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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, presided, the other Grand and Past Grand Officers who attended being Bros. Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M.; Earl of Onslow, S.G.W.; Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Sir J. B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. B.G.P.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; R. F. Gould, S.G.D.; F. Richardson, S.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burrey, J.G.D.; John H. Scott, J.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, Asst. G.D.C.; F. A. Greenwood, G.S.B.; C. S. Jekyll, G. Org.; James Kench, G. Pursuivant; William Clarke, Asst. G. Pursuivant; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; W. Kingston, D.G.M. Malta; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; T. B. Alston, P.G.W.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.W.; Rev. C. R. Davey, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. Dr. Cox, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Rev. R. P. Bent, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. J. R. Wigram, and Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chaps.; Reginald Bird, H. J. P. Dumas, J. E. Saunders, J. Glaisher, Raynham W. Stewart, Peter de Lande Long, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Raphael Costa, Jabez Hogg, J. M. P. Montagu, T. Fenn, J. M. Case, B. Baker, Chas. W. C. Hutton, J. A. Rucker, Henry Maudsley, and W. A. F. Powell, P.G. Deacons; Frs. Robinson, P.G. D.C.; Jas. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., and W. Hickman, P.A.G.D.C.s.; Jas. Mason, W. F. Nettleship, S. Mullens, J. L. Collins, Hyde Pullen, A. J. Duff Filer, and Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.s.; E. A. Cottebrune, W. T. Howe, W. Wilson, Thos. Cubitt, W. Ough, and E. P. Albert, P.G.P.s.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd of March.

The M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER having put those minutes to Grand Lodge for confirmation,

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. 720, rose, and said he should be wanting in consistency, having regard to the notice of motion in his name, which stood further down in the business paper, if he did not at once protest against the confirmation of that portion of the minutes just read, which non-confirmed a portion of the minutes of the December Communication. It was true that matter was not so important as the motion which he had on the agenda paper that evening, and for which he hoped to be enabled to set before Grand Lodge most earnest and tangible reasons. (Oh, oh.) He should ask the brethren to be kind enough to listen to him, for they would find it very difficult to put him down until he had expressed what he desired to put before them. (Renewed cries of "Oh oh," and some confusion.) He should appeal to the M.W. Pro G.M. to permit him to address Grand Lodge, and not allow the question to be stifled.

Bro. MCINTYRE, G.R., rose to a point of order. The question that was now before Grand Lodge, which his lordship had put, had reference to the confirmation of the minutes, and the only question that could now be entertained was the confirmation or non-confirmation of those minutes. He had not yet heard that Bro. Stevens was moving the non-confirmation of any portion of the minutes.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS begged pardon; he was moving the non-confirmation of a portion of the minutes.

Bro. MCINTYRE continuing said: Unless Bro. Stevens was going to move the non-confirmation of the whole, or some portion of the minutes, he could not be heard.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said then he begged to put himself in order. Although he did not expect to carry his proposi-

tion, he should propose that that portion of the minutes which non-confirmed a portion of the previous minutes be not confirmed (cries of "Oh, oh,"); and he begged to call Grand Lodge's attention to this fact—that he had the precedent of the last Quarterly Communication for what he was doing. On that occasion, Bro. McKay made use of the motion he had put on the agenda paper, and which was the last portion of the evening's proceedings, for the purpose of moving the non-confirmation of a portion of the minutes of the former Quarterly Communication. (Oh, oh.) If it was good for Bro. McKay to do that it was good now for him (Bro. James Stevens) to do what he was doing. He did not expect, as he had said, to carry his motion. It might seem a ridiculous thing to move the non-confirmation of a non-confirmation, and, therefore, he did not wish to put himself in that position; but he desired to put before Grand Lodge the reasons why they should adhere to a law which, if it had been absolutely passed and they did not carry out, would reflect upon Grand Lodge an amount of discredit, which he trusted they would preserve themselves from. In moving the non-confirmation of a part of the minutes of last Quarterly Communication, he did not wish to put himself in any position antagonistic to the feelings of Grand Lodge. He did not wish to make this a field day, or to pose himself as he possibly might be said to pose himself in at all a ridiculous light. He did not think it at all creditable that he should be made the subject of those editorial epithets which were rendering their leading Masonic journal a disgrace; but he thought he had a perfect right to put this subject before Grand Lodge. (Confusion, which lasted some time, and preventing Bro. Stevens from proceeding. In attempting to proceed, more than once he was again interrupted.) If it was the brethren's pleasure to remain there the whole of the evening—(Renewed interruption.)

The M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER here rose and called the brethren to order. He was sure there was no wish on the part of Grand Lodge to prevent any brother exercising that which was his legitimate right. (Hear, hear.) On the other hand it was also very undesirable that when there was important business coming on the time of Grand Lodge should be wasted by anything which was unnecessary, or, still more, which tended to be irregular and out of order. He believed, therefore, that he should arrive most correctly at the question which the worthy brother desired to raise by requesting him to state to him precisely what portion it was of the minutes which he desired to move the non-confirmation of. (Hear, hear.) He would only beg him to observe this, that whilst he was perfectly entitled to move the non-confirmation of certain portions of the minutes of their last proceedings, on the other hand he must not under cover of that course raise a discussion of a substantive question of which he had given notice for a later period. Therefore, he wished to understand from the worthy brother what portion of the minutes it was of which he proposed the non-confirmation. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said he proposed the non-confirmation of the minutes of last Quarterly Communication which recorded the non-confirmation of a portion of the minutes of the proceedings in December. (Laughter.) The question he had just made raised, as he had apprehended it would do, a laugh among the brethren, who really could not understand the serious nature of the proposition he wanted to put before Grand Lodge. (Oh, oh.) He did not expect that Grand Lodge would vote the non-confirmation of a non-confirmation, but he, nevertheless, proposed it in order that he might be consistent in making the motion of which he had given notice, and which he intended to bring before Grand Lodge at a later period of the evening.

The M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER, interposing, said he did not yet understand what that portion of the minutes was of which Bro. Stevens proposed the non-confirmation.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said it was the passing of Bro. McKay's motion for the non-confirmation of a portion of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December, 1879; it was that portion of the minutes of March, 1880, which he now desired to propose the non-confirmation of, and he should be satisfied with merely that proposition at present, because at a later period of the evening he had a notice on the agenda paper which would more fully enable him to express to Grand Lodge the necessity for looking into this matter. He must observe that it appeared to him that when this Grand Lodge, which was only called together once in three months, had business before it—it had been of considerable importance—it was not Masonic or gentlemanly to try to put a brother down. (Oh, oh, and interruption.)

Bro. MONCKTON rose to order, and would shortly state the point of order. There were certain proceedings in Grand Lodge that required confirmation in accordance with the Constitutions, such as grants of money, the election of the Grand Master, and so forth; but the ordinary proceedings of Grand Lodge did not by the Constitutions require confirmation; they merely came up before Grand Lodge on the question whether they were correctly recorded; and he therefore submitted that Bro. Stevens was out of order unless he moved the non-confirmation of a portion of the minutes on the ground that they were not correctly recorded. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JAMES STEVENS cheerfully accepted the ruling of the President of the Board of General Purposes. He cheerfully accepted it as a point of order, but if it was a point of order now in June why was it not made a point of order in March last? On that occasion it was permitted.

The M.W. PRO G.M.: As far as I understand, what the worthy brother proposes to do is this—he moved a certain resolution in Grand Lodge in December, and that resolution was carried. At the subsequent Quarterly Communication the minutes were not confirmed on that particular

point, and consequently his resolution fell to the ground. He now proposes, as I understand, to non-confirm that portion of those last minutes.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said that for the sake of the consistency of his motion, notice of which was on the agenda paper for that evening, he felt he was bound to do it.

The M.W. PRO G.M.: Do I correctly understand that that is the view?

Bro. JAMES STEVENS: That is the view.

The M.W. PRO G.M.: Then I must clearly rule that the worthy brother is out of order. There is an old saying that it is to the benefit of the commonwealth that litigation should after certain points cease; and it would be clearly useless that minutes were non-confirmed, and then that non-confirmation were upset by another non-confirmation. Therefore I rule that he is out of order. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JAMES STEVENS: M.W. Pro G.M., I perfectly agree with you—(order, order)—that that may be the case. (Order, order, and much interruption.) I beg to ask the Pro G.M. a question. (Order, order.) Does your ruling at the present time prevent me—(renewed cries of "Order, order")—does your ruling at the present time prevent me—(more cries of "Order.") The M.W. Pro G.M. motioned to Bro. James Stevens to resume his seat, and Sir Albert Woods approached him and persuaded him, after a few seconds, to sit down. Quiet being at length restored.

The M.W. PRO G.M. put the motion for the confirmation of the minutes, which was carried.

The Scrutineers of votes for members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board were then appointed, and the voting papers having been collected, the Scrutineers withdrew.

The minutes of Grand Festival and of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Truro, were then read and confirmed.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, who was appointed Senior Grand Warden at Grand Festival, but who was unavoidably absent on that occasion, was then invested with the insignia of his office, conducted to the Senior Grand Warden's chair by Sir Albert Woods, and saluted in the usual form.

The M.W. PRO G.M. then said that he thought this was the proper time to mention that the committee which was appointed at the last Quarterly Communication with reference to a purchase of land, which Grand Lodge would remember was made by the Board of General Purposes without the customary notice to Grand Lodge (of which committee he was a member, and which consisted also of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens of the year, Grand Registrar, and the President of the Lodge of Benevolence), had never been able to meet from a variety of causes, among which, perhaps, might be numbered the recent General Election, which disturbed business in the Masonic world not less than in the political. Under those circumstances it was desirable that they should meet as soon as possible, and he hoped to report at next Quarterly Communication on the subject; but, inasmuch as the committee was a small one, and of the members many had very important duties elsewhere, he thought it would be desirable to strengthen the committee by the addition of at least two members, which, of course, must be decided at the present meeting. He had considered the matter, and taken the advice of those who were very competent to advise on such a subject, and he did not think he could propose any two names which would find greater favour in Grand Lodge, from long experience and knowledge of all Masonic subjects, than Bros. Philbrick and Rucker. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Therefore, if that be the general feeling in Grand Lodge, which he conceived it to be, he would move that those two brethren be added to the members of the committee.

GRAND REGISTRAR seconded the motion.

The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

The M.W. PRO G.M. having asked whether any brother was without his balloting paper,

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN said if this was the time, which he thought it was, to call his lordship's attention to certain printed lists given to the brethren as they entered the hall, asking them to vote for certain brethren on the Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board, he would now do so. He understood that one list was called "The House List," and another "The Opposition List." The two together did not exhaust the list of those duly nominated, but he ventured himself to think that canvassing of this sort in Grand Lodge was highly improper, and he should like to have an expression of the Pro Grand Master's opinion on the matter. He did not know what the meaning of "The House List" was. Was it issued under the Pro Grand Master's authority, or under that of the General Purposes Committee, or by any competent authority? Did the Pro G. Master hold that canvassing in that form was a suitable and Masonic proceeding?

The M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER: I can certainly say that the list which has for the first time been put into my hands, and to which I suppose the worthy brother alludes, has not been issued under my authority, or, as far as I know, under any constituted authority. I believe that it is not an uncommon practice; at the same time I am far from saying that it is a regular or a satisfactory one. (Hear, hear.) At the same time if notice was to be taken of it, I should like that the whole matter should be considered a little more carefully than I think we can at the present moment. I think myself that all these modes of canvassing are of very doubtful expediency (hear, hear); but I will content myself with that general proposition. At the present moment I do not think it will be desirable to carry it further. It may be worth while—I do not say it is—for those members of Grand Lodge who take an interest in these matters to think it over

seriously, and if they can see their way clearly to deal with it, I think Grand Lodge will listen to any proposal they have to make. I do not think it would be proper to discuss it now on a side question. Of course if any alteration is made in such a case as this it would be made with full consideration and great care. (Hear, hear.)

GRAND SECRETARY read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter.

Bro. J. M. CLABON, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, in moving the reception of the report, said that when the brethren had received it he would have to move the confirmation of thirteen grants, amounting in all to £1300 for one quarter of a year. So large a sum had never been before Grand Lodge previously on one occasion; but he was bound to say he was glad that each one of the thirteen petitioners should have the amount voted to him or her respectively if Grand Lodge would confirm it. But he was also bound to tell Grand Lodge that whereas two years ago with an income of £8000 a year, they were spending something like £6000, and accumulating the other £2000, at the rate at which the Lodge of Benevolence was going on now, they were spending £10,000, or £2000 more than their income, and he did not know where they were to get the extra money from, unless they infringed on the £50,000 invested. He hoped, however, that they would never touch that. There was, however, another means of getting the money. The London brethren paid four shillings a year, and the country brethren two shillings per year. That was very small, and it might be increased by another small sum (hear, hear, and applause), and that would be the direction he hoped the matter would take. He should be very sorry if any poor brother, or the widow or orphans of a deceased brother, should suffer, if brethren were not to confirm these grants on the ground that Grand Lodge was overspending its income. It would be very hard indeed for those poor brethren and ladies and children to whom these grants were recommended if they were to be cut off. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN seconded the motion.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER thought everybody would admire the sympathetic and kindly spirit of the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and also of Bro. Nunn, who always attended; but he could not forget that at the last Quarterly Communication Bro. Clabon said if they were spending half-a-crown out of sixpence a day, the result would inevitably be bankruptcy unless they resorted to the £50,000. Although not at all inclined to chill or check the current of benevolence, he could not help reflecting that large handed benevolence with other people's money was hardly desirable. It must be borne in mind that they were spending more than their income. Each of the brethren who came to the Board would sooner or later, perhaps, be candidates for the Benevolent Institution. He advocated economy.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN protested against the doctrine enunciated by Bro. Baker. For many years past the Lodge of Benevolence had been saving its money at the rate of £1500 or £2000 a year, and only in the last year £4000 was invested and added to the fund. This outcry of living beyond income was out of place and uncalled for. That they should from time to time invest such balances as accrued was a reasonable thing; that they should produce interest was right. Bro. Clabon said he did not think the grants excessive, and hoped they would all be confirmed. Surely there could be no harm in trenching on that fund, the savings of former years, to fill up a temporary gap. He must protest against the doctrine that this was a sacred fund that could not be touched under any exceptional circumstances.

Bro. JOHN HOLDEN, as one who attended the Lodge of Benevolence, considered that many of the grants were too large. On one occasion where there was a case which was not, he thought, deserving, Bro. Britten remarked that they had got plenty of money, and why should they be stingy. He could not agree to that principle. There ought to be justice as well as generosity.

On motions duly and severally made and seconded by Bros. CLABON and NUNN, the following grants were confirmed:

	£	s.	d.
The orphan children of a brother of the Lodge of Light in Adjoohia, No. 836, Puzabad, Bengal, East Indies	50	0	0
A brother of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, London	250	0	0
A brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	200	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, London	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 146, London	150	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Farnham	75	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, Yorkshire	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Union, No. 166, London	50	0	0

On the motion of Bro. H. C. LEVANDER, in the absence of Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, seconded by Bro. MAGNUS OHREN, Asst. G.D.C., the following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read:—

The Board of General Purposes beg to report:—

1. In connection with the proposed erection of new offices for the use of the Charities there appears to be a contiguous plot of freehold ground in New Yard, the possession of which by Grand Lodge is highly important in connection with questions of light and air.

The Board are strongly advised that this plot of ground should be purchased, and they have been enabled to arrange that Grand Lodge by its trustees can purchase the fee simple, free from incumbrances, for the sum of £1050, and they have at the same time satisfied themselves that a tenant at a thoroughly remunerative rent can be obtained so long as is desirable.

They accordingly recommend that such purchase be sanctioned by Grand Lodge.

2. Having received formal complaint that a brother

had violated the Constitutions by appearing in a public place or assembly (namely, one of Her Majesty's levées) wearing Masonic jewels without the authority of the Grand Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the matter, and caused the brother in question to be summoned to appear before them. It appearing that the error arose from a misconstruction of the Constitutions, and due submission having been made and regret expressed, it was not thought requisite to proceed further than admonition in the matter.

3. Lodge No. 401 (Slaidburn) having passed two brethren after an insufficient interval (viz., twenty-five days) from their initiation, the Board have ordered that the brethren be re-obligated in the Second Degree, and subsequently in the Third Degree at the proper interval, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the lodge.

Lodge No. 910 (Pontefract) having passed a brother after an insufficient interval from his initiation (viz., sixteen days) the Board have ordered that the brother be re-obligated in the Second Degree, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the lodge.

