us according to the usages of our time-honoured Order, and with the ceremonies have not only a beautiful significance to the brethren, but even to the intelligent they shadow forth a meaning which must be considered appropriate to the occasion, and certainly to the diligent reader of the volume of the Sacred Law, they must remind him that they are not of man's imagining. I see around me many intelligent brethren, but it is not to them that I feel called on to expatiate on the grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded; but as it has been wisely laid down in our Constitution that on occasions like the present those assembled who are not Freemasons should be addressed. I take this opportunity to say a few words to those who have honoured us by their presence, respecting the origin and tenets of our Order, and I do this certainly not by way of apology or in justification of our proceedings, but rather to show that our duties and professions are not inconsistent with those the Bible inculcates. The Order has existed from time immemorial, but it was organised nearly three thousand years ago by King Solomon and Hiram King of Tyre, assisted by that "cunning man endowed with understanding," Hiram Abiff. After the completion of the Temple many of those who had been employed in the erection and adornment of that glorious edifice formed themselves into small communities, and being dis-persed over the then known world still nursed the science of architecture and guided the erection of many temples, for the service of the Most High, which in grandour, beauty, and harmony of design have never been surpassed—living and labouring together with one com-mon object in view, the members of each company became to a certain degree bound to each other by the ties of brotherly feeling, dwelling together in love and har-mony, and ever ready to soothe and relieve the necessities and afflictions of each other. It is natural to suppose that labouring for years as so many of them did on works de-dicated to the worship of God, their hearts were filled with reverence for the Almighty Creator and obedience to his divine commands. The constant practice of the arts and sciences would tend to refine their minds and manners, until by their good conduct, their brotherly love to each other, and their general benevolence they had gained the respect and esteem of others. In the course of time many good and influential men, though not operative Masons, were anxious to become members of the fraternity, and being admitted became in more modern time what we now profess to be, "Free and Accepted Masons." Although no longer operative, we profess the same tenets and maintain the same principles as our ancient brethren. Our duties as Masons are reverence and obedience to the Most High, brotherly love, charity and truth to our fellow men. On these grand principles has our Order been reared up and limited to no sect, rank or nationality. Masonry from its inherent goodness has become diffused over the world, and endeavours as far as human aid can effect, to promote peace in raising the structure of moral duties, in promoting good feeling toward man, in inculcating courtesy to all, in retraining from allowing difference of opinion to dieturn good feeling in afficient the good feeling in a financial structure. disturb good feeling, in softening the roughness of temper and in flinging a certain ray of sunset over the evening of life when clouds gather around and storms threaten to ruffle it. We wish it to be understood that we do not as Masons arrogate to ourselves the character of being better than other men. There are thousands who have not who are as good and true joined our fraternity us can be, but we believe that the true practice of Masonry has a natural tendency to refine and improve the hearts of all who truly follow its precepts. That it awakens in our minds feelings of brotherly love and universel benevolence, thereby enabling us to become better members of society then we were before. The Bible ever open in our Lodge, teaches us the duty we owe to God and likewise to our fellow men; it inspires us with awe and reverence to the Great Architect of the Universe; it orders us to practice truth, justice, and charity to ourfellow men. but we do not attempt to usurp the place of those who minister in holy things or set ourselves above them, but rather seek to follow the guidance of our spiritual pastors

and teachers, content that Freemasonry shall be recognised as the handmaid to religion. Let a man's religion be what it will, we do not exclude him from the benefits and advantages of our Order, provided that he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practices the Masons object to Freemasonry on account of a few of the brethren not acting up to their professions, but these should remember that the abuse of a thing is no valid objection to its inherent goodness. How many call themselves the characteristic of the state of the Christians who are a disgrace, yet ultimately hurt not the Gospel but themselves. A Judas existed among the holy Apostles of Christ. We have no fear for the existence of our Order; it shall endure as it has endured; it has stood as it shall stand, on its own merits; it has resisted the sword of the barbarian and bigot, the persecution of the powerful; it has been enabled to withstand all assaults made on it by virulent and implacable enemies -- our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, founded on strength and stability, is-

"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,

Swells from the vale and midway meets the storm, Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread, Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

Men women and children here assembled. our heads is the meteor flag of England. As subjects of our beloved Queen, I call on you to give three cheers for our Sovereign, a monarch whose benign sway has never been equalled.

In response to his call, three hearty cheers were given for the Queen. Three cheers were called for and given for R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, the acting Grand Master.

The brethren repaired by invitation to an adjoining grove where a most liberal supply of refreshments was provided by the ladies of the congregation. Appropriate addresses were given by R. W. Bro. Henderson, Bro. Archdeacon Parnell, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. E. P. Crawford, and others. Subsequently the procession was reformed and tae Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

BRO. CRAWFORD'S NEW WORK.

We have been requested by Bro. Crawford to state that the name of his bookis "The Celestial Science of Speculative Masonry and Theoretical Astronomy." This long lost science has, we understand, been rediscovered, after a series of years, devoted to antiquarian research. A prospectus of the varied contents of a Pamphlet, to be published thereon, entitled "Original Research," with two ancient Pictures in illustration, lies at the Masonic Depot, 198, Fleet-street for inspection and names and addresses of sub-

Orders received by Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street London.

GALLANT MEN OF FOWEY. - It may interest our readers to know that the present head of the Cornish House of Jeffrey is a P.M. the Fowey Lodge and P.P.G Chaplain of Cornwall. Brother the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey is also a P.Z. of the Unity Chapter of Royal Arch dasons and a P.E.C. of the Restormel Preceptory of Knights Templar. Our genial brother is greatly loved and rese Templar, Our genial brother is greatly loved and respected in the County of Cornwall, where he has large estates, and where he is famed for his courtesy and bonhommic.

The Grand Lodge of New York has now under its jurisdiction 718 Lodges and 78,050 Freemasons. There were 2954 candidates made Masons last year; 1048 Brethren died; and there are 5056 unaffiliated for non-payment of dues.

We are asked to state that the annual meeting

of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Vight will be held on Thursday next, August 15th, and not on Tuesday, the 13th as announced in our last week's issue. The alteration in date of meeting is unavoidable.

ERRATUM.— In our Review of the "History of the

Lodge of Kelso,"the author's name was erroneously printed "Dixon" instead of W.F. Vernon.

The North Metropolitan Tramways Company has declared a dividend of 82 per cent., an advance of per cent. on last year. The Echo hopes that the extra per cent. has not been gained by confiscating the £5 eposits of discharged conductors.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday as usual, but made no alteration in the rate discount

The Whitehall Review understands that the Government hope to be able to prorogue Parliament on Saturday, the 17th inst. A later day had been originally contemplated, but the decisive vote of last week is understood to have removed a good deal of intended opposition to votes in committee, and rendered the earlier date possible.

An address of congratulation, accompanied nandsome clock, was yesterday presented to Mr. and Mrs. II. Watts in commemoration of their golden wedding.M.R. Watts has been for 33 years connected with the Vicar General's office in Doctors'-commons, and has for the same period been an attendant on the Upper House of Convocation.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges. Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the Freemason, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London, - ADVT.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Hotes and Queries.

OLD LONDON LODGES.

I think it well to say a few words on this head, to which, in common with my excellent friend Bro. Hughan, I have paid some attention for years, (and who on this subject is, I consider, "facile princeps,") as one or two points do not seem to me quite clear, at least they want distinct appreciation. I think that though they are very interesting, the lists before 1738 are scarcely to be relied on as actually correct, though I except from this remark "Anderson's List of 1723," and I prefer to make my starting point "Smith's Freemason's Pocket Companion of 1736," and "Anderson's List, of 1738."

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On comparing these two lists carefully together, certain facts appear to me to be incontestable, first, that we have for the first time thoroughly accurate lists to deal with; secondly, that the changes are already great and many; and thirdly, that it requires close attention to follow the alterations already effected in the list of lodges.

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Let us take the first twenty in 1736, and compare them with the same twenty in 1738, (only two years), and my readers will see what I mean. 1, King's Arms. 2, Bull and Gate. 3, The Horn. 4, The Swan. 5, The Ship. 6, Mr. Braund. 7, Rummer. 8, Union Lodge Devil. (the first special name used, by the way), 9, The One Tun. 10 King's Arms. 11, Queen's Head. 12, The Castle. 13, Bedford Arms. 14, Queen's Head. 15, Bull'sHead. 16, Goat. 17, Crown. 18, Crown, Ludgate Hill. 19, Queen's Arms. 20, French Lodge, Swan, &c. Such is the list of the first twenty in 1736.

In 1736 the lodges amounted to 126, including provincial lodges and foreign lodges, thirty in number, leaving ninety-six London lodges, while in 1738 Anderson records 106 London lodges, an increase of ten, as being "satisfactory lodges," whose officers, he adds, "have attended the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, and brought their benevolence to the general charity within twelve months past," and, he concludes, "are here set down according to their seniority of constitution as in the Grand Lodge books and the Engraven List," in this way giving a quasi-official recognition to "Pine's List." But he also takes care to point out what we too often forget to-day, that even then "many lodges," as he expresses, "have by accident broken up, or are partitioned, or else removed to new places for their convenence, and so, if subsisting, they are called and known by their new places, or their signs." All this shows how many difficulties attend on an exact tracing of the old lodges, though I know as well as my readers what success has attended Bro. Hughan's labours in this respect.

The first twenty lodges on the list in 1738 are as follows:

1, King's Arms. 2, Horn. 3, Shakespeare's Head. 4, Bell.

5, Braund's Head. 6, Rummer. 7, Daniel's Coffee House. 8, Red Cross. 9, King's Arms. 10, Queen's Head. 11, Castle.

12, Bury's Coffee House. 13, Queen's Head Tavern. 14, Bull's Head Tavern. 15, La Guerre. 16, Sun Tavern. 17, Mourning Bush. 18, Swan Tavern. 19, Ahchor and Baptist's Head. 20, Dog Tavern.

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Thus, through the causes mentioned by Anderson, there is already a great difference in the names and great changes in the locale of the lodges. Only three of the four old lodges exist in 1738, No. 2, Crown, being apparently extinct in 1736, according to Smith. Anderson tells us that it was not extant in 1738, but does not say when it came to an end.

