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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).**—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, we expect with some inconvenience to Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, as the meeting of the lodge happened on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and suite to the palace, and every available room and corner in the building was utilised for the convenience of the numerous visitors. There were present at the lodge meeting Bros. Klence, I.P.M.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D., Sec.; F. J. Sawyer, J.W.; Woodhams, S.D.; Basneti, J.D.; Dodd, I.G.; F. W. Goodard, Partidge, Groves, Damant, Moore, Coward, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; Pincott, F. G. S. Sharman. Visitors: Bros. Webb, P.M. 1223; Butt, P.M. 770; P. Ilat, 857. After the opening of the lodge, letters were read from Bros. F. W. Goodard, W.M., and W. H. Boswell, S.W., apologising for an unavoidable absence. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Frances, who passed Bro. Pincott to the Second Degree, and raised Bro. Pellatt, 857, to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge being resumed to the First Degree, ballots were severally taken for the officers for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were unanimously elected:—Bros. F. J. Sawyer, W.M.; J. M. Klence, Treas.; and B. Radford, Tyler. The lodge being closed, the brethren sauntered about the palace while the banquet was preparing, which, by necessity, was served in the lodge room, and the discomfort of sixteen members being packed in a room built to hold six was borne with admirable fortitude and good humour. There was no lack of enthusiasm to greet the several toasts. That of "The M.W. the G.M." brought to the recollection of the brethren that the building then contained his Royal brother, who is also a Mason. It was suggested that a greeting should be sent to him. The W.M., Bro. Klence, who presided at the banquet, acting on this idea, pencilled the following message on a lodge notice:—"The W.M. and brethren of the Paxton Lodge, now meeting in the building, send fraternal greetings and duty to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., &c., and to H.R.H. the Duchess." Means were found to convey this impromptu, and in due course a gracious reply was pencilled, sent by H.R.H., through Captain Fitzgerald, his equerry, as follows:—"H.R.H. has received with much gratification the fraternal greetings of the Paxton Lodge." This was received with much cordiality by the brethren. Bro. Webb, in replying for "The Visitors," said he was never one of those who apologised for being too late for the working; he always endeavoured to see it, and he had been much gratified that evening. Bro. Frances' working was proverbial, and he had heard him in the two degrees that night with as much pleasure as he had years ago in another lodge. The W.M. and W.M. elect were most happy in their several replies to their toasts, and notwithstanding the discomfort of the limited space, the brethren contrived to spend a most pleasant evening, nor must we omit how much this was contributed to by the playing of Bro. Coward, whose impromptu variations are a great treat to all lovers of music.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., Bro. Henry Walley, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. E. Williams, S.W.; Alfred Hald, J.W.; P.M. Sinclair, S.D.; Joseph Senior, J.D.; Geo. F. Smith, I.G.; Wm. Siddeley, Sec.; H. H. Warburton, P.M., Org.; Joseph Mackie, P.M.; W. D. Waddell, W. Livesey, H. Heap, and John Studd, Stewards; J. Kirk, Tyler; W. Rome, I.P.M.; Geo. F. East, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire; Wm. Robinson, P.M.; Thos. Mather, E. M. Murphy, R. L. McMillan, Samuel Davies, J. A. Gee, E. Russell, Matthew Owen, A. F. Goule, W. Cowell, Leo. Bernstein, W. Hilton, Thos. Sutcliffe, Robt. Cryer, John Bird Sumner, and Jno. Quance. Visitors: Jno. Chadwick, P.M. 44,

Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire; Benj. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas. East Lancashire; T. H. Glendinning, Treas. 1055; Arthur Middleton, 645; T. W. Brown, 269; Walter George, 101; and R. R. Lesenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at five o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. L. McMillan, who was a candidate for passing, was interrogated, and satisfactorily answering the questions withdrew. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and the candidate, being re-admitted, was duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craftsman by the W.M., who also presented and explained the working tools. At the termination of this ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of a well-served tea, à la fourchette. On re-assembling in the lodge room the W.M. resumed the chair, and put the necessary questions to Bro. A. F. Goule, who was to be raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Goule having answered the questions distinctly and without hesitation, then withdrew. The lodge was afterwards raised to the Third Degree, and the W.M. having retired from the chair in favour of Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M., that gentleman performed the ceremony of raising Bro. Goule to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a highly creditable manner, and called forth the silent admiration of all present. This being all the "work," the lodge was gradually lowered to the First Degree, and the Secretary, Bro. Siddeley, read a letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary giving notice and business of the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, in July. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren assembled at the social board. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, after which the W.M. proposed "The Healths of the newly passed and raised Bros. McMillan and Goule," which were drunk with enthusiasm and suitably acknowledged. The W.M. in proposing "The Healths of the Visitors" said it always gave him great satisfaction to see visitors amongst them, as their presence created an earnest desire in the minds of himself and brother officers to do their utmost to sustain the character the lodge had for its working. He felt an additional pleasure that evening in seeing amongst the visitors Bro. Chadwick, the newly-appointed Prov. G. Secretary, who was well known to all, and Bro. Benjamin Taylor, the recently elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The merits of these gentlemen need not be dilated upon by him, and therefore, without further preface, he would ask the brethren to drink a bumper to this toast. It is needless to say that the W.M.'s appeal was not made in vain, and some excellent "fire," led by that indefatigable P.P.G.D. of C. (Bro. Salmon), gave additional zest to the proceedings. Bro. Chadwick, in thanking the W.M. for his kind allusion to the recent honour that had been conferred upon him, said there was one remark that had been made by the W.M. which somewhat surprised him, viz., that he (Bro. Chadwick) was well known. He was at a loss to understand how he was well known, never having in his opinion done or said anything extraordinary to warrant that knowledge, but he supposed he was indebted to the papers for it. He assured them he felt very proud of the honour that had been done him by the Prov. Grand Master, and although the mantle might have fallen upon abler shoulders, yet he had every confidence in believing that if Col. Starkie was satisfied with him, the brethren generally in the province would be also. He further stated that it always gave him great pleasure to visit the Lodge of Integrity, for in his opinion it stood first in the province, if not in all England. Bro. Benj. Taylor followed, and in a few well chosen words thanked the brethren for the support they had given him when he successfully contested the office of P. Grand Treasurer. Bros. Ellis, Jones, T. H. Glendinning, and Arthur Middleton also responded. Other toasts followed, and some good singing by Bros. Heath, Senior, Salmon, and others enlivened the intervals, the meeting terminating at eleven.

**BLACKBURN.**—Fidelity Lodge (No. 269).—The July meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, the 3rd inst., at the White Bull Hotel. There was a goolly gathering of brethren, among them being Bros. E. Brooks, W.M.; Allon Blenkhorn, I.P.M.; S. L. Buckley, S.W.; James Heap, J.W.; John Troop, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Parkinson, Sec.; J. Pollard, J.D.; W. H. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.G. Purs. East Lanc., D. of C.; N. Jones, I.G.; John Shaw, Organist; W. Croft, Tyler; John W. Walsh, P.M.; Thomas T. Mercer, P.M.; N. Gillett, Thomas Preston, Wm. Livesey, Henry Croasdale, W. C. Beattie, Miles Aspinall, T. D. Readett, and the following visitors: Bros. James Aspinall, W.M. 345; Samuel Hawthorn, P.M. 345; D. Graham, 1356 and 1473; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). There was but little business before the lodge, which was opened by the W.M., Bro. E. Brooks, in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. W. C. Beattie, a candidate for the Third Degree, was introduced by the Deacon, Bro. Pollard, and having answered in a very satisfactory manner the questions put to him, retired. Bro. Brooks then raised the lodge to the Third Degree, when Bro. Beattie being admitted, received from the hands of Bro. John Troop, P.M., the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the charge being delivered by Bro. T. T. Mercer. Lodge was then lowered to the Second and First Degree, when Bro. Richard Bradshaw, of Lodge Concord, No. 343, was balloted for, as a joining member, and declared unanimously elected. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, heartily received, and duly responded to. The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the singing of Bros. Cunliffe, Jones, and Livesey.

**LEICESTER.**—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this

lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. R. Taylor, was supported by the following Past Masters of the lodge:—R.W. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; Bros. W. T. Rowlett, P.P.G. Org.; W. B. Smith, A. M. Duff, J. T. Thorpe, T. A. Wykes, T. Worthington, W. Sculthorpe, P.P.G.S.D. Many visitors were present, among whom we noticed Bros. C. A. Philips, P.M. 1333; C. J. Willan, P.M. 1130; W. Adcock, P.M. 1130; F. Grant, P.M. 1330; S. W. Wigg, 1764 and 1301; D. H. Ellis, 432; T. T. Costin, 1330; S. J. Simpkin, 50. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. Geo. Odell) was most ably performed by Bro. W. T. Rowlett, P.M. After the usual salutes, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Jos. Young, S.W.; E. Taylor, J.W.; R. J. Clarke, Sec.; B. A. Smith, Asst. Sec.; T. R. Pickering, S.D.; H. Meadows, J.D.; E. E. Willoughby, D.C.; A. Chamberlain, Org.; C. Pretty, I.G.; C. Bream and W. H. Chamberlain, Stewards; T. Dunn and J. Tauser, Tylers. After the remainder of the business of the lodge had been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, when a considerable number of the brethren sat down to the installation banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received, and a very enjoyable evening (enlivened by vocal and instrumental music by several of the brethren) was brought to a close harmoniously at a reasonable hour.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The brethren of this old established and numerous lodge assembled on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Thomas Boswell, the W.M. elect. Bro. J. L. Houghton, W.M., presided, and amongst those present during the proceedings were Bros. Thomas Dilcock, P.M.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; R. P. France, P.M.; T. Boswell, S.W.; A. Pedersen, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Burch, Sec.; J. J. Githerow, S.D.; W. H. Vevers, J.D.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; R. J. Wilkinson, I.G.; E. Mephan, S.; and T. Malcolm, Tyler. The members included Bros. A. Morrison, I.P.M. 1570; T. Robertson, J. James, J. Griffiths, F. Peterson, J. French, R. Ries, J. J. Kirby, C. W. Ing, A. Ingleby, J. G. Hartley, J. Milner, R. Maddox, W. Evans, A. R. Williams, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; J. Hayes, P.G.S.; F. Barnett, W.M. 249; T. W. May, P.M. 673; A. D. Hesketh, J.W. 1182; J. Williams, I.P.M. 1182; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; D. Jackson, W.M. 673; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; F. Roberts, P.M. 673; W. Brackenbury, S.W. 673; T. Evans, P.M. 1356 and 1570; T. Davis, W.M. 1182, and others. The retiring W.M. initiated three candidates into the Order, and he afterwards closed his year's valuable work by installing Bro. Thomas Boswell as his successor in the office of Worshipful Master. The following were the officers who were subsequently invested:—Bros. J. L. Houghton, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. Pedersen, S.W.; J. H. Burch, J.W.; R. P. France, P.M., Hon. Treas.; J. J. Githerow, Hon. Sec.; W. H. Vevers, S.D.; J. Dec, J.D.; C. W. Ing, I.G.; C. T. James, S.S.; T. Griffiths, J.S.; and Malcolm, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., rose, and said that before the business was closed he had a few observations to make on certain matters connected with the lodge. In the first place, he wished to ask if a circular, sent by him to the W.M. with respect to the decoration of that building, had been received and read, because he did not see that fact recorded on the minutes, nor was he aware that anything had been done with regard to the matter. The I.P.M., Bro. J. L. Houghton, said the subject of the decoration scheme had been taken into consideration. A certain amount had been asked, and they hoped that in a short time, with improved financial position, to do something more. It was the intention of the lodge to subscribe an amount equal to many others in the province. Bro. Alpass then rose again, and said he was at a loss to know what they were waiting for. He then went on to speak severely and at some length on the financial position, the items of expenditure, and kindred matters connected with the lodge. He found on looking at the past year's financial statement that there was a balance to their credit of £63 1s. 8d., and, on looking over the accounts, he found that during the past year they had received in initiation and joining fees £106, and in subscriptions £127 2s. 3d., while the picnic had swallowed up of this the sum of £66 4s. 10d.; the audit and picnic committees £5 7s.; a P.M.'s jewel £8 8s.; and besides all this £33 18s. 5d. had gone in "refreshments." On examination of the balance-sheet it appeared that their expenditure had actually exceeded their income, because the amount received from initiation fees ought to be justly set aside for Masonic and other kindred purposes of charity. What was the fact? That lodge had probably initiated more members than any other within the province of West Lancashire, with the exception, perhaps, of one or two. He (Bro. Alpass) had gone over the P.G. Lodge returns for six years, and he found that in 1873 there had been initiated in Downshire Lodge thirty-three persons; in 1874 there had been admitted thirty-four persons, eighteen were initiated in 1875; in 1876 twenty-one were admitted; sixteen in 1877; and during the year 1878 they had initiated twenty-five persons into Masonry. W.M., you have received in initiation fees during the last six years no less a sum than £923, and I want to ask you, and have myself endeavoured to ascertain, what the Order in general has been benefited by this money, which had not come out of the pockets of the members. He was anxious to know what became of a sum which amounted to nearly £1000, and on turning to the reports of the Charities he found that not a farthing had been given to the Girls' School in London, to the Boys' School not a single farthing from the funds; and only a trum-

perly sum had been paid by them to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He did not know what they had done for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, or for the Hamer Benevolent Fund, but he would tell them what they had given for other charities—the paltry sum of £20, and his belief was that during the six years he had referred to they had bestowed about £123 in private charity and relief, while from the initiation fees they must have spent something like £700 or £800 during those six years for their own entertainment. He would ask, was that creditable to them or to any other lodge? Bro. Alpass then referred at some length to the leading article on Masonic Charity in that day's *Times* in connection with the installation of Prince Leopold, and said that unless a lodge could show some good work in the direction of charity it had better not have an existence. The members of the Downshire met there once a month and enjoyed each other's society, and, no doubt, the working of the ritual was very satisfactory and correct; but if they did nothing more for the Order than this it would just have been as well if the warrant of constitution had never been granted. Bro. Alpass then went on to say that their small annual subscription could never prove sufficient to carry out the system of picnics, one of which they were again going to have the following week. These picnics were never contemplated when the amount of subscription was fixed, and the result was that their initiation fees had to be entrenched upon—a thing which they had no right to do, and a system which he could not too strongly condemn. If picnics were to be held, let them be paid for out of the members' pockets. Looking at what had been done by the lodge, he would ask what there was in connection which could possibly induce him to recommend any one in connection with it to the P.G.M. for any honour which he had to bestow? He trusted the lodge would take these remarks to heart, as they were made out of sincere kindness, and strive in the future to do more in the cause of charity than it had done in the past. These remarks were made by him with an earnest zeal for Masonry, and with an anxious wish that the lodge should take its proper position in regard to Freemasonry, so that from time to time the members, by their liberal donations, might secure a life governorship for the W.M. in one of the charities. Bro. R. P. France, P.M., said that while he agreed to some extent with Bro. Alpass in what he had said with reference to the charities, he certainly felt that he had been unduly hard on their lodge with regard to its funds. Retrenchment had been seriously resolved upon, and it had also been resolved by the committee that £25 should be voted towards the decoration of that hall. As they were at present constituted, they did not see their way to grant more at present, but probably they would do so at some future time; and, with regard to the pic-nic, he might state that they meant to charge each member for his ticket, voting only a small sum from the funds of the lodge for a portion of the expenses. As the lodge had resolved to retrench, he thought that the P. Grand Secretary should have passed over the matter and not have uttered the severe censure which he had thought fit to pass upon them. He thought the Downshire Lodge would compare most favourably with many of the lodges in the province, and he did not think he was saying too much when he stated that he thought they had done quite as much as many of them. (Hear, hear.) He felt as if Bro. Alpass had picked the Downshire Lodge out for particular censure, and he did not think this should have been done. Bro. Houghton, I.P.M., also referred to the course of economy which had been resolved upon, and the P.G. Sec. would not have required to make the rather hard remarks which he had done if he had stayed away for another year. After a few remarks from Bro. Dilcock, P.M., to the same effect, Bro. S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., strongly protested against Bro. Alpass coming there and criticising their balance, which, as an outside member, he had no right to do. They were very glad to see him as the P.G. Sec., and ready to listen to him on points upon which he had a right to address them, but he (Bro. Ibbes) did not think the private accounts of a lodge came within his province. He quite agreed with Bro. France that the Downshire Lodge would compare favourably with many others in the province, and during the past year they had given a large amount away in private relief. He was sorry to hear the remarks which Bro. Alpass had thought fit to make, and must again protest against his right to make them with regard to their balance sheet. After a few remarks from Bro. Larsen, P.M., Bro. Alpass said he did not intend to offend any one in the remarks he had made, and assured the brethren that it would give him infinitely greater pleasure to come and bestow praise than to find fault. The subject then dropped, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In the course of the evening, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. H. Houghton, I.P.M., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. The picnic in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the members left the landing station, or Chester, via Birkenhead. They dined at the Grosvenor Hotel at noon, after which they proceeded to Eaton Hall arges, returning to tea at the Grosvenor Hotel at seven m., and left Chester about 8.40 p.m.