4. The Board further report that they have had under consideration the important question of the due preservation, by binding where necessary, and the improvement, by addition, of the excellent library belonging to Grand Lodge, in their charge, and they are unanimously of opinion that it is desirable that Grand Lodge should authorise an expenditure not exceeding £25 per annum for the above purposes.

The President will move in accordance with the foregoing recommendations.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th May, 1880.

At a meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved, that

"The Board desire to express their appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy of their President, Sir John B. Monckton, and embrace this opportunity of congratulating him on the honour recently conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen."

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

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th of May last, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5835 14s. 4d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s., and £22 14s. 5d. in the hands of the solicitor of the Society.

Bro. J. M. KLENCK, with reference to the first page of the above report, complained of the large outlay proposed at last Grand Lodge, and this further proposed outlay. After laying out £13,125 he found there would be but £2000 in hand; and then he suggested that the decoration of the hall should be deferred for a year.

The M.W. PRO G. MASTER (Bro. Klenck having been very indistinct) said that, as he caught his remarks, Bro. Klenck wished certain questions about these purchases referred to the committee appointed at last Grand Lodge. That could not be done, because the committee had to deal with one subject. The committee was appointed to enquire how far it was desirable certain purchases should be made by the Board of General Purposes without going through the ordinary processes and forms required by the Book of Constitutions of giving notice to Grand Lodge. Bro. Klenck's suggestion regarded a purchase of property which it seemed advisable should be argued in Grand Lodge upon its merits.

Bro. KLENCK subsequently renewed the subject, when GRAND REGISTRAR said that the Board had gone very minutely into the desirability of the plot of land in question being purchased. Of course nothing was absolutely necessary. People could live in a fetid atmosphere, but light and air were very desirable, and the property of Freemasons' Hall would be much more valuable if they acquired this property. There would be much more accommodation, and the advantages to Grand Lodge would be very great.

The brethren then confirmed the purchase.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was afterwards adopted.

GRAND REGISTRAR brought up the two following appeals:—

(1.) Appeal by the W. Master, officers, and other members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 804, Cape Town, against the decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, Western Division, for declining to entertain a complaint against certain brethren of the lodge for conspiring to blackball candidates.

(2.) Also appeal by Bro. Thomas Gardner, the Secretary of the said lodge, No. 804, complaining of certain expressions used, respecting him, by the District Grand Secretary, in an official communication addressed to him by direction of the District Grand Master.

On the motion of GRAND REGISTRAR, seconded by Bro. JAMES MASON, the first appeal was dismissed; and on the motion of GRAND REGISTRAR, seconded by GRAND TREASURER, Grand Lodge resolved "That the second appeal by the Secretary of the Joppa Lodge not being against a judicial decision of the District Grand Master, could not be entertained."

Bro. Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, G. Treas., moved:—"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution' of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. 720, moved in accordance with notice, "That inasmuch as all laws made by this Grand Lodge should be strictly observed and respected, this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the resolution of Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of Past Masters for enquiry into the merits of the respective systems of working, &c., adopted on the 1st December, 1869, and confirmed on the 2nd March, 1870, and which thereby and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity, regulating the government of Grand Lodge (Section 8, page 28), became a law, should be carried into effect." The Book of Constitutions laid it down that a resolution properly brought forward in G.L. and carried, and confirmed at the ensuing meeting, became a law. The

motion on uniformity of ritual he brought forward in December, 1869, was confirmed at the ensuing meeting, and therefore, from that time it became a law. Grand Lodge, had not acted on it. Grand Lodge had, therefore, not carried out its own principles, and how could it expect subordinate lodges to do so.

The motion was seconded by Bro. DRIVER, P.M. 45.

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD proposed as an amendment, "That Grand Lodge having, by a large majority, at the last Quarterly Communication expressed its opinion that it is not expedient that any further steps should be taken in this matter, the revival of the subject is inexpedient, and is not calculated to promote the good of Freemasonry."

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART seconded the amendment, which, when put, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master then retired to his room, and awaited the declaration by the Scrutineers of the result of the ballot for the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board. The following was the result:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

MASTERS (SUCCESSFUL).

Charles Wm. Thompson	...	...	...	321
Herbert Monckton	...	...	...	317
George Pitt Lewis	...	...	...	309
Richard Notley	...	...	...	307
Fred. H. McCalmont	...	...	...	302
Edward Cutler	...	...	...	293
F. C. Wemyss	...	...	...	251
Chas. Atkins	...	...	...	158

PAST MASTERS (SUCCESSFUL).

H. C. Levander	...	...	...	281
J. G. Stevens	...	...	...	231
E. B. Grabham	...	...	...	171
A. Meadows, M.D.	...	...	...	169
Frank Green	...	...	...	150
H. Bishop	...	...	...	149

PAST MASTERS (UNSUCCESSFUL).

W. C. Beaumont	...	...	...	148
S. Poynter	...	...	...	147
A. H. Tattershall	...	...	...	143
H. A. Dubois	...	...	...	139
H. Harben	...	...	...	127
C. F. Hogard	...	...	...	122
W. H. Perryman	...	...	...	98
Macrae Moir	...	...	...	80
Jas. Stevens	...	...	...	48
J. M. Klenck	...	...	...	39
A. J. Altman	...	...	...	37
H. E. Frances	...	...	...	36

COLONIAL BOARD.

(SUCCESSFUL.)

Jas. Brett	...	...	...	330
Brackstone Baker	...	...	...	324
E. Letchworth	...	...	...	304
J. H. Matthews	...	...	...	298
R. Gooding	291
Samuel Poynter	285
Griffiths Smith	271

(UNSUCCESSFUL.)

F. Adlard	206
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The under-mentioned brethren were nominated at the General Committee on the 19th May to be on the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and no others were named: Bros. Charles Atkins, W.M. 1260; James Brett, P.M. 177; William Clarke, P.M. 114; Chas. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; William F. C. Montrie, P.M. 11; George Penn, P.M. 1642; Alf. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Henry George Warren, P.M. G.S.L.; and James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master, presided in the absence of the Earl of Lathom; Bro. S. Rawson acted as Deputy Grand Master; the Rev. G. R. Portal, as Past Grand Master; Lord Henniker, and afterwards Viscount Mandeville, as Senior Grand Warden; J. M. P. Montague, Junior Grand Warden; Richard Eve, Thomas Cubitt, and Thomas Meggy, as Overseers; and R. Berridge, as D.C. The full list of the brethren who attended comprised the names of M. W. Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past G. M.M., as G.M.M.; Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.G.M.M.; Samuel Rawson, Prov. G.M. of China, as Dep. G.M.; R.W. Bros. the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G.M. of South Africa; Rev. C. R. Davy, M.A., Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., J.P., Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire and Staffordshire; Viscount Mandeville, G.S.W.; J. M. P. Montague, D.L., G.J.W.; Lord Henniker, P.G.S.W.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., and T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.J.W.'s; V.M. Bros. Richard Eve, G.M.O.; Thomas Cubitt, G.S.O.; William Roebuck, P.G.M.O., as G.J.O.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., G. Chap.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Frederic Davison, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., F.R.A.S., G. Registrar; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Secretary; D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bros. John Walker, M.A., Dep. Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, L.L.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. Warwickshire and Staffordshire; W. Hickman, Dep. Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., and J. L. Thomas, G.S.D.'s; Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; George Smith, A.G. D. of C.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D. of C.; Alfred Williams, C.E., P.G.D., A.G. Swd. Br.; H. R. Trigg, P.G. Swd. Br.; Capt. Charles Hunter, P.G. Swd. Br.; C. T. Sparks, G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; W. Worrell, P.G. Org.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; Edward Diggle, G.I.G.; Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G.; Fredk. Walters, P.G. I.G.; Edward Margrett, T. J. Armstrong, F. W. W. Booth, R. P. Spice, C.E., and John Barker, G. Stewards; W. Massey (Freemason) and G. J. McKay, P.G. Stewards; and C. T. Speight, G. Tyler.

With the following Provincial Grand Officers: W. Bros. Henry Lovegrove, P.G. Sup. of Wks.; Capt. George Douglas, Prov. G.D. of C. Hants and Isle of Wight;

Eugene Sweny, P.A.G.D. of C. Kent; George Morgan, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire and North Wales; B. H. Ridge, P.G.I.G. Middlesex and Surrey; W. J. Nicholls and John Close, P.P.G. Stewards Middlesex and Surrey; W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.P.G.S.W. North Wales and Cheshire; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.I.D. Northumberland and Durham; J. Bignell, P.P.G.S.W. Bengal; R. L. Loveland, P.P.G.J.W., P.G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight; S. Mottison, P.P.G.M.O. Cheshire and North Wales; Jas. Smith, P.G.S.O. Kent; F. W. Ansell, P.G.J.O. Berks and Oxon; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex and Surrey; Rev. W. S. Moses, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex and Surrey; E. Passawer, LL.D., Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex and Surrey; J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G. Reg. Lancashire; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; W. T. Clarke, P.G. Sec. Sussex; and J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight.

And the following brethren of private lodges: W. Bros. Wm. Stephens, P.M. 236; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, 107; W. J. Meek, W.M. 109; W. T. Westgate, W.M. 70; T. C. Walls, W.M. 211 and 238; G. Ward Verry, W.M. 104; T. Dolling Bolton, W.M. 7; and E. J. Harty, W.M. Bon Accord. Bros. J. P. Godfrey, S.W., W.M. elect Bon Accord; W. H. Gimingham, J.W. 251; E. Silvestre, M.O. 251; W. H. Edwards, M.O. 199; E. J. Hoare, S.O. 244; A. Haynes, J.O. 198; Charles Kipting, J.O. 234; Thomas Alexander, Treas. 44; Retil Ugland, Sec. 44; Henry de Grey, J.O. 44; H. Baldwin, Sec. 234; R. L. Appleyard, S.D. 44; Alfred Rowley, J.W. 247; Geo. S. Graham, Organist 234; John Rhodes, Organist 108; C. Elford, I.G. 234; Brown, I.G. 238; Sidney Clarke, 44; W. La Roche, 154; Samuel G. Bake, 78; Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, 7; and C. H. Driver, J. E. Anderson, and C. E. Soppett, Old Kent.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. BEACH said he had been commissioned by the Earl of Lathom to apologise for his absence, which was occasioned by his having to be with his Yeomanry. The Earl of Limerick also authorised him to apologise for his absence, which was caused by his being out with his Militia. Lord Leigh particularly wished to be present, but was unable on account of other engagements. He likewise desired especially to express his regret at being unavoidably absent.

Bro. BINCKES, Grand Secretary, then read the minutes of last half-yearly Communication, which were afterwards put to the meeting and confirmed.

The following is the report of the General Board, which was taken as read:—

The number of certificates issued during the six months ending 31st March, 1880, has been 606, bringing the total number of registered advancements to 13,514.

In the same period warrants for new lodges have been issued as follows:—

- No. 40, Shakespeare, Warwick.
- 44, Florence Nightingale, Woolwich.
- 250, Darlington, Darlington.
- 251, Tenterden, Buckhurst Hill.
- 252, Natalia, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.
- 253, Spes Bona, Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope.
- 254, St. Louis, Goletta, Tunis.
- 255, Robinson, Maidstone.
- 256, Five Arches, Tenby.
- 257, Jersey, Maidenhead.
- 258, Sutlej, Ferozepore, Punjab.
- 259, Snowdonia, Portmadoc.
- 260, Comet, Emerald, Queensland.
- 261, Zealandia Marine, Port Chalmers, N.Z.

One hundred and forty-four certificates of elevation to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner have been also issued, and two warrants for new lodges, viz.:—

- The Natalia, attached to Mark Lodge Natalia, No. 252.
- The Charles V., attached to Mark Lodge St. Louis, No. 254.

The Province of South Wales has been placed under the charge of the Grand Registrar.

Grants from the Benevolent Fund have been made to—

Bro. G. T.	...	£10 0 0
Widow of Bro. C. S.	...	5 0 0
Bro. J. M.	...	5 0 0

The Board have the gratification of announcing that in sympathy with the educational objects lately introduced in connection with the Benevolent Fund, a Scholarship of the annual value of £15 15s. has been placed at the disposal of the General Board of Grand Lodge, by Bro. Dr. Passawer, W.M. Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, and Head Master of the Notting Hill High School, Notting Hill-square.

The annual festival in support of this fund will be held on Wednesday, July 7th, at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, with every prospect of success, which it is hoped may be assured by the sympathy and support of the members of the Order.

The W.M. Grand M. Master having announced his intention to preside at the anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held on Thursday, the 1st of July, the Board recommended that £21 be granted from the General Fund to the funds of the Institution.

The Board have had under consideration an appeal from Bro. Dhanjebhoy F. Camadore, of Lodge Ramsay, No. 180, Rawal Pindi, but reserve their decision until after the receipt of further information.

The election of members to serve on the General Board will take place for the first time under the new law.

The Treasurer's account, subjoined, shows receipts from all sources on account of the General Fund £825 7 6 and balances on 31st March last—

In favour of General Fund	...	348 19 3
" Benevolent Fund	...	111 15 1
" Educational Fund	...	109 19 2

While investments have been made—

On account of General Fund	£300
" Educational Fund	100
(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M., President.	

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months ending 31st March, 1880, show the following results:—

GENERAL FUND.	
Balance from 30th September, 1879	£143 6 8
Half-year's receipts	£800 17 11
Interest on investments	24 9 7
	825 7 6
	£968 14 2

Half-year's Disbursements:

Expenditure	£423 4 11
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debentures	196 10 0
	619 14 11

Balance at Banker's 31st March, 1880... £348 19 3

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 30th Sept., 1879	£42 16 5
Half-year's receipts	£184 18 6
Interest on investments	29 19 8
	214 18 2
	£257 14 7

Half-year's Disbursements:

Grants in relief	£30 0 0
Expenses	13 5 6
Transferred to Education Fund	78 0 0
Ditto Festival account	24 14 0
	145 19 6

Balance at Banker's, 31st March, 1880... £111 15 1

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance on 30th September, 1879	£90 13 0
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	£78 0 0
Interest on Investment	5 10 2
	83 10 2
	£174 3 2
Disbursements	4 4 0
	£169 19 2

Examined and found correct.
(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.
30th April, 1880.

INVESTED FUNDS.

GENERAL FUND.

Canadian 5 per Cent. Debenture Bonds	£200 0 0
New Zealand 5 per Cent. Consols	800 0 0
Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds	500 0 0
	£1500 0 0

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Canadian 5 per Cent. Debenture Bonds	£600 0 0
New Zealand 5 per Cent. Consols	400 0 0
Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds	200 0 0
	£1200 0 0

EDUCATION FUND.

Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds	£300 0 0
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On the motion of Bro. RICHARD EVE, seconded by Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS, this report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. PORTAL, P.G.M., moved the adoption of the recommendation arising out of the Report "That £21 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge on account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He said that the M.W.G.M.M.M., the Earl of Lathom, had been good enough to consent to take the chair at the next festival of the Boys' School, and, therefore, it had been thought by the General Board that Mark Grand Lodge could do no less than add this amount to the list of subscriptions on that occasion.

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

Bro. BINCKES requested that this sum be placed on the list of Bro. F. Davison, Grand Treasurer of the Degree.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. PORTAL, P.G.M., said the brethren would notice that in page 2 of the report was a paragraph stating that "The Board have the gratification of announcing that, in sympathy with the educational objects lately introduced in connection with the 'Benevolent Fund,' a scholarship of the annual value of £15 15s. has been placed at the disposal of the General Board of Grand Lodge by Bro. Dr. Passawer, W.M. Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, and Head Master of the Notting Hill High School, Notting Hill-square." Bro. Passawer had been good enough to say that he would allow the General Board to nominate from time to time a boy who should be educated at the Notting Hill High School, and that the amount of fifteen guineas should be excused from his fees. He (Bro. Portal) thought Grand Lodge could not do no less than express its gratitude to Bro. Dr. Passawer for this very liberal offer, and he, therefore, begged to move "That the thanks of Grand Lodge be communicated by Grand Secretary to Bro. Dr. Passawer for placing at the disposal of Grand Lodge a scholarship, of the annual value of £15 15s., in the Notting Hill High School."