But several curious points require attention. In 1736 No. 2 was Horn Tavern, one of the four old lodges, the original No. 4 at the Rummer and Grapes, No. 1 still being the present Lodge of Antiquity. But in 1736 No. 2 is the Bull and Gate, in Holborn, (unless we suppose it one the changes of the original No. 2), and which disappeared in 1738. No. 3 in 1736 has become No. 2 in 1738, and No. 3, Shakespeare's Head in 1838, is unknown in 1836. No. 4, the Swan in 1736, is the Bell in 1739, though the Swan in 1736 is said to be constituted in 1722. No. 5, the Ship, in 1736 makes way for Braund in 1738, which was 6 in 1736. No. 7, Rummer in 1736, is 6 in 1738, and 8, Union Lodge, founded 1722 at the Devil, as well as 9, the One Tun, have made way in 1738 for Daniel's Coffee House, within Temple Bar, (probably also the Devil) and the Red Cross, Barbican. The King's Arms, No. 10 in 1736, has become No. 9 in 1738, and the Queen's Head, No. 11 in 1736, one of the old lodges No. 3, is No. 10 in 1738. The Castle, No. 11 in 1736, becomes the Castle, No. 12, in 1738, while Bury's Coffee House, No. 12, is changed to the Bedford Arms, No. 13, in 1738, and the Queen's Head, No. 14, of 1736, is Queen's Head, No. 14, in 1738. The Castle, No. 16, in 1736, seems to have disappeared in 1738, as well as the Crown, St. Giles, 17; the Crown, Ludgate, 18; Queen's Arms, 19; and to be replaced by Le Guerre Tavern, 15; Sun Tavern, 16; Mourning Bush, 17; Anchor, 19; Dog, 20, in 1738. The French lodge 20 of 1736, is 18 of 1738. But this is enough for to day. But how account for

But this is enough for to day. But how account for these variations? It is well to notice how in 1738, not all lodges apparently, had Master's lodges attached to them.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Holloway's Pills.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the bloed 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 stim to or disorded 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 acrid hum surs, 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,—Apvr.

Rebiews.

NEWPORT AND CARDIFF AS SHIPPING PORTS. This book contains interesting speeches delivered by our well-known Bro. J. C. Parkinson, and other gentlemen with reference to the Newport line of railway, and the proposed extension of the great capabilities of Newport as a shipping port. It is impossible in a review like this, especially when our space is very limited, to go into minute details of such a proposal, but we think it but right to say that in our opinion our esteemed and able Bro. J. C. Parkinson makes out a very good case for such increased facilities of railway communication, alike as regards the general public and commercial requirements. The book is admirably printed, and illustrated by very

interesting maps.

THE WINEGROWERS' AND WINE COOPERS'

MANUAL. By WILLIAM HARDMAN. Tegg and Co., 12,

Pancras-lane.

To the trade this most be a very valuable manual, and to non-traders it is very interesting indeed, for we all of us like to know something of the wines we habitually drink, that being pure affectation, or childish asceticism, which ignores all such facts in themselves. Our world would be a very queer world (queerer than it is) if we could persuade ourselves that an utter disavowal of all things carthly were expected of us, that cleanliness was objectionable, and that bad food and adulterated wines were to be as acceptable to us as good food and pure vintages! All this is a very great blunder, having no foundation in true religion, and has greatly retarded the advance both of civilization and mankind. We have read this little book with pleasure, as telling us a good deal we did not know before, and confirming a good deal that we did, and we can fairly say that it is very readable and very well-edited, very well put together, and clear in its statements.

KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA OF FREEMASONRY We are indebted to the publisher of the London Freemason, Bro. George Kenning, for a copy of this valuable work recently, issued in attractive form under the supervision of R.W. Bro. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. It covers a wide range of subjects, as will be seen when we state that upwards of 4900 words are treated upon in the work. Intelligently prepared and conveniently arranged for reference, this Cyclopæiia will undoubtedly have a large sale in the United States as well as in Great Britain. Copies may be obtained by addressing the publisher, at 198, Fleet-street, London, England. The price of the work is 10s. 6d. sterling.—Freemason's Repository.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—VISIT TO RAMSGATE.

On Thursday, the 1st inst., such of the girls as remain at the Institution during the holidays, on the invitation of Bro. Edward Cox, a Vice-Patron of this Institution, and accompanied by him, visited the well known and much eulogised sea-side resort, Ramsgate. The children to the number of ten were under the charge of Miss Sheppard, and Miss Triggs, one of the assistant governesses. The party journeyed by the London, Chatham and Dover Railway. On arriving the children were met by Bro. Finch, of Ramsgate, an energetic mem-ber of the Charities Committee of the Province of Kent, and were by him escorted to the hostelry of Bro. Eve, (George and Dragon, George Street) the present W.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, where they were regaled with an excellent repast, kindly superintended by the worthy brother and his amiable wife and daughter. The fare provided was of a most choice description and was done good justice to by the happy party assembled. Dinner over the children at once made for the sands, and during the afternoon enj yed the sea breeze and the pastimes usually indulged in by juvenile visitors, the expenses consequent upon photography, the temptations to try their "seats on saddles," and other little enjoyments being liberally defrayed by their kind entertainers. To some the pleasure of avolding a wavelet was a source of intense enjoyment, whilst others were absorbed in searching for shells, starfish, or seaweed. To all the delight was unbounded. Like other things mundane, the day's recreation had its limit, and the chiming of the pier clock denoted that the hour had arrived for again enjoying the liberality of the Ramsgate brethren, whose provision of an excellent tea, heightened by the ad libitum addition of the far-famed Pegwell Bay shrimps, was highly appreciated. This meal over, the children were escorted by the hosts of the day, as also by several brethren of the Royal Naval and Lewis Lodges (who paid them the compliment of a visit), through a great portion of the town and to the station for the return journey, which was happily effected without mar or delay, the school being reached within five minutes after the time arranged. At Margate the party was numerically increased by the advent of Bro. Wootton of that town, accompanied by Meta Brasier, the candidate for election in October next, whose case has excited, and that deservedly, the almost universal sympathy of the Craft. Much interest was felt and manifested on her behalf, and the one prevailing feeling amongst the pupils was the oft expressed wish that she might be successful, and that the friendship that day formed might be, for years to come, strengthened and enjoyed. We hear with much satisfaction that the visit to Ramsgate will not be without an ultimate good to the Institution, two brethren having expressed their intention of becoming Stewards at the ensuing anniversary festival. The camera and lighthouse at the end of the West Pier, Ramsgate, were freely offered by Capt. Braine, the harbour master, for the children's gratification and inspection, but unfortunately the time at command was too short to admit of an enjoyment of the privilege.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY.—To the National Gallery will shortly be offered, according to the will of the late Mr. White, Brownlow-st., the well-known collector and dealer in works of art, a magnificent specimen of that rare master of the Flemish school, Gheerardt David van Oudewater, or of Bruges, a follower, if not a pupil, of Van Eyek, with distinct reference to Memling, his contemporary, a member of the Painters' Guild of Bruges, which he society he was Dean, 1501-2. The picture is one of his finest specimens, and was formerly the right wing of a triptych, executed for the altar of St. John the Baptist and Mary Magdalen, in the Cathedral of St. Donat, at Bruges, for Bernardino de Salviatis, illegitimate son of a weathy Florentine, and Canon of the Cathedral, who is represented kneeling in the foreground, dressed in a black obe trimmed with brown fur, and a large white surplice. He is accompanied by three saints—on the left St. Donat, in pontifical costume; behind the donor stands his proper patron, St. Bernard, in the habit of the Grey Friars; on the right a bishop, supposed by Mr. Weale to be St. John the Almoner, whose costume is exceptionally magnificent, comprising embroidery of the figures of SS. Donat, Bernard, John the Almoner, John the Baptist, Mary Magdalen, and Martin, with shields of arms. The embroidery of his hood represents the adoration of the Magi; he carries a beautiful crook, enriched with statuettes of saints and an angel; the Virgin and Child and an angel are in the scroll. The saint is in the act of bestowing a benediction. Behind is a lame beggar, who extends his bag for alms. The background is a landscape with mountains, a chateau, and trees. The picture, except retouchings on the faces of SS. Donat and Bernard, is in nearly perfect condition, of the most brilliant and pure colour; completely displays the clear, rather hard, and highly polished and laboured character of the painter's manner, with abundance of lustre, and some lack of harmony in the colouration. The heads are extremely pathetic. The picture was acquired from the Cathedral in 1792 by Mr. T. Barrett, of Lee Priory, Kent, at whose sale, in May, 1859, Mr. White bought it for £551. This picture was particularly coveted by Sir C. Eastlake, for the National Gallery, as one of the most interesting of its class .- Athenœum.

The award of medals and certificates (art), as well as of the free scholarships, in the ladies' division of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature was complete I last week, with the following result: Water-Colour Painting.—Mr. Goodal's students—silver medal, Miss Eliza Kate Hitchcock, South Norwood; certificate, Miss E. M. Jetnings, Penge. Water-Colour Painting.—Mr. Smallfi At's students—silver medal, Miss Maud Robinson, Norwood; certificate, Miss Janet Munro Bethune, Penge. Modelling in clay.—M. Constant Vincel-t's students—certificate, Miss Marion Bedale, Streatham; the scholarship in art, Miss M. Bedale, Streatham; the scholarship in art, Miss M. Bedale, Streatham; the Scholarship in examiners, Mr. E. J. Hopkins and Mr. Brinley Richards. The scholarship in music, Miss A. Blagden, Sydenham; examiners, Mr. E. J. Hopkins and Mr. Brinley Richards. The scholarship in modern languages, literature, &c., Miss Jessie Simmonds, South Norwood; examiners, Rev. Alfred Ainger, M.A., Rev. Chas. Rogers, LL.D., M. Gustave Masson, Professor Albert Hamann, and Professor Cav. G. Volpe.

At the total eclipse of the sun on Monday week many satisfactory observations, drawings, and photographs were made at Denver city (Colorado), where many of the leading American astronomers, as well as Messrs. Romyard, Lockyer, and Penrose from England, went, as being the most convenient place for observations. The eclipse began at 7.18 p.m. Greenwich time, central totality took place at 9.23, and the eclipse ended at 11.10 p.m. The chief object was to obtain a more thorough knowledge of the "chromatosphere," or intermediate 'ayer, and of the corona and the atmosphere, the outer and the inner layer, of the sun's envelope. With regard to the observations on Monday, a Reuter's telegram from Denver states that "two protuberances (round the sun, formed of incandescent gases) only were seen, very faintly visible on the western side of the moon. There was an entire absence of the pinkish red flames observed on some previous occasions, and the spectroscope revealed no extra red or violet lines. Professor Norman Lockyer reports that the solar protuberances were fainter and fewer, but that the corona was ten times brighter than in the eclipse of 1871, thus indicating a variation with the maximum and minimum sun-spot periods." (The present is a minimum period.)