**WOOLWICH.**—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult. (St. John's Day), at the Masonic Hall, William-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Scott Mutch, at about 5 p.m., and after the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. P.M. Gamble, in a few appropriate words, presented Bro. J. J. Donolly, W.M. elect, to Bro. Mutch, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony then proceeded, and after a Board of Installed Masters had been formed, Bro. Donolly was, with the usual formalities, placed in the

chair of K.S. and saluted in the various degrees. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Eugene Sweny, S.W.; J. Black, J.W.; Sydney Clarke, P.M., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec.; Rev. H. Hirsch, Chap.; Major Gordon, R.A., S.D.; G. C. Mathams, J.D.; Qr.-Master Scully, R.H.A., I.G.; and Everett, Tyler. The charges were then splendidly recited by Bro. Mutch, and the ceremony was concluded. A handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Mutch, for his services to the lodge during the past year as W.M., and it was unanimously resolved, that a vote of thanks should be tendered him and entered upon the minutes of the lodge, for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master that day. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to Bro. De Gray's hotel, the *Freemasons' Arms*, where an elegantly served and appointed banquet awaited them, Bro. De Gray bringing into play all his taste and large experience for the occasion. Among the company present were—besides those officers and brethren above enumerated—Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913; P.P.J.W. Kent; T. D. Hays, W.M. 913; W. Butter, P.M. 913; R. W. Jones, W.M. 146; W. St. Aubyn, P.M. 281; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. elect 913; T. Hutton, W.M. elect 13; J. Chapman, J.W. 913; W. Watts, 913; S. Fry, J.D. 969; G. Hunter, 20 (I.C.); R. S. Garrett, 209; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). After the banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in excellent style, and they were cordially responded to. Bro. Mutch then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing said the W.M. had entrusted him with the gavel for a purpose they all knew the tenour of. It was to propose that brother's health, and it was a matter that gave him unfeigned pleasure to have the honour and the opportunity of so doing. They all knew that he was initiated in the lodge, and had fairly and honourably worked his way through the various minor offices to the distinguished position he occupied that moment. He would not take up their time by dilating upon his many excellent qualities, but felt sure they, with him, looked forward to a pleasant, harmonious, and successful year under his rule. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, and Bro. Donolly in reply thanked them for their good wishes to him personally, and as well for placing him in his present position with the unanimous vote of the lodge. He had not sufficient command of words to thank them so eloquently as he should wish, but would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who in the chair had so well and worthily upheld the honour of the Florence Nightingale Lodge. The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Mutch," and the W.M., in giving it, said they had heard and seen that brother perform the beautiful and impressive ceremony so well and so eloquently that he was fully entitled to their heartiest gratitude. He was quite sure that few of them had ever heard it better done. It was not only without a single hitch, but as if it was from the heart. For himself he was deeply impressed, and asked them to show their appreciation of their brother by a good hearty fire. Bro. Mutch, who was received most warmly, in reply, said he could assure them he had always endeavoured to do his best for the prosperity of the lodge. In it there were a great many military men, and having had an experience of the first 22 years of his life in a marching regiment, he knew something of discipline, and to the excellent discipline of its members he attributed its and his success during the last year, and, indeed, from the first day he became acquainted with it, for in it he was initiated. He thanked the officers under him for their great and valuable assistance, and invariable courtesy to him while in the chair, and for the manner in which they had carried out their duties, and was sure that they would as they came to the head of it sustain and uphold the dignity of the lodge as he and his predecessors had endeavoured to do. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," which was coupled with the name of Bro. Sydney Clarke, who, as the W.M. said, was perhaps the most important of them all, for he held their money and brought them up short when they were going ahead too fast. Bro. Clarke, in reply, said the office of the Past Master during the past year had been an easy one, in fact there had been little or nothing for them to do; the W.M. was so efficient in his work, and so punctual in his attendance, that the office had been a perfect sinecure. He felt sure it would be the same under the present Master. If there had been, or at any time should be, anything for them to do, the P.M.'s of the Florence Nightingale would at all times do it with pleasure, because it would not only be a duty but a labour of love. He thanked them from the heart. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, of the Pattison Lodge, and Bro. St. Aubyn, of 281. These brethren responded briefly, as did also Bros. Hayes, Lloyd, Hutton, and Watts. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Sweny, Hirsch, and others. The last toast was that of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who responded, and then the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual installation of this well-known lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 25th ult. As the work of the evening was rather heavy, the W.M. called the lodge for five o'clock. The officers present were Bros. Asher Hart, W.M.; R. Crispe, S.W. (W.M. elect); H. Trevitt, J.W.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., D.C.; Maurice Hart, P.M., D.C. 1592; Hon. Sec.; G. Gordon, I.G.; Cousins and Pendleton, Stewards. Members: Bros. Cain, P.M.; Vaughan, P.M.; Davison, P.M.; Beken, I.P.M.; J. Jacobs, Humphries, J. D. Griffith, K. Griffith, E. Gadd, R. Hoblyn, Erskine, Sharples, Grieve, Hawksworth, E. Ellis, and others. The visitors included Bros. Shepherd, P.M. 1035; H. Ellis, 1021; Hartnell, 1264; Brassey, I.G. 823; and others.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass to the Second Degree a brother who was initiated nine years ago, he being away in foreign climes ever since, after which Bro. Ballard, P.M., took the chair, and raised Bro. Jardine to the Sublime Degree; after closing to the Second Degree, Bro. Asher Hart, W.M., resumed the place of Installing Master, and regularly placed Bro. Crispe in the chair in the East, according to ancient custom, Bro. Hart working the whole of the ceremony with very great taste and effect. The officers appointed were Bros. Asher Hart, I.P.M.; Ballard, P.M., D.C.; Trevitt, S.W.; Maurice Hart, P.M. 1502, J.W.; Chisworth, P.M., Treas. (tenth time), invested by proxy on account of absence through illness; Gordon, Sec.; Pendleton, S.D.; J. Jacobs, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; J. D. Griffith, S.S.; Humphries, J.S.; Erskine, A.S.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. After a gentleman had been proposed for initiation, the W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Asher Hart, I.P.M., a very handsome Past Master's jewel, for his ability in conducting the lodge for eighteen months. Bro. Hart suitably responded. The lodge was then closed. There was no banquet in consequence of it having been decided to hold a pic-nic instead. On Thursday morning the members assembled at Lime-street Station for the purpose of proceeding to Overton Hills. They were accompanied by a goodly sprinkling of the gentler sex, although the rain gave very slight hopes of a pleasant day, but still in this variable climate it does sometimes become fine after a soaker. When the pic-nickers arrived at Frodsham umbrellas were not the order of the day, as the weather had somewhat cleared, which turned to very fine during the latter part of the day. A variety of games were extemporised by the indefatigable Committee and a genial body of Stewards, headed by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Gordon; and the beauty of the scene, the excellency of the catering of Mr. Rigby, of the Bellemont Hotel, Overton, all together made the day pass in an extremely pleasant manner.

**DEVONPORT.**—St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 954).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult. at the Masonic Rooms, *Morice Town*. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. James R. Dugdale, was installed by W. Bro. C. Watson, 954, assisted by W. Bros. T. Goodall, 954; W. Foxwell, P.M. 1071, P.P.G. St. Cornwall; and supported by the following Board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. A. Stephens, John Baxter, John Normans, P.M.'s 954; F. Hatherly, P.M. 1071; Jno. W. Collins, 1136. At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. J. R. W. Quinn, I.P.M.; Bros. Jas. Osborne, S.W.; Jno. Thos. Crossley, J.W.; W. Bros. C. Watson, Treas.; Jno. Baxter, Sec.; Bros. J. Sturgeon, S.D.; Jno. Weary, J.D.; D. R. Waight, D.C.; Jno. Watts, A.D.C.; George Hickey, I.G. Jno. Smith, George Pomeroy, Thomas D. Pengeley, F. R. B. Rockett were appointed the Stewards. A resolution was adopted to move the lodge from its present rooms at Christmas next. In the evening the brethren dined together at the rooms.

**EASTBOURNE.**—Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Gildridge Hotel, on Monday, the 30th ult. Bro. W. Kirkland, a Past Master of the lodge, was again elected and installed in that position, the ceremony being performed in a very admirable manner by Bro. Adamson, P.M. Additional interest was centred in the proceedings by the presence of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex (Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart.) and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. John Henderson Scott), as well as several other present and past Prov. Officers. The following brethren were invested as the officers of the Tyrian Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. Taylor, I.P.M.; B. Perry, S.W.; C. W. Tames, J.W.; T. S. Gowland, Sec.; C. Tames, Treas.; A. Lye, S.D.; A. Newman, J.D.; C. H. Haines, I.G.; H. Sutton and T. W. Dean, Stewards; E. Goldring, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. Taylor, the retiring Master, as a token of respect from the brethren of the lodge for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past twelve months. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, provided in Bro. Sutton's best style. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the vocalisation of Bro. Plant, P.M., and Bros. Moulding and Higgins, of the Cathedral Choir, Canterbury. The company present included Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Sussex; John Henderson Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; A. King, Prov. G. Org.; Jos. Farncombe, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; C. Tomkinson, Prov. G.S. of W.; F. G. Parnell, P.P.G.S.W. of Kent; T. S. Woolmong, 1382; J. Plant, P.M. 31; S. Tanner, W.M. 311; A. Moulding, 972; E. C. Weedon, 916; F. Miskin, W.M. 972; G. Down, 972; J. H. Higgins, 972; R. Pierpoint, 177; C. W. Hudson, W.M. 315; F. Milrom, W.M. 341; and the following members:—Bros. E. Adamson, P.M.; J. Head, P.M.; W. Kirkland, P.M.; T. Morris, P.M.; R. Pidcock, P.M.; G. Perry, C. W. Tames, A. Lye, A. G. Newman, H. Sutton, T. S. Gowland, C. H. Haines, Rev. R. C. Wilson, I. Ellis, C. Young, S. Holder, J. Newman, J. Hood, T. W. Dean, Winder, T. Brown, C. Crisp, S. D. Sanby, and others. The toasts of "Her Majesty" and "The Rulers of the Craft" having been proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Health of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M. of Sussex." Throughout the province he was not only greatly esteemed, but his name was revered as one well worthy to be a ruler in the Craft. His visit to the Tyrian Lodge on that occasion was an event of considerable interest to the brethren, it being the first time the lodge had been visited by its Provincial Chief Officer. On behalf of the Tyrian Lodge he accorded to Sir Walter a hearty welcome, and expressed a hope that he might long be spared in health to fill the position which he was so well fitted to occupy. The Prov. Grand Master said he had that day fulfilled a pledge which he made on

taking office, viz., that he would visit, as early as he could every lodge in Sussex. It had afforded him much pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he might say that throughout the province his visits had been equally gratifying. He thanked the brethren most cordially for the hearty reception which they had accorded him. There had been a large accession to Masonry during the last few years, the popularity of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master having given an extraordinary impetus thereto. A considerable increase had occurred in Sussex, as elsewhere, and very shortly he should be called upon to consecrate two more lodges, for which warrants had been granted. While their numbers continued to multiply he sincerely trusted they would continue to conduct their proceedings in the spirit of true Masonry. It was manifest that he could not attend each lodge very often, but he certainly should do so as time and opportunity offered. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In doing so he paid a high tribute to the great ability and knowledge of Masonic ritual possessed by Bro. J. H. Scott. Through his untiring exertions, to a great extent, Masonry had become what it now was in Sussex, and the brethren throughout the province looked upon Bro. Scott as one of the pillars of the Craft. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master said it was somewhat singular that their round of visits to the various lodges in the province had been commenced by the Prov. Grand Master at Eastbourne and at the same town they completed their task. These visits had not been made according to the age of a lodge or other fixed principles, but as opportunity offered; therefore, the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge must not think that because they were last they were the least. In fact, rather the opposite was the case. There would soon be twenty-three lodges in Sussex, and although all had been visited recently, it could not be expected that the Prov. Grand Master would be constantly going through the same process. His tour, if he might so term it, had been one round of triumph, and this augured well for success in the future. He complimented the W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge and his officers on the excellent working which he had witnessed that day. Of all the lodges visited certainly in none was the work as the work done better. The next toast was that of "The Visitors." Bros. Parnell and Rev. R. C. Wilson responded, the latter remarking that he looked upon Masonic lodges as helping in the good work in which he was daily engaged. If the true spirit of Masonry were more widely diffused his task would be lightened, and brotherly love and charity would take the place of much that was now to be regretted. Bro. Taylor proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master." He was an excellent Mason and very highly esteemed by the brethren. Bro. Kirkland had previously discharged the duties of Master with considerable ability, and there was little doubt but that he would do so again. He had good officers, and he heartily wished him a pleasant and successful year of office. The W.M. said he had always taken a great interest in the Tyrian Lodge. He was one of its founders, its second Master, and the oldest member. He had every reason to hope that it would go on and prosper, and to this end the brethren might rely on his most strenuous exertions. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Taylor, who replied. "The Healths of the Officers and the Assistant Officers" were then drunk, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasurable gathering.

**EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).**—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, the 24th ult., by the installation of Bro. Rowland Baxter, a W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Edward Clarke, a P.M. of the lodge, and W.M. of Arlecdon Lodge, 1660, also P.G.J.D. of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, very ably conducted the ceremony, and was assisted by Bros. James Muncaster, P.M., and Rev. W. E. Strickland, I.P.M., also Bro. John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.B. After having been duly installed, the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Rev. W. E. Strickland, I.P.M.; Jonas Lindow, S.W.; John Fletcher Kirkconel, J.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, Chaplain; E. Chapman, Treas.; Frederick Whittle, Secretary; W. Matthews, Organist; John J. Wilson, S.D.; James C. Woodburn, J.D.; Wm. Speirs, I.G.; S. Braithwaite and R. Tyson, Stewards; Samuel Braithwaite, Tyler. The following visitors were present: Bros. E. Tyson, W.M.; Jackson, Chas. Henry Hodgson, Charles Mossop, 119; Joseph S. Ray, P.S.W. 782; J. C. Lawson, 1182; Bell, W.M.; Bradley, J.W.; and S. Waiting, 1390. At 3.30 p.m. the brethren to the number of forty sat down to a cold collation at the house of Bro. George Douglas, the Wheat Sheaf Inn, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and interspersed with songs and recitations, which brought a highly satisfactory meeting to a successful issue at an early hour in the evening.

**LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).**—The brethren connected with this lodge met at their headquarters in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday afternoon, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and the officers who supported him were Bros. F. Knight, P.M.; T. Foulkes, J.W.; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas.; R. B. Burgess, Sec.; N. Robertson, S.D.; A. Samuels, J.P.; John Holme, S.; and M. Williams, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. J. Bell, S. Gordon, J. Corlett, T. Rose, P. Upton, T. Wiseman, P. Dickinson, J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W. and P.M. 1264; W. H. Quayle, E. Johnston, J. Davies, G. Argyle, P. S. Johnson, J. Threlfall, I. Thompson, G. Wynn, R. B. Hughes, T. Powell, W. Johnson, J. Ashton, H. Braddock, W. Bell, J. Falkingham, and T. Gray. The extensive list of visitors

included Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; F. Salter, S.W. 241 (W.M. elect); J. M. King, 823; John Atkinson, Sec. 1609; W. R. Reeve, 673; T. Pugmire, 241; J. Boyle, 823; W. F. Bilsbrough, W.M. 333; R. P. Gill, W.M. 216; J. Hodgson, 216; I. Levy, 667 and 1609; T. McWean, W.M. 1035; R. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; C. Birch, S.W. 203; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823 and P.M. 1325; John Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; H. Williams, P.G.S.; R. Washington, P.M. 1094; J. A. McRobie, 1393; J. Winsor, W.M. 241; J. P. Bryan, 1035; C. E. Bryan, S.W. 1313; J. Messenger, 249; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. Wharton, 1035; and C. Waterson, 1035. After the usual preliminary business, Bro. Thomas Foulkes was installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, the retiring occupant of the chair; and the latter portion of the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas. The following were the official appointments for 1879-80:—Bros. J. H. Bradshaw, I.P.M.; R. B. Burgess, S.W.; N. Robertson, J.W.; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); F. Knight, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Bell, Sec.; J. Holme, S.D.; P. M. Campbell, J.D.; P. S. Johnson, I.G.; J. Ashton, S.S.; T. Wiseman, J.S.; J. Hodgson, Hon. Org.; and M. Williams, Tyler. As a compliment to the W.M., who is well known in the musical world, a special musical programme in connection with his installation was provided by Bro. J. Hodgson and Bro. J. P. Bryan (who wrote several parts of the set especially for the occasion), and they were assisted in it by the lodge by Bros. W. Quayle, C. Waterson, W. Forrester, and J. Pugmire. During the proceedings a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, and the brethren afterwards banqueted in the dining-room of the Masonic Hall.

**HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st ult. Bro. J. C. Woodrow, P.M. 15, W.M., opened the lodge. Bro. Capt. R. W. Williams, P.P.I.G. Middx., P.M. 1275, S.W., having resigned his membership of this lodge, his resignation was accepted with regret. The officers appointed were Bros. John Hammond, P.G. Steward Middx., P.G.J.D. Middx. designate, P.M. 201, P.M. 1512, S.W.; J. B. Shackleton, P.G.A.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., S.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, J.D.; T. W. Stone, I.G.; D. Steinhauer, Org.; J. Lawrence, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M. 11, W.S.; J. J. Marsh, C.S. Ballots were taken separately for Bros. T. W. Adams, P.M. 1623, and J. T. Burchill, 1656, as joining members, and for Messrs. William John Smith and Frederick William Dye as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry, all of which proved unanimous in their favour. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow, in an able and impressive manner passed Bros. H. J. Buckley, W. R. Smith, D. Brown, and J. Cavell to the Second Degree, initiated Messrs. Wm. John Smith and Frederick Wm. Dye into Freemasonry. Each candidate was introduced separately, which added to the solemnity of the beautiful ceremony. The bye-laws were read. Bros. J. B. Shackleton was elected W.M.; S. Wickers, P.M., re-elected unanimously Treas.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., re-elected Tyler. Twenty guineas were unanimously voted to the Girls' School (per Secretary, in memory of R. W. Little, P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex). The usual seven guinea Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. J. C. Woodrow, W.M., for his services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. It was agreed to hold the audit meeting at the Holborn Restaurant, 218, High Holborn, on Wednesday, July 9th, at 4 p.m. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence and a petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund of Middlesex were unanimously recommended and signed in open lodge. Business being ended, the lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and the usual toasts were given and responded to. There were present besides those named Bros. C. W. Fox, P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.S.D. Middx., P.M.; F. Walters, P.P.S.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Hernaman, C. Graham, F. Knight, W. Vassila, C. H. Dye, S. Page, W. Blakeley, W. Stanton, C. Crecop, and others. Visitors: Bros. D. B. Raw, P.M. 969; J. H. Butten, P.M. 1309; and W. C. Davey, 1512.

**LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).**—The June meeting of this influential lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past six punctually by the W.M., Bro. Robert Wolfenden, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. F. G. Dale, I.P.M.; J. Ellershaw, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Parker, J.W.; John Bell, P.M., Treas.; Jonathan Acton, P.M., Sec.; Henry Hartley, S.D.; Richard Cleminson, J.D.; Jas. E. Oglethorpe, Org.; C. J. W. Stork and Wm. Huntington, Stewards; Joseph D. Bell, I.G.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; and E. Shepherd, Asst. Tyler. The brethren present included Bros. G. W. Smelt, John Simpson, Wm. Jackson, Peter Dutton, Wm. Bell, T. R. Lacey, W. Huthersall, J. Taylor, John Eannister, L. Barlow, J. M. Bell, E. Huntington, G. Blezard, W. King, R. C. Wilkinson, David Shaw, James Simpson, J. S. Stork, John Hartley, C. A. Beckett, W. Drinkall, E. Smalley, Thos. Armistead, and S. S. Lees. The visitors were Bros. Jeremiah Jowett, I.P.M. 281, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Messrs. S. S. Lees and E. Smalley were balloted for, the result of which was their unanimous election. Bro. Smelt having answered the questions put to him was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Smelt was duly passed by the I.P.M., Bro. F. G. Dale. The lodge was then resumed to the first Degree, when Messrs. S. S. Lees and Edward Smalley were separately initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being respectively performed by the

W.M., Bro. R. Wolfenden, and the I.P.M., Bro. F. G. Dale, in a very creditable manner. The questions in each degree were put to the brethren assembled for the instruction of the new brethren. This being the last meeting of the year, the election of Wor-hipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. J. Ellershaw, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bros. J. Bell, P.M., Treas., and A. K. Allinson, Tyler, were also re-elected. The date of time of the installation was then fixed, viz., Wednesday, July 2nd, at ten a.m., upon which occasion Bro. Dickenson, of Lodges 657 and 1288, will perform the interesting ceremony. The early hour (10 a.m.) for the opening of the lodge was decided upon to enable the brethren to proceed by rail after the installation to Bro. Rigg's Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, where the banquet will be provided at 4 o'clock. Bros. E. Dutton, J. M. Bell, and T. R. Lacey were then elected to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and to take an inventory of the lodge goods. The audit was fixed for the 27th inst., and arrangements made for supper to be provided by Bro. F. Huntington, at the Bear and Staff Hotel. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. F. G. Dale, and during the absence of the W.M., Bro. John Bell, P.M., Treas., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Wolfenden, for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, and that the lodge present Bro. Wolfenden with a Past Master's jewel in token of their esteem. Bro. Acton, P.M., Sec., seconded this proposition, which was carried with acclamation. The W.M. then re-entered the lodge, and after taking his seat exhibited some surprise when Bro. Dale acquainted him what had been decided during his absence. Bro. Wolfenden briefly returned thanks. Bro. F. G. Dale was then appointed trustee to the lodge in the room of the much respected Bro. W. Heald, P.M., P.Z., &c., who had been compelled to resign that office owing to failing sight. After the usual proclamation of the W.M., and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the representatives of Lodges 281, 1390, 1524, and 1561, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer at 10.30 p.m.

**LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).**—The annual installation meeting of the Hamer Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 19th ult., when the lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., Treasurer. Amongst the other officers and members present were Bros. Thos. Sammons, I.P.M.; H. Jackson, P.M.; J. McCarthy, P.M.; John Houlding, P.M.; Robert Leason, S.W.; Walter C. Erwin, J.W.; B. Price, Sec.; R. H. Evans, Treas.; James Pilling, S.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, J.D.; W. H. Jewitt, I.G.; Matthew Callaghan, S.S.; Thos. Pierrepont, O.; M. Williamson, Tyler; J. J. Smith, O.S.; Hugh Davidson, J. Flavell, James Tomlin, A.S.; John C. McRiles, H. B. Bradford, H. Henderson, Robert L. Stockton, Samuel Millikin, Thos. Adler, W. J. Henderson, Benj. Russell, Robert Parry, W. Clark, Stewart Speedy, Frank Lomerim, John Marsh. The visitors included Bros. Jno. Halliwell, P.P.G.S. E.L., 1012; Geo. A. O'Neil, P.P.G.T. E.L., 64, 191, 1012; Edward Paul, Treas. 1356, 1182; C. Wadsworth, 292, S.S.; Joseph Boyle, 823, J.W.; Edgar Humphries, 220; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org., 216; John T. Alston, W.M. 203; R. T. Leslie, J.W. 1713; Joseph Ball, 673, 155; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec., 680; Edward Cottrill, F.B. 203; Fred. J. Pentin, W.M. 1713; Henry Hinale, W.M. 1620; T. McCracken, 292, Sec.; A. Kenworthy, 277; Henry Walker, P.M. 337; Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 (Freemason); Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; A. C. Wylie, W.M. 292, S.W. 1264; Jas. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, P.G. Treas.; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155, 823, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Young, James W. Kenyon, 42 and 191, P.P.G.S.W. E.L. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. P.M., Sammons took the chair and passed Bros. Bradford and Corran to the Fellow Craft Degree. Bro. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., took the chair of Installing Master at four o'clock, when Bro. Robert Leaton, the S.W. and W.M. elect was presented by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., P.G. Steward, and Bro. John McCarthy, P.M., and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. R. H. Evans took up the ceremony, and the newly chaired W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three established degrees of the Order, according to custom from time immemorial. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Houlding, I.P.M.; W. C. Erwin, S.W.; Dr. B. Price, J.W.; R. H. Evans, Treas. (re-elected); J. Pilling, Sec.; J. McCarthy, D.C.; R. J. L. Kynaston, S.D.; M. Callaghan, I.G.; J. Tomlin and J. J. Smyth, Stewards; Thos. Pierrepont, Org. The various addresses were effectively given by Bro. R. H. Evans, and those to the W.M. and officers by Bro. John McCarthy. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the numerous visitors, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet at six o'clock. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the W.M.; Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., responding for that of "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M., and the Officers of the Province of West Lancashire." "The Masonic Charities" was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. H. Jackson, and admirably responded to by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. John Houlding, I.P.M., P.M. 823, gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," in most happy and appropriate terms, and Bro. Leason, W.M., was equally pointed in his acknowledgment of the compliment. "The Installing Master, Bro. Jackson," given by the W.M., was suitably responded to, and "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers," were amongst the other toasts on the list. A splendid musical programme was provided by Bros. John Hill, Webster, Williams, W. C. Erwin, "Billy" Richardson, George O'Neil, and J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, who not only accompanied the songs with excellent taste, but again delighted every one by his masterly performance of his own fantasia, "Sabbath Evening Chimes," which has attained

a popularity worthy of its worth. It should be stated that the catering of Bro. Chaplin, House Steward, gave general satisfaction.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., presided at the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The officers who supported him were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; John Atkinson, Secretary; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members who mustered on the occasion were Bros. M. P. Tieski, R. Eyres, S. Mattison, W. Addis, J. Keet, F. Wilkinson, jun., J. Ashley, F. Duncanson, J. Hont, P. W. Sanderson, J. Watt, J. Ballard, H. Round, J. H. Owen, P. Lowndes, E. H. Thomson, J. Penney, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, W. Hildyard, and T. S. Bailey. The visitors included Bros. S. Griffiths, 190; J. R. Owen, 1356; H. C. Sidney, 95; F. Weston, 571; J. Williams, 203; W. Jones, 1264; H. G. Clifford, 175; F. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W., Cheshire; D. S. Davies, P.M. 216; and A. N. Fabert, Secretary 216. Bro. J. Hont was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M.; and it was resolved, on the motion of the I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. P.M. Bell, P.G.S.), that the lodge should this year adjourn over the month of July, and in future years that no meetings should be held in June and July. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren dined in the large banqueting hall under the presidency of the W.M.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE** (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. E. Dignam, W.M.; F. Jacob, S.W.; A. L. Payne, J.W.; A. McMillan, S.D.; A. R. Olley, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Secretary; also several other brethren. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. F. Carr, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section, and Bro. C. Lorkin the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. A. L. Payne seconded, that Bro. F. Jacob be W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

#### Royal Arch.

**IPSWICH.**—St. Luke's Chapter (No. 225).—On Wednesday evening, the 25th of June, the installation of officers of the above chapter took place at the Freemasons' Hall. Amongst the companions present we noticed Comps. N. Tracey, R. S. Aimes, Dr. W. P. Mills, H. Casley, J. B. Fraser, all of Royal Sussex Chapter, 376; also Comps. W. Dakins, Thomas J. Wentworth, J. Whitehead, A. Barber, W. G. Cunliffe, Geo. Abbott, and others, all of Chapter 225. The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. N. Tracey, P.Z. The following were placed in the chairs, viz., Comps. W. Dakins, Z.; Thos. J. Wentworth, J.; W. G. Cunliffe, N.; A. Barber, E.; Geo. Abbott, P.S. Comp. W. Baley was unable temporarily to take his position as H. through severe indisposition, but we are happy to say he is much better, and we trust the Craft will soon welcome back again one who is so genuine and estimable a Mason. After this ceremony Bro. Robert Senton, 225, was duly exalted into the chapter by Comp. J. B. Fraser, P.Z.; and the grand ceremony was gone through in a manner, never to be effaced from the memory, which few could excel. After closing the chapter a sumptuous banquet was held in the dining room. We are happy to state, now the new Freemasons' Hall is opened, and such conveniences offered to all, that this chapter, and indeed every other branch of Masonry, is flourishing in Ipswich, as the cloud hanging over it is entirely removed.

**LEICESTER.**—Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., at which a large number of members and visitors were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Comps. Wm. Kelly, Prov. G. Supt.; John T. Thorp, Z.; F. Grant, J.; Clement Stretton, P.Z.; George Toller, jun., P.Z.; Clement E. Stretton, E.; Richard Taylor, N.; T. Worthington, P.S.; T. Coltman, Treasurer; S. A. Marris, L. P. Chamberlain, the Rev. F. H. Richardson, J. D. Harris, R. Overton, and others. The chapter was opened in ancient form. The other companions having been admitted, Bros. C. Pretty, the Rev. C. H. Wood, Edward Hale, H. S. B. Preedy, and J. H. Thompson, were exalted to this degree; the ceremony being most impressively performed by Comp. J. T. Thorp, M.E.Z. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were delivered by Comps. F. Grant, J.; William Kelly, P.G. Supt.; and J. T. Thorp, M.E.Z. The ordinary routine business being concluded, a well-merited eulogium was passed by Comp. Toller, P.Z., upon Comp. Thorp, for the efficient manner in which he had, for the first time, performed the whole of the duties appertaining to the chair of First Principal. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**BLACKBURN.**—Perseverance Chapter (No. 345).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Old Bull Hotel. There were present among others Comps. Joseph Parker, M.E.Z.; H. Hindle, H.; Thos. Grimes, J.; Simon Goldstone, E.L.

Samuel Haworth, P.S.; Richard Gornall, S.N.; Wm. Croft, Janitor; N. Gillett, Asst. Janitor; Dennis Towers, D. of C.; H. T. Platts, Steward; James Aspinall, W. H. Cunliffe, P.Z.; J. Bertwistle, H. 369; Franklin Thomas, P.Z., Prov. Grand Third Principal, East Lancashire; John Leaver, Samuel Preston, Dr. John Whitaker, Fall River R.A. Chapter (U.S.A.); J. W. Walsh, P.P.S.; A. A. Sadgrove, D. Graham, 1016; J. T. Hall, J. Pollard, John Southworth, Thomas Parkinson, E. Halliwell, P.Z., P.G.O. E.L.; and John Margeirson. The chapter was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Bros. Thomas Parkinson and John Southworth, which proved unanimous in their favour. These gentlemen were then exalted as Royal Arch companions, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Ex-Comps. Franklin Thomas, Prov. Grand J. E.L.; E. Halliwell, P.G. Org. E.L.; J. W. Walsh, P.S.; and Thomas Hindle. The investiture of the officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Comps. S. Haworth was invested as P. Soj.; Simon Goldstone as S.E.; and Richard Gornall, S.N. After the reading of a very satisfactory financial report by Comp. E. Halliwell, it was proposed by Comp. Franklin Thomas, and seconded by Comp. Towers, that Comp. N. Gillett act as Asst. Janitor for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed.

#### Mark Masonry.

**LEOPOLD LODGE** (No. 238).—A meeting of this new lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., when there were present among others Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Wks., P.M. Francis Burdett, &c., W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W. 211, &c., S.W. (Freemason); C. Horsley, P.M. No. 1, G.J.O., &c., Treas. and acting J.W.; Dodson, S.D.; Clemow, acting I.G. Bro. Motion, of the Macdonald Lodge, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Webb, P.M. Confidence, and Bro. Beddingfield, St. Dunstan, and having been found unanimous, the former brother, who was in attendance, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Bro. Walls having given notice of motion that the bye-law as to the amount to be paid by joining members should be reduced, the lodge was formally closed, and the members partook of a collation. The after proceedings in consequence of the lateness of the hour were purely formal in character.