General BROWNRIFF seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Rev. W. K. R. BEDFORD, seconded by the Hon. RICHARD GIBBY, the report was adopted.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH said that the next business was the installation of Grand Master; but as the Earl of Lathom was not present on this occasion to be regularly installed, yet, having been duly elected by Grand Lodge, he was virtually Grand Master from this time forth. He should, therefore, call upon the G.D.C. to proclaim him as such.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was then formally proclaimed, and saluted as G.M.M.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed to office:—

Bro. Lord Henniker	Deputy Grand Master.
" the Earl of Onslow	S.G. Warden.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Junior G. Warden.
" Baron de Ferrières	G.M.O.
" J. F. Tweedale	G.S.O.
" T. Dolling Bolton	G.J.O.
" the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall	G. Chaplain.
" The Rev. W. Stainton Moses	"
" F. Davison	G. Treasurer.
" H. C. Levander	G. Registrar of Marks.
" F. Binckes	G. Secretary.
" Donald M. Dewar	Assistant G. Secretary.
" Charles Woodall	G.S.D.
" George J. McKay	G.S.D.
" G. J. Mateison	G.J.D.

Bro. Richard Boggett	G.J.D.
" Richard Driver	G. Inspector of Works.
" Robert Berridge	G.D.C.
" W. T. Westgate	G.A.D.C.
" George Ward Verry	G. Sword Bearer.
" Arthur Middleton	G. Standard Bearer.
" Alfred Rowley	G. Organist.
" George Morgan	G.I.G.

Bros. T. W. Adams, F. W. Ansell, J. G. Anderson, W. T. Clarke, Foster Gough, LL.D., A. Haynes, T. A. de Leliva, R. L. Loveland, G. Rennie Powell, James Smythe, Charles E. Soppett, and W. Watkins

Grand Stewards.

Bro. C. T. Speight ... G. Tyler.

The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board:—Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., President; Thomas Meggy, S. Rosenthal, S. C. Dibdin, Robert Berridge, C. F. Matier, and Thomas Cubitt. The following five brethren were elected by Grand Lodge: Herbert Dicketts, E. C. Mather, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, and Alfred Williams.

Bro. BINCKES read a list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology for absence, and then announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival would be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on the 7th of July, at which Col. Burdett would preside. There were already twenty-nine brethren as Stewards, and he expected to receive a large amount of pecuniary support. He would be happy to receive any additional names of Stewards.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The Rev. G. R. Portal presided.

At the close of the banquet grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed.

The Rev. G. R. PORTAL, in proposing "The Health of the Earl of Lathom, M.W.G.M.M.M.," said it was a matter of sincere regret to all the brethren that his lordship was not present. They had been already informed by Bro. Beach that the circumstances which compelled the Grand Master's absence were beyond his control. The Order might congratulate itself on having the Earl of Lathom as its head for the third year, because, being a man who so essentially fulfilled his Masonic duties in those various Degrees in which he had distinguished himself, he was a brother who was admirably fitted to unite the Degrees of Masonry, and bring all the brethren together. As far as his official duties in this Degree were concerned he (Bro. Portal) could honestly bear testimony to the very great care the Earl of Lathom took in all matters that were brought under his notice. He was most regular as a correspondent, and no papers that were laid before him were delayed a single post longer than was necessary before they were returned. This was really not a matter of compliment, but truth. Mark Masons had never had a Grand Master who had attended with more dignity to the duties of his office than the Earl of Lathom.

The Rev. W. K. R. BEDFORD, Prov. G.M. for Staffordshire and Warwickshire, proposed "The Past Grand Masters," and said that this was a toast to which more than usual honour was due. Under ordinary circumstances the toast of individuals—even those so high in Masonry as Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, Bro. Beach, Bro. Portal, Earl Percy, and the Earl of Limerick—would be to a certain extent the old dust and ashes of bygone traditions, but he was privileged to connect with this toast the health of one of them who was present in person to fulfil, as he always did, his duties to Mark Masonry with all his heart, and with an energy and ability in which he was second to none. When he said just now that these names might be the bygone dust and ashes of Masonic tradition the brethren knew full well they were anything but that—that they were still living, and still have merits which would obtain for their names a hearty reception in any assembly of Masons; but at the same time he made bold to say that among the most eminent of all those eminent men there was not one who in his services to this Degree could at all compete with Bro. Portal. He (Bro. Bedford) was not at all ashamed or afraid to say before the faces of these eminent men, and he would have their hearty concurrence in so saying, that if they were called upon to depict or delineate the brain and the hand of the Mark Degree they would at once fix upon Bro. Portal as the embodiment of it. Without Bro. Portal's unremitting exertions this Degree could not have attained to the very high position it had now reached. The brethren hoped he might long be spared to exert himself in the future as he had done in the past, and welcome him as the worthy representative of men universally esteemed as the greatest among those who were great in this particular branch of Masonry. He therefore gave with every sentiment of regard and esteem "The Health of the Past Grand Mark Master Masons," and connected with it the name of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal.

The Rev. G. R. PORTAL, in reply, said as regarded himself he need not say what he had often said before, that it always had given and always would give him pleasure to place his humble services at the disposal of this Order when wanted. As regards the other Past Grand Masters the brethren had had the services of one of them that night, not for the first time since he had left the chair. They had had Lord Limerick and they had also had Lord Leigh. This last noble lord had been so anxious to attend that it was many days before he managed to say he could not. His other engagements had prevented him attending. If he had attended it would have been an agreeable surprise to him to find that this Grand Lodge, which twenty-three years ago numbered only a dozen lodges, now numbered 271. He would have been gratified to find that fourteen lodges had been added to the Order in the last half-year—a rate of progress which he doubted was exceeded by any other order or degree. What was the secret of their great success? First of all, no doubt, a love among brother Masons for new Orders and Degrees. There was no denying that; but, at the same time, he thought they might say this of themselves, that whatever else their faults might be, there was in them an absolute absence of red tape. Besides that, they did not very much care about Chinese exactness of uniformity, and if they found in different parts of the country remnants of old traditions that did not exactly square with what they had in London, they rather loved to find those evidences of antiquity. They had the good fortune to see great energy displayed by the provincial brethren. Not very long ago he assisted at the inauguration of a Provincial Grand Lodge

of Oxford and Berkshire, from which some brethren were now present. He was very glad indeed to have this opportunity of saying in their presence that the Order at large was indebted to the energy of the brethren of the new province in their Master. The Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire and Warwick had done very good work in his province, and he gave promise of better work. The first lodge on their list was the Shakespeare and Warwick, an old time immemorial lodge, which this Grand Lodge had long been anxious to get under their banner. They had succeeded; but they would not have done so if it had not been for the great popularity of Bro. Bedford. It was to such energy as he used that the great success of this Degree was to be attributed. Among the fourteen new lodges granted in the last half-year no less than six were established in foreign parts. In this there was a great advantage. One was in New Zealand, and one in Queensland; and the great advantage was, that if—though there was not the slightest chance of such a thing occurring—the ground was used up in England, the Colonial possessions supplied a boundless field for further operations. Once get a footing there and there would be no lack of the success which had attended the Degree in the mother country itself. He was exceedingly glad to be able to congratulate the brethren on the success of the Order. While thanking them very much for the compliment they had paid him, he trusted that success would continue.

The Rev. C. R. DAVY proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers," to which Bro. TWEEDALE replied.

Bro. THOS. MEGGY proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund"—a fund with which he had been peculiarly associated. Some years ago he had the opportunity of proposing—and, he believed, he was the means of originating what was now a very great success—the Mark Benevolent Fund. In proposing "Prosperity to the Fund," he asked the brethren to drink it with all their best feelings. This was the first fund which introduced ladies to their festivals, and he had no doubt that this had been the means of bringing great prosperity to it. The Stewards annually increased in number, and last year they succeeded in obtaining subscriptions to the amount of more than £500. As they had then twenty-nine Stewards, so there were already twenty-nine Stewards for the next festival, and as there was still more than a month to run before that festival was held, no doubt they would have more added to the list. He should couple with this toast the name of Bro. Binckes, a brother who had always evinced the greatest interest in the fund.

Bro. BINCKES, in reply, said he supposed that no observation of his would have any effect on the side of truthfulness if he for a moment asked them to believe he was taken by surprise at being called upon to respond to this toast—one which he very much valued. There were many observations that rose to his lips without a moment's consideration, and he thought he could occupy the brethren's time tolerably profitably for about an hour-and-a-half, but he always bore in mind, with regard to discourses on a much higher and more important subject than this, what the late Baron Anderson once said to a clergyman with regard to a sermon—that it should be a quarter-of-an-hour in length, with a bearing to the side of mercy—(laughter)—therefore he would be brief. No doubt they had done a very large amount of substantial good in connection with this Order by what they had done in the cause of charity, and every one of them must feel extremely gratified by the rapid progress the Order had made in substantial prosperity, as evidenced by what the Grand Master had stated as to the progress made in twenty-three years; that, whereas twenty-three years ago they had only ten or twelve lodges they now had 271. He did not believe that the most sanguine among the brethren at the time, of whom Bro. Portal and himself were among the earliest who joined in the executive management of the Order, ever contemplated that they should achieve in that time the vast amount of success which they had. Bro. Portal had alluded to some of the reasons of the success, in which he (Bro. Binckes) thoroughly concurred. They had a thorough absence of "red tape;" they had a desire to do all they possibly could with fairness and impartiality, and a rule they had was, the choice of the Grand Officers was made without bias, partiality, or affection. The appointments were made on no other ground than absolute merit, and from the little rivulet which sprang and bubbled twenty-three years ago there had spread a wide navigable river, and he did not know to what extent it might yet be increased. It appeared to him that Mark Masonry had before it an undoubted and unbounded success, so long as the present rule should be continued, and he had no fear that those who succeeded to the government of the Order would in any way prove themselves false to those traditions handed down to them which had proved so effectual in promoting success and prosperity. They had nothing sectarian in their Order, nothing antagonistic to the great broad principles of the most successful Grand Lodge in the world, the parent from which they had drawn, and still drew, their infant breath, to which they were all proud to belong, lamenting, as they all must do, that by the exercise of what Mark Masons called an unwise discretion at the time of the articles of union, they were cut off and relegated to the uncovenanted mercies. They had now thought proper to revive the Degree, and had proved (although he was told by some it was bad logic to argue from successful results) that they had kept in view the high principles of universal Freemasonry in the large and important body they were now. He would go further, and say that the great reason they had been so successful was that they had borne in mind what he considered the greatest virtue in Freemasonry—that of practical charity. He held that as they appeared their keystone, and made it the key of the whole structure, they had inscribed upon it the great word Charity. He would even add that they had inscribed it also on the lintels and two door posts, and sprinkled, as they were, with the sacred dew of Masonic Charity. The destroying angel of ridicule and deterioration had passed by and left them scathless, giving them a blessing rather than a curse. This Order had followed the principle of charity, and had given a magnificent support to all three of the Masonic Institutions, and had not selected any one for its benevolence. The Benevolent Fund had also established an educational branch, which would be the means of doing a large amount of good in the future. True, at present there was only one recipient of the benefits of that fund, but as everything must have a beginning, and as he did not despise the day of small things, he did not doubt they would have more children upon it. They had the means of in-

creasing these advantages to a very large extent, which was a source of great pride and satisfaction to them all, and if those means were not more largely availed of, they had the gratification of knowing this, that Mark Masonry was so sound that there was but little occasion at present to demand its relief. The brethren would not relax their efforts on that occasion, because, although prosperous now, they did not know what would occur by and bye. Although there was a great talk about a revival of trade under a Liberal Ministry, he had not yet found that commerce was so much better than it was during the time of the late ministry, and therefore, in contemplation of any demands which might be made on the funds, the brethren must do all they could to add to the resources of the fund, so that when the time of necessity arrived they would be able to fulfil the promise which they had held out. In the great cause of universal Masonic charity they were not only keeping their own, but they were adding up store to distribute to those who might want. Bro. Binckes concluded by thanking the brethren for drinking the toast.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, to which Bro. ANSELL, of Oxford, replied.

Bro. BINCKES said since he spoke he had obtained another Steward for the festival who had placed his name on the list for forty guineas. (Cheers.)

Bro. MEGGY also said he should be glad to undertake a Stewardship, and the proceedings then closed.

In the course of the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed by Bros. Henry Guy, F. H. Cozens, and Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. A. Rowley, Grand M. Organist.

THE MASONIC CEREMONY AT TRURO.

We print below a list of Cornish brethren present and the lodges represented at the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Truro Cathedral. We hope to give the names of brethren from other provinces in our next.

Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth:—Bros. J. Wallace, W.M.; W. D. Rogers, S.W.; E. May, J.W.; W. F. Newman, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Webber, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Polglaze, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Carter, P.P.G.O.; H. Tilly, P.P.G.R.; J. Vivian, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Dinns, P.G.P.; J. Bartlett, Chap.; J. H. Michell, P.M.; W. L. Fox, P.M.; J. Hallacomb, P.M.; M. Little, P.M.; J. P. Polglaze, Sec.; H. James, Sec.; W. Vincent, Sec.; J. S. Hicks, M.M.; E. J. Nichols, M.M.; E. J. Andrews, M.M.; G. A. Foss, M.M.; M. H. Stevens, M.M.; P. H. M. da Gellon, M.M.; R. C. Richards, M.M.; J. P. Carter, M.M.; W. J. Tresider, M.M.; H. Thomas, M.M.; W. Rudson, M.M.; and S. F. Lawry, M.M.

Mount Sinai, No. 121, Penzance:—Bros. F. Bease, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Read, P.P.S.G.W.; I. Levin, P.P.J.G.D.; W. A. Gerry, P.P.G.O.; S. Jacob, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Lovell, P.G.O.; J. Maxwell, P.M.; W. Alsop, P.P.S.G.W. Cumberland; S. H. Hill, P.M.; W. H. Kinsman, P.M.; A. G. Michell, W.M.; F. Holman; R. C. Laity; W. A. Ralph; W. Colenso; T. Reynolds; C. Curnow; F. Rodda, I.G.; B. C. Matthews, I.G.; G. Wedlake; G. Hamlyn, R. W. Aitkins, Chap.; T. J. Jewell; T. Hosking; T. F. Hosking; J. Johns; G. H. Smale, J.W.; R. Lovell, P.M.; R. Reynolds, Tyler; J. S. C. Simpson, D.C.; M. Sampson, J.D.; M. Hocking, H. Carne, and A. Rowe.

Fortitude, No. 131, Truro:—Bros. T. W. Willcocks, W.M.; W. Simmons, W. Hawken, W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; J. H. Neilson, W. C. Oke, T. P. Hicks, W. Porter, George, T. C. Mack, E. Roberts, E. Richards, J. Tillman, J. H. Sampson, G. M. Downing, W. B. Morris, J. W. James, W. Allen, W. B. Cory, J. C. R. Crewes, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Middleton, S.G.D.; R. Lean, W. J. Green, Lovell, W. Evelyn, G. Brown, P.P.G.J.W. Leicester; J. Langdon, W. J. Johns, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Miners, S. Richards, H. Glass, W. H. Bloxsome, J. A. Mackenzie, H. C. Brown, J. Green, T. B. Percy; Capt. Foster, P.P.C.; R. John, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Dixon, R. Benney, G. A. Elliott, R. Griffin, J. McLean, and H. Toope.

True and Faithful, No. 318, Helston:—Bros. T. N. Curry, P.M.; P. G. Hill, P.M., P.G.R.; T. Davey, P.M.; J. O. James, P.M., P.P.G.S.; H. Trembath, P.M., P.G. Pur.; T. J. Joyce, P.M.; J. Jeffrey, jun., P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.O.; R. S. James, P.M.; W. Wearne, W.M.; J. Rowe, S.W.; J. M. Pascoe, J.W.; W. Ellis, J.D.; W. E. Lukies, I.G.; R. James, Tyler; J. Nicholls, W. Trevithick, W. H. Chynoweth, C. Hudson, W. H. Eddy, W. R. C. Arthur, J. H. Welby, J. M. Jenkin, W. Martin, J. M. Richards, J. D. Richards, W. J. Winn, S. H. Stevens, J. Ellis, W. Hosken, F. J. Culley, J. Pascoe, H. L. Rogers, W. Trevenon, G. W. Roskrug, and W. C. Phillips.

One and All, No. 330, Bodmin:—Bros. Francis J. Hext, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Hawken, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Richard Rich, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. D. Hawksley, P.M., P.P.G.C.; John Crang, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; John Dennis, P.M., P.G.J.D.; William Rowe, P.M., P.G.D.C.; John R. Collins, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; William Paynter, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Augustus C. Sandoe, P.M.; Richard Adams, I.P.M.; John G. Vincent, W.M.; William H. Angwin, Sec.; Silvanus Trevel, S.D.; Henry Jacobs, Org.; Joseph Newbold, I.G.; C. Crabb, Tyler; Henry Jones, Thomas Spear, John Hawke, Charles Hignam, C. Gilbert Hamley, P.M.; Richard Oliver, P.M.; Richard Cardell, Edwin Higgs, Hugh Colville, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. W. Roberts, R. W. Robts, and Job Hockaday.

Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331, Truro:—Bros. Sir James Hogg, Bart. M.M.; R. M. Paul, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. Juliff, P.M.; J. J. Hawken, M.M.; S. W. James, M.M.; J. H. Bawden, M.M.; J. Christoe, J.W.; E. D. Anderton, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; H. Lake, J. Reynolds, S.W.; J. Bryant, P.M.; W. Rooks, Tyler, P.G.P.; John James, W. H. Jenkins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Westlake, T. Oliver, P.M.; W. Tweedy, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Bryant, C. Bryant, I.G.; E. T. Carlyon, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; H. Whitley, Std.; S. Revell, C. Le Neve Foster, T. Borlase Davey, Std.; T. Hicks, P.M.; W. H. Christoe, P.M.; B. Drinkwater, N. Thorpe, R. Sharpe, P.M.; T. Nicholls, J. W. Wilkinson, and J. Julian.

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Peace and Harmony, No. 496, St. Austell:—Bros. F. B. Paul, P.M., P.P.G.C.; Chas. Truscott, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; William Guy, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Philip Giles, P.M., P.P.G. Std.; Wm. Loye, P.M.; Thos. J. Smith, P.M.; W. Mason, P.M.; T. H. Lukes, P.M.; Walter Giles, P.M.; Edwin W. P. Kidd, P.P.G. Tyler; E. Gill, Lodge 496; William Endean, Lodge 454; Henry Harry Amadon, Lodge 65, California; J. O. Job, W.M.; B. Houseley, I.G.; John Skinner, C. Tozer, S.D.; W. J. Tredinnick, J. G. Blight, D.C.; R. F. Stephens, S.W.; Wm. Real, Tyler; W. I. Watts, E.A.; J. McTurk, E.A.; Arthur Hodge, and W. C. Rundle.

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Meridian, No. 893, Millbrook:—Bros. R. B. Rodd, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Filmer, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. F. J. W. Winkle, S.W., P.P.G. Chap.; W. Cawse, P.M., P.G. Std.; W. Coath, P.M., A. B. Hutchings, W.M.; W. E. Marchant, and A. B. Chevis, I.P.M.

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Tregenna, No. 1273, St. Ives:—Bros. T. H. Gibbons, W.M.; J. Martin, S.W.; J. Richards, J.W.; J. C. Tregear, S.D.; G. Symons, I.D.; S. T. Neall, I.G.; J. T. Short, P.M., Treas.; J. Wearne, P.M., Sec.; T. B. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Richards, P.M.; R. Banfield, W. K. Baker, G. T. Staff, E. Keskeys, T. Uron, J. P. Treworran, Tyler; and John Richards, P.M.

Fort, No. 1528, Newquay:—Bros. W. C. Michell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; B. Wellington, P.M.; Martyn, W.M.; Kendall, I.G.; Rowe, S.D.; Roberts, Lobb, Juliffe, Lewarne, Morrill, Marshall, and Carne.

Duke of Cornwall, No. 1529, St. Columb:—Bros. C. Hawke, W.M.; W. W. Howard, S.W.; T. Crapp, S.D.; F. Grove, J.D.; J. Best, Treas.; T. Gately, Sec.; W. H. Cobledick, Stwd.; J. James, D.C.; J. Coade, Tyler; C. H. Darks, J. Sleeper, J. Biddick, D. Cock, F.C.; and G. Bray, I.G.

Mount Edgumbe, No. 1544, Camborne:—Bros. E. S. Angove, P.S. Stwd.; W. Rowe, jun., I.P.M.; J. W. Millard, P.M.; W. Bailey, S.W.; V. Vincent, J.W.; E. B. Adams, S.D.; J. Jackson, J.D.; J. C. Burrow, Sec.; E. Vine, Chap.; J. M. Holman, I.G.; R. Bate, A. J. Tangye, A. Jewell, J. Pendray, J. Oxham, R. Rowe, J. Newland, A. Dunkin, J. M. Williams, W. J. Hocking, W. N. Trounson, Thomas Bartle, and John Nicholas.

St. Petroc, No. 1785, Padstow:—Bros. W. H. Martyn, W.M.; W. H. Roberts, S.W.; F. Bray, J.W.; J. F. Clemow, Treas.; J. W. Pearce, S.D.; J. Nicholls, J.D.; C. Matthews, I.G.; T. Wills, W. H. Pope, J. A. Blamey, F. G. Harding, W. H. Martyn, J. R. Beatt, J. R. Stribley, J. B. Williams, G. Nicholls, and M. Macgregor, Tyler.

CONSECRATION OF THE BEDFORD CHAPTER, No. 157.

This new chapter, the warrant for which was only granted by Grand Chapter on the 5th May, was consecrated on the 27th of the same month at Freemasons' Hall by E. Comps. James Terry, Z. 1366, P.Z. 174, 228, 975, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, as M.E.Z.; Samuel Turquand, Z. 1339, as H.; and H. E. Frances, P.Z. and Prov. D.C. Surrey, as J. The following is the complete list of the companions who attended: Comps. Charles Pulman, J. Pownceby, Henry Charles Soper, John Soper, William Ansell, John Finch, Charles Thompson, T. B. Linscott, J. Terry, Z. 1366; Samuel Turquand, Z. 1339; Don M. Dewar, P.Z. 1194; Frederick Brown, J. 538; Alfred J. Dottridge, Ezra; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; H. E. Frances, P.G.D.C.; J. Brochett Sorrell, J. 176; Buszard, 22; George Read, P.Z. 19; F. Ernest Pocock, 1489; Seymour Smith, 1269; Alfred Kenningham, 19; Samuel Langdon, 538; W. Vincent, 1604; Frederick Walters, P.Z. 73; Thomas W. Adams, 623; Perceval A. Nairne, P.Z. 176; F. G. Baker, P.Z. 753; S. S. Phillips, P.Z. 173; J. T. Briggs, J. 177; H. Sadler, Z. 169 and G. Janitor; Thomas Cubitt, P.Z. 177; Thomas Poore, Z. 720; S. Miller, P.Z. 19; Peter Robinson, P.Z. 185; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason).

Comps. Seymour Smith and Alfred Kenningham performed the musical portion of the ceremony.

After the chapter had been formally opened and the nature of the day's proceedings explained by Comp. Terry, he called upon Comp. Frances to deliver the oration.

Comp. H. E. FRANCES then rose and said: Worthy companions, it is usual on an occasion such as this (the birth of a new lodge or chapter) to say a few words concerning the purpose of our meeting, and to reiterate or explain the principles that should guide the members to a satisfactory continuance of the work, as much, we are assured, depends on the right beginning of every new phase of a social institution, the initiating ceremony being a potent feature in guiding and colouring all future deliberations. Let us then this evening approach with due thought, reverent minds, and truthful action the purpose of our present solemnity; not entering upon it lightly as a mere formality, nor unworthily as if it mattered little that which we do, but steadfastly and earnestly; as to commence a work that should bear good fruit, and remain a source of joy and thankfulness for future generations. The Order of Freemasonry has, we all admit, two grand motives for its existence and extension—the glory of God and the welfare of man. These principles are taught in every sentence of our ritual, in every maxim or precept we have adopted. While the Order cares not for the shade of religious belief held by the aspirant to its mysteries, it insists, in unvarying and uncompromising terms, that he shall believe in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and, as a natural correlative, it teaches the sacred duties of friendship, fosters affection and intercourse among kindred minds, instructs a Mason also in the highest duties to his fellow men, and reminds him of the sacred obligation he is under and the solemn reverence he must ever feel for his Divine Creator. Royal Arch Masonry is the outcome of higher development of the Craft; the subject of which it treats, the result of its disquisitions, is that of the highest knowledge to which human nature can aspire—the knowledge of God. On our jewels are inscribed the Greek *eure kaimn*, the Latin *invenimus*. We have found—what? That a worship of the high attributes of Deity, Wisdom, Power, and Love—an endeavour to comprehend them, however faintly, is worthy desire and proper employment for the noblest intellect of man. Too glorious is the sheen of that wisdom for human ken—too high to scale, and no plummet can sound its unfathomable depths; neither can the Omnipotent power be measured nor the mighty love be understood. The impossibility of a perfect comprehension of the Deity has ever induced mankind to invest Him with human attributes, and in a measure to localise the idea. Hence temples have been erected to His honour, and buildings for His worship are formed. We commemorate tonight the building of the said temple by an ancient people—the Israelites. The three temples are graphically described in the Sacred Volume. All the skill and ingenuity of the various periods were employed to make each a

fitting dwelling for the Most High, and though the founders of each felt their unworthiness they reverently completed the task. Will God indeed dwell here? said our G.K.S. Behold! the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have builded. The three temples of our ancient brethren may be taken as types or symbols of the three mysteries treated of by Modern Freemasonry. In the first we have the inception of an idea, the birth or admission of the initiate, coming in the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge, his steps guided by those who have obtained it. The second may symbolise the Second Degree of Craft Masonry—the mystery of death in the Legend of Hiram, our G.M., which no reflective mind will take in a literal sense; we are taught that to the earnest worshipper of the Divine Architect, the diligent student of nature, the fearless follower of truth, is given a knowledge that by facing the principles symbolised by the plum and level and the setting maul, death to him has no terror equal to the horror of falsehood or dishonour. In this the Supreme Degree, whose genuine secret is the eternal welfare of man, is the fitting symbol of the lost temple—yet, not built with hands, but eternal in the heavens. This Degree has no objects of mortality, no yawning sepulchre to appal. It deals only with the bright hereafter which it is our endeavour to attain, our fervent hope and inalienable inheritance. Every implement in a Craft lodge is a symbol, and has its appropriate lesson, and in this Degree we also preserve the symbolic teaching, and all our implements likewise convey it. Thus the circle typifies the glorious Author of the Universe and His never-ending duration; so it justly illustrates the endless power and extent of Divine knowledge. No imagination can define its Alpha or Omega, nor limit our capabilities of possessing it. Revealed to the earnest student step by step, the further he advances the greater the unfoldment, and the longest life spent in pursuit of knowledge will but find on the threshold of the hereafter its yet unmeasured depths, and the ever reasoning joy of them who tread them. As the triangle is emblematic of the Omnipotent creative power, it also typifies the spiritual, mental, and physical wants of a man. The triple tau, the devices on each standard, the tessellated floor, and every implement upon it have each a lesson to teach, and are worthy of the careful study of every Royal Arch Mason, and a practice of the principles they convey must help us to erect a temple to the honour and glory of the Most High. Companions, deep in our own hearts lie the materials with which each of us must erect this temple. Freemasonry affords us ample means to this effect—the practice of every moral, social virtue. In every one of our lodges in particular we can exercise the great virtue of brotherly love. There are among us those to be taught, to be sustained, to be mindful of, in time of affliction, who should always command our love and kindly sympathy. Out of our own lodges, and in a more extensive sense, the great duty of charity is never to be lost sight of—there are the orphans to be protected and taught, the widow and the feeble to support. Life has no sadder spectacle than decrepid age, tottering, helpless and uncared for, to the grave. Companions, let it be the aim and intention of all who begin this new chapter to resolve that they will do something more than wear the beautiful clothing which no more makes a Mason than wearing a sword makes a man a soldier, but will, as far as lies in their power, demonstrate to the world at large that the word brother amongst Masons is something more than a name—that the great Masonic principles are practised by the members, and that they practise charity, maintain harmony, and live in unity—that those who are not Masons may say, in the quaint language of our Masonic psalm, "Behold how pleasant and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Comp. Frances was greeted with hearty cheers on resuming his seat.

The consecration of the chapter was then proceeded with, and the companions at the conclusion of the ceremony agreed that they had never seen it better performed, there having been not a single hitch or the least hesitation in any portion of it. The same may be said of the installation which followed, when Comp. Charles Pulman, P.M. 720, was installed M.E.Z.; Comp. Samuel Pownceby, P.M. 55, H.; and Comp. Henry Charles Soper, P.M. 704, J. The other companions invested with the insignia of their respective offices were Comps. John Soper, S.E.; Ansell, S.N.; Finch, P.S.; Thompson, 1st A.S.; and Linscott, 2nd A.S.

The M.E.Z. proposed, and the H. seconded, a vote of thanks to Comp. Terry for consecrating the chapter, together with honorary membership of the chapter. The M.E.Z. remarked that the perfect way in which the ceremonies had been performed merited the approbation of the companions; and Comp. POWNCEBY, while congratulating the chapter on being taken in hand by so experienced a companion as Comp. Terry, wished to mark his sense of the kindness of that companion by offering to take the Stewardship of the chapter for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Propositions for exaltation were then read, and, on the motion of Comp. POWNCEBY, H., seconded by Comp. P.S., a vote of thanks was passed to the Wanderers' Chapter for the use of the furniture for the ceremonies of the day.

On the motion of Comp. SOPER, J., seconded by Comp. POWNCEBY, H., a vote of thanks was also passed to Comps. Turquand and Frances for assisting at the ceremonies.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. When the cloth had been cleared grace was sung, and the toasts were proposed.

After the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The Prince of Wales, G.Z.," and "The Earl of Carnarvon," &c.,

Comp. HYDE PULLEN responded to this last toast, and expressed the pleasure he had had in assisting at the ceremony of the day as well as aiding the cause of Masonry at any time. He also felt gratified at seeing the M.E.Z. placed in the chair, and thought it a distinction that companion ought to have had years ago. The performance of the ceremonies had given him much pleasure, and the chapter was to be congratulated on such an inauguration. He predicted a successful future for the Bedford Chapter.

Comp. JAMES TERRY proposed "The M.E.Z." He said he did so with great pleasure, because he was certain that no companion would be solicited to occupy the proud position of Z. of a new chapter unless he had the esteem and regard of those with whom he had to work. A good selection had been made in the choice of Comp. Pulman, and that it would so be proved at the end of his year of office. Comp. Pulman was a hard-working and zealous Mason, to whom should be committed the charge of endea-

vouring to consolidate in the first year the true interests and even the conflicting interests of those who were brought together to work as a whole during the year. The position of Z. of a chapter for its first year was of itself a very important one, because the companions were drawn from other chapters, and they had to be aggregated in a way in which they could work together. Comp. Pulman had this power in him, and his year of office would be a great success, and he called upon the companions to wish him that success in a bumper, and also success to the chapter.

Comp. PULMAN in reply, said he was greatly concerned for the interests of Masonry. Royal Arch Masonry was said to be the climax of Freemasonry, and in placing him in the M.E.Z.'s chair of a new chapter they had gratified the strongest wish any Mason could have who had the interests of Masonry at heart. At the same time it was an awkward position. They looked to him to bring the chapter to a good position. He would do the best he could in that direction. Their wish was his wish. But he would have desired that a brother of the Bedford Lodge had accepted his position. It was put to those brethren, but they declined. There was one sitting near him (Comp. Cubitt) who certainly would have filled the chair better than he (Comp. Pulman) could hope to do. But, as he had said before, as the companions had placed him in the chair, he would do his best for the chapter. With respect to Comp. Terry's toast of "Success to the Bedford Chapter," the way in which the companions had come forward that evening, and the support it had received from the Bedford Lodge, as well as the efforts made in Grand Scribe E.'s office to expedite matters, were enough to justify the companions in anticipating success.

Comp. PULMAN proposed "The Consecrating Officers." He did not think that any Mason could have performed the ceremony better than those companions. There was not a single hitch from beginning to end, and the Consecrating Officers had met with the cordial satisfaction of the companions of the chapter.

Comp. JAMES TERRY in replying, said it was a great pleasure to him to have officiated that day with Comps. Turquand and Frances. The introduction into existence of a new chapter was a most important event, as it marked a new era in their Masonry, and seemed to tell them they were getting older. He had now consecrated fifty-seven lodges, but he thought he could say that, thanks to the arrangements made, and to the assistance of the musicians, everything had gone off well. As a Consecrating Officer he knew, and acknowledged, the great services of Comp. Seymour Smith and his two friends. Before sitting down he wished to thank Comp. Pownceby for saying he would accept the Stewardship of this chapter for the next festival of the Benevolent Institution. It had been said that the Secretaries of the various Masonic Institutions had no right to go about consecrating lodges and chapters, because they were wasting time which ought to be devoted to the duties of their offices. He thought that was a mistake, not because he happened to be the Secretary of one of the Institutions, but because he knew that many hundreds of pounds were brought into the coffers of the three Institutions from the associations of the Secretaries with the consecrations of lodges and chapters. The little services they thus rendered were paid back in coin to the Institutions. He, therefore, ventured to think that the services of the officers of the Institutions, when they could be rendered, were not a detriment to the offices they filled, but rather an advantage to the Institutions they had the honour to represent. So far, he had endeavoured to perform his duty, and Comp. Pownceby, who served as Steward last February, would again do so in February next. It was a very high compliment, and he (Comp. Terry) thanked him for it. He hoped the day never would arrive when it would become a popular feeling that the Secretaries of the Institutions were to be confined to their offices merely, and be simply clerks.