ANTIQUITIES AT CYPRUS.—Mr. C. T. Newton proposes to commence exeavations in Cyprus as soon as possible, for he believes that Mr. Lang and General di Cesnola have by no means ransacked the island sufficiently. We wish the explorer of Budrûn every success, but fear there is not another treasure of Kourium to supplement that which the Government so unwisely let slip when General di Cesnola almost begged them to take it. Mr. Stephen Thompson, whose well-known photographs of Italian tombs and his series of British Museum photographs have proved him especially fitted for photographing antiquities, will shortly leave England for Cyprus, being especially commissioned by Her Majesty the Queen to obtain a series of views of the island for her inspection.

At the international competition of choirs in connection with the Paris Universal Exhibition at the Trocadéro last week, Mr. Henry Leslie's choir gained the first prize, a handsome vase of modern Sèvres and a gold medal, by the unanimous decision of the judges, who consisted of many of the most distinguished French and English composers and artistes.

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Answers to Correspondents.

E. King.—A working man will, we fear, find Free-masonry too expensive for him. He can of course be in-troduced if properly recommended. The age is 21.

Bro. Hogo has recently published a posthumous work of Bro. Dr. Oliver, "The Pythagorean Triangle."

C.J.P.—Many thanks for note. As you surmised, the P.G.S. had forgotten.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "West London Express;" "The Scottish Freemason;" "The Westminster Papers;" "Corner Stone;" "Transactions of the Supreme Council of the 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America;" Risorgimento Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland;" Broad Arrow;" Australian Freemason;" "Report presented to the Grand Chapter of the Rose Croix Degree in Ireland, June 19th, 1878;" "Hints to Sufferers with Diseases of the Eye;" "Masonic Herald;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Appendix to Contributions to Natural History, and Papers on other Subjects;" "The Hornet;" "Testimonials to the Efficacy of Hydropathy in the Cure of Disease;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Night and Day;" "Masonic Herald;" "Appendix to Contributions to Natural History" (New York). "Corner Stone;" "Transactions of the Supreme Council

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ALTMAN.—July 29, the wife of Albert J. Altman, of a son WATSON.—July 26, at Spring-grove, Isleworth, the wife of W. Farnell Watson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

Long—Boyle.—August 1, at St. George's, Hanoversquare, by the Hon. and Rev. Walter W. Ponsonby, M.A., rector of Marston Bigot, assisted by the Rev. Thos. M.A., rector of Marston Bigot, assisted by the Rev. 1 nos. H. Tait, M.A., rector of Hilperton, the Rev. Walter E. Medlicott, M.A., vicar of Swanmore, and the Rev. Edward Capel Cure, M.A., rector of St. George's, Walter Hume Long, Esq., of Rood Ashton, Wilts, to the Lady Dorothy Blanche Boyle, fourth daughter of the Earl of Cork and Orrery, K.P.

DEATHS.

DENCE.— August 5, at Rosedale, Sydenham, John Dence C.E., of Rosedale, and 28, Mark-lane, E.C., aged 41 years.

HENNIKER .- August 4, at 48, Upper Grosvenor-street, London, the Hon. Mary Eliza Henniker, widow of the late Hon, and Rev. William Henniker, and youngest daughter of the late Edward Farnham, Esq., of Quorndon House, Leicestershire. R.I.P.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1878.

OUR AMERICAN PILGRIMS.

Under this appellation, archaic and Templar at the same time, our good brethren from America are now on their wanderings, and we wish them heartily all health and happiness, all comfort and convenience, in the agreeable pil-grimage which lies before them. They are at present, we believe, in Paris, and though there they cannot, unfortunately, associate with the French Freemasons as with us, inasmuch as for them France is almost an unoccupied country, Masonically speaking at the present hour, yet there is much that they will truly and greatly enjoy at Paris. He must be a dull or perverse mortal who does not like Paris. We leave out of consideration to-day those numerous questions which always crop up when we mention Paris, social, meral, and special, but we will say this, that Paris has countless charms in every respect for the man of intellect, and the man of taste. No one can loiter in the Boulevards, or stand in the Tuilérie Gardens, or drive round the Bois de Boulogne, or walk up to Père la Chaise; no one, we repeat, can visit Notre Dame, Versailles, and the historic streets and art collections of Paris without being alike pleased and struck, fascinated and impressed. And then in addition to this, when we live among French people, we see how they have been misunderstood and often undervalued, and how that really and truly there does not exist on the face of the earth a more industrious, sober, peaceful, home-loving people. If life varies in its outward aspects materially in Paris, as it does, from our English habits, so much so, as to mislead those who are content with the surface of things, no one can live in Paris without liking Paris, just as no one can sojourn for a season in La Belle France without becoming deeply impressed with the higher qualities of the French people. So first at Paris and then on their onward career, we wish our American Pilgrims everthing that health and arrangement, good digestion and warm hearts can bring them. We trust that when they return to us in September, en route for their native land, theirs will be both pleasant associations and refreshing memories of their lengthened Pilgrimage.

THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING.

Our thoughts will still return to that hospitable and successful undertaking. We feel sure the more we think about it, that thanks to the happy idea of Bro. George Kenning, (may his shadow never grow less), that pleasantest of meetings will be productive of much good in more ways than one to Masonry in England and the United States. That assembly, at any rate, had this one great merit, that it sought to draw together, and did draw together, American and English Masons as brethren and as friends, true and cherished, and that it sought to weld together even closer than before, those links of amity and interest, of sympathy and affection, which if our Masonic principles be worth anything should bind those on this side of the Atlantic with those on the other side of the Atlantic with one Masonic and mystical cable of brotherly union and goodwill. Such assemblies are few and far between in our lives, and there are none of us living, likely, humanly speaking, to see the same again. Let us cherish its memories and rejoice to think that we were permitted to be present. One of our good brethren said that evening that we did not come together often enough, and live in little Masonic circles of our own. That is most true, and is a fact that we may well bear in mind as pointing to salutary amendment and not unwelcome change. The party which was assembled by its kind host will probably never get together again in life, but let it remind us of that union, and friendship, and

kindness, and sympathy, and concord, and charity, which if they often seem to desert this nether earth of ours, yet live, or ought to live, at any rate, in goodly strength and grace, in the true Freemason's heart.

RUMOURS.

"Dame Rumour," as the old proverb has it, is a very "lying jade," and just now is very busy in our good Masonic body. Perhaps it is the special season of the year, perhaps it is the hot weather, perhaps it is "many other things," which predispose us to canards, and land us on the fruitful shore of gossip and rumour. But though as the schoolmen would have said of old, "de apparentibus et existentibus eadem est ratio," yet as no evil is without a remedy, pace our good medical brethren—we will prescribe a "little common sense, carefully mixed with prudent reserve," just now, for all our readers and friends. Rumour has it, loudly and whisperingly at the same time, that the heavy hand of the law has fallen on "unscrutinizing scrutineers," and that said worthies don't like it at all, and declare that it is after all only the case of the "pot and the kettle." Rumour has it that we are to be favoured with "piquant revelations" and "striking facts," which, whether they turn out to be short stories or long yarns, will, no doubt, vastly amuse our Masonic body. Rumour has it that some brethren, who think themselves passed over in Grand Lodge appointments, talk too often and too loudly about it, while not a few, who are anxious for the purple, are stated by Rumour to be equally indiscreet as to their hopes and expectations for the future. Rumour has it that there will be a contest for the Grand Treasurership, whenever it takes place, and that a certain distinguished brother is pretty certain, of success. Rumour says many other things which we think we need not repeat here, as it is quite sufficient to note the fact that such rumours do exist. We do not ourselves attach much credit to these various items of gossip and small talk, knowing how prone Masons, as well as other people, are to indulge in such little absurdities, and we are inclined on the whole to put them all down to the hot weather and the end of the season, which two things seem to us to account for anything abnormal or peculiar in our Masonic arrangements just now. To one rumour we think that we can give absolute denial, which is the alleged existence of a "Clique," about which some of our brethren have been taking so much lately, and shaking their heads so emphatically. Those of us who remember our lamented Bro. Aytoun's story of the Clique in a Scottish borough will agree with us that any such amiable institution in English Freemasonry will equally and speedily come to grief. So, as our brethren are forsaking the metropolis and lodge life, we can safely say, "listen not to idle canards and childish rumours, but go your way and enjoy yourselves as good fellows and good men-north, south, east, and west." When we all meet again in Septemtem, if we do, we shall soon find out how little there is of truth, and how much of falsehood, in idle rumours and amusing canards.

OUR DETECTIVE POLICE.

We have never had but one opinion on this subject, though probably in that we differ from some of our readers. We wish the detective force to be a well paid, well educated, well-conditioned body of men, placed in such a position as to be above all external influences, and severed absolutely from all contact with unsafe associations. One of the greatest difficulties of the present police system is the "special agency business," which has no conscience, and no reserve, and apes the habits, and assumes even the name of the police. Some of us may remember a recent case before a police magistrate, where a special agent got off on the first charge, though, happily, safely landed in the second, because he said he was a "special detective." As he did not use the word "police" in the first case, as he was proved to have done in the second, he was only convicted on the second complaint. Nothing can be worse for our police

than association of any kind, or understanding of any kind with such persons, and who, because they have once been police officers have no more rights or privileges than any other English citizens; and as the special agent often commits necessarily most illegal acts, and strains the and constitutional provisions of our good English laws, the police, a constitutional body, ought in no way to be assenting even by implication to proceedings which are of most doubtful legality, or to arrangements dangerous to the liberty of the We quite agree with the Graphic in regretting the tone of Lord Truro's complaint, though we believe that he means well. there are black sheep in so large a force is no doubt true, just as there are in all bodies of men, but remembering all that the police go through daily, hourly—their discipline, their courage, their tact, and their good behaviour are highly to be commended, and we much doubt if they are equalled by any other force in the world. When complaints are made of the slowness of detection, or the insufficiency of surveillance, we must always remember, what too many forget, that the English police is under constitutional checks, which are unknown in other lands, and what appears to be tardiness, what assumes the appearance of vacillation, what is termed indecision, are only after all the natural consequences of a respect for and abiding by Law. It is difficult, if not impossible, often in England for the police to interfere when it is perfectly possible and easy for them to do so on the continent, because we only use the police in England to repress and detect crime, and give it no power, (except by speciallegislation), to interfere with the ordinary life of English citizens. Every allowance ought, therefore, in our opinion to be made for the police, and certainly the way to improve them, to ameliorate their condition, and to advance their efficiency, is not to put forward idle complaints, or repeat childish clamours, too often emanations from that undercurrent of thought and feeling, which on good grounds has often a well-merited dislike for, and apprehension of, the Police.

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.—En.]