**MANCHESTER.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, June 26th, 1879. Bro. Arthur Middleton presided, and was supported by the following officers:—Bros. E. C. Milligan, I.P.M.; J. W. Roine, P.M.M., P.G.D. England; W. H. Hopkins, P.M.M.R. of M., P.P.G. D. of C.; H. T. Rebberts, P.M.M. Organist, and P.G. Org. E. Lanc.; T. R. Peel, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, acting J.W.; Edwin Simpson, M.O.; E. C. Miller, S.O.; W. D. Waddell, J.O.; W. Nicholl, Secretary; T. H. Glendinning, S.D. After confirmation, and the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. John Gallagher, P.M. of 1011; Hugh Nichols, W.M. 1388; W. D. Holbrook, 163, who had been balloted for and elected at the last meeting, were admitted and duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very able manner. At the termination of the ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed on behalf of the P.G.L. of East Lancashire, and the Union Mark Lodge, and the lodge was formally closed. The brethren afterwards assembled at the supper table, and on the cloth being cleared the usual toasts were given and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened by some well-rendered songs and recitations.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (F.I.).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., in which the following officers took part:—Bros. Jas. Dutton, P.M., as W.M.; John Dutton, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W., Chap.; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Braham, J.W.; Radway, M.O.; Dingle, S.O.; Murlis, Sec. as J.O.; Sparrow, Organist; Mercer, S.D.; Hayward, as J.D.; Peach, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, letters of apology for the absence of the W.M. and J.O. were received. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. G. Smith was introduced, and advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the acting W.M., the ceremony being accompanied by the musical ritual published several years ago by the Chaplain. On the proposition of Bro. Dr. Hopkins, seconded by the J.W., it was resolved that a Tracing Board be purchased. A discussion arose on the question whether it is permissible to wear Craft aprons in a Mark lodge, owing to a recent refusal to admit one of the members to a meeting of another Mark lodge. The W.M. claimed the right, as being one of the terms on which the Royal Cumberland, a very old, time immemorial lodge, submitted to the Grand Mark Lodge of England in 1857. The S.W. contended that all ought to wear the clothing appointed for the degree. The Chaplain stated that he took the degree in a Craft lodge opened in the Second Degree in 1851, in Hull, years before the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge, he, nevertheless, agreed with the S.W., but was willing to allow the Craft apron to be worn by those who took the degree before there was a Grand Mark Lodge, with the understanding that all subsequently advanced should conform to the Book of Constitutions in regard to clothing. On referring to the minutes of September, 1857, the only document found, there was an order that the Secretary should demand this privilege in his correspondence with the Grand Secretary. The J.W., the

M.O., and others took part in the discussion, urging that the point should be settled. Though not formally appointed by the lodge, the Chaplain undertook to communicate with the Grand Secretary, requesting him to examine the correspondence which took place on the recognition of the Royal Cumberland Lodge by Grand Mark Lodge. The Chaplain reported that, as Past G.W., he had attended a meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, in London, on the 4th ult., and gave a favourable account of the proceedings. The discussion of matters of only private interest occupied much time, and the lodge was not closed till 10.15.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

The above lodge was consecrated, in accordance with the ceremonies of the Order, by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P. G.D. (Surrey), on the 5th inst., at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

A goodly concourse of the brethren assembled to witness the ceremony, among whom were Bros. Neale, 178; Lay, J.W. 1364; Bullock, 1586; Larner, 1586; Pugsley, W.M. 1586; Stafford, 1586; Lindus, 1269; Amphlet, 1511; Lassam, 742; Speight, P.G. Tyler; Smith, 996, P.P.D.C.; Whitehead, 206; Beaton, 1507; Dr. Besley, 702; Marsh, 1586; Klenck, P.M. 1339; Stock, 1586; Flexton, 1800; Bethune, Sec. 1397; Melyor, 1610; Rogers, 1356; in addition were the members of the new lodge, viz., Bros. R. J. Cason, P.M., W.M. designate; W. Cook, S.W. designate; T. West, J.W. designate; Denbigh, Bird, Cox, G. Wright, and Whitehead.

A procession having been formed, the brethren entered the lodge room, and the chair was then taken by Bro. Frances, who appointed his officers, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees.

The ceremony of consecration was impressively rendered by Bro. Frances, in the course of which an oration by him, on the antiquity of the Order, and the privileges, responsibilities, and duties of modern Freemasonry, was listened to with much attention by the brethren.

The musical arrangements were good, and the anthems ably rendered by Bro. Dr. Besley, assisted by Bros. Marsh, Stock, and West.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. Frances installed Bro. R. Jackson as W.M., who invested Bros. Cook, S.W.; West, J.W.; Denbigh, S.D.; Bird, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; G. Wright, Treas.

A number of gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and several brethren for joining members, and the lodge bids fair to be a large and prosperous one.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, prepared by Bro. Lassam, which, for delicacy and taste, was faultless, and amply done justice to.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to.

The musical abilities of Bros. Besley, Marsh, Stock, and West contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. H. W. Hunt in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. A. J. Tuff Filer, Magnus Ohren, James Robins, R. B. Webster, G. T. H. Seddon, D. M. Dewar, James Weaver, Joyce Murray, E. Spooner, A. E. Gladwell, J. J. Berry, Charles Lacey, Rev. Richard Morris, A. Tisley, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Coote, John Constable, George J. Palin, Fredk. Adlard, S. Rosenthal, Thomas Meggy, J. W. M. Dosell, D. W. Pearse, A. Torkington, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The list for the October election was settled. The total number of candidates will be seventy-seven, and vacancies to be filled sixteen.

The Committee passed the motion to add £50 per annum to the Head Master's salary, and authority was given for the transfer of £500 from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund.

The Committee then adjourned.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, John H. Leggett, F. Adlard, Griffiths Smith, R. Hervé Giraud, Edgar Bowyer, James Brett, James Kench, Louis Stean, W. Hilton, Chas. Atkins, Chas. F. Hogard, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, George Keene, C. J. Perceval, and James Terry (Secretary).

The death of three annuitants was reported, and the reports of the Warden and of the Finance Committee were read.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and the Secretary reported the gifts of tea and tobacco to the residents in the Institution, at Croydon, by the Supreme Council; also the presentation of flagstaff, fittings, and flag by Bros. J. G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, and T. J. Barnes.

A vote of thanks for the gifts was passed, and three petitions were accepted, and the candidates placed on the list for next election.

**BRIXTON MARK LODGE.**—The first election meeting of this flourishing lodge will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday (to-day). There are several candidates for advancement by the W.M. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M. 139, P.G. I.G., &c., &c., who is known to all Mark Masons as an expert in the ritual of the Degree.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting was held this year at Halesworth, on Monday, the 7th inst. The Congregational School-room was kindly lent for the purpose, and the proceedings were under the banner of the Prudence Lodge, Halesworth. There were twenty-two Prov. Grand Officers and 189 other brethren present.

The lodge was decorated with banners of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, and the following lodges:—Doric, 81; Unity, 71; British Union; St. Luke's, 225; Virtue and Silence, 332; Prudence, 388; Phoenix, 516; Fidelity, 555; Prince of Wales, 959; Royal St. Edmund's, 1008; Stour Valley, 1224; Waveney, 929; Adair, 936; Perfect Friendship, 377. There were also decorations of wreaths of flowers and evergreens.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney, was received with the customary honours at about half-past one, and amongst those by whom he was immediately supported were the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past G. Chap.; Bros. W. P. T. Phillips, P.S.G.W.; W. O. Chambers, P.P.J.G.W.; F. B. Strathern, P.P.J.G.W.; P. Allez, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. S. Pedgrift, P.P.G.R.; Fred Minter, P.G.R.; W. C. Randall, P.P.G.P., P.M. 376; G. Abbott, G.S.B., St. Luke's, 225; W. T. Westgate, P.M. 225, 376, 959, P.P.D.C.; the Rev. W. W. Bird, P.G.C., P.M. 553; C. Schulen, P.P.G.D.C., 114; N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 376; T. Newman, P.P.G.P., Adair Lodge, 936; A. Cracknell, P.G.S., W.M. 1663; J. Read, P.P.G.S.W. Norfolk, P.M. 85; T. Holland, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1224 and 172; T. Noble, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 225; Rev. M. Menser, P.P.G.C. of Norfolk, P.M. 107; T. J. Huddleston, P.G.T.; W. H. Lucia, P.G. Sec., 1008.

The other brethren present included W. Wilmshurst, P.P.G.S.B., 81; C. F. Browne, P.M., P.G.S., 81; C. Cooke, W.M. designate 1823; Rev. J. W. Collins, S.W. designate 1823; W. B. Jeffries, W.M. 376; Richard Garrett, P.M.; W. Young, P.M. 388; A. Caton, S.D. 388; R. Barker, S.W. 388; Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, P.P.G. Chap.; E. Young, P.M. 9; A. Barber, P.M. and Sec. 225; C. T. Winson, 99, Canada; W. G. Cunlold, S.W. 225; J. Smyth, 388; W. D. Paine, P.P.G.A.D.C., W.M. 959; E. C. Moor, W.M. 81; A. E. Smith, W.M. 388; C. H. White, 388; W. W. Walesley, P.P.G.S.W., 929; J. M. Canova, J.W. 388; E. W. Wrightson, P.G. J.D., P.M. 388; W. Miller, 1681; E. J. Griffiths, P.M. 1592; H. Gedney, J.W. 1663; F. Grimwade, W.M. 332; T. Prentice, P.P.G.P., 225; W. Chappell, 388; G. J. Goodwin, 388; F. Whistock, S.W. 81; J. Miller, Tyler 388; E. J. Goodwyn, I.G. 388; F. F. J. Greenfield, 859; G. F. Crane, S.W. 1631; F. Peacock, I.P.M. 1452; H. W. H. Elwes, 1452; J. L. Clarence, P.M. 1452; R. Baker, 388; W. Eaves, 225; J. Whitehead, P.M. 225; R. Garrard, P.M. 555; F. A. Mann, S.W. 1452; B. P. Grimsey, J.D.; R. Lenton, 225; C. Kent, 959; E. P. Youell, I.P.M. 1631; B. Stanford, Sec. 388; W. B. Page, P.M. 71; J. Napier, J.W. 225; J. Miles, 305; J. Hall, Tyler 81; C. W. Dance, W.M. 71; J. M. Harvey, W.M. 936; T. Hodgson, Sec. 71; Jno. Fry, J.W. 936; C. W. Chaston, W.M. 42; C. Nunn, J.D. 936; R. C. Mann, W.M. 929; W. Hardy, Sec. 936; T. Saul, 225; A. B. Bull, J.D. 388; H. J. Burtall, P.M. 929; J. P. Smyth, S.W. 929; J. G. Churchyard, I.P.M. 377; W. Leathers, 225; J. H. Beart, I.G. 936; G. Roper, Tyler 936; J. E. Smyth, S.D. 936; J. C. Welham, S.W. 71; B. Parker, J.D. 71; B. M. Abigale, 71; R. W. Flick, P.M. 388; R. A. King, Treas. 305; J. L. Brook, 225; H. J. Eastaugh, I.G. 1452; J. T. Woods, J.D. 1452; J. T. Ecclestone, 305; H. C. Casley, W.M. 114; J. T. Wentworth, W.M. 225; P. Whitehead, I.P.M. 225; W. A. Pepper, 305; J. Tennant, J.W. 71; F. B. Brown, 225; G. King, Steward 71; H. S. Cederholm, W.M. 71; J. Thornton, 225; T. W. Thurton, W.M. 555; W. Minter, S.W. 555; J. Norman, Tyler 929; S. R. Anness, S.W. 376; T. Grimwood, P.M. 81; J. Wright, Tyler 71; J. Marjoram, P.M. 555; H. E. Rowe, S.D. 555; T. W. Tewson, P.M. 929; A. E. Chaplin, 1598; J. Sheppard, T. J. Lucia, P.M. 1008, 225; G. Spalding, 114, 225, 376, 959; J. H. Berry, 936; G. D. Pretty, P.M. 555; H. J. Wright, S.W. 936; H. M. Snell, Tyler 1224; M. Bloomfield, Tyler 516; Geo. Bowes, P.M. 305; B. W. Syer, P.G. Tyler, 376; J. Hanly, 51, P.P.G.S. Essex.

The minutes of the last meeting having been taken as read and adopted, the report of the General Purposes Committee was adopted.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master invested the following officers for the year:—

- Bro. E. P. Youell ... .. Prov. G.S.W.
- " J. W. Casley ... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- " J. J. Wentworth ... .. Prov. G.S.D.
- " R. W. Flick ... .. Prov. G.J.D.
- " Rev. J. W. Collins ... .. Prov. G. Chap.
- " W. H. Lucia ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " T. J. Huddleston ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " F. Grimwood ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- " W. B. Jefferies ... .. Prov. G. S. of W.
- " W. Clarke, P.P.D.C. Suffolk, P.M. 959 ... .. Prov. G.D. of C.
- " C. W. Dance ... .. Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- " A. Cracknell ... .. Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " Harvey ... .. Prov. G. Purst.
- " B. Syer ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.
- " Robert Garrodd, 555; and Bro. J. P. Smyth, 929 ... .. Prov. G. Stewards.

The brethren then formed a procession and proceeded to church, where the sermon was preached by the R.W. Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. W. Collins, from the following texts: Hebrews, chap. 13, ver. 1—"Let brotherly love continue;" Acts, chap. 20, ver. 28—"It is more blessed

to give than to receive;" Proverbs, chap. 12, ver. 19—"The lips of truth shall be established for ever."

The preacher, in the course of an eloquent address, said: The grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded have so many branches, and so widely affect, either directly or indirectly, every stage and condition of daily life, that it is almost impossible for the preacher to speak on any moral or religious subject without teaching truths connected with our Order. Not only does the volume of the Sacred Law show us an everlasting love existing in the Godhead, not only does it show us God's love to man, the crowning act of which was witnessed on Mount Calvary, but it inculcates as the most solemn duty of man to man the test of our serving God acceptably. Brotherly love, our love to one another, may be weak at best, yet it enables us to apprehend, after our feeble measure, the love there is in heaven. It is our bounden duty here on earth; it is promised an abundant reward hereafter. Man at the strongest is but a dependant creature, and from this arises one of the great advantages of Divine love; and, thank God, in this our land of England we acknowledge both our dependency upon God and upon one another. In all our institutions we are accustomed, as Englishmen, to give to religion its lawful pre-eminence. Brotherly love and union are necessary for man's welfare and happiness in every stage of life. It is a law of our nature, a law under which we live, and our loving deeds are more effectual and lasting when accomplished by brotherly efforts. We are every one members of one another, and our loving deeds are more effectual and more lasting when accomplished by united brotherly efforts. What are high professions of love worth unless they are shown forth in active operations? If any one examines the Sacred Volume for himself he will find that the duty of giving from right motives, with a view to the glory of God, and the relief and welfare of our brethren, is oftener insisted upon than even purity, honesty, uprightness, and truth. The reverend gentleman went on to say that he could find no records of the world more marked by liberal giving than the present, and he could find no nation more marked for its munificence than England. Long, long might it be so. May our liberality and a readiness to succour the distressed be lasting as the world, and widespread as that Order famed as foremost among the charitable, and claiming justly relief of those in want as one of its grand foundations—I mean Freemasonry. If, as regards liberality, we feel it an honour to be an Englishman, much higher should we esteem our privilege to be liberal among the liberal—to be not only Englishmen, but Masons. Nothing so much attracts the attention and admiration of the outside world as the extent and management of our Masonic Charities. They are, I believe, splendidly managed, and we can all contribute to them, knowing that what we give will be well employed, and turned to the best account.

The beautiful singing of the boys of the Albert Memorial College, who specially attended by permission of the last Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. W. Bird, materially added to the attractiveness of the choral arrangements. The collection amounted to £9 10s. 5d. There was a large congregation.

The brethren having returned from church, lodge was re-formed, and

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Waveney, announced the amount of the collection, and suggested that, in consideration of the manner in which the Prov. Grand Lodge had been received, the sum should, in the spirit of a wise and liberal charity, be distributed between the Church schools and the Nonconformist schools in the town. (Applause.)

The motion was agreed to, and it was also resolved to augment the amount to ten guineas.

Bro. Martyn, R.W.D.P.G.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the rector of the parish, for having so kindly placed his church at their disposal.