Comp. TURQUAND also expressed the great pleasure he had had in assisting at the consecration, although he felt he had not done much. He and the M.E.Z. had known each other many years, and had been associated in another chapter. Consequently he felt great interest in the proceedings of the day. He had done some little in his career in Masonry, but he was always open to do all he could to further its interests whether in the Craft or in the Arch.

Comp. H. E. FRANCES, after apologising for not being able to make a speech, said that in the oration he delivered he was thoroughly conscientious. He never wrote or said what he did not mean. He had a conscience, and he believed in the existence of a Deity, and he had endeavoured that evening to show what he thought Masons ought to be. He had been very much shocked in his career in Masonry to find there were so many Masons, and yet so few. Those who supported the Institutions were but few. If all Masons put Masonry in practice, there would be no elections to the Institutions. Everybody could do something. He was not a millionaire. He did not suppose he should ever see a £5 note, but he could and did help to induce others who could become Stewards to do so. We had all got friends who would get something apiece. There were other duties in Masonry besides wearing aprons and sitting down to dinner. Besides keeping the secrets of Masonry there was the helping those who were in need, and if this was not done a Mason could not lay his head upon his pillow and say he had done his duty. He was sure the Bedford Chapter would advance the interests of Masonry.

Comp. THOMAS CUBITT, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said the Bedford Lodge had been in existence nearly 150 years, and he was very much surprised that it had not had a chapter connected with it before. The Bedford Chapter was bound to float, and he trusted it would exist as long as the lodge had existed. With such officers as it had now it was bound to prosper. Personally he must thank the founders for having given him the offer of occupying the Z.'s chair, but he was obliged to decline on account of his numerous Masonic engagements. The right man had been selected, and when he gave the word of command all would obey him.

Comp. DONALD M. DEWAR also responded, and after repeating what had been said by other companions in praise of the excellent arrangements of the day, congratulated the chapter on its successful inauguration. Knowing the earnestness and energy of the M.E.Z. as a Freemason he was perfectly certain the chapter would succeed.

Comp. PULMAN, in proposing "The Health of the H. and J.," said that Comps. Pownceby and Soper were staunch advocates of Masonry in every respect. With regard to the H. he would do everything to perform the duties of his office officially, and the same might be said

with regard to the J. The H. had given proof that evening of his desire to perform his duties by taking the office of Steward upon him, and by so doing had given to the chapter the character of having a zest for Freemasonry. When the time arrived for these two companions to occupy the chair of Z., they would no doubt fill it more efficiently than he (Comp. Pulman).

Comp. POWNCEBY, acknowledging the toast, said that he and Comp. Soper had an inward consciousness that in their respective offices they had serious duties to perform. The companions of the Bedford Chapter would be exceedingly anxious to see it make great progress. He should perform the duties of the office to which he had been appointed, and which to him had been the crowning stroke of his ambition in Masonry. He highly appreciated that position, and would do his utmost to give to it that dignity and spirit which it deserved.

Comp. SOPER, in the first place, wished to express his gratitude to the companions of the chapter who had been pleased to nominate him for the Third Principal's chair. It was an honour which he highly appreciated, and he trusted he should fill the office to the satisfaction of the companions and himself also. Comp. Pownceby had said this was the highest ambition of his life; but he (Comp. Soper) differed from him in this respect, that he hoped to attain the position which the M.E.Z. had attained. Freemasonry was so different from everything else in the world which he was acquainted with that it took a long time to attain to any position. In the arts and sciences by great application and study men speedily attained to some proficiency; but in Masonry position was the work of time as well as study. Although he had been in Masonry eight or nine years he had only just become the Master of a lodge, and he was now Third Principal of a chapter. As regarded this office it was the highest he had attained hitherto, but he hoped to attain to the highest honour the chapter could possibly give. He had to express his thanks to Comp. F. G. Baker, who was the Preceptor of a chapter of instruction which he attended, for the instruction he had given him. Comp. Baker would at all times be willing to give the knowledge they all required at any time and in any place.

Comp. PULMAN, in proposing the toast of "S.E. and S.N.," said he could not forget the services rendered by Comp. John Soper at all times to Masonry, and especially in the foundation of the Bedford Chapter. It was to his skill and zeal in a great measure that they were indebted for the establishment of the chapter. No words of his (Comp. Pulman's) could express his high appreciation and that of the other companions for the services he had rendered by taking upon him the duties of S.E. and Treasurer. It was to be hoped he would have plenty of work in both capacities. The more he had to do the more he would do. Comp. Ansell, S.N., would also act with the same zeal and ability, and with such officers the chapter could not fail to succeed.

Comp. JOHN SOPER said in the formation of the chapter the companions one and all worked with a will, and they were very much indebted to the brethren of the Bedford Lodge for hastening the obtaining of the warrant. Thirteen or fourteen weeks ago application was made to them for their recommendation, and the ordeal of going to Grand Chapter Committee and Grand Chapter had been passed. While he was S.E. he should not object to be the banker of the chapter, and, as far as in him lay, to further its interests. He hoped it would succeed, and he had not the slightest doubt it would. They had every prospect before them of such a result, and if they all put their shoulders to the wheel they could not fail to make it a good chapter.

Comp. ANSELL said he also should endeavour to the utmost of his power to forward the interests of the chapter.

Comp. FINCH, P.S., responding to the toast of "The Officers," said never was a ship better started, or with a greater determination on the part of its projectors that it should be a success, than the Bedford Chapter. They had all worked together, and had all the same end in view. With that the greatest success for the chapter was pledged.

Comp. THOMPSON said the founders of the chapter had cordially bound themselves to work in a united spirit and determination for one object and one end, the prosperity and success of the Bedford Chapter, and nothing would be wanting on the part of its officers to further its objects.

Comp. LINSCOTT endorsed every word that had fallen from his superior officers, the P.S. and the 1st A.S., that nothing should be wanting in the discharge of his duties. Although he was newly in office he felt quite at home, for he occupied the proud position of claiming a family relationship with the M.E.Z., and as for his superior Sojourners they were his old companions of many years' standing. He also expressed his conviction that the chapter must succeed.

The Janitor's toast was then given and honoured, and the proceedings of the evening, which had been thoroughly successful, were brought to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Stroud, in the Subscription Rooms. R.W. Bro. Lord Sherborne, Prov. G.M., presided, supported by W. Bro. Newmarch, Dep. Prov. G.M., and amongst the brethren present, who numbered about 200, were the following: Bros. Russell Kerr, P.M. 1067, S.G.W.; A. V. Hatton, P.M. 403, J.G.W.; the Rev. A. Williams, P.M. 951, Prov. G.C.; J. Brook-Smith, P.M. 82 and 246, Prov. G. Treas.; the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., S.W. 82, Prov. G.R.; E. Trinder, P.M. 592, Prov. G. Sec.; F. J. Blake, P.M. 855, Prov. G.S.D.; H. J. Francillon, P.M. 751, Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Gwinnett, P.M. 82, P.P.S.G.W.; Col. H. Basevi, P.P. G.R., Dep. Dis. G.M. Punjaub, Charity Secretary; L. White, P.M. 855, 1005, P.P.J.G.W.; R. W. White, P.M. 839, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Godfrey, P.M. 82, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. T. Partridge, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Jeffs, P.M. 493, W.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. Harford Lloyd, Mus.Bac., Prov. G. Organist; T. Taynton, P.M. 839, P.P.G.S.D.; H. W. Bruton, P.M. 839, P.P.G.S.D.; W. R. Stocker, P.M. 493, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Warman, P.M. 702, P.P. G.J.D.; W. H. C. Fisher, P.M. 702, P.P.G.S.W.; F. G. Roberts, 1005, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Tames, P.M. 1005, P.P.G.D.C.; G. R. Powell, P.M. 1303, P.P.G.P.; W. Anslow Sole, P.M., W.M. 82; H. Tovey, P.M. 502; J. Bubb, P.M. 82; J. L. Butler, W.M. 246; E. J. Gregory, W.M. 900; Moss, W.M. 403; G. W. Haines, S.W. 493; E. Lawrence, S.W. 246; Rev. H. Kynaston, 82;

Rev. T. Middlemore-Whithard, 82; H. d'Antier de la Rochebriant, 82; Rev. J. H. C. Baxter, 82; Vassar Smith, J.W. 839; W. R. Felton, J.W. 246; S. H. Brookes, 246; W. C. Hearne, 1067; Carleton, 1067; and others. W. Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Boys was also present.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Brook Smith, as Treasurer, and Bro. Basevi, as Charity Secretary, were able to present most satisfactory reports, the latter showing in its report of the Masonic Charities, Gloucestershire had now, in proportion to its numerical strength, taken the second place among the provinces of the kingdom.

A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Basevi for his services in the cause of the Charities was carried by acclamation.

A communication from the R.W.G.M. of Warwickshire with reference to the proposed formation of a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and an accompanying resolution of the Warwickshire Lodge, deprecated such an addition to the Charities of the Craft, as calculated to injure those existing, were discussed at some length; but after a short address from Bro. Binckes on the subject, it was agreed to postpone a decision until further information was obtained.

The reports of the lodges were satisfactory, and these having been read, the re-election of Bro. Brook-Smith, as Treasurer, was proposed and seconded, in complimentary terms, by Bros. GWINNETT and TAYNTON, and carried by acclamation.

The Prov. Grand Tyler, Bro. Wiggins, in consequence of great age and growing infirmities, resigned the office which he had served since Prov. Grand Lodge was established, and was presented with a handsome gratuity and a generous expression of the Prov. Grand Lodge's appreciation of his faithful service. Bro. Phillips was elected in his stead.

The S.G.W. next proposed that a subscription of thirty guineas be given out of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds towards a testimonial, already largely subscribed to by the brethren, to Bro. Trinder, who had served the office of Prov. Grand Sec. since the formation of the Prov. Grand Lodge, in 1856.

This was seconded by the J.G.W., warmly endorsed by the R.W.G.M., and carried by hearty acclamation; and the kindly words in which the proposal was made were feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Trinder.

A resolution, approving of Bro. Jeff's work in the promotion of a memorial to Robert Raikes, was also passed, and then the roll of lodges having been called over, the R.W.G.M. invested his officers as follows:

Bro. T. Taynton	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Warman	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Brook-Smith	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Rev. H. Kynaston	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
J. Rennie Bowell	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Bubb	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
J. L. Butler	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
C. Harford Lloyd	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Gee	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
Trimmer and Bro. Crossman	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.'s.
Cadle	...	...	Prov. G.P.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to banquet, the M.W.G.M., Lord Sherborne, presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

The annual communication and Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of this province was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the invitation of the Zetland Chapter (No. 236), when there was a large assembly of the companions of the Order. The M.E. Comp. J. P. Bell, the Grand Superintendent of the Province, presided; Comp. Scherling, P.Z. Minerva Chapter, acting as M.E.H., and Comp. Todd, P.Z. of the Zetland Chapter, M.E.J. The following companions were also present: Comps. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Z. 236, D.C.; Sir James Meek, P.Z. and P.H. 236; R. Watson, 543, P.Z.; M. C. Peck, P.Z. 250, P.G. Scribe E.; J. March, 236, P.P.G.S.W.; R. W. Hollon, P.Z. 236, Prov. G. Treas.; T. B. Whytehead, Z. 1611, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Balmford, 236, H.; T. Clough, 660, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Boggott, 57, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Tesseyman, 57, P.G.S.B.; R. Huntley, 250, H.; T. Sissons, 1010, P.P.G.S.B.; R. H. Peacock, 200, P.P.G. S.B.; J. Stevenson, 312, P.P.G.H.; J. Thompson, 250, Prov. G.S.; J. S. Cumberland, 1611, H., P.G.S.B.; H. O. Piercy, 734, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; O. G. Bond, 660, Z.; C. H. Priestley, 660, P.P.G.P.S.; W. H. Rose, 660, P.P.G.H.; A. W. Walker, 660, P.S.; J. Murray Denison, 1248, P.P. G.S.N.; George Hardy, 250, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; J. T. Emes, 250, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Farmer, 602, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; R. Davison, 602, P.P.G.H.; C. T. Ganderton, 57, P.G. A.S.; Thomas S. Camidge, 236, P.P.G.O.; W. Cowper, 606, Prov. G. Steward; W. H. Marwood, 602, Prov. G. Steward; H. Preston, 57, P.P.G.A.S.; Thompson, Z., Wilson J., Storry, P.P.G.O., Oates, Ansell, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg., Needler, P.Z., Kemp, P.Z., Wing, Pexton, A.S., Lowe, and Bevers, S.N., Humber Chapter; Vigne, Minerva; Middleton, P.J. 236, Old Globe; Hodgson, Hollins, E. Garbutt, Rooke, D.C., Buckle, P.S., Palliser, Houlton, Borslow, Hanson, A. S. Ayres, Simpson, Rymer, Waistell, Kirby, and Wilkinson, York; J. Hanly, Chapter 226 (I.C.); Brown, Philanthropic; Ayre, Britannia; E. J. de Salis, Royal Victoria (Bermuda); Cooper, Marwood; Rev. W. C. Lukis, J., and Paley, P.Z., Marquis of Ripon; Severs, Watson, Z., Jarratt, Brigham, J., King, and Edward, Lonsdale; Staniland, P.Z., Golder, A.S., Nicholls, Sc. E., and Vaudby, New Malton; Watson, P.Z., and Coulson, E., Dundas; Kay, E., Simpson, Treasurer, Turner, A.S., Husband, Humphries, and Rev. J. Blake, Eboracum; and Forden and Lambert, Kingston.

The companions having taken their appointed seats, the members of the Provincial Grand Chapter entered, and the proceedings were opened by the reading and confirming of the minutes of the preceding Grand Chapter, held at Hull in 1879. The balance-sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was then read by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Comp. R. W. Hollon, and was unanimously adopted. Other business, mainly of a routine character, followed, and the Grand Superintendent then read an interesting paper on the subject of "Royal Arch Freemasonry." It was then announced that the next Provincial Grand Chapter would be held at the Denison Chapter, Scarborough, in 1881, on the invitation of that chapter. The Grand Super-

intendent then took the opportunity of thanking the Zetland Chapter for the very complete arrangements they had made, which were highly appreciated by the companions present. He next announced the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Comps. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, M.E.H.; H. O. Piercy, M.E.J.; M. C. Peck, Scribe E.; Martin Kemp, Scribe N.; A. Buckle, P.S.; C. G. Bond, A. Soj.; W. H. Cowper, A. Soj.; R. W. Hollon, Treasurer; T. C. Davison, Registrar; R. Huntley, S.B.; J. Coulson, Standard Bearer; T. Marshall, D.C.; J. Hagyard, Organist; J. Ward, Janitor; and D. Lambert, Tyler.

The proceedings then terminated, and the companions adjourned to Harker's Hotel, where an excellent collation was served by Bro. Matthews. The Ex. Grand Superintendent of the North and East Ridings presided, and in proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Excellent Grand Principal of England," referred to the fact that he was that day laying the foundation of a cathedral at Truro, in the presence of a large assembly of Freemasons, and he hoped that it was the inauguration of a new era in Masonry in the acknowledgment that it was the privilege of Grand Masters to lay the foundation stones of such edifices as that to which he had referred. Truro Cathedral, he said, might be expected to vie architecturally with their Cathedral at York. It was much after the same style—the twelfth or thirteenth century—and the money which had been collected for the construction simply of the shell was something like £90,000. A number of other toasts were drunk, and the evening was spent in harmony. We may mention that in consequence of many of the signatures of the companions being so carelessly written as to be quite undecipherable, names of many who were present do not appear.

OPENING OF THE MASONIC WINDOW AT CHELTENHAM.