LONDON VOTES FOR THE CHARITIES. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that there now appears to be some prospect of the London brethren waking up to the fact that the provinces by combining together in the shape of Charity Committees to support the candidates for their respective provinces are gaining such power, that in a few years time (unless the London brethren do likewise) it will be a matter of almost utter impossibility to get a London case in; the study for a few minutes of the following figures for the last year will throw some considerable light on this matter.

on this matter	Amount Subscribed,	Pensioners.	Proportionate number according to the amount Subscribed.
London	£6062	69	138
Provinces	£5028	169	
London Provinces		In School. 49 109	75 83
London Provinces	£5577	72	102
	£4891	116	86

By these figures we see, that although London subscribed over £1000 more than all the provinces put together to the Benevolent Institution, we have only got sixty-nine instead of 138 pensioners, or just one half of the number that we ought to have; as regards the Boys' School, the provinces head us by about £500, and we have only got forty-nine instead of seventy-five boys in the school, being twenty-six, or one third of our proper number, to the bad; again, the Girls' School, we head the provinces with nearly £700, and have only seventy-two instead of 102 girls in the school, being thirty, or nearly one third of our proper number, to the bad. It is, therefore, proposed to form a London Charity Union to protect the interests of the London candidates, the rules for which will be something as follows:—The membership will be open to all who vote in the London district, whether Masons or not; the annual subscription 5s.; the association will be managed by a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Treasurer, two Auditors, and two Secretaries (who will be elected at the annual meeting of the members), and a Committee of

forty-five, one third of whom retire annually. The qualification for an officer or Committeeman is, that he should be a Life Governor of one of the three Masonic Charities; a member of a London lodge, and only one member of a London lodge will be on the Committee at the same time; they are to go through the claims of the various London cases, appoint sub-Committees, to make special enquiries where they think it necessary, and then determine which they consider the most deserving and urgent of the Lon-don cases; power is also given to them to exchange votes with provinces or individuals.

Many brethren have sent me their names as willing to found such an association, and a meeting for that purpose will be held as soon as convenient, and any brother wishing to attend, who will send me his name and address, I shall be only too pleased to let him know the place, time, and

Yours truly and fraternally,

ALFRED TISLEY, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, London.

BRO. KENNING'S BANQUET TO THE AMERICAN BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

Reluctant to trespass on your space, I yet must ask permission to correct the report of the concluding observa-tions addressed by me in response to the toast with which my name was associated. The words I used were "that whether the waters of the Atlantic presented the surface of 'a clear lake glassing softest skies,' or whether they were lashed into fury by storm and tempest, they may be regarded, not as an obstacle to separate, but as a link to unite, the two great English-speaking peoples of the world, whose energies, I hope, may be exercised in illustrating, expounding, and inculcating the principle of 'loyalty' to their respective legitimately constituted governments in practising universal 'charity' and in maintaining and preserving that freedom of thought, speech, and action which is alike the highly and the distinguishing characteristic is alike the birthright and the distinguishing characteristic of both.

In the words I have italicised your report reads "unity," which in association with the sentence of which it is made

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Editor of the " Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,-

Can you give me any information as to who the two brethren are who have so far misconducted themselves as to have caused the Board of General Purposes to suspend one from all Masonic functions for two years, and the other a severe admonishment?

I read in your contemporary, the Sunday Times, that one is a P.G. Officer, and the other one of the Secretaries. This latter appears to me very unfair to the Secretaries of the Charitable Institutions. I presume it really means a Secretary of one of the London lodges. Can you set all doubts at rest?

Yours fraternally,

A. P.M.

[We understand that a distinguished Past Grand Officer has been suspended for two years, and that a Secretary of a London lodge has been severely reprimanded.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the regular quarterly gathering of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield. The preliminary lodge was opened up by Bro. Dr. Thomas, W.M., and the officers of the Wentworth Lodge, 1239. When Provincial Grand Lodge entered, the R.W.P.G.M. (Lieut. Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.) presiding, assisted by the W. Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. T. W. Tew), and a large staff of Provincial Grand Officers.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the brethren were calledupon to salute the R.W.P.G.M., and alterwards the Deputy Prov. G.M., in ancient form

which call was heartily responded to.
The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, then de-

livered the following address:

Brethren, you may well imagine I find it far from easy, in any corresponding language, to express my deep and grateful sense of the kind and hearty salutation with which, for the third time, you have greeted me in Sheffield I thank you, officers and brethren of the province of West Yorkshire, for this cordial welcome to Provincial Grand Lodge. It affords me the liveliest satisfaction, personally, Provincial Grand Lodge has always been received with open arms by the Sheffield and Rotherham Lodges; and our obligations are due to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Wentworth Lodge, under whose banner we are now marshalled, for the excellence of their arrangements for the summer meeting of the Craft. The Wentworth Lodge is, I believe, an offspring of the Britannia, and was conscrated on the 7th of December, 1868, by our lamented Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw. It has year by year gone on steadily increasing its numbers, until it has your seventy-six members on its roll. The until it has now seventy-six members on its roll. The brethren of this lodge have most creditably exerted themelves. During the past three years they have secured a Life Governorship in each of the Masonic Charities. So much interest has been taken in the Sheffield Masonic Hall, that all the present available capital of the Wentworth Lodge has been apprepriated towards the cost of l put forward at once with his cordial recommendation, and

this handsome edifice; moreover, many of its members have become Royal Arch Masons. Brethren, I have accepted what I consider virtually a command from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the office of Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for West Yorkshire, rendered vacant by the death of Comp. Bentley Shaw, and I hope to have the honour of meeting the companions of this province in Royal Arch Chapter assembled, in this Hall, some time during the month of October or November. I am glad to be informed, that despite the general depression of trade, on looking over our charity contributions, this lassitude in commercial matters has not had a corresponding depression in your voluntary contributions to the Masonic Institutions. This province, through the energy of its Charity Committee, has still been able to maintain, at the April election of candidates, its old successful prestige. I commend to the consideration of successful prestige. I commend to the consideration of the lodges the circular of the Charity Committee, to raise the sum of £1050 for a presentation in perpetuity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and to be called the "Bentley Shaw Presentation." I have headed this subscription with a donation of £50. You are aware this committee has carried out the munificent project of my Deputy, Bro. Tew, and that the W. Yorkshire chair is en-dowed for the Annuitants' Fund with forty votes, and for the Girls' School with twenty-five votes, in lieu of the votes lost by the death of Bro. Shaw. My Deputy informs me he will be shortly called upon to establish another lodge in Sheffield, which is to be presided over by that veteran Past Master, Bro. Hay; and that two other Past Masters from each of the other true lodges how there is included to be a state of the true lodges have been best to be a state of the true lodges have been best to be a state of the true lodges have been best by the state of the s from each of the other two lodges have been invited to become honorary Past Masters of this fourth lodge in Sheffield. This is presumptive evidence that perfect harmony pre-vails between the several lodges here, and which is further consolidated by the frequent interchanges of visits paid by the respective lodges to one another. May the four lodges maintain this old and beautiful spirit of the Craft by perpetuating this identical concord, the very bond of peace and brotherly love, in having identical bye-laws, identical fees, and identical fellowship. I cannot pass on to another topic without alluding to the death of that lady, whose hospitality, in Stanton-in-Peak, the hrethren in Sheffield nospitanty, in Stanton-in-Peak, the hiethren in Shiffield have frequently enjoyed. I am glad this Provincial Grand Lodge is not deprived of the presence of the Senior Grand Warden to day. There is just another allusion I wish to make, which must, I think, be gratifying to the Freemasons of West Yorkshire; it is the creditable display which this Province makes in the Universal Exposition of the Freench at Paris, and that the British schikiters were the French at Paris; and that the British exhibitors were the first in readiness to display their contributions on the day of opening, the 1st of May. This circumstance must have been gratifying to our Royal Grand Master, the President of the English Section. Perhaps that which most touched the hearts of the French people was to see, at their third Exhibition, not only the representatives of all that was emi-nent in art, science, industry, commerce, banking, diplomacy, and politics present at its inauguration, and of all that the human mind had produced that was best and illustrious, but also the scions of the great Royal races of the world. Of these illustrious personages none worked with greater zeal, none made himself a more universal favourite, than our Royal Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. Within the last few years an intellectual inter-course has grown up between France and England. The two countries have the same commercial aspirations. We represent the same humanitarian principles which are our joint patrimony, and this Exhibition, in which England displays to great advantage, must be productive of much good to both countries, and lead to the consolidation of a union of interests. This Exhibition, which the French describe as the "Feast of Concord," may it, I say, brethren, be the feast of labour and of peace, and pave the way for the "Kiss of Peace" between the nations of the earth. I hope the era of ameliorations by warfare has closed with the conclusion of the labours of the Congress in Berlin. I hope the world, in our time at least, will see no more of those dreadful crusades which blaspheme the symbols of Freemasonry they have employed, and which work more evil in a year than statesmen can remedy in a generation. Brethren, peace has been restored to the South-East of Europe. This event will be joyfully greeted as the starting point of a new era of development and revival of friendly relations and of trade. A new period of economical and intellectual resurrection will be inaugurated in the East, supported by all the mental and material resources of our time, so full of energetic enterprises. I trust we shall have no further need of Congresses save those like this Universal Exposition of the Arts and Sciences, extending commerce and universal Masonic concord. From my heart I wish that the West Riding, and this Sheffield portion of it, may very largely share in all the glory and in all the blessedness on which our Masonic edifice is built, of brotherly love and harmony, and of a peaceful and improving era. It only remains for me to repeat, brethren, that you have again in Sheffield given your Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge a reception for which I am extremely grateful. The Deputy Prov. G. Master, in returning thanks for the salutation to himself, took occasion to mention that he had received petitions in favour of the establishment of new lodges in Sheffield and Huddersfield, and he hoped the promoters would do the Registrar for the time being the kindness and the favour of submitting a copy of their proposed byelaws. This he asked in accordance with a custom which had been carefully observed prior to his own appointment to the office he had now the honour of holding, and he should not feel at liberty to depart from the custom, as the rule was a very wholesome one, and any neglect might tend to seriously hamper his successors in office. If this usual custom were followed and the promoters would be good enough to let the Prov. G. Secretary have the papers in due form, he would take care that the petitions were

would take the very earliest opportunity of consecrating the new lodges when duly authorised. The D.P.G.M. also referred to the importance of each lodge sending to the Prov. G. Secretary the returns required by Grand Lodge of the number of subscribing members up to the 30th of June, 1878, with the utmost promptitude. In conclusion, he referred to the proposed Memorial Presentation in memory of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, and said he hoped that desirable movement would be furthered by what took place at that meeting.

After the roll of lodges and the list of Prov. Grand Officers had been called over, which showed a representation of about 50 lodges in the province, with an attendance of about 130 brethren, the minutes of the previous meeting

were confirmed.