Bro. Youell, P.G.S.W., seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Bro. Phillips proposed that the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge be given to the choir from Framlingham Schools, for the beautiful way in which they performed the choral service.

Bro. Clark seconded.

This was agreed to, and a suggestion from Bro. Martyn that it be an instruction to the P.G. Sec. to express from this Prov. Grand Lodge a desire that the boys should have a holiday met with unanimous approval.

The Rev. W. Bird, in acknowledging the compliment, said the boys were delighted to come over, and he had no doubt they would be equally delighted with the holiday. (Applause.)

The R.W. Grand Master then delivered his annual address, in which he reviewed the proceedings of the past year. There were, he said, many successes to be thankful for, but there had been occasions which they must undoubtedly regret. They had to regret the removal of Bro. Head, one of the oldest, best known, and most efficient brethren they had ever possessed, and one who was valuable to the Craft in many respects. (Hear, hear.) Those who had known him for the past fifty years would agree in saying that he had left a place amongst them which none could hope to fill. He also regretted the loss of the Prov. Grand Master of Essex, who was always ready to give effect to the friendly and neighbourly spirit of that province. He trusted that the friendly disposition shown by Norfolk and Essex would long be continued. (Applause.) With regard to the construction of a Masonic hall at Ipswich, he said that although at first their efforts were not successful, still the lodges of Ipswich, undaunted by the failure, had, he was glad to say, constructed a hall, which for usefulness and cheapness was unparalleled by any in the province, or even in the neighbouring provinces. (Applause.) It was unfortunate, however, that geographical considerations separated by lines of approach and road one portion of the county from the other. It was difficult to get from east to

west, from south to north, and from north to south. This, very much interfered with the administration of justice and social gatherings of this character; therefore it was that one central lodge could never be established in that province. (Hear, hear.) They were obliged in the meantime to the public spirit of the lodges at Ipswich for giving facilities for holding assemblages in the capital town of the county. (Hear, hear.) Without infringing upon the older and well recognised merits of Bury—because it might be supposed that where the criminals went there was the greatest amount of care (laughter)—he must suggest, as some compensation for not giving them a Masonic Hall, that they should erect a memorial to Saint Edmund of Bury. (Applause.) Wherever the name was known it was honoured as martyr, confessor, and king. (Applause.) After referring to other matters connected with the Order, his lordship proceeded to make some remarks upon the depression of trade and agriculture. They knew that until the present genial sunshine, which at that moment filled our fields, the prospects of our staple industry were of a nature which might well alarm men of a less steady character than the agriculturists of this and other districts of England. A succession of no less than five years of inadequate produce had placed our agricultural industries and others in a state of constraint—he would not say of decay, but of constraint (hear, hear)—highly detrimental to the efforts of those who were striving to derive the full benefit of their industry, and who, he might say, had not shown any lack of energy whatever. (Hear, hear.) He was surprised, and being surprised he felt proud, to be a fellow worker with those who had displayed such energy and persistent endurance. (Hear, hear.) He had seen among those connected with land, the farmer and labourer, no symptoms of doubt or despair, and he believed they all placed the firmest reliance upon the purposes of the Great Architect of the Universe, confident that although there was much now that was depressing there was a smiling face behind. (Cheers.) With regard to the progress made by the Craft, his lordship said it showed a steady and continual rise. Like the sea that bathed our shores, the ebb had turned for some time, and Freemasonry was now on the steady full flood of improvement and increase, and was working its way into the interior of the county, in the neighbourhood of the town of Clare. (Applause.) They would soon have to welcome amongst them, in his formal and accredited position as Worshipful Master of a lodge at Clare, the Worshipful Prov. Grand Chaplain of the present day, Bro. Collins. (Applause.) With regard to brethren removed by death, it had been suggested to him that there was not a sufficiently good record of the fact. To meet this an endorsement should be made, in the nature of a death certificate, which should be transferred to the widow or other relative left by the brother. This would remove any doubt on this subject that might exist. (Hear, hear.) He confessed he had not had the opportunity of looking into the subject, but if there was any process by which the Provincial Grand Lodge, acting by its officers, could in any way testify its sense of the services of a member of the Craft, by lessening the blow which falls upon the families and other survivors, they should do well, he thought, to adopt it. (Applause.) In conclusion, he said, with reference to the prevailing depression, that he was sure the Craft would give a hearty support to, and set an example if need be of endurance and courage, having confidence in the success of honest endeavours rightly directed. (Applause.) It was one of the most consoling passages of the many passages of Scripture embodied in the words of human wisdom—actuated by a wisdom far above the human—"I was young, I am old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging for bread." (Applause.) He felt sure that whatever fortune happened between now and their next meeting their time would be passed in a strong endeavour to submit to the will of the Great Architect, and they would find that what now appeared evil was done for the progress of the universe that good might come. (Applause.)

During the proceedings a suggestion was made by Bro. Phillips, P.P.S.G.W., that the brethren should assemble in trousers of any other colour than black. (Cries of "No, no.") Several other provinces had abandoned black, and he hoped Suffolk would follow suit. (Strong marks of disapproval.)

The banquet was held in the Corn Exchange under the presidency of Lord Waveney. Upwards of 200 brethren sat down to a repast elegantly served by Mrs. Read, of the Swan Hotel. The usual toasts were most heartily honoured, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

The annual excursion of this lodge took place on the 10th ult., the party consisting of Bros. T. J. Wilkinson, W.M.; Rev. E. C. Camidge, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain; G. Ayre, P.M.; W. Coltman, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W., and others, and a considerable number of ladies. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by the Secretary, Bro. J. Johnson. Carriages were in readiness at Masham Station to convey the visitors to Swinton Park, where they were received by Mr. Featherstone, and conducted round the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Danby Harcourt. After luncheon they proceeded to Jervaulx, and the interesting ruins of the Abbey were explained by Mr. Maughan (Lord Ailesbury's agent) and Mr. Rennie.

On their return to Masham, a substantial and abundant repast was served by Mr. Stickland, at the King's Head Hotel, and the party afterwards inspected the fine old church, the vicar, the Rev. G. M. Gorham, M.A., and Mr. Bowes, of the Swaledale Bank, contributing much to the enjoyment of the day by their most obliging and courteous attention.

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DOUBT.—1. The decision was certainly correct. 2. Not within the province of a Masonic newspaper.

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- Weston Royal Arch Chapter, 1086.
- Pattison Lodge, 913.
- East Medina Chapter, 175.
- Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353.
- Sackville Lodge, 1619.
- Affability, 317, Manchester.
- Perseverance Chapter, No. 345, Blackburn.
- St. John's, Liverpool, 673.

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

"Liverpool Mercury," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Night and Day," "The Freemason" (New South Wales), "Gardening," "Alliance News," "Masonic Herald," "Broad Arrow," "Australian Freemason," "Masonic Record, West India," "La Chaine D'Union," "Boletin Oficial de la Masoneria Simb. de Colan," "Der Triangel," "New York Dispatch," "Transactions of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation," "Hebrew Leader," "Civilian."

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## BIRTHS.

BARNES.—On the 5th inst., at South House, Faversham, Kent, the wife of Mr. Jersey Barnes, of a daughter.  
MOORAT.—On the 1st inst., at 3, Langhorne-gardens, Folkestone, the wife of Mr. John S. Moorat, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

HART—WARREN.—On the 5th inst., at St. Andrew's, Hastings, by the Rev. G. Hodges, Rochester William Lee, son of the late Mr. Conway Weston Hart, of Calcutta, to Fanny Mary, daughter of the late Mr. Matthew Warren, C.E.

## DEATHS.

BRASIER.—On the 2nd inst., at 37, High-street, Margate, Martha Elizabeth (Pattie), fifth daughter of the late Bro. William Church Brasier, of Margate, aged 20 years.  
LEE.—On the 30th ult., Catherine Dora Lee, youngest child of the Rev. Richard Lee, of Christ's Hospital.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1879.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

Our readers will have observed that our last issue was mainly taken up with the reports of Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, which are always interesting, we venture to think, to Freemasons, as showing both the local permanency and the general spread of Freemasonry. The Provincial Grand Lodges make up much of the strength and the vitality of our Order, and their prosperity is always a sure sign of the true growth of Freemasonry in a particular province or district. Some of the Provincial Grand Lodges are now very powerful bodies, with large funds and careful bye-laws of their own, and in their proper administration much interest is often excited amongst the good brethren of the locality, and the true principles of Freemasonry are carefully proclaimed and maintained. If ever there be weakness in any province, if slovenliness creeps over the private lodges, if the meetings are sparsely attended, if the zeal of the brethren for the Charities of the Order or the work of Masonry is slack, depend upon it, the fault is with the provincial head quarters, and not with the lodges or the brethren. The whole tone and temper of the province as a body depend on the example and work of the provincial authorities, and just as far as they are in earnest and literally care for Masonry, so the light of the province burns clearly and brightly before its own brethren, or neighbouring Provincial Grand Lodges. Lord Tenterden's installation last week by Lord Carnarvon, our distinguished Pro G.M., was a great success, and we augur well for his rule and the progress and prosperity of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex under his judicious sway. His speech was thoroughly Masonic, both in what it said and what it left unsaid. Few English Masons there are but must admire its effective language, its animated statements, and its Masonic spirit. Lord Tenterden clearly sees where the "shoe pinches," and how the "leaven works" in Freemasonry just now, and we commend his careful and tolerant enunciation of Masonic principles to the notice of all who sometimes affect to believe that Freemasons have "very little to say," have no principles to avow, and no teaching to set forth. We think, on the contrary, that, as Lord Tenterden conclusively shewed, Freemasonry has certain distinct and definite "landmarks" which it is our duty no less than our privilege to uphold in our own generation, and hand on to others unchanged and unaltered, and that such as they are, and such as they profess to be, they are indeed for the welfare of society, and for the happiness and peace of mankind.

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Grand Treasurer has given notice of a motion at the next Quarterly Court, on Saturday, the 12th inst., to increase the number of girls elected at the October Election by seven. We think that this is a very judicious and seasonable suggestion, and one which we hope will be carried on Saturday "nem. con." There is plenty of money, plenty of room at Wandsworth, and as seven of the 200 are purchased cases, it seems only reasonable that the elected children should, in the prosperous condition of the School, be 200, and all above that number should be purchased cases. We think that, after the brilliant success of the Festival this year, and the gratifying result of the quiet but energetic labours of Bro. Hedges, such a proposal is only a proper return for the zeal and sacrifices of the brethren, and while it gives pleasure to the subscribers, will add materially to the prestige and usefulness in the eyes of the Craft at large of that most admirably conducted Institution, the Girls' School.

## CHARITY REFORM.

This is rather a sensational subject just now, and we confess we hope that it will be a long, long time before any such discussion interferes with the peaceful progress of our great Masonic Institutions. Bro. Simpson, in his letter last week, seems to assume, as a matter of fact, that crying abuses exist in the management and practical working of our Charities. He uses, we see, the following very strong words: "unjust, undignified, wasteful, and cruel accompaniments—polling days, exchanges, trafficking, and wholesale canvassing," &c. Now, we think that we know our Charities well; we take great interest in all their details; they have been before us minutely for more years than we like to count, and we confess we do not know to what "abuses" Bro. Simpson alludes in such very harsh words. We say this distinctly and thoughtfully, without any fear of contradiction, and without any hesitation whatever. That in all earthly institutions weaknesses may be found and abuses "exist," who could take upon himself to deny? But, on the whole, with complete knowledge of the subject in every department, as we flatter ourselves, we cannot put our finger on any known, or proved, or proveable abuse, as we understand the word "abuse." Bro. Simpson has, no doubt, a very strong opinion on the voting system of our Charities, and the habit of exchanging votes, which he terms, as others do, Mr. Gladstone among them, "trafficking in votes." But that, in our opinion, is a very hard and harsh expression. The principle of selection by Provincial Charity Committees may be good or bad as we view it, but it practically, in our experience, picks out the strongest cases, and it is not likely that provinces which have given large sums to the Charities will ever consent to ignore local cases, or to send their votes direct to the Secretary, or give up the right to do the best they can for such candidates as they believe "distressing cases" in their own province. If Bro. Simpson's principles of reform are good for anything, (and we do not go into them further than in respect of our Masonic Charities), a Committee ought to select the most absolutely distressing cases, and all subscribers should give their votes blindfold through the Committee. This we can understand on his principle. But to suppose that out of sixty cases, for instance, all sad on the face of them, any one brother or brethren can select for himself or themselves the most absolutely distressing case, is the most hopeless chimera that ever was started by the ingenuity, or rather the perversity of man. All that can be done is, as is done in the provinces and now in London, to seek to select good cases, but in London especially, where the brethren are peculiarly independent, and many connections with the provinces exist, any such attempt is met at once by the complaint that we interfere with the liberty of choice of the individual voter, who is just as competent as a Committee to select a proper case. But the truth is that, as we have taken occasion to say before, Bro. Simpson, with all his ability and his intentions to do good, has not hit the only "little blot," as far as our careful observation goes, in our really noble Charities. We mean the original selection of candidates. Curiously enough, that weak point runs quite counter to Bro. Simpson's theory, that the remedy for these alleged abuses is to be found in a strong and impartial Central Committee, inasmuch as the original selection is made by the meeting of the General Committee of Life Governors, which ought to represent well the impartiality of the subscribers. But we have long been of opinion that here is to be found the one true reform, and the only one we need trouble ourselves about. All the cases should be submitted, we venture to think, to a special sub-Committee, which should have power to enquire into the condition of the parent or parents, and so prevent those whom their friends might fairly educate being thrown on our excellent Charity, passing out many poorer and more helpless candidates. But this is simply a mistake of our own rules, which may easily be remedied. We know, as we said before, of no other "abuses." We disagree "toto cælo," as we honestly do, from our esteemed P.G.C., in respect of his complaints of the voting system now in operation, and which

does not deserve such hard words and such serious imputations as he has thought well, in the last *Freemason*, to use respecting it, as we shall be quite willing to point out in "extenso" if he thinks well to continue the discussion.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

We have received and read carefully the *Freemason* of April 15th this year, "published under the patronage" of the freshly-constituted so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We are sorry to say that we cannot sympathize in any sense with this rash movement, and disapproving in toto, on the old true principles of Freemasonry, of the unnecessary multiplication of Masonic jurisdictions apparently so popular with some minds just now, we feel bound honestly and in all Masonic friendship and courtesy to give our reason why. Our contemporary quotes fully from us, and we have no wish in anything that we say to seem to dogmatize harshly, or speak censoriously, but we feel bound to point out one or two considerations, which vitiate, in our opinion, the constitution of this so-called Grand Lodge, and fully justify the prudent action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and other American Grand Lodges, as well as our own and the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, in the matter. 1. In the first place, let us remember and realize the position of Freemasons in New South Wales. There are three jurisdictions in existence, the English, the Scottish, and the Irish Grand Lodges, and thus in the colony of New South Wales the triple jurisdiction of England, Scotland, and Ireland is naturally reproduced. It is a great mistake to see, as some do, in a great and successful colony like New South Wales, with its popular self-government, any analogy with the States of America. Each State of America is equal, sovereign, and self-governed, and, except for the general purposes of the constitution, supreme in its own territory, a position entirely different from that of the colony of New South Wales. And hence as new States are formed in America, as each new State is equally a sovereign State with the others, it is not un-Masonic for a meeting of lodges, be they more or less, if lawfully warranted, to form a new Grand Lodge. But in New South Wales, with three existing jurisdictions, before these jurisdictions can be absorbed in a new Grand Lodge, a majority of the lodges in all the three jurisdictions must have agreed to surrender their warrants to their mother Grand Lodges, and take out fresh warrants from the new central authority. The body which calls itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales is composed, as it states, of a majority of the Irish lodges, a number of the Scottish lodges, and one English lodge. Its apologists assert, indeed, that other English lodges would join but are hindered by the district authority. Still the "damning fact" remains that of one of the jurisdictions, only one lodge so far has joined the movement, and that it has a minority in two out of the three. In our opinion, therefore, the whole movement has failed Masonically, and the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales has no legal or constitutional existence, and cannot be recognized either by the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland, or Ireland. We are quite aware that much doubt exists as to the Masonic law on the subject. Some Masonic writers have contended that given no existing jurisdiction at all, except a private lodge, it is competent for Master Masons thereat convened, with proper certificates, to constitute a Grand Lodge "ad hoc," and in the history of Masonry, private lodges have before now proclaimed themselves Grand Lodges without any reference whatever to the principle of delegation or aggregation of lodges. Perhaps it is still true of this as of many other matters in the world "fieri non debet, factum valet." Our English practice seems to have been one of common sense, namely, to recognize the wish of a majority of lodges, in meeting properly convened, to create a Grand Lodge, and separate from the mother Grand Lodge in our colonies and dependencies and districts which originally hailed from us, but we are aware of no precedent where a minority in three jurisdictions has been permitted in our colonies and dependencies

to set up a Grand Lodge, or where that body has been recognized in England. The new movement claims to have enrolled 800 Master Masons, but this fact is also denied. We feel bound to say that the members of the Irish Prov. Grand Lodge seemed to have egregiously failed in their duty to their Grand Lodge. See Bro. Oldham's letter elsewhere. II. We note, in the second place, that in this very paper, not content with this hasty, and, in our opinion, in all deference, unconstitutional movement, it is suggested that a Grand Lodge should be formed in New Zealand as well. Where is all this to end? It cannot be for the good of Masonry to create a Grand Lodge wherever a colony of England exists; neither, we venture to think, will it serve to enhance the true and tolerant principles of Freemasonry. We trust that in New South Wales as elsewhere our English brethren will remember the links which bind them to the mother country and the mother Grand Lodge, and will gladly continue distinct and real offshoots of that great body, the Grand Lodge of England, which has done so much for true Freemasonry everywhere. One argument does surprise us and amuse us; it is this—"Because we have done so well for our Charities in England, therefore, (note the sequitur), the brethren in New South Wales should form a new Grand Lodge, and do something for their poor brethren in New South Wales." But surely the District Grand Lodge has a Fund of Benevolence, and if that is the only reason, why should not the Masons in New South Wales erect Masonic Orphanages, and establish Masonic Annuities of their own, without a new Grand Lodge? We have said all this fraternally and dispassionately, but firmly and clearly we hope, and we trust our contemporary, the *New South Wales Freemason*, will believe us when we add that, though we differ from him conscientiously, we differ with the good feeling which should always characterize Freemasons. We regret the step which has taken place, and we fear we can hold out no hope of Masonic recognition at home. We doubt very much, moreover, whether the American Grand Lodges will recognize this new body. Indeed, we feel sure they will not.