The stained-glass window subscribed for by the Freemasons of Cheltenham for erection in the old parish church of that town was formally handed over to the rector on Wednesday week, at a special service attended by the brethren in Craft clothing. The mother church of St. Mary, Cheltenham, is the only ancient building in the town, dating back as it does to the eleventh century, and it having been recently restored throughout, the local members of the Craft determined to place their mark on a work in which they had taken much interest. The window they have thus put in is at the east-end of the chancel, and is of a large size, rich in its tracery, and affording opportunity for considerable variety in treatment, of which Messrs. Lavers, Barraud, and Westlake, the artists entrusted with the work, have availed themselves. The subject of the window is designed to illustrate the foundation, temporary destruction as the habitation of His soul, and final resurrection and ascension of "the temple of His body." In the five main lights of the window are consequently depicted the Nativity, the Bearing of the Cross, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension. Below these subjects are the figures of King Solomon, the builder of the first temple; Ezra and Nehemiah, who record the building of the second, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. Above the principal lights are various emblems and figures connected with our Lord's body and life, and crowning the whole the emblem of the Trinity.

The window is undoubtedly a success as a work of art, carried out in a subdued tone pleasing to sight and taste. Apart from the traditional association of the Old Testament worthies we have mentioned with Masonry, the window contains various Craft and Royal Arch symbols, and the origin of the window is recorded in the following inscription: "To the glory of God this window was erected by the Freemasons of Cheltenham, A.D. 1880.—W. Anslow Sole, W.M. No. 82; J. Walker, W.M. No. 246; W. E. Porcher, M.E.Z. No. 82."

The special service was choral, Bro. J. A. Matthews conducting the choir. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. H. Kynaston, Prov. G. Chap. of Gloucestershire, Principal of Cheltenham College; the prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. J. Seaver, P.M., senior curate of St. Mary's; and the lessons were read by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. of England. Among others present were Bros. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S.; Gwinnett, P.M., P.P. S.G.W.; Brook-Smith, Prov. G. Treas.; Godfrey, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Lavers, P.M.; W. Anslow Sole, P.M., W.M. 82; J. L. Butler, W.M. 246; Kite, Col. Basevi, P.M., P.P.G.R., P.D.D.G.M. Punjaub; the Rev. H. E. Bayly, P.M.; the Rev. C. M. Moore, D'Antier de la Rochebriant, Middleton, J. Bubb, P.M. 82, Prov. G.S.D.; and others.

At the close of the service, the window committee (Bros. Gwinnett, Brook-Smith, Sole, Godfrey, J. Bubb, Bryant, and G. Norman), with Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the Rev. H. Kynaston, and Kite, walked to the Communion rails, and there, in the name of the Committee and subscribers, Bro. Gwinnett, as the oldest G.W. of the province, formally presented the window to Bro. the Rev. J. Seaver, as representing the rector of the parish (Canon Bell). He did so in a brief address, and the gift was as briefly acknowledged. The curate in charge (Bro. Seaver), and both churchwardens (Bros. Sole and Kite) of St. Mary's, are Masons.

JESUITS AND FREEMASONS.

The animosity which the Jesuits express on all occasions against the Freemasons cannot be of very long standing, and we are not certain that it dates further back than the reign of Pius the Ninth. At the end of the last century, shortly before the outbreak of the French Revolution, the two "secret societies," now so adverse, were supposed to be on particularly good terms, and they were popularly credited with plotting together all over Protestant Europe for the restoration of the Roman Catholic religion. Bishop Hurd, in one of his letters to Bishop Butler, has referred to this widespread opinion, though he himself put no faith in it. The Rosicrucians, who were then the subject of so much mystery and curiosity, were doubtless confounded with the Freemasons. The Madrid correspondent of the *Deutscher Merkur* describes a movement in the precisely opposite direction which is now being prosecuted in Spain. He sends extracts from the circular of a new "Confraternity of the Holy Trinity" which has been founded by the Spanish Jesuits for the express purpose of opposing the

influence of Freemasonry, "which, as every one knows," says the compiler, "is the very worst of all the enemies of the Church in this present evil age." "The Holy Church," he goes on to observe, "cannot oppose evil with evil, but after the precept and example of her Divine Lord, must oppose evil with good." Hence priests of the new anti-Masonic fraternity will be charged to sing masses expressly for the conversion of Freemasons, while the faithful laity belonging to the society will offer special prayers for them. Good Catholics who have Masonic kinsfolk are urged to join. The movement is under the patronage of the Bishop of Daulia, and the Pope has expressed his approbation of the rules of the confraternity, and hopes that it may widely extend its benevolent and pious operations.—*The Globe*.

FRENCH MASONRY.

The "Monde Maconique" for May tells us that the Parisian lodges are in full activity, and as their system of Masonic life is so different from ours, it seems well for us to attempt to realize how they should spend their time in lodge assembled.

Accordingly we find that the following lodges are discussing the following subjects:—

1. Alsace-Lorraine, "The Morality of the Jesuits;"
2. Les Amis Bienfaisants, "Masonic Matter;"
3. Les Amis de l'Humanite, "Concord in the Family by Instruction;"
4. Les Amis de la Patrie, "Religion in the Theatre;"
5. Les Amis Philanthropes, "Masonic Subjects;"
6. L'Avenir, "Dogma and Free Thought;"
7. Bienfaisance Progres, "Masonic Matters;"
8. Les Bienfaiteurs Reunis, "The Mysteries of the Confessional;"
9. La Clemente Amitie, "Separation of Church and State;"
10. La Democratie Maconique, "Luther and the Reformation;"
11. Les Disciples du Progres, mainly Masonic matters, but also "Military Service;"
12. Droit et Justice, "The Clerical Party, and Masonic matters;"
13. L'Emancipation, "Morality in the 19th Century;"
14. L'Enseignement Mutual, "A Lesson of Grammar, on Science, on History, on the Art of Music, on the Plastic Art;"
15. La France Maconique, "Popular Philosophy, the Origin and Character of God;"
16. Fraternite des Peuples, "Superstition and Free Thought;"
17. Les Freres Unis, "A Question of Health, on Exchanges, on Pauperism, on the Socialists, the Means of Spreading Useful and Practical Knowledge among the People;"
18. Le Globe, "Secular and Religious Education;"
19. L'Homme Libre, "The Utility and Influence of Ceremonial in the Acts of Life;"
20. Isis Montyon, "Instruction and its Importance on Contemporary Democracy;"
21. La Renaissance, "Divorce;"
22. Le Travail, "Free Exchanges;"
23. Union et Bienfaisance, "The Treatment of the Sick;"
24. Union et Perseverance, "Evolution and the Theories of Lamarck, Darwin, &c.;"
25. Le Zeles Philanthropes, "The Church and the Concordat."

In England we shall happily feel we confine ourselves to Masonic charity, and Masonic business. With such a system as this, it is not too much to say, Freemasonry in England could not endure twenty-four hours.

ST. ALBAN'S RESTORATION FUND.

A meeting of the Committee for the restoration of St. Alban's took place at Freemason's Hall, on Monday last. As there was a small meeting, after a long discussion, it was resolved to adjourn the consideration of the business to a larger meeting, specially convened for June, the 21st, at 4.30 p.m., at the same place, as will be seen by the advertisement in another column.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE

(No. 753).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. There were present Bros. J. Taylor, W.M.; T. Parker, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; J. D. Caulcher, Treas.; H. A. Stacey, Sec.; H. Slyman, S.D.; R. Pelling, I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. R. T. Hill, J. Pigot, F. G. Baker, Dr. W. D. Slyman, J. F. Wuest, J. Austen, and J. D. Caulcher; Bros. A. J. Keeler, E. Duffin, J. H. Beale, J. Windle, J. Carter, Donald W. King, P.M.; F. Gordon, and J. Evans. Visitors: C. W. Kent, P.M. 879, and J. Hutchinson.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and Bros. Beale and Windle were passed. The election of officers then took place, when Bro. T. Parker, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. J. D. Caulcher, re-elected Treas.; Bros. J. Carter, A. J. Keeler, and E. Duffin, Auditors; and J. Beckett, re-elected Tyler. A jewel was voted to the W.M. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, and Bros. D. W. King, Evans, Baker, and others sang some good songs.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge

(No. 874).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th ult. Bro. W. H. Hodgkin, W.M., presided. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The minutes having been read, confirmed, and signed, Bros. F. Manser, A. T. F. Simpson, F. Argyle, and E. W. Winton, being candidates for passing, were interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and they were duly passed to the Degree of F.C. On Bro. Burton, S.W., rising to propose that a sun light be placed in the room instead of the gaselier, it was agreed to postpone the motion till October.

No further business being before the lodge it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, which was held in the Pump Room, under the presidency of the P.G. Master, Lord Holmesdale, assisted by his P.G. officers, and was attended by most of the members of the lodges of Kent. The P.G.M. gave notice that the Provincial Grand Lodge will meet at Margate on the 23rd of June. Several propositions were made and put to the brethren, which, being unanimously approved of, were carried.

It is with pleasure that we noticed that the P.G.M. announced "That P.G. Lodge would subscribe to Bro.

Warne's 'Freemason's Manual,' which is a most useful work, and worthy of every brother's notice who belongs to a lodge in the province.

The P.G. Master and brethren adjourned to the Great Hall to banquet, which was laid out by Mr. Pescod in his usual excellent style.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).

—The usual monthly meeting of this highly-esteemed lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, May 13th, 1880. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Taylor, W.M.; Ishmael Davies, I.P.M.; J. O. Evans, S.W.; Frank Griffin, J.W.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Chap.; R. Barlow, Sec.; A. Ehrenbach, S.D.; J. R. Fairweather, J.D.; F. T. Brow, I.G.; and J. Sly, Tyler; J. R. Peel, P.M.; Ellis Jones, P.M.; P.G. Treas.; Edward Williams, P.M.; Thomas Elliott, P.M.; T. R. Williams, P.M.; D. R. Rough, William Hadden, N. T. Singer, Alexander Murray, Samuel Naphtali, Evan Roberts, Delamere Forrest, G. H. Hewardine, James Maclean, and Edward Staveley. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Smith, P.M. 44; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, 1345, P.P.G. Treas.; T. J. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G. Treas.; William Clark, P.M. 152; Charles James Rix, 317; J. Irlam, 1161; James T. Milnes; William Hoyland, P.M. 1083; Samuel Taylor, 1387; Benjamin Taylor, P.P.G. Treas.; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at six o'clock with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A candidate was next balloted for, unanimously elected, and initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Delamere Forrest, having given proofs of his proficiency, retired, and was afterwards raised to the Third Degree by Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., who assumed the W.M.'s chair *pro tem.*, and performed the ceremony in a quiet, unostentatious, and very satisfactory manner, though labouring under rather severe indisposition, which necessitated this highly-respected brother quitting the lodge immediately after the ceremony. The W.M. resumed his duties and lowered the lodge by virtue to the First Degree, when a notice of motion was given by Bro. Thomas Elliott, P.M., for the next meeting, that the lodge meetings be adjourned during the months of July, August, and September; and "Hearty good wishes" being expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.40.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the supper table, where a substantial repast was provided for them. "The Health of the newly-elected P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M.," was proposed in glowing terms by the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, who, in the course of his remarks, observed that it was a great pleasure to stand up that evening face to face with a man so highly esteemed as Bro. Jones, and to tell him what he thought of him. Bro. Bradshaw here dilated upon the long Masonic service that Bro. Jones had passed, his quiet, unobtrusive manner, his extreme willingness to serve a brother at all times, and his genial and kindly disposition. Bro. Bradshaw also dwelt upon the great honour that had befallen Bro. Jones in being elected Prov. Grand Treasurer of the province, a far greater honour, in his (Bro. Bradshaw's) opinion, than any other appointment of Provincial Grand Lodge, as it was a unanimous choice of brethren, not only in his particular lodge or neighbouring lodges, but throughout the province, and showed the mark of esteem in which the brother is held by his brethren. Bro. Bradshaw concluded by heartily congratulating the St. David's Lodge on their possessing amongst their members one so highly esteemed as Bro. Jones, and asked all present to drink his health in a bumper. Bro. Jones, in reply, said he felt with his new honour very much like an actor who made his first appearance on the stage, and expressed his sincere thanks to all those brethren and friends who had spent both time and money in assisting his candidature. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close at eleven o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).

—The regular monthly meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 20th ult. There were present Bros. Robt. Leeson, W.M.; Thos. Sammons, I.P.M.; John Houlden, P.M., P.G.S.; — McCarthy, P.M., M.C.; W. C. Erwin, S.W.; Dr. B. Price, J.W.; R. H. Evans, P.M., P.P.D., Treas.; J. Pilling, Sec.; W. Jewitt, J.D.; M. Callaghan, I.G.; T. Pierpoint, Org.; E. Watson, Tyler; J. J. Smith, Arch. Gillillan, R. L. Stockton, W. S. Oversley, W. Clarke, J. Bartley, T. Roberts, T. J. Sharp, W. J. Henderson, J. Tatlock, H. B. Bradford, and others. Visitors: Bros. Isaac Leese, W.M. 1086; J. K. Bottomley, I.P.M. 1675; H. Hindle, P.M. 1086; Dr. H. Pitts, S.W. 1620; L. Bagnall, 1620; Jno. Little, 1505; Rev. R. T. Leslie, S.W. 1713; W. Wilkinson, J.D. 1086; J. Messenger, 249; T. H. Walker, J.D. 1675; W. E. Coxen, Treas. 1675; J. B. Evans, 292; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and, after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when the popular S.W. was declared unanimously elected. Bro. Evans, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Upon the motion of Bro. Sammons, it was resolved that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds towards a Past Master's jewel for Bro. Leeson. After several sums had been voted to charity, and a gentleman proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A most enjoyable evening was spent; Bros. Gillillan, Roberts, Little, Hindle, and others contributing to the enjoyment of the evening by singing a choice selection of songs.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).

—The regular meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held on Monday evening, the 10th ult., at the Alexandra Hotel, when the following officers, brethren, and visitors were present: Bros. Rowe, W.M.; Wilson, I.P.M.; McKellen, S.W.; D. Johnson, J.W.; Burslem, Sec.; McGrath, J.D.; Hill, Tyler; Jones, P.M.; F. Dickinson, P.M.; Ainscow, Pugh, Geo. Johnson, Roberts, Halliwell, Brindle, Frith, R. Dickinson, Edwards, Dransfield, Willis, Long and Atkinson. Visiting brethren: Bros. Ranes, 645;

Darbyshire, P.M. 581; McIlwrick, W.M. 350; Forrest, W.M. 1633; Dumville, P.M. 1021.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at six o'clock prompt by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and unanimously confirmed. The time question being asked by the W.M., and duly answered by the J.W., the brethren adjourned from business to refreshment, and sat down to a good repast ably served by the management of the house in the usual and satisfactory manner. Tea over, the brethren were summoned again to business, and a candidate having been duly balloted for, and approved of, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. H. Jones, P.M., in a very efficient manner. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and a brother advanced by Bro. Watson, P.M., assisted by a visiting P.M., who explained the working tools in this Degree at full length, much to the gratification of the brethren, and the delight of the newly-passed brother. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and "Hearty good wishes" being expressed by the visiting brethren, and communications being read by the Honorary Secretary, a notice of motion was disposed of by the brethren resolving to adjourn the lodge for the usual period, and to hold their annual picnic on the regular lodge day in July, the W.M. and his officers being appointed a committee to arrange and determine the spot, &c. Two propositions were made, and particulars and fees received by the Honorary Secretary. The lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 8.50 p.m. The visiting brethren were invited to accompany the W.M., officers, and brethren to the festive board. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, a thorough musical treat was enjoyed by the brethren, Bro. W. Dumville, P.M. 1021, singing several of his very excellent songs in his usual very excellent manner. Bro. F. Dickinson, P.M., gave a reading from one of the poets, and in doing so displayed a very great amount of ability in elocution. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was very enthusiastically proposed by Bro. McKellen, S.W., and responded to by all the visiting brethren in turn, all expressing the delight they had had in visiting this very homely lodge, and expressing a hope that it might have a prosperous and happy future.

TONBRIDGE.—The Tonbridge Lodge (No. 1678).