By the agenda paper, the next business was the conideration of the proposed alteration and addition to Bye-law 53, which had been adjourned from the previous meeting, but he Provincial Grand Registrar (Bro. Malcolm) on behalf of Bro. Hutchinson (P.P.G. Regis.) who had charge of the motion, stated that after consulting many influential brethren in the province, and taking the opinions expressed by several lodges into consideration, it had been determined withdraw the resolution on the present occasion, a result which was generally and warmly received by the brethren

No other general business being before the meeting, and there being no petitions for relief, an invitation from the Probity Lodge, Halifax, for the next Prov. G. Lodge meeting in October was accepted.

The lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Devon was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Devon-square, in the town 30th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Devon-square, in the town of Newton. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M., presided, supported by his officers:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. pro tem.; W. Bros. Dr. Woodgates, S.G.W.; Major J. G. Shanks, P.P.G.S.W., J.C.W. pro tem.; J. B. Gover, M.O.; T. B. Richards, J.O.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap. pro tem.; R. B. Twosc, Treas.; Elliot Square, Reg.; Vincent Bird, Past G.M.O. of England, P.P.G.T., Sec.; J. G. P. Evans, D.C.; R. Blight, A.D.C.; Juo. Masters, S. of W.; R. Pengelly, St. B.; Thos. Searle, Purs.; H. Stocker, S.B.; Jno. Rogers, Tyler. Among the brethren present were also the following P.P.G. and lodge brethren present were also the following P.P.G. and lodge officers:—W. Bros. S. Jones, Past S.G.W. of England; John Du Pré, Past G. St. B. of England; J. T. Shapland, John Du Pré, Past G. St. B. of England; J. T. Shapland, P.P.G.J.W.; S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; A. Bodley, P.P.G.J.O.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G. Treas.; Jos. Austen, Past P.G. S.D. of England; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Browning, P.P.G.J.D.; Jno. Olver, W.M. 215, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. H. Toms, P.M. and Treas. 100, P.P.G. St. B.; C. Croydon, P.P.G. St. B.; E. J. Knight, W.M. 16, P.P.G.S.B.; Jno. Blackler, W.M. 91; S. D. Nicholls, W.M. 166; Bros. the Rev. F. A. S. Bellamy, Chap. 35; E. Binding, J.W. 16; J. H. Stephens, S.W. 48; H. Bridgman, M.O. 91; J. R. W. Quinn, R.N., S.W. 64; H. Horton, J.O. 35; W. Vicary, S.O. 215; F. Littleton, J.W. 48; J. S. Saunders, S.W. 215; Jno. Stocker, S.W. 15; Jas. Jerman, J.W. 15; Jno. lngle, J.D. 215; W. Harris, J.W. 215; Jno. Neno, I.G. 76; Jno. Allen, Fast S.W. 96; Jno. S. Roach, I.G. 50; Henvy Clark, J.D. 15; H. G. Beachey, M.O. 215; E. Thos. Fulford, S.O. 15; W. F. Quicke, D.C. 15; F. J. Pratt, M.O. 100; Charles G. Vicary, S.D. 215, and Canynges, Bristol; C. S.O. 15; W. F. Quicke, D.C. 15; F. J. Pratt, M.O. 100; Charles G. Vicary, S.D. 215, and Canynges, Bristol; C. Pope, Sec. 215; Herbert Martin, Reg. 215; Charles Stevens, I.G. 215; Lewis E. Bearne, O. 215; Jno. Haywood, Tyler, 215. The minutes of the last Provincial C.L. meeting, held at Tavisteck, Oct. 17th, 1877, were read and confirmed. The Secretary, W. Bro. Bird, reported that all the dues and fees had been paid. There was a balance remaining in band of £23 2s. 7d. At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, held at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the evening of July 26th, Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the evening of July 26th, the accounts were duly audited. Several applications for relief had been received, but, not being submitted in accordance with the regulations, could not be accepted. They had to be deferred. The Board of General Purposes recommended that none of the money at present in hand should be voted by that meeting. The Treasurer, W. Bro. R. B. Twose, read his report in detail, which together with the report of the Board of General Purposes confirmed the Secretary's report. The reports were unanimously received and adopted. W. Bros. S. Jew, J. B. Gover, C. Godtschalk, and L. D. Westcott were reappointed the Board of General Purposes.

The ceremony of the constitution of the new Mark Lodge as the Devon Lodge, No. 215, was then proceeded with. The new Devon Lodge was opened by the W.M. designate, W. Bro. John Olver. The P.G. Secretary announced to the P.G.M.M that the W.M. and members desired to be constituted and consecrated in ancient form, and the P.G. Secretary read the warrant from the M.W. the Grand Master of England, the Earl of Limerick, authorising the constitution of the said lodge. In reply to a query from the P.G.M.M., the brethren of the new lodge signified their assent to the appointment of the officers named in the warrant, and nominated Bros. John Olver, W.M.; John S. Saunders, S.W.; W. Harris, J.W.; H. George Beachey, M.O.; W. Vicary, S.O.; F. D. Bewes, J.O.; C. G. Vicary, S.D.; John Ingle, J.D.; H. Martin, Registrar of Marks; William Vicary, Treas.; C. Pope, Sec.; Charles Stevens, I.G.; John Haywood, Tyler. The Master and members of the new lodge were pledged to obey the laws and constitution of the G.L. of Mark Masters. The P.G.M.M. then declared the Devon Mark Lodge, No. 215, to be a regular and duly constituted lodge. The ceremony of the consecration of the lodge

followed. The P.G.M.M. gave the invocation, and the P.G. Chap. pro tem., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, offered up the consecration and dedication prayers. At the close of the consecration of the new lodge, the ordinary business of the P.G. Lodge was resumed. On the proposition of W. Bro. R. B. Twose, seconded by W. Bro. Major Shanks, R.M., Bros. William Vicary, 215, was unanimously elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and John Rogers was re-elected Tyler. The P.G.M.M. then invested the following

brethren as the officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. R. Bowden. Prov. D.G.M.
Hon. W. H. Joliffe, 35 Prov. G.S.W. H. Horton, 35 C. Godtschalk, 66 ... Lieut. J. R. W. Quinn, R.N., 64 John Blackler, 91 Prov. G.J.W. ... Prov. G.M.O. ... Prov. G.S.O. ... Prov. G.J.O. ... Prov. G. Chap. ... Prov. G. Treas. ... Prov. G. Reg. Rev. F. A. S. Bellamy, 35 W. Vicary ... J. H. Keats, 50 Vincent Bird, 64 ... Prov. G. Sec. ... Prov. G. S.D. ... Prov. G. J.D. R. Lose, 48 ... W. Cole, 9 ... John Stocker, 15 ... Prov. G.S. of W. H. Stocker, 15 ... Prov. G.D.C. ••• ... Prov. G.A.D.C. ... Prov. G.S.B. T. Searle, 100 ... John Moysey, 76 ... John H. Stevens, 48 Prov. G. St. B. ••• Prov. G.O. ... Prov. G. Purs.

Prov. G. Stwds. Prov. G. Tyler. John Rogers John Rogers Prov. G. Tyler.
In the evening the brethren dined in two parties, those that left early at Magor's Commercial Flotel, and the others later at the Globe Hotel.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We take this important correspondence from our contemporary the Canadian Craftsman.

OFFICIAL.

Office of the Grand Master,

Montreal, P.Q., 28th June, 5878. To the M.W. the Grand Masters, officers, and brethren of all regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons throughout the world, to whom these presents may come, greet-

Brethren,-It is with profound regret that I feel it my duty to issue the following 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 24th 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 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 unfraternal 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 Jasons; and I hereby further declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease, bet ween this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland and all lodges and brethren in obedience thereto, and all brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no Masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as far as Ancient Ceaft Maconry is concerned, and this edict sh be and remain in full force and effect, until revoked by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Quebec; and it is hereby further ordered that due proclamation of this edict be made to all brothren in obedience to this Grand Lodge; of all which they will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly; 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.

John H. Isaacson, Grand Sec. G.L. of Q. MELBOURNE M. TAIT, Grand Master.

In order that you may more fully understand the position of this Grand Lodge towards the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the circumstances which have necessitated the issue of the above proclamation, I have to request your attention to the following statement:

On the 20th day of October, A.L. 5869, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons was duly formed in accordance with the principles and Constitutions of our ancient and honourable fraternity, and has since received fraternal recognition, as an independent, sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons, having the right to exercise supreme Masonic authority in and over the province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, from the following

Grand Lodges of the world, viz.:—
Alabama, Arkansas, Argentine Republic, Belgium, Brazil, British Columbia, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Connecticut, Canada, Dakota, Georgia, Hungary, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ireland, Kansas, Louisiana, Manitoba, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Nova Scotia, North Carolina, Ohio, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Spain, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

At the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of

Quebcc there were several lodges who still desired to remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which Grand Body exercised jurisdiction over the territory now known as the Province of Quebec, when that province and the now Province of Ontario were united under the name of the Province of Canada.

At the same time there were also existing five lodges under warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and two lodges under warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Subsequently the differences between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Canada were most happily and amicably adjusted, and the latter withdrew entirely any claim to jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec.

Two of the lodges under English warrants, and one under Scotch warrant, took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but the remaining English lodges, viz.: St. Paul, St. George, St. Lawrence, together with the Scotch Lodge, Elgin, still work under the old warrants, and refuse to acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Every effort, consistent with the honour and dignity of this Grand Lodge, has been made to them, to bring about an amicable adjustment of the anomalous state of affairs resulting from the existence of these lodges, but without

As one evidence of such effort on the part of this Grand Lodge, I would ask your attention to the following cor-respondence with Elgin Lodge, and would remark that a similar letter was sent to each of St. Paul's, St. George's, and St. Lawrence Lodges with the same result; these communications being sent at the earnest desire of our brethren, who wished to leave no stone unturned to bring about an amicable adjustment of our differences.

Montreal, 26th May, 1878.

Fo R.W. Bro. Cohen, Wor. Master of Elgin Lodge, No. 348, S.R.A.F. and A.M.

Wor. Sir and Dear Bro.,-I beg to state for your information that at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, held in this city on the 22nd and 23rd September last, 1875, a correspondence had between the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England and the writer on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the subject of the recognition of the latter named body by the former, was read and laid before the Grand Lodge, and following resolution was adopted:

"That the consideration of the acceptance by this Grand Lodge of recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, on the terms as proposed by the latter as set forth in the ad-dress of the M.W. the Grand Master, be postponed until the next communication of this Grand Lodge, and that a committee be appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to confer with the lodges now existing in this province under warrants from other jurisdictions, with a view to effect, if possible, the amicable junction of said lodges with this Grand Lodge, and that said committee report progress to the M.W. Grand Master from time to time, in order that such report may be submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, whose decision in the matter shall be final."