BRO. SIMONSEN'S APPEAL.

We think it right to say, with reference to the letter of Bro. Wergeland, Prov. G. M. of Norway, and some information we have ourselves received on the subject, that any charge of persecution against the ecclesiastical authorities in Norway on account of Bro. Simonsen being a Freemason must at once be withdrawn. It seems that Bro. Simonsen, who has now, happily, returned to Norway, received Lutheran orders in America, and that the ecclesiastical authorities in Norway declined to admit him and others similarly situated as clergymen in the Norwegian parishes, but Freemasonry has nothing whatever to do with the question, and many of the Norwegian clergy are avowedly Freemasons, and hold Masonic rank. On this point Bro. Simonsen, owing to his inexperience in Masonry, was entirely incorrect, and has entirely misled us. We, therefore, regret to have given currency to the statement.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 28th ult. I notice that you have placed the name of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., with the London lodges in the list of Stewards of the Boys' School, and, again, in page 273 of your last issue, you have placed the province of Middlesex next in rank to Durham, whereas the amount should have been £227 7s., placing Middlesex next to Dorsetshire. Please excuse my troubling you, but as the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, has taken such a prominent place in the charity lists this year I should be sorry for Middlesex to lose its rightful position through an excusable error in a report circulated through the medium of your journal.

An enquiry was made recently as to the proper dress for the Prov. Grand Chaplain, and I venture to suggest that the Rev. J. Rolinson, D.D., was correct when preaching before the Prov. Grand Lodge at Great Stanmore. He wore a surplice, doctor's hood, and the collar of his Masonic

office. For such a service the apron is not required, and I fail to see how it could be hidden more by the surplice than by the nearly obsolete black gown.

Yours truly and fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE,  
S.W. Royal Hanover Lodge.

[We agree with our brother that the apron is not required. The collar is quite sufficient, in our opinion, for the preacher, because ecclesiastically not illegal. The apron, we think, would be.—ED.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I address you as much individually as a journalist, knowing we are both interested in the Province of Middlesex. I beg to draw your attention to the fact that our province deserves a higher position in the order of those who brought up lists at the last festival. I find from your excellent leader that we stand as to amount fourteenth on the list, with an aggregate of £122 7s. only. As a fact, a brother of my own lodge, No. 1777, personally contributed £105, which is credited to London district; add this amount to that announced it will make £227 7s., and place the Province of Middlesex No. 9 on the list. Thus correcting the gross figures £5345 1s. 6d. credited to London, deduct £105, add this to £5189 1s. 6d. credited to the provinces, we shall find as follows: Metropolitan Lodges, £5240 1s. 6d., Provincial £5294 1s. 6d.; the provinces in result heading the home district, subject to any further lists that may come in.

Yours fraternally,  
Town Hall, Hownslow,  
7th July, 1879.

W. M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Kilburn Lodge, 1608, sent through me, their Steward, £210 for the Boys' School, not £118 12s. 6d., as stated in your report, so that the lodge is third on the list, and not seventh. By kindly inserting this you will oblige,

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES BREWER,  
W.M. 1608.

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Were I the most exacting of grammarians or the most ardent of controversialists, mercy and pity, two Masonic graces always, would lead me to spare your readers the infliction of another long letter from Bro. Dron, and the inaffable nonsense my original and poor little letter has evoked from others. I congratulate Bro. Dron on the possession of so much spare time, that he can write such a succession of paragraphs all about nothing at all, and which remind one dreadfully of the old Joe Miller, of the "Sheep's Head." Verbum sat. Had I ever considered it possible that my little attempt to commence a friendly discussion should have led to such personality, I need hardly say I should not have troubled you. Because, though a man, like Dogberry, may "write himself down an ass," he does not want to be told so by Bro. Dron, simply because he and Bro. Dron do not agree about a question of philology. Neither is it usual among gentlemen or Masons for one writer to tell another writer, knowing nothing of him, and only because he happens to differ from him on a "moot point," that he is practically an ignoramus, an impostor, and a dunderhead, which, I contend, Bro. Dron, paraphrastically, indeed, but clearly and un-Masonically, did do in his original reply to "Lindley Murray." I naturally resented such narrow-mindedness and such impertinence, and wrote, as I always will write, my opinion on such folly, perfectly justly and openly, under the circumstances. I do not profess to be above the weaknesses of my fellow mortals, "nihil humanum a me alienum puto."

If any brother will kindly read over my first letter, which was purely critical, whether right or wrong, and compare it with Bro. Dron's reply, most uncritical and entirely personal, I think he will agree with me that I have good cause to complain, and complain seriously, of the tone and temper of Bro. Dron, which at once changed a simple critical discussion into a personal "tu quoque" and a hopeless logomachy. I had said nothing in my first letter surely to offend any one. My note was simply a "Grammatical exercise," and had Bro. Dron replied as I commenced the discussion, we might have shown to your readers the edifying spectacle of two brethren who could differ with courtesy and with Masonic feeling. But as I object both to "cheek" and vulgarity, especially in Masonic controversies, I felt I had a right to assert the right of free literary discussion. I therefore ventured to assert it, and always shall do so, in your impartial columns.

I am excessively amused with Bro. Dron's apparent difficulty as to the lines of Dryden which I quoted. All I can say is, if he does not understand their application I think I do, and that is quite enough for me; for as I before remarked, I am not, as far as I know, compelled by any rules of controversy to try to enable my antagonist to understand and appreciate my humble words. As they say, if such a task was imposed upon me, the "labour of Sisyphus would be nothing to it."

I am, myself, quite indifferent as to any remarks about my "pseudonym" or special "verbiage." I wrote to hold my own, as I hope I always shall write, with all due deference to the true principles of Freemasonry, but I have yet to learn that it is forbidden to a Freemason, when well meant efforts to commence a little friendly discussion are only met with a vile spirit of personality, to seek, if in his power to do so, to check and expose upstart ignorance or overweening arrogance.

I am, yours fraternally,

LINDLEY MURRAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was with a sense of relief I scanned your columns this morning to find the infliction we have endured the past few weeks in respect of Masonic grammar was apparently ended, but I find on referring to your "Answers to Correspondents" that we have not yet heard the last of it, and this must plead my excuse in addressing you; and, first of all, I will state that I am no grammarian, but what I am wanting in knowledge thereof I trust I can make up with common courtesy and Masonic charitableness, and thus preserve the tenets of my Order, which I, in common with my brethren, professed to adopt on initiation. It is well that, "Bro. Lindley Murray" should perceive that his brethren generally deprecate the catechism so unnecessarily and unwarrantably inflicted upon Bro. Dron for a possible lapsus linguae or expression which Bro. Lindley Murray admits he may have been prone to make himself in the confusion of a moment; therefore, however excellent a grammarian Bro. L.M. may be, it is very questionable how far he may claim the right of dictator or criticiser. Your readers are aware who commenced this puerile quibble, and no doubt noticed the personalities used through its introduction, and all must regret that such a personal subject should have appeared in print under cover of a non de plume. When one person—brother or otherwise—stoops from his own pedestal of knowledge and apparent self-importance to attack another for a lack of knowledge and scholastic attainments, on the plea of being a "stickler" for the purity of "Masonic Grammar," it is a pity to find such an absence of decorum. It would be interesting to have the cognomen of L.M., as also whether, having regard to his strong respect for "Masonic Grammar," he would have been equally felicitous in telling a person to his face that which he descends to state under cover of a non de plume, which, under the circumstances, appears to me ill chosen. It is gratifying to learn that we shall hear no more from this able expounder of our language in the present unpleasant and needless controversy, as it is evident he is not blessed with an over abundant amount of charity towards a brother, which is the first principle of our Order. One and all must admit that Bro. Dron has had to meet a very uncharitable and unwarrantable criticism, and, as a constant reader and subscriber to your valuable journal, the purity of which I feel in some degree jealous, I protest against such unseemly and un-Masonic correspondence, and appeal to you, Sir, whether it is not time to exercise your prerogative, and act the part of "stickler" in this "exceptionable" correspondence, for the sake of the repute of your journal as well as the consideration of your readers.

Yours fraternally,  
Manchester, 28th June, 1879.

G. HERBERT.

#### THE SO CALLED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin,  
18th day of February, 1879.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The communication from the W.M. of 278, under date 13th August, 1878, but not received until November, has been under the consideration of the Board of General Purposes, and also yours of the 20th November, returning the officers of the lodge for 1879, and reporting certain affiliations, all of which have been duly noted.

In compliance with your request I enclose a memo of how the lodge a/c. stands in Grand Lodge books.

For a considerable time past we have not been favoured with returns or remittances from the Prov. Grand Lodge, so that Grand Lodge has been in almost ignorance of what has been being done by the several lodges. As to the Prov. Grand Lodge it appears to have ceased to exist. The Prov. Grand Master sent in his resignation twelve months since, and as Provincial Grand Master his functions and authority have ceased since then, but it appears strange that there should not be some of the members sufficiently loyal to their parent Grand Lodge to work the P.G.L.

The Grand Lodge on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes has directed that all lodges in the province should have full power and permission to communicate direct with the office here, make all returns, pay all moneys, and apply for certificates direct. A Bro. Nichs. Welsh wrote some short time since, offering to pay a lump sum to clear off the arrears of all the subordinate lodges, and Grand Lodge consented to receive £300 (about 15s. in the pound). He also applied for recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, but Grand Lodge, so far from recognising their body, declined to entertain the application, and should the matter be entertained, I have no doubt but that Grand Lodge will act as they have done in other cases, and require for all existing lodges full and free permission and authority to hold their warrants from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to work independently while recognised by the new Grand Lodge.

The conduct of the late Prov. Grand Master, &c., at the meeting of 278 in July last, as reported by your W.M., was wholly unjustifiable, as for months previously he had ceased to hold such office, and Grand Lodge has directed that he be called on for an explanation of such conduct. Sympathising with the lodges in New South Wales, and hoping better times are in store for them,

I remain, yours fraternally,

SAML. B. OLDHAM, Dep. G. Sec.

Bro. H. A. Richardson, Parramatta.

#### THE CASE OF BRO. SIMONSEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your number for the 12th April this year is reported "A Sad Case of Persecution," in which the Rev. Bro. Simonsen is represented as being denied employment as a clergyman in Norway because of his being a Freemason.

I shall not enter into the case of Bro. Simonsen, but simply state that truth makes it my duty to declare "that no clergyman in Norway ever has been persecuted, or denied employment or preferment, because of his being a Freemason."

A not quite small number of Norwegian clergymen have in times past been, and are at the present, Freemasons, and amongst them men who have been promoted to very high and responsible positions in the Norwegian Church.

I beg that you kindly will give this declaration a place in your paper.

I remain, dear Brother, with great respect, yours truly,

N. T. WERGELAND,  
Lieut.-General and G.M. of the  
Norwegian Prov. Lodge.

Christiania, 23rd June, 1879.

#### CAGLIOSTRO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have no wish to enter into any discussion of the subject of the above heading, but I may perhaps be allowed to say that to my mind the most just estimate of the character of Cagliostro (albeit an exaggerated one, and novelists always exaggerate) has been formed by Dumas, as pictured in his "Joseph Balsamo." He introduces his hero as attending a meeting of the illuminati at which Swendenborg also was present, the object being the French Revolution. The biography of Cagliostro by Carlisle, where authentic, simply plays into the hands of the Inquisition, and for the rest he did not understand what he was writing about. I myself believe that Swendenborg was an initiate, and I think his writings show it, although such passages as are applicable thereto may be explained by the doctrine of correspondence. The Swendenborgians themselves are anxious to disavow any connection with Freemasonry.

I have some extracts on Cagliostro's Rite from Ragon and the works of Jacques Et. Marconis, in which the principal part of the ceremony is the invocation of Moses, and the Planetary Angels, a young child acting as the interpreter of visions in Cagliostro's well known crystal vase filled with water. His method of invocation was that of the Copts, and his elixir of life is said to have been potable gold. But these discussions, although suited, say, for the Rosicrucian Order, are inapplicable to your pages.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

P.S. Madame H. P. Blavatsky in her "It is Unveiled" assures us that the elixir of the Lamas is sulphur, and the aura of silver, and not vulgar quicksilver, as the Rosicrucians were understood to affirm.

#### THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AT CORK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The British Medical Association will hold its annual meeting this year at Cork, on August 5th and following days. In our ancient and honourable fraternity you must be aware there are a large number of medical men, and I am sure it would greatly enhance the anticipated pleasures of the visit if we, who happen to be Masons as well as medical men, could be assured that there was any probability of our Irish Masonic as well as medical brethren organising some little meeting and offering us the right hand of fellowship. As far as I can make out by the enclosed list the regular meetings of the various lodges at Cork do not seem to agree with the days on which the association meets, viz., August 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. A hint in the *Freemason*, which I trust has as deservedly large a circulation in the sister island as in England, will doubtless be of service:—

- †1 First Lodge of Ireland, M.H., Tuckey-street, Cork, Cork, 1st Monday.
- 3 Cork, M.H., Mayler-street, Cork, 3rd Wednesday.
- 8 St. Patrick, M.H., Mayler-st., Cork, 2nd Tuesday.
- 15 Skibbereen, M.H., North-st., Cork, 1st Thursday.
- 67 Cork, M.H., Mayler-street, Cork, 2nd Monday.
- 71 Concord, Cork, 3rd Monday.
- 95 City of Cork, Cork, 1st and 3rd Tuesday.
- 557 To Ha, Queenstown, Cork, 2nd Monday.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

M. D., P. M.

#### Reviews.

##### GREENHOUSE PLANTS. Groombridge & Sons.

This is a very charming little work, very artistically illustrated, and, we think, not only deserving of notice in our columns, but worthy of perusal by our many readers. Rather, we would say, by those who take a praiseworthy interest in conservatories, as to them it is likely to prove very useful and very suggestive. We always encourage a taste for gardening and flowers, inasmuch as we have in this healthy pursuit a most interesting and elevating employment of our time, and one calculated to do us all great good in many ways. It is noteworthy how that the handiwork of T.G.A.O.T.U. is still pre-eminent and unapproachable, either by the developments of civilization, or the creations of art, and how that flowers especially, delightful and glorious in their formation and splendour, constitute alike the ornament of our homes, and the study of our lives—and even then we can neither equal, much less surpass, their grace, their beauty, and their wondrous reality.