—The installation meeting of this young lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Public Hall. The brethren present on the occasion were very numerous, and among the visitors were several well-known members of the Craft. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Pattison, presided, having Bro. W. Stephens, P.G.D.C. Middx., P.M., in the S.W. chair, and Bro. W. H. Cronk, W.M. 1414, in that of the J.W. Of the other brethren present were Bros. H. D. M. Williams, I.P.M. 874; T. E. Collard, W.M. 1704; A. Moon, P.M. 862; J. R. Foord, P.M. 1503; John Read, P.M. 874; J. Burton, S.W. 874; J. F. Bates, Sec. 874; R. F. Pigott, P.M. 11; Charles Graham, S.D. 1540; G. Farrer, 874; A. Boorman, Org. 874; and G. Glanville, 1637. After the opening of the lodge, the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the disposal of some other business, the W.M. elect, Bro. B. S. Wilmot, P.M., P.G.R. Kent, was presented to Bro. Pattison, who formally installed him into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was very impressively rendered by the retiring W.M. The W.M. received the usual congratulations, and was duly saluted by the brethren, when he invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Pattison, I.P.M.; F. Monckton, S.W.; J. Charlton, J.W. and Treas.; W. Barnett, Sec.; J. Abrey, S.D.; J. Court, J.D.; H. Bishop, I.G.; W. B. Bacon, P.M., D.C.; Rev. W. H. Money Penny, Chaplain; W. B. Pattison, Steward; Allison, Tyler. Bro. Hodgkin, P.M., gave notice that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Pattison as a slight recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. G. Langridge, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent, proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Pattison for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the installation ceremony, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, which was carried unanimously. The brethren afterwards closed down and adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel to banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. T. Pawley, and, after the cloth was cleared, the usual toasts were given and honoured. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. B. S. Wilmot," was cordially drunk and eloquently responded to. The hospitality of the lodge was spoken to by Bro. W. Stephens, P.M., P.G.D.C. Middx., Bro. Collard, W.M. 1704, and W. H. Cronk, W.M. Knowle Lodge. The gathering was a most happy and successful one, and will be long remembered by all who had the opportunity and pleasure of being present.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).

—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at which there was an attendance of upwards eighty brethren. The lodge was duly opened, according to circular, at two o'clock prompt by Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, W.M., who was supported by the full complement of Past Masters and officers, viz.: Bros. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.; W. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.J.D.; W. W. Sandbrook, S.W.; John Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; Fred Wilkinson, Sec.; Frank Emery, S.D.; J. Pye, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; R. Burgess, Hon. Org.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Hon. Assistant Org.; H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. W. Addis, J. Bayliss, J. Ballard, R. Brown, P.M., Hon. Sec. W.L.M.E.I.; R. W. Barnes, J. W. R. Brown, P. F. Buck, John M. Boyd, C. Burby, E. Cotton, W. Hildyard, W. Heap, J. Keet, P. Lowndes, S. Mattison, J. Penny, H. Round, J. L. Shrapnell, D. Saunders, R. Geldard, J. J. Monk, and others. The long list of visitors included Bros. G. Peck, P.M. 241; G. Fowler, P.M. 155; Fred Albert, Henri Clark, H. D. Burton, Gregory, W.M. 667; A. Bucknall, 667; Bales, and others.

Messrs. John Hall, J. Tudor Rogers, Julian Cross, and George Hemming were unanimously elected, and Messrs. Hall and Rogers being in attendance, were duly initiated; Bro. Richard Geldard being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. It was announced that the sum of £52 8s. had been realised from the recent "dramatic" performance at the Royal Amphitheatre, and it was resolved to send fifty guineas to the festival of the Boys' School in London, supplemented by ten guineas from the funds of the lodge, and another ten guineas from Bro. Bell, P.M., who undertook

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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF MANCHESTER, Right
Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

BRO. BUTLER WILKINS, Esq., Worshipful Deputy Pro-
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The Banquet will take place at the Peacock Hotel at
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P.M.—Thanks.

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Reports of Lodge Meetings:—No. 163; No. 350; No.
590; No. 1073; No. 1130; and Mark Lodge, No. 54.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, Nor-
thampton and Derbyshire.

English Masonry in Tunis; Freemasonry in Spain.

Bro. POYNTER in our next.

CORRESPONDENCE:—

Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson's complaint.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Young England," "Broad Arrow," "The Masonic
Review," "The Hull Packet," "Sunday Times," "The
Union Jack," "Time," "The Mid-Weekly Hampshire
Independent," "The Egyptian Gazette," "The Masonic
Age," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Canadian Crafts-
man," "Annual Report of the Nebraska State Board of
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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1880.

THE proceedings of the last Quarterly Communi-
cation of Grand Lodge were very interesting,
though a portion of them was greatly to be de-
plored, as a waste of time, as disrespectful to
Grand Lodge, and as most unprecedented defiance
of the Grand Master in the Chair. We are not at
all surprised at the exhibition which has been made,
which is perfectly in keeping with all the previous
proceedings of this most ridiculous and puerile
agitation.

WE beg to call the special attention of our readers
to the report of the proceedings of the last Quarterly
Communication, respecting the Ritual question.

AMONGST those present at United Grand Lodge last
Wednesday was a distinguished American visitor,
in the person of Bro. G. W. LININGER, P.G.M.
of the State of Nebraska. Bro. LININGER is
away from home on a twelvemonth's trip, which
he is devoting to a study of European and Eastern
Masonry. He has already visited Ireland, and
after a further stay of a month or so in England,
leaves for the Continent, and hopes to reach Egypt
at the end of autumn. Joppa is Bro. LININGER's
ultimate goal, and he is taking copious notes of all
he witnesses in Masonry for the information and
instruction of his Masonic friends in the State of
which he is Past Grand Master.

"THE ceremony of laying the foundation stones
of Truro Cathedral was at once impressive and
"complicated. It would seem that on this import-
"ant occasion the young city of Truro was, in
"virtue of the Masonic element of the celebration,
"indulged with a spectacle almost as glowing and
"glittering as the Imperial assemblage held at
"Delhi, and now, thanks to Mr. PRINCEP, acces-
"sible in gorgeous colour to the world of London.
"Churchmen who are strangers to the mysteries of
"the Craft, and whom even the presence of the
"Prince of WALES would not reconcile to the pro-
"minence of a secret society in connection with an
"ecclesiastical work, must derive what comfort
"they can from the assurance of the Prince
"that the secrets of Masons, though concealed
"from the world at large, are honourable, and
"not opposed to the laws either of God or man."
Thus speaks our respected contemporary the
Guardian in its issue of May 26th, and such
words, with their apparently supposed sarcasm,
furnish an amusing illustration of the fears, the
ignorance, and, must we not add, the unreason-
ableness of some portion of the purely clerical
community? To suppose for one moment that
any possible harm could accrue to religion in this
land from a peaceful and loyal Fraternity like that
of Freemasonry is, to our mind, a sad parody on
the intelligence and toleration of the age in which
we live. As regards the merely Church view of
the question which seems to have cropped up, we
admit, as all must do, that something may be said.
But then the Grand Lodge of Freemasons was
deliberately invited, and its Royal Grand Master
at its head, to lay the foundation stones, and as
the principles of the Order are well known, we
do not understand why any doubt, or fear, or
hesitation need to have occurred.

THE following short article, which appeared in
the *Observer* of May 23rd, is based evidently on
entire ignorance and want of appreciation of the
history and true status of our really great and use-
ful Order. We entirely repudiate the "view" of
the Fraternity the writer seeks to bring forward,
and must decline, once for all, to be placed on the
category of any "benefit orders," however re-
spectable or useful. But where "ignorance
"is bliss 'twere folly to be wise:"—
"The spectacle of the laying of the foundation
"stone of the new cathedral at Truro must have
"been a very pretty sight. Freemasons are always
"pleasant company, and their regalia, especially
"when the officers of Grand Lodge are present,
"are of a very gorgeous character. At the same
"time, it may be questioned whether, if due re-
"gard be had to the solemnity of the occasion,
"Freemasons, as such, ought to take public part
"in such a ceremony. Theoretically the Grand
"Master of England is the representative of HIRAM
"Abiff, who was the architect of Solomon's temple,
"and it was in this character that the Prince of
"WALES tried the stone which he the other day
"laid with plumb, and level, and square, and
"smote it three times with a maul, and went
"through other mystic ceremonies. As a matter
"of fact, however, the Freemasons are a secret
"society, the purposes of which are entirely phi-
"lanthropic and convivial. The Craft is, at the
"outside, 200 years old. No traditions connected
"with Masonry, as such, are any part of its cult,
"and were it not for the wealth of the Craft and
"the social position of its members, there would
"be no more ground for allowing Freemasons,
"as such, to take part in the building of a cath-
"edral than to accord a privilege to Odd Fellows,
"or Foresters, or Ancient Druids, or Antediluvian
"Buffaloes."

THE *Guardian* in its account of the proceedings
alludes to the ceremony in these words: "Leaving
"it to others to describe the entrance of their
"Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of
"CORNWALL and their sons, the inevitable presen-
"tation of addresses, and the reading of replies,
"and all the necessary but somewhat wearisome
"formalities of a Royal visit, we proceed at once
"to the actual ceremony of the day. This was,

"as it should be, of a thoroughly religious cha-
"racter, without a single jarring chord. A fear
"had been felt in some quarters lest the 'Masonic
"honours' with which the stone was to be laid by
"the Prince, as 'Grand Master of the Ancient
"Free and Accepted Masons of England,' might
"introduce an inharmonious and unchristian ele-
"ment. This apprehension proved entirely
"groundless. Without feeling bound to approve
"of every word of the Masonic formularies, espe-
"cially of the rather too frequent recurrence of
"the phrase, 'the Great Architect of the Universe,'
"or the good taste of some of the dresses and de-
"corations of the Masons themselves, there was
"much in the ceremonial which was beautifully
"symbolical, while the successive rites were ac-
"companied with prayers and aspirations which
"found an echo in every Christian heart. When
"we say that the newly-appointed Dean of York
"acted as Grand Chaplain, it will be seen that
"there was the fullest security as to the perfectly
"religious character of the ceremonial adopted."
And here we leave the matter. It may, however,
be a question whether with such recurring evi-
dences of difficulty in such matters it may not
be more prudent in the future to discourage
similar proposals. The entire Craft in one body
rallies round its Grand Master, and unites in
thanking him for the devoted and dignified man-
ner in which he has so kindly upheld the prestige
of his own high rank and the prestige and position
of the Grand Lodge of England.

As we perceive that the circular of the Boys'
School Office is still being assiduously forwarded to
metropolitan and provincial brethren of all ranks,
we think it right to repeat to-day, in justice to the
Freemason, that if "the portion of the Masonic
press, &c.," alluded to in that peculiar production
really refers to the *Freemason*, as seems to be gene-
rally understood and openly given out, any such
statement is alike un-Masonic, unjust, and untrue,
in every sense and particular. From the *Free-
mason* the Boys' School, and its Executive, and its
Secretary, especially personally, have received un-
wavering courtesy and generous support. There
is, therefore, not the slightest ground for any such
announcement, and it could only have proceeded
from some motive alike mysterious, if not perfectly
puerile. It is, moreover, greatly to be feared that
such assertions, boldly hazarded among the Craft,
and under the colour and protection of a quasi-
official circular, to which on many other grounds
just exception might be taken, constitute proof of
a deliberate attempt by a few individuals, in fact
a "clique," to interfere with the current of inde-
pendent criticism, to injure a legitimate literary
position acquired by honesty and industry, to
subserve other petty interests, by a surreptitious
and unprecedented attack on those who by word
and act have, nevertheless, evinced the greatest
concern in, and friendship to, the approaching Festi-
val of the Boys' School. Indeed, such very sin-
gular proceedings are calculated gravely to deterio-
rate the whole tone of contemporary Masonic
journalism, and to subserve the bitter animus of an
unreasoning personality. The *Freemason* can afford,
as we have often before taken upon us to observe,
to laugh at all such ebullitions and such ill-
mannered antagonism, and intends to pursue its
own independent course, regardless of praise or
blame, open attack or covert insinuation; but it
thinks it right to say this much in its own defence,
and in its own behalf, for fear its silence might
by any who do not know the true facts of the case
be "discounted" to its disadvantage.

THE recent triumph of the House Committee is
alike emphatic and well deserved. There never
was, in our humble opinion, a more senseless or
unjustifiable proposal than, for any reason or no
reason, to propose twelve names in opposition to
the House Committee. Of course, now that this
great moral victory has been won, and this crush-
ing defeat encountered, it is easy enough to say
"we did not oppose the House Committee." Such
a statement is unworthy of a Mason to make, be-
cause it is untrue, and because the reverse has

been openly avowed and deliberately entertained. It is quite possible, we admit, that all the brethren who were nominated did not accept their nomination in distinct opposition to the House Committee. Some we know disclaim openly any such intention, and we fully believe them. But we beg to ask once again, why were letters written and circulars issued if it was not to carry out the unconcealed animus of some, and the antagonism of others, to the House Committee? No, the "least said the soonest mended," we venture to think, and we hope that we have, for some time at least, put a stop to a course of proceeding by a little "cabal," which was a parody on loud Masonic protestations, and an outrage on all Masonic sympathy and precept. It seems that our word "cat's paw" has annoyed some very worthy brethren. We are very sorry for it. We did not intend to use it in any offensive sense personally, but simply to point out that they were rendering themselves unconsciously the means to gratify the spleen, perversity, and impudence of others, of inflicting pain on some excellent men and good Masons. We hope that with this explanation, some good friends of ours will be satisfied, as they know us well enough now to feel assured that we are always sympathetic and never personal. But a very bad state of things has been existing amongst us for some time, a sort of Masonic "gangrene," which seemed spreading out wider and wider, and we felt it to be our duty to speak out clearly, and honestly, and freely, as we hope we shall always be enabled to do.

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THE question of infusing new blood into a Committee by periodical election of fresh members is a very important one, and one which fairly may be considered without heat or prejudice. Such a rule exists in many institutions or clubs; but we are not sure that it works well. As a general rule, the only effect of it is that when a man has thoroughly mastered his work he is removed, and a fresh hand, who has all to learn, takes his place. At the same time, many we know think quite differently, and it is quite competent for any one to raise the question, and we feel quite sure that it will be carefully, fully, and dispassionately considered.

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THE more we think of the last voting, the more complete and "thorough" appears the victory. And certainly no House Committee ever more fully deserved the support and confidence of the subscribers. Under its favouring auspices the Girls' School has arrived at a very remarkable position of efficiency and prestige, and we are glad to think that the good sense and steadiness to principle of the subscribers have saved it from an untoward scene of personal antagonism. It will now go on its useful career and its beneficent aims, in all harmony, energy, and peace. We should all wish well to it, and strive to help it to the utmost of our power in its efforts to uphold and develop a right useful and goodly Institution.

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WE understand that there was a good deal of "cross voting" last week, which added greatly to the work of the Scrutineers. Some of our worthy brethren do not yet seem to understand the meaning and power of their own vote. We probably have read the good story where some worthy civilian voter, in the Surrey election, objecting to a "lawyer," put a "cross agen his name." It almost seems as if some of our excellent friends, in their hurry, forgot that they had twelve and nine to vote for respectively, and gave more or less votes. Such is an "on dit," but, like all "on dits," need not be true. We think that the Scrutineers deserve the best thanks of all who witnessed their courtesy and kindness to all, and were personally sensible of the zeal and assiduity they displayed in making up that large return of votes.

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WE understand that the Permanent Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has before

it the appointment of a Collector. There are three candidates for the office—Bros. Webbe, Recknell and Worrell.

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WE beg to call attention to the "Masonic Magazine" for June, with its admirably executed illustration, and the famous Bro. Belzoni's notes on a most curious Egyptian wall painting.

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WE beg to call attention to the short report of the proceedings of the St. Alban's Restoration Committee in another column.

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.]

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a letter in your columns, signed "A Past Grand Officer."

When an event which has awakened much interest and involved no little care and trouble has passed off well; when thankfulness and hope are uppermost in the minds of those who have laboured to work out the plan; when the Grand Master, on the part of the Craft, and the Bishop, on the part of the Clergy and of the people for whom the Cathedral is to be erected, have joined in prayer that brotherly love may be the outcome of that day's work, it seems hard to have to repudiate the language of a brother Mason whose object appears to be to neutralise that prayer, and to set brethren and clergy at variance both with each other and among themselves.

Nothing can be more contrary to my inclination than to enter into a discussion in the Press, but "A Past Grand Officer's" observations ought not to pass unnoticed, and, perhaps, no one but myself can answer them.

The writer tells you some things which he has no doubt heard, but which he cannot know, and about which he is mistaken.

He seems to have heard that "when the request was preferred to" the Prince of Wales, "there was no idea whatever in the minds of the committee concerning Masonic rites." So far from this being the fact; so far from its being true that H.R.H. "made it a sine qua non" that either one, or both, of the stones should be laid Masonically, and that "this decision fell like a bombshell upon the committee and the bishop," it was not until I had been authorised by an unanimous vote of the committee, and also by an equally unanimous vote of a meeting of leading clergy (both under the presidency of the bishop), that I asked His Royal Highness to perform the ceremony with Masonic rites.