That subsequently, with the view to give effect to the above quoted resolution, a committee was named by the M.W. the Grand Master of the G.L. of Q., consisting of the following:

R.W. Bro. James O'Halloran, D.G.M., E. M. Copeland, D.D.G.M., M. M. Tait, P.D.D.G.M. " I. H. Stearns, P.D.D.G.M. " J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

That the above named, in pursuance of the duty devolving upon them as such committee, have decided to respectfully and fraternally invite a conference with representatives of lodges in this province holding charters under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, to consider the important subject referred to in the above mentioned resolution.

I am, therefore, directed to invite your lodge, as being one under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to at an early period depute one or more of its members to take part in such conference, and I shall be happy to hear from you at an early date in reply to this communi-

I am, Wor. Sir and Bro., yours respectfully and fraternally,

(Signed)

JOHN H. ISAACSON. Grand Secretary G. L. of Q. Elgin Lodge, F. and A. M.,

Montreal, June 10th, 1876. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro .- I am instructed by the R.W.M. of Elgin Lodge, A.E. Cohen, Esq., to acknowledge receipt of your communication addressed to him on the 26th ultimo, and in reply to send you the following copy of a resolution passed at the special meeting of the lodge held on the 2nd instant, at which your letter and invitation therein contained were duly considered, viz.

"That this lodge, after having considered the commui-cation from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at a special meet-ing called for that purpose, on the 2nd June, inst., have unanimously resolved to continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that the Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to communicate with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to that effect."

After passing such a resolution as the foregoing it was deemed hardly necessary to rame a delegation to attend the proposed conference. But knowing the feeling of the lodge in the matter, and should you still desire it to be represented at your meeting, I shall be happy to again lay your wishes before the brethren at their regular commu-

nication upon hearing from you.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally, (Signed) W. A. SALSBURY,

Secretary. This Grand Lodge afterwards again applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for recognition as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, and received recognition as such, as will be seen by the following correspondence:-

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, Canada, January 6th, 1877.

Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, M.W. Grand Master, Grand
Lodge of Scotland A. F. and A. M.

M.W. Brather J. Canada. M.

M.W. Brother,—I am directed by Jas. Dunbar, Esq., Queen's Counsel, and M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A.M., to state for your information, and for that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was regularly and constitutionally formed and established on the 20th day of October, 1869 (as has been already heretofore notified to the Grand Lodge of Scotland), has since that date been acknowledged and recognised very generally throughout the globe as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec.

And I am desired to state that the Grand Lodge of Quebec sincerely desires the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be in fraternal intercourse with that grand body; to that end I am requested to address this communication, a profelly requesting that it may be submitted to your Grand Lodge, with the view of ob taining at an early period the recognition desired.

I have the honour to be, M.W. Sir, your obedient

brother,

JOHN H. ISAACSON, Signed Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.
Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,
Edinburgh, May 17th, 1877.

J. H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of
Quebec, Montreal.

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother — Layer to inform you that

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I have to inform you that at their Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th of February last, the Grand Lodge of Scotland unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. They at the same time agreed to submit for your approval the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M. of Mother Kilwinning, as Representative here of your Grand Lodge. I shall be glad to receive the name of the brother whom the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be pleased to nominate as Representative from our Grand

Permit me to say that the delay which has occurred in sending this official intimation is due to the change that has been effected in this department.

1 am, with the most fraternal regards, yours faithfully,
(Signed)

D. MURRAY LYON.

Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M .- Grand Secre-

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, May 31st, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

R. W. Sir and Dear Brother,—I am directed by the M.W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to acknowledge the receipt of your communication to me of the 17th of May instant, conveying the very gratifying information that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had at its Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th February last, unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with

the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M.W. Bro. Dunbar regards this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as extending to the Grand Lodge of Quebec the recognition asked for by my letter of the 6th of January, 1877, to your M.W. Grand Master, and as its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the province of Quebec.

The Grand Master has much pleasure in acquiescing in the suggestion by the Grand Lodge, of the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M. of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, as representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I have the pleasure of forwarding his

I feel assured that the Grand Lodge of Quebec would hail with lively satisfaction the appointment of its present Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Dunbar, of Quebec City, Queen's Counsel, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near this Grand Lodge.

An early interchange of the credentials of the representatives of the two Grand Lodges and the continuation of the correspondence now so happily established will be a source of great satisfaction to this Grand Lodge.

I am, R.W. and Dear Brother, yours fraternally, JOHN H. ISAACSON, Grand Secretary, G.L. of Q. (Signed)

Grand Lodge of Scotland-Grand Secretary's Office. Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street, Edinburgh, July 2nd, 187

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge

of Quebec, Montreal. of the 31st May, I beg to say that I expect to be able to forward our Commission to your M.W. Grand Master, Bro. James Dunbar, immediately after the Quarterly Com-

munication of the Grand Lodge, on the 6th August next.

I deem it an honour to have had the privilege of being the medium of communicating the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recognise and hold correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

With best regards, I am, ever faithfully yours, D. MURRAY LYON, (Signed) Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office. Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,

Edinburgh, August 8th, 1877. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

Dear Sir and Brother,-I have the pleasure of forwarding commission in favour of your Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, and hope the relations that are now ratified may long exist between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and

Ever faithfully,

D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebcc, A.F. and A.M .- Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, August 29th, 1877. D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A.F. and A.M.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother .- I am desired by the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, to acknowledge the receipt by him of commission in his favour, naming him the Grand Representative of your Grand Lodge, near the

Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A more formal acknowledgment of the commission will be made by its recipient at an early period. At the present M.W. Bro Dunbar is from home.

I am, yours fraternally, (Signed)

John H. Isaacson. Grand Secretary.

After the establishment of such fraternal relations it appeared but right and proper that effect should be given to the recognition so kindly extended, and with that view the following correspondence took place, which, unfortu-nately, resulted in the withdrawal by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of her recognition and her Grand Representative, and as a necessary consequence in the recall by me of the commission issued in favour of R.W. Bro. Wylie as Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. and A.M.-Grand Secre-

tary's Office.
Montreal, 4th October, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A.F. and A.M.

R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,—Referring to the correspondence which has passed between the Grand Lodge of

Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, relative to the recognition of the latter (a printed copy whereof for your convenience I take the liberty to enclose herewith), and by which correspondence the Grand Lodge of Quebec considered that they have received recognition, as exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province, I am directed to respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the fact that there is a subordinate ledge in this city, called the Elgin Lodge, working under warrant No. 348, received from your Grand Lodge, and not recognising the Grand Lodge of Quebec as such supreme authority.

As the existence of this lodge, under existing circumstances, is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am requested to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing Elgin Lodge to take such steps as may be necess sary to place itself under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge

I am directed to say further that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of opinion that such a step would prevent any possible conflict of jurisdiction, and so tend greatlyto promote harmony among Masons in this province.

I am yours respectfully and fraternally, John H. Isaacson, (Signed) Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Queboc, A.F. and A.M.-Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, 1st November, 1878, D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh.

R.W. Sir and Brother,—I have the honour, by the command of the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to forward on the other side, for the information of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a copy of a resolution

adopted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its last annual communication, held in this city on the 26th and 27th days of September last, 1877.
I am, R.W. Sir, yours fraternally,

(Signed) John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

The following is a copy of the resolution referred

Resolved,—That in consideration of the recognition of this Grand Lodge—through the establishment of fraternal relations in the interchange of Grand Representatives by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in view of the fact that there still exists in this jurisdiction a subordinate lodge working under charter of that Grand Body, as well as three subordinate lodges working under charters from the Grand Lodge of England; therefore it is expedient that a definite period be now fixed when those several lodges shall return to their respective Grand Lodges their charters, and receive from this Grand Lodge a duplicate thereof, so that the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be preserved intact, in accordance with the well-understood regulations defining the territorial juris-

diction of Grand Lodges on this continent.

And inasmuch as the interest of the Craft in this jursdiction requires that no unnecessary delay shall ensue in carrying out this resolution, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is hereby instructed to cause the same to be communicated forthwith to the Grand Lodges of Englan and Scotland respectively, with a respectful notification that their several subordinate lodges shall on or before the 1st of January next comply with the terms thereof.

And to these communications the following replies were received :

Grand Lodge of Scotland-Grand Secretary's Office.

Freemason's Hall, 98, George-street,
Edinburgh, 15th Nov., 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favours of the 4th ult., and 1 st inst.

Your first communication, along with a letter from

Lodge Elgin, Montreal, and my reply thereto were laid before Grand Committee on the 30th October. In terms of instructions I beg to enclose a copy of the minute of Grand Committee on the subject, which minute was con-t firmed by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on the 5th inst.

Your second communication conveys a demand tha Elgin, Montreal, be instructed to transfer its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I shall present your letter and accompanying resolutions

I shall present your letter and meeting to Grand Committee on the 27th inst.

I am, dear Sir and R.W. Brother, yours faithfully,

(Sioned) D. Murray Lyon,

Scoreta: Secretary.

The following is copy of minutes referred to, with copy of letter from Grand Lodge of Scotland to Secretary o Elgin Lodge, Montreal:—

A communication was presented from the Lodge Elgin, Montreal, No. 348, dated 2nd October, regarding a proposal to compel that lodge to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and place itself under the Grand Lodge, of Quebec. Also a letter from Bro. John H. Isaacson-Grand Secretary of Quebec (Oct. 4), in which the followe ing sentence occurs:—" As the existence of this lodg (Elgin) under present circumstances is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebic, I am instructed to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the prepriety of directing Elgin Lodge to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. I am directed to say further that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of opinion that such a step would prevent any possible con-flict of jurisdiction, and so tend greatly to promote har-mony among Masons in this province." The following

mony among Masons in this province." The following letter by the Grand Secretary was also submitted:—
Freemasons' Hall, 98, George Street,
Edinburgh, Oct. 15, 1877.
Henry Morgan, Esq., Secretary, Lo. Elgin, No. 348,
Montreal.

Dear Sir and Brothe,—Your favour of the 2nd inst.
reached me this morning. I reply in course, in order the more promptly to dispel the fears by which your brethren have been moved in connection with the recent exchange of representatives between the Grand Lodges of Scotland

In opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, our Grand Lodge could not have had the slight-est intention of recognising any right upon which might be founded a demand for the severance of the tie existing between it and its daughter Lodge of Montreal. Should such a right be insisted upon, I feel certain that

rather than accede to the demand, the Grand Lodge of Scotland will authorise the recall of its commission to its representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Your lodge will enjoy the fullest Masonic protection with attendant privileges so long as it desires to continue its allegiance to its Mother Grand Lodge. Pray assure

the brethren of this. Your communication will be laid before the Grand Com-

mittee at their meeting on 30th inst.
I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,
D. Murray Lyon,

The Grand Committee heartily approved of their Secretary's reply, and instructed that a copy thereof be for-

warded to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Edinburgh, 3rd Dec., 1877. John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Sccretary, Grand Lodge of

Quebec, Montreal. R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,-I am instructed by Grand Committee to recall the commission issued in favour of the M.W. Bro. James Dunbar, as Representative of the Grand

Lodge of Scotland at the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I am also directed to say that, had the withdrawal of our charter from Elgin, Montreal, been made sine qua non to the establishment of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, no such bond would have been entered into.