##### ORATORY AND ORATORS. By Wm. Matthews, LL.D. Hamilton, Adams, & Co., London.

This, the 7th edition of an oft-quoted work, seems to deserve a passing notice in the *Freemason*. Some one has said that the world is governed by oratory, and, no doubt,

orators have at times welded the fierce passions, or swayed the mighty impulses of multitudes and nations. It is also true, we think, that the world is governed more by the "individual" than the "many;" more by the great "unit" than the "undistinguishable thousands." If it be true that the history of the world is an history after all of "individualism," and not of "aggregation," we probably have in this truth the fact of the influence of the individual friend, well, and orator, over the "homo." But then, on the other hand, how much of what we call oratory in common parlance is mixed up with the base alloy of personal motives. If we separate from the "epea pteroenta" from the "thoughts which burn" and the "words which melt," all that is influenced by the petty or dirty considerations of earth, how small, alas is the "residuum in that testing crucible left behind, for the real welfare and lasting happiness of mankind." There are, indeed, some speakers whose words still linger with us long after we first heard them, in vivid emotion or constraining power, and believing them to be real words, true words, good words, we cling to them, and are influenced by them, and act by them; and if, on the one hand, wonderful is the gift, great the influence of the orator no less serious is his responsibility, inasmuch as he can affect a "people" either for good or for bad, for the highest ends of humanity, for the basest ends of evil. We fear that Jobson's objection to "much speaking" has some foundation for it, and that when he says these "talking fellows do more harm than good to any one," we cannot altogether demur to the truthfulness of his words. Unrestrained speech is a great curse; the "cacaothes loquendi," the "bottled moonshine" of the "windbag," do us all much moral harm, and we think it well, therefore, when we are reviewing orators and oratory, to strike a humble, tiny note of warning and deprecation. Because, say what we will, the world is still governed to a great extent by "humbug;" the normal class of speeches and speakers is dreadfully infested by this parasitical disease. We have, indeed, sometimes listened with beating heart to the vivid words of Lord Beaconsfield, we have been held spellbound by the silvery address of Lord Cairns, nay, we have admired the Homeric flow of Mr. Gladstone, and the often angry logic of Mr. Lowe. We can remember old days when we have sat in the Speaker's Gallery and followed the glittering periods of Lord Stanley and Lord Macaulay, the lucidity of Sir Robert Peel and Sir James Graham, the eloquence of Buller and Shiel, the calmer, sensible words of Palmerston and Lord John Russell, and, therefore, we feel how much oratory has in it to command the attention, the sympathy, the admiration of mankind. Mr. Matthew's book gives us a good account of oratory, and many amusing anecdotes of political or parliamentary orators, forensic orators, that is lawyers, but he will use fine words; and pulpit orators, that is preachers. One of these we must quote—Taylor, the "Sailor's Preacher," at Boston was one day preaching to a large audience. He had vividly depicted an impenitent sinner under the figure of a storm-tossed vessel, bowing under the hurricane, every bit of canvas gone, and driving madly towards the rock-bound coast of Cape Ann. "How shall this poor sinner be saved?" was his touching query as his climax. An "old salt" in the gallery had listened spellbound, but now, at this question, he jumped up and said, "Let him put his helm hard down and bear away for Squam." We can commend the book to the notice of our readers.

#### Masonic Notes and Queries.

##### FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

In the interesting account of the lodges in the Province of Essex (*Freemason*, No. 538) I see that frequent references are made to Bro. Gould's and my lists of lodges. I presume the writer had not access at the time to my latest work "Masonic Register," &c., as in that, at page 76, he will find that No. 214 is located at Brentwood, having been removed from Romford quite recently. The value of these lists of lodges from A.D. 1723 to the present time will doubtless be fully appreciated when brethren generally take an interest in the origin and progress of the old lodges, but just now I fear that many look upon such studies as rather dry, and not a few as useless researches, until they or their friends desire a centenary warrant, or want to prove the antiquity of their lodges; then of course the lists are found to be indispensable and invaluable. I believe that sketches like the one as to Essex will do a deal to make the study more popular, only especial care should be taken in the preparation of the figures, as else the errors will counterbalance much of the advantage. I remark this in a general sense only. I fail to see any discrepancy between Bro. Gould and myself. Our works are mutually supplemental, and together complete the numerical registers from 1723 to 1878. 28 "Moderns" in 1813 calendar was at "Walkham Abbey," and called "Well disposed," which agrees with the "Four Old Lodges," but in 1814 in the "Union" List, published in that year (but the calendar dated 1815), the name of the lodge was changed to the "Alpha," and its location was Kensington Palace, as No. 43. It did not appear in the 1832 list, and its date was A.D. 1730 (not 1732), as Bro. Gould and I have it. It is well to remember that the calendar of 1814 was issued in 1813, before the "Union" took place. No. 29, before the "Union," was at Burnham, Essex (list of 1813), but in 1793 was at East Smithfield, as Bro. Gould states (his list at page 75 of his excellent work being a copy of that year's calendar). I shall be happy to answer any question as to these matters.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Wednesday last, at the Concert Hall, Maidstone. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G. Master, presided. Bros. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G. Master; the Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chaplain of England, Prov. G. Chaplain; the Rev. J. B. Harrison, Prov. Asst. G. Chap.; B. K. Thorpe, Prov. G. Treas.; Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec.; Finch, P.A.G.D.C.; and the other officers occupied their several places. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, among whom were: Bros. R. P. Newcome, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Waller, 503; W. W. Snell, 503; B. Browne, 503; J. R. Foord, 503; W. Langshaw, 1424; J. Saunders, 972; J. O. Eve, 1209; E. Ashdown, P.G.S.W.; W. Cox, jun., 503; Geo. Correll, 503; R. M. Trewhick, T. Meck, 299; E. J. Sears, W.M. 299; H. G. Thompson, P.M. 299; W. C. Banks, 1223; J. Goldford, 133; J. C. Hill, 1125; J. Tate, 319; Joseph Clever, 503; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531; G. B. Chapman, 299; E. Conneve, 913; A. Penfold, 913; H. Mutter, 913; Jas. Chapman, 913; T. Cartland, 913; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; J. P. Hutchings, 1531; H. Simon, 913; Thos. Butler, 503; W. Kipps, P.P.G.O.; H. D. M. Williams, T. Burton, 874; B. S. Wilmot, P.G.S.; G. W. Greenhill, P.P.J.D.; T. Wells, P.M. 503; J. S. Ancomb, P.M. 503; Rev. T. Robinson, P.P.G.S.W.; Humphrey Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; C. G. Long, 503; F. W. Edwards, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Rooper, P.P.G.J.D.; J. H. Griffin, P.A.D.C.; Evans Cronk, 1414; J. R. Brett, 158; E. Stutely, 158; Rob. Derry, 158; G. Green, 158; H. Sale, 153; J. W. Menpes, 1725; J. F. Hornby, 503; R. Clunt, 72; W. A. Rudd, 184; H. Black, 1273; J. Coupas, 505; C. Austen, 158; H. J. Naylor, G. Naylor, 20; J. Coulter, 20; Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Wills, G.S.W.; A. W. Wells, 299; J. H. Clarke, D.G.A.O. Bengal; T. Rowe, 1063; J. S. Lowett, 709; F. J. C. May, 1063; Jas. Griffin, J.W. 1531; Herbert Monckton, W.M. 1725; A. Gardner, P.M. 1206; W. S. Monckton, 1063; Goddall, Eastley, Tyler; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Spencer, P.G. Sec., read the minutes, which were put and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts were then passed, from which it appeared there was a balance in favour of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of £280 10s. 5d. On the Charity Fund there was a balance of £250 12s.

At the election of Prov. Grand Treas., Bro. B. K. Thorpe was unanimously re-elected, amidst loud applause.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers for the year as follows:—

- Bro. V. W. James Smith Eastes ... Prov. D.G.M.
- " Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A. (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " J. B. Harrison, M.A. ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " B. K. Thorpe (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " Alfred Spencer (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " H. Monckton, W.M. 1725 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " F. A. Gange, M.D., P.M. 133 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " B. S. Wilmot, P.M. 874 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " G. White, P.M. 1174 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " S. S. Chancellor, P.M. 127 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " H. S. Neate, P.M. 77 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " Geo. Pilcher, P.M. 972 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " W. Harding, P.M. 784 ... Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- " H. J. Naylor, P.M. 1449 ... Prov. G.S. Br.
- " W. C. J. King, P.M. 483 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " W. J. Carpenter, P.M. 158 ... Prov. G. Purst.
- " W. A. Smeeth, P.M. 1208 ... Prov. G.A. Purst.
- Bros. J. Bordeaux, P.M. 199; J. R. Foord, W.M. 503; J. Sherwood, P.M. 558; H. J. Butter, 913; F. Baker, P.M. 1206; J. L. Worship, P.M. 1414 ... Prov. G. Stewards.
- Bro. R. Eastley ... Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the following recommendations of the Charity Committee were adopted:—£30 to the widow of a brother of No. 503; £10 to a brother of No. 429; £20 to a brother of No. 1208; and £10 to the widow of a brother of No. 829. On the motion of the Prov. G.M. £105 was voted to the Girls' School, in the name of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to make him Vice-Patron of the Institution. On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master £21 was voted to Lodges 1436, Sandgate; 1449, Canterbury; 429, Ramsgate; 483, Milton; and 503, Maidstone, to make them Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £21 each to Lodges 1436, Sandgate, and 1449, Canterbury, for the Girls' School; and £21 each for 1436, Sandgate, and 1449, Canterbury, for the Boys' School. £19 10s. each was also voted to Lodges 1107, Belvedere; 1174, Chatham; 1206, Sandwich; 1208, Dover; 1209, Ramsgate; and 1223, Westerham, to make them Life Subscribers to the Boys' School. The Deputy Provincial G.M., in moving the last of these grants, said there was a mistake in the agenda paper with regard to them, as they really supplemented gifts of £21 each previously made. With regard to the endowments of the other lodges he said that it was a rule in Kent not to give the endowment to a lodge unless it had contributed to one of the Masonic Institutions for six years. Grand Lodge was then called off, and the brethren proceeded to All Saints' Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Hill, Grand Chaplain. Lodge was afterwards resumed.

The Prov. G.M. moved, and the Deputy Grand Master seconded, a vote of thanks to the vicar of All Saints' for the use of his church, and to the Rev. W. A. Hill for his discourse.

The Rev. W. A. Hill, in replying, thanked the brethren for their attendance, and announced that the collection amounted to £16 6s. 6d., part of which would be devoted to Masonic, and part to local charities.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned

to the Corn Exchange, where, in the fine large hall, a banquet most plentifully supplied by Hubert de Carteret, the manager, was partaken of. The banner of the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, was behind the Prov. G. Master's chair. The banquet was held under the joint Committee of this and the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, both of them Maidstone lodges, the latter meeting at the Star Hotel, and the former at the Gateway, Ancient College, Maidstone. A very large number of brethren sat down to banquet, at which the tables were elegantly decorated with ferns and flowers, and supplied with a liberal provision of summer fruits.

The band of the 86th Regiment played during dinner the following selections:—1, Overture, "Tancredi." 2, Selection, "Bohemian Girl." 3, Valse, "Distant Shore." 4, Selection, "Lombardi." 5, Valse, "Sweethearts." 6, Galop, "Festival." 7, Valse, "Messenger of Love." 8, Selection, "Lucrezia Borgia." 9, Quadrille, "Les Cloches de Corneville." 10, Valse, "Les Cloches de Corneville."

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were proposed, but, as his lordship said there were not only Masons present, the customary Masonic fire was not given. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was therefore honoured with the ordinary outer world hip, hip, hurrah!

In giving the toast of "The Grand Master," Lord Holmesdale said that whatever his Royal Highness took up he threw his whole heart into. A great deal of his Royal Highness's time was taken up with other business, but he had greatly assisted Masonry, and it had very much advanced under his auspices.

In giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Lord Holmesdale conjoined with the toast the name of the Rev. W. Hill, Grand Chaplain, and said that it was a fitting tribute to the rev. brother's worth that he had been selected to preach the sermon that day at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Rev. W. A. Hill responded. He was happy to find that the Prov. G. Master mentioned that the Grand Officers did their duty. At the last Quarterly Communication he had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the two new chief officers, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and he found that they were very good samples of Grand Officers. The first was Lord Kensington, and the second Major General Cathorpe, both of whom had served their country, the first in Parliament, the second in arms; and both were ready to serve Masonry. His name had been mentioned in connection with the promotions at Grand Lodge, but he took no credit to himself for such distinction, because he put it down entirely to the province of Kent. The Prince of Wales found the province had come to the front, and was improving its position more and more, and, therefore, he appointed him to Grand Officer. He was very much pleased at having been called upon that day to preach at the church in Maidstone, because it gave him an opportunity of meeting many old friends. For twenty years and upwards he had been in this place, and had formed the acquaintance of many in the neighbourhood, and he was happy to have seen many of them again this day. The province was making very great advance, and he was very glad of it. He had always been taught in Freemasonry to be happy and to communicate happiness. With reference to this subject, he might mention that the tables, which had been so elegantly decorated that day, had been decorated not by professional horticulturists but by a number of brethren who had supplied the plants from their own gardens. In that way the brethren had been communicating happiness. Whatever might happen, he should always hold the province of Kent in affectionate remembrance, and he hoped and trusted that he might be spared health and strength to carry out the wishes he had for the province.

Bro. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M., proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M." In doing so he said that this toast was invested with the greatest interest to all the brethren, because it brought before them in the proper manner the name of Lord Holmesdale, and reminded them of the great and important services he had performed towards the province. It had been a very eventful period in the history of Freemasonry, as regarded the province, since his lordship had reigned over them. There had been a marked progressive prosperity in the province, on which the brethren might congratulate themselves. Referring to facts, he might mention that when the present Prov. Grand Master was installed, in 1860, there were only seventeen lodges in the province and less than 800 members. From the last return they found there were upwards of forty lodges and more than 2500 members. All the affairs of Freemasonry in the province were progressing favourably and going along smoothly, and the brethren might well congratulate themselves that they had a nobleman ruling over the province who was a man of energy. If the true principles of Freemasonry had not been followed in this province it would not have achieved that splendid result which it had achieved in this province.

The Prov. Grand Master, in responding, said he hoped always to receive the same hearty good wishes and greetings at the brethren's hands, and he hoped his conduct in the chair would merit them. As regarded the state of the province, it was greatly improving, but there was still the same story for it of peace and prosperity. It was in a very happy state, the same state as it had been in since he had had the honour to hold the chair. At one time it fell down to small numbers, but in those small numbers there were maintained the principles of the Craft. He was happy to see that the number of lodges had been raised, and there had been a steady increase, not only in numbers but in respectability. Without respectability they were not worthy to hold their position. The province was now quite strong enough to carry candidates at elections and to assist other provinces, and the brethren would take care that this state was not impaired by the admission of candidates to the Order who would not be a credit

to it. He was happy to say that in this province they had no reason to find fault about the quality of the brethren, as it was very good, and he would be very sorry if in admitting a large number they had not regard to quality. The quality of the Craft was not deteriorating in the province, and that being so the same story was told—a story of prosperity and success. He could only hope that it would last, and that the history of the Craft in the province for the next sixty or seventy years would be as famous as it had been, and as it was to day. The day had begun inauspiciously: much rain had fallen, and the brethren thought they would get a wet jacket. However, it had turned out fine, and he hoped it would be so in the Craft. The brethren who struggled in former days in the Craft might have thought there was nothing for them but failure. That had not been the case. They struggled and they prospered, and they saw before they finished their work that success was in view. That had been realised that day. The dawn was not bright, but the day had finished well, and he hoped there was in store for Freemasonry in the province even a brighter day than it had yet had. They must not forget, however, in their prosperity what they owed to their predecessors, and he wished that they should show that they had succeeded to the fruits of their predecessors' labours, and were not ungrateful for them. For himself he might say all his services should be at the disposal of the province, and he hoped he should be able to render them for many years to come. He had always met with a kind reception at the hands of the brethren, and he doubted not that it would be continued hereafter.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master," to which Bro. Eastes replied. He said it was very gratifying to him that the Prov. G.M. and the brethren were pleased with what he had done. The Province of Kent stood out as a great success, and the brethren had seen it stated on several occasions in the Masonic journals that the system of charity which Kent adopted was inaugurated in Lancashire about the year 1860. He was always in favour of paying honour where honour was due, and, therefore, knowing that that was not the case, he would state that the Province of Kent inaugurated the system. In 1850 there was a provincial meeting at Chatham, when Bro. Humphrey introduced the matter. He did it so admirably that, with his lordship's permission, he (Bro. Eastes) would like to send a copy of the minutes to the leading journals in Freemasonry, for he did not think it could be put in a more admirable manner. It was a most desirable thing to do. Thirty guineas was then raised, but now it had reached £250. They began with a good and solid foundation, and there were now thirty lodges in the province that were Vice-Presidents of the Institutions.