I am, R.W. Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,
D. Murray Lyon

Montreal, 17th May, 1878. D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro.,—I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to inform you that your communications of the 15th November last, with its enclosures and 3rd December last, were laid before the meeting of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge, at their meeting lately held, but were referred to the Most Worshipful Grand Master to take such action

upon them as he might consider right and proper pending the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master desires me to express his extreme regret that the friendly and fraternal correspondence and intercourse which was apparently so happily commenced should have terminated so abruptly, by the recall by your Grand Lodge of the commission issued in favour of the Most Worshipful James Dunbar, as Representative of your Grand Body, near the Grand Lodge

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has particularly noted the remark in your letter of the 15th October last, to the Secretary of the Elgin Lodge, wherein you say: "In opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, our Grand Lodge could not have had the slightest intention of recognising any right upon which might be founded a demand for the severance of the tie existing between it and its daughter lodge in Montreal "—and also the remark contained in your letter of 3rd December last, wherein, after recalling the commission issued in favour of the Most Worshipful Bro. James Dunbar, you state: "I am also directed to say that had the withdrawal of our The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has particularly am also directed to say that had the withdrawal of our charter from Elgin Lodge, Montreal, been made sine qua non to the establishment of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec, no such bond would have been entered into."

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was established, as your Grand Body may most probably be aware, upon the well recognised principle on this continent, at any rate, that political and Masonic boundaries should be co-terminous, and that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, upon being regularly and constitutionally formed, was entitled to supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province.

Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar directed me to state in my letter of 6th January last, 1877, in which recognition by your Grand Lodge was solicited, that since the date of its establishment, "the Grand Lodge of Quebec had been acknowledged and recognised very generally throughout the globe, as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec."

Your Grand Body may likewise possibly be aware that at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, held in the month of September, 1876, a resolution was passed of which the following is an abstract:

Resolved,—"That the Grand Lodge of Quebec respect

fully declines to accept conditional recognition from any Grand Lodge, and that more especially it is pained to be compelled to decline the recognition tendered by the Grand Lodge of England on the terms in which it is offered."
Resolved,—"That deeply deploring everything calcu-

lated to create discord or want of harmony among those who should be brethren dwelling together in unity, yet this Grand Lodge, being the equal within its own jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge in the universe within its jurisdiction cannot in justice to itself recognise the Masonic authority of any foreign Grand Lodge within the limits of the Pro vince of Quebec.'

In reply to my letter of the 6th January last, in which Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar so plainly asked for recognition of this Grand Lodge, as having supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province, your favour of the 17th May, 1877, was received with the gratifying information that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at a Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th February then last, had unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and suggesting the name of Bro. Robert Wylie as Representative there of our Grand

In acknowledging receipt of this letter, I was directed by Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, in my letter of 31st May, 1877, to state as follows:—"M.W. Bro. Dunbar regards this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as extending to the Grand Lodge of Quebec the recognition asked for by the fith January 1827, to your Most Worship and Lodge of Scotland as extending to the Grand Lodge of Hannary 1827, to your Most Worship and Lodge of Scotland as extending to the fith January 1827, to your Most Worship and Scotland as extending the second s my letter of the 6th January, 1877, to your Most Worshipful Grand Master, and as its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec."

Subsequently, during the summer of 1877, the credentials of the respective Representatives were interchanged.

It appears to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that the correspondence discloses very plainly, what Mosl Worshipful Bro. Dunbar desired, namely: recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, and that such recognition was granted, and upon that understanding Representatives were appointed.

It also appears to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that there is nothing ambiguous about the words supreme jurisdiction," and that such jurisdiction is en-ely inconsistent with the existence of subordinate lodges his province holding charters from the Grand Lodge of

England or Scotland, and therefore the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was most pained to receive your letter of the 3rd December last, recalling so abruptly withou Explanation the commission issued in favour of Mostt Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, and withdrawing the recogni-tion previously extended to this Grand Lodge as supreme authority in this province.

There was no misunderstanding, and you can easily perceive that there could have been none, on the part of Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, as to the terms upon which such recognition was asked and accepted. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland had only offered conditional recognition as the Grand Lodge of England did, namely: agreeing not to grant any new warrants within the province, but that the lodge working under the Scotch charter should continue to do so, the Grand Lodge of Quebec could not have made the same reply as she did to the Grand Lodge England; but although the request for recognition in this case was the same as in the case of England, it was granted by your Grand Lodge unconditionally in the terms asked for; and being so granted the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had reason to suppose full effect would be given to it, and, therefore, I was instructed to write you, as I did on the 4th of October last, that "as the existence this lodge (Elgin Lodge) under present circumstances is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am instructed to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing 'Elgin Lodge' to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge;" to which yours of the 3rd December last was a reply.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master regrets extremely that he is obliged, owing to the withdrawal by your Grand Lodge of its recognition, to recall, as he now does, the commission issued in favour of Bro. Robert Wylie as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

I have the honour to be, R. W. Sir and dear Brother,

Yours fraternally.
gned) John Helder Isaacson, (Signed) Grand Secretary.

It was only a few days ago that official information reached me, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had actually granted warrants for the formation of the two lodges referred to in my proclamation.

This information was obtained from the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, kindly forwarded me by a brother' and from the following announcement and invitation, a copy of which was received by several of the brethren under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge:— " F. AND A. M. OF SCOTLAND.

To all whom it may concern.

"These are to certify that the Grand Lodge of Scotland having chartered the Lodges "King Solomon, No. 622," and "Argyle, No. 625," at Montreal,—In pursuance thereof have appointed Bro. George A. Baynes, R.W. Master of Elgin Lodge, Montreal, No. 348, R.S., to erect, constitute and consecrate said lodges, and instal their first officebearers, and set the same to work with good and wholesome instructions.

"By order,
"D. MURRAY LYON. "Grand Secretary

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-In accordance with the above you are invited to attend the Masonic ceremonies at St. Paul's Lodge Room (kindly lent for the occasion), Victoria-street, above the Academy of Music, on Monday, the 29th June (St. John's Day), at 6.30 p.m.

"GEORGE A. BAYNES, "Installing Officer.

"KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 622 .- FIRST OFFICE-BEARERS.—W. Bro. Wm. James Leslie, R.W.M.; Bro. Wm. Ross, Dep. M.; Bro, Wm. H. Short, S.W.; Bro. Wm. Byrd, J.W.; Bro. John Short, sen., Treas.; Bro. Alex. Walker, Sec.; Bro. John A. Woodsworth, S.D.; Bro. Thos. saac, J.D.; Bro. Isaac Bickerstaff, I.G.; Bro. T. Ireland,

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"ARGYLE LODGE, No. 625.—FIRST OFFICE-BEARERS "ARGYLE LODGE, NO. 625.—FIRST OFFICE-BEARERS.—
R. W. Bro. Wm. McWood, R.W.M.; Bro. Samuel Warrick, S.W.; Bro. Chas. Corner, J.W.; Bro. Andrew Patterson, Treas.; Bro. James Fenwick, Sec.; Bro. John
Munro, Chap.; Bro. C. Wm. Bolton, S.D.; Bro. Edward
May, J.D.; Bro. Geo. May, I.G.

"Montreal, 13th June, 1878.

"Please present this at the 'door."

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I have been credibly informed, and there can be no doubt, that the proceedings referred to in foregoing announcement were carried out.

I respectfully and fraternally, and without any comment, ubmit the foregoing statement for your consideration, confidently believing that you will regard the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in issuing said two warrants, and in refusing to consider the propriety of withdrawing any claim of jurisdiction in this province, as unfraternal and unconstitutional, and as calculated to be most injurious

to the peace, unity, and prosperity of the Craft therein.

I have formally required the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recall the two warrants in question, and to annul all proceedings taken in connection therewith, reserving to the Grand Lodge of Quebec to take such further action to secure to herself supreme and exclusive jurisdiction in this province as in her wisdom she may think most desirable.

And finally, brethren, I appeal to you to uphold and sustain me, in this my action in vindication of our lawful G. L. sovereignty. The principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction has been undoubtedly violated in this instance, and I rely firmly upon your assistance to maintain and uphoid a principle so essentially necessary to the efficient working

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

The meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 3rd instant. Present Bro. H. W. Hunt, in the chair, Bros. Donald M. Dewar, H. Browse, W. H. Perryman, R. T. Morris, F. A. Adlard, J. W.M. Dosell, Hyde Pullen and E. C. Massey (Freemason). The minutes of the last general Committee, of the 6th ult., were read and confirmed, and those of the quarterly general Committee and of the House Committee were read for information. The report of the Audit Committee was also read and the chairman of this Committee was authorised to sign cheques for the accounts passed. There was only one petition for a candidate (F. W. Steinham) which was accepted, and a sum of $\mathcal{L}6$ for outfit was voted for W. P. Barrett, lately a scholar in the Institution. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, the Secretary, announced that the result already realised of the last festival was a sum of a little over £10,400 and that there was still one list to come in, he believed, for a considerable sum.

CONSECRATION OF THE METRO-POLITAN CHAPTER.

The consecration of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507. ook place on the 15th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road. Comp. James Terry, Prov. G.D. of C. of Herts, was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by Comps. Joseph Smith as H., and Thos. A. Adams as J.; and Comps. Joseph Smith as Fl., and Thos. A. Adams as J.; and the other companions present were Comps. James Willing, Z. designate; J. R. Stacey, H. designate; W. J. Ferguson, J. designate; W. M. Stiles, C. W. Hudson, H. H. Child, B. Swallow, and J. J. Michael. The usual ceremony having been gone through, Comp. Terry installed the three Principals, and the following companions were inducted into the respective offices attached to their names, viz., Comps. W. M. Stiles, S. F. Hudson, S. N.; and Child. Comps. W. M. Stiles, S.E.; Hudson, S.N.; and Child, Sojourner. Comp. R. E. Barnes was invested as Janitor. A vote of thanks and the honorary membership of the chapter were by acclamation accorded to Comp. Terry for his services as Consecrating and Installing Officer, which was suitably acknowledged. At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and the companions separated after spending one of the most pleasant and agreeable evenings it has been our pleasure to witness.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic rooms, No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, the 30th of July. Present: Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.W.; Hyde Pullen, G.P.C.W.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; S. Rosenthal, T.I.M. No. 3; Gen. J. S. Brownrigg; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall; Magnus Ohren; Dr. F. W. Ramsay; S. C. Dibdin; D. M. Dewar; and Ill. Bro. Robert Morris. LL.D., of Kentucky. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. T. C. Walls and E. B. Bright were introduced and received the various degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master. The other business before the Council having Master. The other business before the Council having been transacted, the meeting was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday, the 30th of October.

CLEOPATRA'S NEADLE. - Notwithstanding that when the Obelisk was fairly poised on its true centre, it has been raised three feet, it would be very rash to attempt to predict from the present rate of progress the day when there will be no longer any mechanical hindrance in the way of the monolith's being gently swung into a vertical portion, and then let fall on its pedestal. Still more precarious would be any forecast as to the date of its public inanguration. Meanwhile, the ingenious artisans from the South Kensington Museum have been busily carrying out Major Festing's instructions with a view to making a full-sised plaster cast of the monument for the national collection. Mr. Bullen, who was sent out by the Museum to India eight years ago, to take a similar cast of the famous Sanchi Tope gateway, is in charge of the operations. Already several scores of plasters moulds have been secured, and so far as the pyramidion and the portion of the shaft above the jacket is concerned the work is most likely now finished. The waist and section of the obelisk below the jacket will be left to be dealt with after the inauguration. On Wednesday evening shortly before seven, Lord Beaconsfield paid an improvised visit to the monolith. Bro. John Dixon received the Prime Minister and showed him over the works. His Lordship stayed about twenty minutes, and was much interested in what he saw and heard.

Lord Tredegar and Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., formally opened the new graving dock at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Tuesday, in the presence of several thousand spectators, and in the evening a banquet took place, under the presidency of the Mayor, in honour of the passing of the Bill for power to establish the Ponty-pridd, Caerphilly, and Newport Railway—a new line which will place the town in direct communication with the South Wales coalfields, and thus contribute greatly to its commercial prosperity.

MASONIC Songs. -- A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E.P. Philpots M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome and welfare of our ancient and honourable Society.

M. M. TAIT.

(Scal.)

Grand Master G.L. of Q.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual installation meeting of the members attached to the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182 was held last Thursday, the 8th inst. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

The science of memory has for many years past been one of the daily lectures at the Royal Polytechnic Institution. To Professor Stokes the public is largely indebted for the due cultivation and practical expounding of the art of memory. By his teaching the dullest mind becomes retentive and acquires natural gifts for the retention of knowledge in all its ramifications. To those who enquire into possible wonders we need only mention Professor Stokes's name in conjunction with that branch of science of which he is so perfect a master.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, P.S.G.W., and Prince Leopold, P.G.J.W., have been enrolled honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Princess Mary of Teck, the Duke of Teck and the Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G., honoured by their presence the performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on Tuesday evening, at the Opera Comique.

Prince Leopold, attended by Mr. Royle, went out in the "Alberta" on Monday afternoon, and steamed round the "Eurydice" in Sandown Bay.

The London School Board, at their usual

weekly meeting, transacted all the pressing business on the paper, and adjourned for their recess till the 2nd of

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Vice-Admiral G. P. Hornby, at Present Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean Squadron, to be Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

The 'Masonic Magazine' is full of matter appertaining to the Craft, and well deserves the attention

of the brotherhood generally.—City Press.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has honoured Mr. Desanges with sittings for his portrait at his studio in Stratford-place.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have forwarded a donation of 100 guineas to the "Maintenance Fund" of the London Hospital. The letter enclosing the gift expresses "the earnest wishes of their Royal High-nesses that this long-established and important hospital may receive that support from the public it so well deserves and urgently needs to enable it to do all the good it is capable of doing if liberally supported."

The Council of the Yorkshire Agricultural

Society have decided, by a large majority, to hold next vear's show at Leeds.

Sir Richard Wallace has presented to Lord Beaconsfield the star and badge of the Garter in diamonds of extraordinary beauty. But the circumstance that confers a special value upon this graceful act is that the star and badge are those which were formerly worn by the Prime Minister's old friend, Lord Hertford.—Post. Prime Minister's old friend, Lord Hertford.

DEATH OF DR. BENISCH.—Dr. Abraham Benisch, the translator of the Bible, died last week at his residence, 13, Brownswood-park, Green-lanes. Dr. Ben-isch was educated at the University of Vienna, but settled early in this country, where he published, with the sanction of the Chief Rabbi, the first translation into English of the whole of the Hebrew Scriptures as they are inter-preted by the orthodox Jews. His work is valuable to scholars, and some of the volumes are now difficult to procure. Dr. Benisch was the editor for many years of the Jewish Chronicle, the author of a "Life of Maimonides," 'Judaism Surveyed," and other works. He was one of the principal founders of the Society of Hebrew Literature and of the Anglo-Jewish Association. He died

at the age of 67.

The World's "Celebrity at Home" this week Bro. Thos. Brassey, M.P., at Normandhurst.

The police authorities on the Surrey side of the Thames have notified that owners of dogs permitting them to be at large unmuzzled will be prosecuted for the

Bro. W. H. Brittain, P.P.G.W. for West Yorkshire, has just been elected Master Cutler for Sheffield, and will preside at the Annual Cutlers' Feast early next month.

A complimentary dinner was given on Wednesday evening at Richmond to Bro. Sir E. Hertslet, the Librarian and Keeper of State Papers at the Foreign Office, from the Congress at Berlin, where he was a member of the British diplomatic suite.

The Royal Yacht Squadron sailed a match at on Wednesday which is reported to have been the best of the season. The £100 prize was won by the

The Bishop of Truro, on Tuesday, reopened the Church of St. Perran, Cornwall, said to be the second oldest church in England. His Lordship alluded to the historic amphitheatre to which the miracle plays attracted crowds of visitors.

The following cable message has been received at the London office of the New York Herald from New York:—"Large depression moving north-eastward, will probably reach British and Norwegian coasts about 11th, with rains, strong north-east to south-west winds, and probably lightning."

The antiquarian, Doctor Bigley, seeing an old curious-looking clock, asked its nationality. "English," said the cockney proprietor, "and made by Tummas Fudgit; I have often seen clocks of his make." The Doctor was puzzled, but on close examination saw, in the corroded steel, the oft-repeated warning, Tempus Fugit !

Many of our readers are aware that a very painful matter, involving the integrity of the return of an election at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, has been under the careful consideration of the Board of General Purposes. At a special meeting held on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, the charges having been fully proved, one of the Secretaries was admonished, and another, a well-known P.G officer, was suspended from all Masonic functions for two years. We understand that the decision was unanimously concurred in, so that an appeal is unlikely, or worse should follow.-Sunday

We are requested to state that the Dean of Westminster having left London for a few weeks, all applications relating to the Abbey are to be addressed to the canon in residence.

A French paper reports a sad accident which has just taken place at Biarritz. Miss Gordon, who had passed the winter in Paris, was drowned while out on an excursion. She attempted, without a guide, to go along the cliffs far beyond the point marked by the authorities as the limit for the public to go safely. She reached a place known as the Falaise de la Mort, and in stooping to pick a flower, her foot slipped and she was precipated into a hole known as the Barbots, a spot said to have this peculiarity that at the end of forty-eight hours nothing more than the skeleton remains of any beings which fall into it. It contains millions of small insects which devour the body, and which are called by the inhabitants of the district barbots, and are by them held in especial horror. The Duke de Frias met his death under similar cirenmstances a few years ago.

In digging out the foundation of the site of an old house in Southgate-street, Gloucester, the base of a massive Roman column was lately discovered, about 9ft. below the surface. It consists of a double torus, with base about 5ft. square, the base of the column being 3ft. 3in. A fine piece of tesselated pavement was discovered some years ago near the same spot. Some workmen, excavating for draining purposes in the same city, unearthed the bones of at least twenty persons. About 5 ft. from the surface they discovered a cast-lead coffin, containing a perfect skeleton, apparently of a man 6 ft. high. The top had been hammered down. The remains are Roman, the place having once been a Roman burial-ground for the garrison of Gloucester.

The Gas-light and Coke Company announce a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the past half-year.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, August 16, 1878.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10.
Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
,, 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Longes of Instruction.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond. 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, AUGUST 12.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Longes of Instruction.

While Stan Hot. High st. Doubford.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford. Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland. Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E. Sincerity, 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.
Messnier Bivon, Demburg Tay. Ambart of Hael. 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, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 167, St. Johns, Holly Bush Tav. Hampstead.

,, 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

,, 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Ancrey.

1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, 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, 'rriangle, Hackney. Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st. Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., at 7. Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe. St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping. Islington, 23, Gresham-st. Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14. Com. R.M.B.I., F.M.H., at 3. Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone. ,, 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Lodges of Instruction. Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st. Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham. Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley. Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd. Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park. Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E. United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8. Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green. Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

Femperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.

Lodge 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.

,, 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hot., Anerley.

Lodges of Instruction.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomasset, Woolwich. Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st. Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W. Sirsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road. libury, 12, Ponsonhy-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 16. Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st. Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W. Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H. Cemperance, 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.

C. Lorge's Gregorian Arms, Lamaica-road, S.E. 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 17, 1878.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12.
314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
613, Unity, Palatine-builidings, Southport.
703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
921, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool. Lodge ,, 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. ,, 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford. Derby L. of I.., M.H., Liverpool.

Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.

,, 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Crosston.

, 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington. ", 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
", 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

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281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.

1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.

1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'poo

1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.

1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.

86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.

673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.

1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

Chap.

,, 073, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
,, 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.
Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Preston.

343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston. 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester. 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.

1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.

Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. FRIDAY, AUGUST 16. Hamer L. of 1., M.H., Liverpool.

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An interesting memento of the above Institution is now presented to the brethren in the form of a faithful copy (by the photo-mechancial permanent process), of the scarce engraving by Bartolozzi, from a painting by Stothard,

The subject is described as "The Freemasons' Charity Children being presented to the Trustees and Governors at their Annual Festival at Freemasons' Hall," and was published in 1802 by Wm. Jeffreys, and dedicated by permissions to the County of the County

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It contains portraits of many eminent Masons, of the time, amongst others the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of York, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, the Earl of Moria, Lord Rancliffe, the Prince of Orange, Sir Peter Parker, Sir William Addington, Sir John Eamer, the Chevalier Ruspini, Antony Tenbroek.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Votes of the Governors and Subscribers are carnestly solicited on behalf of

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 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 my a case which could better afford to wait

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 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 ally 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.

Iam, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL,
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