The S.W. responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Bro. Alfred Spencer being loudly called for also added a few words, dwelling more particularly on the charitable feature of the province's proceedings.

The Provincial Grand Master gave "The Masonic Charities," and regretted that there was not a representative of one of those Institutions present to respond.

The other toasts were given before the brethren separated.

Dr. Longhurst presided at the organ in the church, and eight members of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral assisted in the musical portion of the service. At the dinner Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Rhodes sang.

LORD TENTERDEN, P.G.M. OF ESSEX.

Charles Stuart Aubrey Abbott, third Baron Tenterden, of Hendon, in the county of Middlesex, was duly installed Prov. Grand Master of Essex on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., and, in accordance with our recent promise, we proceed to give a brief sketch of his career. His lordship was born in the year 1834, and is, therefore, in the full vigour of mature manhood. In 1859 he married his cousin, Penelope, daughter of Major-General Sir J. R. Smyth, K.C.B., and by her has issue a son and three daughters. He succeeded his uncle, John Henry, second baron, in 1870, the barony having been conferred on Sir Charles Abbott, Knt., in 1827, in consideration of his distinguished services as Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench; and his grandson, the present peer, though devoting his talents and energies to an entirely different branch of the public service, has furnished evidence on more than one occasion that he is not unworthy to follow in the footsteps of so eminent a man. When only a few months turned nineteen years of age Mr. Charles S. A. Abbott, as he then was, was appointed to a supernumerary clerkship in the Foreign Office, and thenceforward has risen grade by grade to the highest permanent position in that department, namely, the permanent Under-Secretaryship of State, to which he was appointed in the year 1873. His lordship has also in the course of his long official career enjoyed many special opportunities of displaying his ability. Thus, he was précis writer to Lord Stanley (now Earl of Derby) from July, 1866, to December, 1868. He was in attendance on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Neutrality Laws from February, 1867, to May, 1868, and immediately afterwards was appointed Secretary to the Royal Commission on the Laws of Naturalisation and Allegiance. Early in 1871 he was appointed Secretary to the Joint High Commission, of which the Marquis of Ripon, Past Grand Master of England, was a member for considering various circumstances affecting the relations between Great Britain and the United States of North America. For his services in this capacity he was made a companion of the Civil Division of the most honourable Order of the Bath. In the autumn of the same year he attended as Her Majesty's agent the Tribunal of Arbitration on the Alabama claims at Geneva. In October, 1873, he became, as we have

already stated, permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Last year he was a member of the Royal Commission, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was President, at the Paris International Exhibition. The honour of a Knight Companionship of the Bath Civil Division, has likewise been conferred upon him by Her Majesty in recognition of his valuable services. Our readers will gather from the foregoing particulars that, in respect of his public career, the subject of this sketch has been, not only a loyal but also a most valuable servant of the Crown, and having regard to the fact that he is yet, comparatively speaking, a young man, there is every reason to hope that for many years to come his lordship's services will be at the command of his Sovereign.

Turn we now to his career in Masonry, which is proud to number among her sons so many public men of distinction. Mr. Charles S. A. Abbott was initiated into our mysteries in the year 1856, in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 255, held at Richmond, Surrey, and such was the progress he made in the Royal Art that, in 1859, and again in 1864, his fellow members conferred upon him the highest honour it is in the power of any lodge to bestow, by unanimously electing him to be their Worshipful Master. His services in this capacity were fully recognised by those whom he presided over. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the year 1857, in the Iris Chapter, No. 255, and early in 1864 was installed into the chair of First Principal. In the year 1858 he was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Hiram Lodge No. 13. On the occasion of his official visit to the United States, in 1871, Lord Tenterden found time to attend, even in the midst of his arduous duties, several of the lodges in the District of Columbia, and, according to one of the American Masonic organs of the day, more than once exemplified the working of Masonry according to our English ritual in a masterly manner. He was made an honorary member of Pentalfa Lodge, of Washington, and brought back home with him a beautiful and costly Past Master's jewel, which had been presented to him as a slight souvenir of his association with the brethren of that city. He was also a guest at the magnificent entertainment given on the 10th April of that year by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in honour of our then Grand Master, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, now Marquis of Ripon, the banquet being graced by several Grand Masters of Masons in the United States, as well as by Senators, Representatives, and other persons of distinction who were members of the fraternity. His lordship has been the recipient of Grand Lodge honours, and ranks as a Past Grand Warden. He enjoys the further honour of being the representative at our Grand Lodge of the three Grand Lodges—the Three Globes, Grand Countries, and Royal York of Friendship—of Berlin. He has likewise shown himself a practical exponent of the system on which Masons, not without reason, pride themselves, for he is a Life Governor of, and has served the office of Steward at one of its Anniversary Festivals for, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, doubtless, as occasion offers, we shall see him exercising his influence in behalf of our other Institutions. After a careful perusal of these sound and valuable services in connection with Freemasonry, it cannot for a single moment be doubted that our Grand Master has acted with his usual wisdom in appointing his lordship to the Grand Mastership of the Province of Essex.

#### DECORATION OF THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

For some time the internal ensemble of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, has been anything but satisfactory, as the building has remained without the slightest adornment since the completion of its erection several years ago. Now, however, the chiefs of the Craft in this part of the division of West Lancashire are taking active steps to have this defect remedied, and there is little doubt that when the proposed grand scheme is carried out the hall will, internally, be the most artistic and attractive of its kind in the United Kingdom. At a numerously attended meeting of the General Committee on Friday, the 20th ult., Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., Chairman of the Masonic Hall Committee, presiding, the matter was taken into consideration.

On the motion of Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. 823, Chairman of the House Committee, seconded by Bro. J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, it was resolved that the plans of Bro. Francis Smith, decorative artist, of London and Chester, P.P.G.S. of W. (Cheshire), P.M. 201 and 998, for the decoration of the various rooms and staircases should be adopted and carried out. The entire cost of the scheme will be about £2000, and it is proposed to proceed without delay with the decoration of the banqueting-hall, at an expenditure of about £650, as the first portion of the work.

Bro. F. Smith has already made his mark in Masonic decorative work, and the plans he has submitted show the perfection of taste and culture. Meanwhile the liberality of the lodges and individual brethren is being solicited in order that the Committee may carry out the work without delay, and already a substantial sum has been secured. The following general details of the banqueting hall decorations will give an idea of Bro. Smith's general plans:—

The centre flower on ceiling shows a design of Masonic emblems, and perforated for ventilation. Around this centre flower runs the plaster guilloches border styles, etched in gold, and next this, on the ceiling, is a circle of the "acacia sprig," with the five-pointed stars running round the same. The corners of the centre panel of ceiling is composed of ornamentation in which is placed a medallion on a pale chocolate ground, and representing an emblem in which is shewn the Genius of Freemasonry spanning the globe with a pair of compasses, implying that Free-

masonry is universal. At the sides of this medallion are seated figures bearing swags of husks in one hand, whilst in the other is shown the square. Between the four corners of above are medallions painted in their natural colours, the emblem being the "perfect ashlar," with the square, by which it was made perfect, also conveying a moral. The other medallion represents a "lily," an emblem of "purity," that all things prevail with truth. These medallions are supported by a cluster of ears of corn and another ornament denoting "plenty." The other medallions will be varied in Masonic emblems. At the side panels, in the centre, is a large allegorical panel relating to "science" and Masonic virtues, and it may also be said to illustrate the career of a Master in the chair—for in the centre is the Genius of Freemasonry holding the Master's collar in one hand, and in the other the "cornucopia," denoting, "may his year of office be one of 'prosperity';" may it be one of 'harmony,' which is represented by a figure of "music;" "may it be one of 'peace,'" represented by a figure bearing the "palm;" "may he have 'wisdom' and 'philosophy,'" which is shown by a figure emblematical of the same; and finally, "may he earn fame through his career of office," which is shown by a figure bearing the "wreath of fame." At the sides of above large centre panel are shaped panels, the subjects being the globes, supported by two figures, the one spanning the same with a pair of compasses, and showing in one hand a trowel, whilst the other figure is pointing with a pencil. On the side of each figure is shown the "cornucopia" and other ornamentation; at the corners of this said panel are medallions, one bearing the "jewel of the Grand Steward" and the other that of the "Grand Deacon." Under the above panels is the cove. This is set out into three long panels. In the centre panel is a winged figure representing "truth" holding the "mirror of truth," whilst the other hand is pointing to the "pedestal of the Royal Arch," as the highest attainment in Masonry. Above the pedestal is the "All-seeing Eye," throwing its rays on the pedestal, and above which is the circle and triangle. From this figure is carried along the panels ornamentation and circlets of acacia sprigs, in the centre of which are trophies, and between these are "pots of incense," an emblem of a pure heart. Supported on each side of above is shown a group of "ears of corn," with swags of husks on same suspended throughout the entire panels. On the fringe of cornice is a running ornamentation, with medallion at intervals, bearing Masonic devices.

#### Description of walls:—

The pilasters on sides of walls are shown in Sienna marble, with the capitals richly etched in gold. The panels are formed by enriched gold mouldings with enamelled styles, the panels being a pale blue ground, diapered with inlaid gold devices. The marbled dado and skirting has a crested band at top, formed of Masonic emblems, &c.

#### THE URBAN CLUB.

Saint John's Gate, made famous with its literary and Masonic associations, where the Urban Lodge and Chapter hold their meetings, was the scene of an unusual gathering on Friday last, when Bro. J. Dionysius Loverdo, F.R.S.L.A., occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Urban Club, from which institution the above Masonic associations have originated. On this occasion several well-known Masons were present, including Bros. Dr. Neodes Mussabini, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Barringer, Hon. Treasurer; Dr. Carpenter, late Honorary Secretary; George E. Fairchild, Librarian; Dr. Hunter, Smallpiece, Henry Rugg, Fountain, Frederick Keddill, Bassett-Keeling, Henry H. Ham, and others.

It has been announced that the illustrious proprietors of the Gate are going to use the great hall where Garrick made his first essay in London as an actor, and the club holds its meetings, as the encampment of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and the head-quarters of the Ambulance Hospital in connection with the Order.

The Chairman, in proposing "Prosperity to the Club," intimated that the proprietors were willing to extend the armoury, so as to give sufficient room to the members of the club to hold their meetings there, and remarked that the associations of the Old Gate are so blended together with their club that it would be a pity to look elsewhere for accommodation, when the armoury could easily accommodate when extended the members of their club, and left the matter entirely in the hands of the members to decide when the proper time arrives.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Mr. Josiah J. Merriman, who in a genial speech congratulated the club on its prosperity, and the advantages derived from such literary gatherings.

The veteran John A. Heward, in an eloquent speech, proposed "Bro. Loverdo's Health," dilating upon his merits as a poet and man of letters, thus showing, added the speaker, how the learning of the ancient Greeks has been inherited by their descendants, of whom our Chairman is a good specimen. This toast was received with the usual honours.

Bro. Loverdo replied in appropriate terms, and in return proposed "The Vice-Chairman's, Bro. Mussabini's, Health."

Mr. W. E. Church, the Honorary Secretary, obliged the company with some capital recitations, which elicited immense applause.

Messrs. Nicholson, Hallam, Clark, and Bonchette enlivened the proceedings with some capital music and singing.

The company separated at a late hour.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., is one of the stewards of the forthcoming Hereford Musical Festival.

#### THE FREEMASONS' HALL, IPSWICH.

A short time ago we gave an interesting account of the opening ceremony of the above hall, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and the D.P.G. Master of Suffolk, who has taken a lively interest in this work. We are happy to state that the active Managing Committee, consisting of Bros. N. Tracey, P.M.; H. Miller, P.M.; H. Cusley, W.M. 114; R. S. Cumess, S.W.; J. Talbot, S.D.; B. Grimsey, S.D.; and Thomas J. Wentworth, W.M. 225, and their active Hon. Secretary, Bro. Hammond, were, after great labour and untiring energy, enabled to lay before a general meeting of trustees a final report of their proceedings, which has resulted in clearing the hall of debt, with the exception of £700 on an easy mortgage. This is most gratifying to all interested, and we must congratulate Ipswich and the Suffolk province on the happy issue out of their troubles, which is due in a great measure to the determination to make it a success of the names mentioned, and left them in possession of a handsome and commodious building dedicated to Masonic purposes.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

A meeting of the Wentworth Little Memorial Committee will be held on Friday, the 18th inst., before which date it is requested that all monies voted or promised to the fund may be sent to the Treasurer, Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., Freemasons' Hall.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Doctor of Civil Law on Bro. Ernst Emil Wendt, a native of Dantzig, but now a naturalised British subject, on the ground of his knowledge and large practical experience of German and English commercial law.

M. Jittré, in a letter read on Wednesday night at the Clémentine Amicitie Lodge of Freemasons, which had met to celebrate the fourth anniversary of its initiation, speaks of himself as permanently confined to his room. He expresses great satisfaction at the prospect of the piercing of the Isthmus of Panama—a scheme first broached in the Clémentine Amicitie Lodge—and advocates the creation of a Positivist University to compete both with the orthodoxy of the Church and the eclecticism of the State. The meeting resolved to appeal to the Masonic body for subscriptions for this purpose.—Times.

MISS HOPEKIRK'S CONCERT.—A concert, given in the hall of the Royal Academy of Music on Friday, the 4th inst., though it attracted little attention and but a small audience, served to introduce a lady pianist who bids fair for high rank. Miss Helen Hopekirk has recently, we believe, finished a course of study at Lipsic Conservatory, which enjoys the reputation of skilful teaching; but no educational means, apart from great natural ability, could have given the young lady such qualifications as it is obvious she possesses. Her playing is distinguished by much intelligence and taste; she has great command of the key-board and a touch of exquisite sensitiveness. These essentials of a good pianist were abundantly manifested in Beethoven's pianoforte trio (E flat) and in a series of pieces of various epochs and in various styles, ranging from Bach to Scharwenka. Miss Hopekirk seemed quite at home with all the masters, and unequivocally established herself as an artist worthy of attention. No doubt she will continue to study and persevere, seeing that a good position is within her reach. The concert given was assisted by Miss Kate Ockleston, also a pianist of ability, by Mr. Otto Manns (violin) and Mr. Reed (violin), the vocalist being Mdle. Hohenschild.—Daily Telegraph.

Bro. A. Woolrich was, on Wednesday, installed W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, at the Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street, Liverpool, and a report of the interesting proceedings will appear in due course.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. E. G. Webster, of Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, at Tamorth, on the 24th ult. Bro. Webster was well known in Masonic circles, and many of our brethren will hear of his death with regret.

Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., has promised to distribute the prizes at the Nonconformist Grammar School, Bishop's Stortford, on the 22nd inst.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Blind Asylum, Glasgow, with Masonic honours, by Bro. Col. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, will take place on Tuesday, the 5th August next, at three o'clock p.m.

Bro. Sheriff Burt and Mr. Sheriff Bevan have issued invitations to the members of the Court of Aldermen, Mr. Sheriff-elect Woolton, J.P., Mr. Sheriff-elect Bayley, J.P., and the high officers of the Corporation, to a banquet at the Albion on Thursday, the 24th inst.

Bro. C. H. Roberts (Remembrancer) was amongst those who attended the sixth meeting of the Fox Club at the Ship, Greenwich, on Saturday.

Viscount and Viscountess Homesdale, of Linton Park, Maidstone, have caused it to be notified to their tenantry that a reduction of ten per cent. will be made in the rents payable by them for the next two years.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health or Wealth.—No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system during fogs, foul vapours and variable temperatures encountered during winter; this medicine also acts most wonderfully upon the skin by discharging the liver of its accumulated bile, and by exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pills, which act very kindly yet most efficiently on the tenderest bowels.—[ADVERT.]