There being two stones was a subsequent suggestion of my own, adapted simply with a view to enable a larger number of spectators to witness the ceremony than could be concentrated in the space available round the north-east corner stone.

The fact did, I believe, give rise to an idea that on stone was to be laid Masonically by the G.M., and the non-Masonically by the Princess of Wales, or some person, but no such suggestion was at any time made other Prince, nor was I asked to make it.

It was, therefore, quite untrue that H.R.H. never had occasion to express an opinion upon the subject, and the idea of any kind of controversy in the matter exists solely in the brain of the writer, and is to me utterly unaccountable.

He then says that the Prov. G.M. and his officers "took it for granted that they would be supreme" in all the arrangements. In reply to this, I can only say that the statement is absolutely groundless; that every single item of the arrangements was most carefully considered and determined by the highest Masonic authorities; that Sir Albert Woods, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, went into every detail respecting the procession and ritual, with a plan of the enclosures before him; that, as far as I and my officers were concerned, our sole desire was to carry out his directions to the letter; and that the parts taken by bishops and clergy had been agreed upon, and thoroughly understood, weeks before.

The clergy occupied the exact ground then assigned to them; no attempt was made, or desire manifested, to alter the programme in any way; and, although individuals may, of course, have expressed opinions of which I have heard nothing, the general expression of satisfaction in the proceedings on the part of the clergy has been most marked.

I can appeal with confidence to the highest responsible authorities, Masonic and clerical, to confirm my statements against those of the anonymous writer, who is evidently ignorant of the facts and also influenced by a strong personal animus.

Personally he has to complain of three things—1. Having had to pay five shillings for admission; 2. Not having been invited to the luncheon; and, 3. Not having received hospitality from Truro brethren.

The charge of five shillings was made to cover the cost of the enclosure. It was cheerfully acquiesced in by the brethren in Cornwall, and paid by all brethren alike, except the actual Grand Officers, who came down to take their posts as such in Grand Lodge, to whom tickets had been previously sent.

I advocated it for the credit of the Craft, because I thought it might cause invidious remarks if a thousand Freemasons were to claim gratuitous admission when others had to pay, especially if many who were willing to pay were thus excluded for want of room, which (although not the case) was at one time anticipated, and I confess I hardly thought that Past Grand Officers, not actually on duty (if I may use the expression) would like a distinction made in this respect between them and any other members of Grand Lodge. If I was wrong I regret it. I only thought what I should feel myself.

I now come to the luncheon, and here I am conscious

that there is much to regret. If your correspondent has seen my letter to Sir Michael Costa he knows my feelings on that subject.

I can only explain the circumstances, and ask others who were similarly aggrieved to accept my apology, as far as the responsibility rests with me, and I have no wish to shirk that responsibility.

The luncheon was a public one, supplied by a contractor, the seats being all numbered. All that the Luncheon Committee (which was not a Masonic one) could do was to reserve a certain number of tickets for those who might be entitled to special places. Beyond these (which were much fewer than I had expected) the only distinction recognised in allotting the tickets was the order in which they were bought. The guests at neighbouring houses would naturally sit with the friends who had invited them. There was great difficulty in allotting the reserved seats, and it must be remembered that there were civil, military, ecclesiastical, and municipal, as well as Masonic dignitaries to be considered.

Not living in the neighbourhood I could offer no personal hospitality, and I know that the hospitality of the neighbourhood was strained to the utmost, and every house filled, but I endeavoured to meet the requirements of all actual Grand Officers, who were not otherwise provided for, by engaging rooms at an hotel and securing reserved places at the luncheon for as many as I believed would require them, and I was very sorry to find that the number had been under-estimated.

As regards Past Grand Officers I had no means whatever of ascertaining the probable number for whom luncheon tickets might be required. I quite feel, however, that had I not been somewhat overtaken I might, by greater foresight, have done far better than I did.

A simple notice as to how tickets were to be obtained beforehand might have prevented disappointment, but the arrangements for the luncheon were incomplete when the Masonic circular was issued.

The feeling that the leading officers of the Craft should have come so far and returned with a sense of having received scant courtesy is one which will always be most painful to me, and, although I emphatically deny the accuracy, and deprecate the temper of your correspondent's observations on the ceremonial, and feel sure that the brethren named in his note (with perhaps one exception) will agree with me, I can thank him for having given me an opportunity of thus expressing my regret, which, if I knew his name, I would do personally to himself, and, at the same time, repay him the five shillings, if he wishes it.

I am, Sir, yours obediently and fraternally.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE,

Prov. G.M. of Cornwall.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read your excellent report of the great meeting on the 20th inst., in last week's *Freemason*, with extreme pleasure, but regret to find you have made me an Egyptian and a member of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 331, Truro, whereas I wore on the 20th the clothing and jewels I wear in my own Grand Lodge of Scotland, being that of a Provincial Grand Master. I also wore the jewels of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (S.C.); and Canongate and Leith, No. 5 (S.C.). Of course I wore my Irish Past Master's (No. 620, I.C.), and the Centenary jewel of the Fortitude, No. 131 (E.C.), of which I have the honour of being a member, as well as being an honorary member of the Love and Honour Lodge 75, Falmouth, and I attended as a member of Lodges No. 75 and 131—not of 331—but I must add that I spent a most pleasant evening with that hospitable lodge on the 12th. Having arrived at the Red Lion Hotel, Truro, on the 17th inst., I soon became aware of the question as to the laying of the memorial column in the Western-square, alluded to by "A Past Grand Officer," but soon knew that there was not any cause for uneasiness, as on my arrival I had the honour of meeting the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, our valued and justly esteemed Provincial Grand Master, at the Red Lion Hotel, hard at work, and as he stayed at the Red Lion certainly from Monday, the 17th, until after Thursday, the 20th, I had better opportunities of knowing that his exertions never ceased from early morning until late at night, and that he personally superintended everything. I am also aware that he reserved a large room at the Red Lion for the members of Grand Lodge, and had it so marked on the door. He also had thirteen bed rooms reserved for Grand Officers, from Tuesday, the 18th, until Friday, the 21st, and what more could his lordship do to make the Grand Officers comfortable?

Of these thirteen rooms, only five Grand Officers came to occupy them, and instead of arriving early on the 18th, as his lordship expected, they arrived on the afternoon of the 19th, although his lordship was awaiting them all the 18th.

From the place I was honoured in being given (quite close to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master), not only in the Provincial Grand Lodge but also in the procession, no brother had, or could have had, a better opportunity of seeing and remarking the great and invariable courtesy shown, not only by his lordship, but by every Provincial Grand Officer. In fact, nothing could exceed it, as they "one and all" left nothing undone to honour and compliment every visitor. I must, therefore, totally disagree with our brother, "A Past Grand Officer," as to any brother being "treated by them with little else than scant courtesy."

The exertions of our esteemed Bro. Fenn were untiring, and only equalled by his courtesy and unswerving determination to carry out the programme as printed. His management of the very difficult movement of marching the brethren up Lemon-street in reversed order, and then down again, juniors first, and into their places in the enclosure, and again the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers back from the eastern to the western enclosure, was, to say the least of it, admirable.

As to the charge of 5s. for admission tickets, it was most fully explained by his lordship to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and was required by the cathedral authorities to pay for the seats around the eastern enclosure. His lordship as the Provincial Grand Master had no option in the matter, and, in my opinion, the cathedral authorities made a great mistake in making this charge, as the eastern enclosure was not half filled, and if the cathedral authorities had given free admission, and relied on the assembled brethren to join in a voluntary collection, the amount realised would have been five times the amount the tickets produced, and not have looked so like black mailing.

As to the treatment by the Mayor and Corporation of the

Present and Past Grand Officers I know nothing, save that the floral decorations were grand.

Our R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D., and Mrs. Hughan most kindly invited Mrs. Neilson and myself to lunch with them, and to meet as many brethren as Bro. Hughan could get to come to him.

Bro. "A Past Grand Officer's" letter would imply that our Truro brethren did not show the hospitality they should have done. I am aware several of them kept an open house and a welcome for all, and certainly our Bro. and Mrs. Hughan did so, and he invited every brother he came across, and both of them not only gave a most fraternal reception, but had an ample luncheon prepared for fifty or sixty, and many of us enjoyed not only their hospitality but some hours of their most agreeable society.

Having attended in Scotland many stone layings, including that of the General Post Office of Glasgow, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, where over eight thousand good brethren took part in the procession, I cannot conclude without most heartily congratulating, not only our valued and most highly esteemed R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Provincial Grand Master, but also our Provincial Grand Officers and brethren on this most successful and great meeting, and bearing my humble testimony as to what I saw of his lordship's untiring exertions to make everything succeed, also as to his universal courtesy and attention to every brother, and to every one he came across.

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Lower Leeson-street, Dublin,
31st May.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Inasmuch as I have never entertained any hostile feeling towards the members of the House Committee, I shall be obliged by your publishing the subjoined letter, as I find, to my regret, that some of my friends have misinterpreted my motives in allowing myself to be put in nomination as a candidate at the recent election, and I am desirous to remove any erroneous impression.

Yours fraternally,

R. R. DAVIS,

109, Clapham-road, S.W., P.M. 256.
31st May.

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22nd May, 1880.

To EDWARD COX, Esq.,

Chancery Lane.

Dear Sir and Brother,

R. M. I. GIRLS.

I think it my duty to tell you candidly that I allowed myself to be put in nomination as a candidate for a seat on the House Committee under an entire misapprehension of what was intended to be done.

I understood that, from resignations, there would be two or three vacancies to be filled; and feeling a great interest in the welfare of the Institution, and having, moreover, had several years' experience on the Committee of another (non-Masonic) charity, I was willing to compete (as I supposed) for one of the vacancies now arising.

With this view—and with this view only—I have addressed a circular to such of the Governors as know me personally; but, in so doing, I have simply asked their support to myself, as I had not the most remote idea that it was in contemplation to endeavour to oust the existing House Committee "en masse."

I can scarcely believe that so undesirable an end will be attained. For myself, I should regard it as an unmitigated calamity for the Institution—because, while fully believing that an occasional infusion of new blood may be beneficial to any Committee, I cannot imagine that an entirely new Committee, however zealous the members may be, can, in the very nature of things, be competent to replace those who, from their experience in the management of the Institution, have become acquainted with all the details.

Knowing several members of the existing Committee, and their devotion to what appears to me the best interests of the Institution, I cannot but regret that I should have appeared to have endorsed a policy of which I cannot approve.

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

R. R. DAVIS.

VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note from time to time letters respecting visiting which jar much on the minds of those who wish to practise as well as profess brotherly love, relief, truth, and the universality of Masonry. Of course much abuse may follow the wisest and best of sublunary efforts, but we should be careful to err rather in laxity than stringency in acts of hospitality.

I lately visited a lodge founded by professionals. I found I had to pay five shillings to attend their refreshments, and they had also the honour of contributing largely of all to our Masonic Charities, because all the brethren assist their funds and performances. This seems not fair, as we allow at our lodge all to come free. If professionals be Masons I will pay to see them on the histrionic platform, but I cannot think it right to assess their talents when in lodge and at the festive board.

I am, yours respectfully and fraternally,

CONSISTENCY.

ADMISSION INTO ENGLISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Bro. Poynter, it is true that the disjunctive "or" applies to the requirement that a visitor should be "personally known, recommended, or well vouched for," but the *Book of Constitutions* goes on to say "after due examination by one of the present brethren." Now bearing in mind that no brother is entitled to be examined without producing his certificate, I maintain my previous proposition that a visitor must first produce his certificate, then undergo satisfactorily an examination, and afterwards find some one to recommend him before he can claim admission into a lodge.

Yours fraternally,
31st May.

P.G. SEC.

Reviews.

ROSICRUCIANISM. By Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, York.

This is an inaugural address, delivered at the first meeting of the York College, by our well-known and able brother, and is very good reading. For some reason or other much interest is just now excited in the history and solidity of the "Brethren of the Rosy Cross," and all such essays are helps to students, which deserve both noting and commemoration. The history of the Rosicrucians is itself a "Crux," their connection with later bodies is still greater one for the honest enquirer to-day. There is an immense amount of Hermetic and Rosicrucian literature in the world, which requires to be looked at dispassionately and critically. It is quite clear that with the "Rose Croix" of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as far as we see at present, the old Rosy Cross Fraternity had nothing to do. Neither is it as yet clear that any continuation of the old Hermetic body anywhere exists, unless it be somehow absorbed in some other Hermetic Grades. The Rosicrucian College is of course a modern resuscitation, not based, we apprehend, on any real Rosicrucian formulae, nor lineally nor actually the descendants even of Ashmole's Astrological and Hermetic Association. We may say at starting that we historically accept the fact of the existence of an Hermetic Fraternity. The earliest book relative to the Rosy Cross Fraternity appears to be published at Venice in 1612-13-14, as the "Allegemeine und General Reformation," &c., and "Beneben des Fama Fraternitatis," &c., was published first at Cassel in 1614, as Kloss declares, and this is only a translation by Besold, he assures us, from Rugguaglio de Parnasso, Venice, 1613, by Trojano Boccalini. The actual "Fama Fraternitatis," about which so much has been written, appears to have been published at Cassel, Germany, by Wessel, 1615, and is said to have been really written by a Hamburger citizen named Yung, and not by Andraa. A curious work which we have seen, called "Secretioris Philosophiæ Consideratio," &c., "Cum Confessione Fraternitatis, R.C.," by Philipp A. Gabella, appeared at Cassel in 1615, and at Frankfurt in 1617. There is said to be another edition of it. There is a Dutch translation of the "Fama Fraternitatis" in 1615, so probably the real date of the original work is somewhere about 1614. Two poetical pieces addressed to the Rose Croix Fraternity appear also in 1615. This shows us the early appearance of Rose Croix literature, and perhaps we have not yet realized the earliest, as we might find traces of it in some of the much earlier "are Hermetic works. Robert Fludd's "Apologia" appeared in 1615, and the "Chemische Hochzeit of Christian Rosenkreuz, by Valentin Andraa, or Andrae, was published in 1616. This appears to be his first work, though not his last by many. There is a "Confessio et Litteræ," published in 1615, "Appendix Necessaria, &c.," also published in 1615, "Veræ Sapientie Filiis, &c.," and "Mysterium Arithmetico Sive Cabalisticum, &c.," as well as an "Assertio, &c.," all published in 1615. We need not here allude to numerous works like "Fama Remissa" in 1616, "Tractatus Theologicus Philosophicus," "Elucidarius Major," or any of Michael Maier's works which are known to Hermetic students. Indeed Rosicrucian literature is in numbers and matter an alarming reality. The writer of this has a very curious attack on the Fraternity called "Rosæ Crucis Frater," of date 1619. But though all this be so, where are we to look for the continuation, if any, of this old Hermeticism is the problem we have to solve. We thank Bro. Whytehead for an interesting and well-written paper, and trust that some of our "Notes" may be useful to him and others.

GREEKS AND GOTHS: A STUDY ON THE RUNES.

By Rev. ISAAC TAYLOR, MACMILLAN, and Co.

This is one of the most interesting books which we have read for some time. Like the writer's other works, "Word and Places," and "Etruscan Researches," it deserves perusal and thought. We are ourselves quite inclined to accept Bro. Taylor's ingeniously worked out theory, which, however, it is impossible to do justice to in a cursory and fragmentary review like this must reasonably be, and which only professes to point out such works, not analyze them. But it is a wonderful fact which the writer seems to us so clearly to establish, that the "Runes" so long looked on as magical signs, and what not, are the Gothic development of the old Greek, or rather Thracian trading alphabet. See a further review of this most interesting book in the "Masonic Magazine" for July.

THE MASONIC MUSE. By F. JULIAN CROGER.

Spencer and Co., 23A, Great Queen-street.

This is a well-printed book, which will be useful, we doubt not, to those good friends of ours who take part in "recitations" and "musical deliverances." We are glad to be permitted to call the attention of our readers to an original work of merit and music combined.

MAGAZINES.

"Temple Bar" continues "Adam and Eve" and the "Rebel of the Family," and has two interesting papers on Wm. Cowper and Victor Hugo, and some touching lines, we fear, "Ower True," to boot, from Annie Thomas, (Mrs. Cundlip).

"All the Year Round" flourishes with "The Duke's Children," and though we do not profess to like "Set in a Silver Sea," it has, we know, many admirers. We are sorry to see "All the Year Round" touching that ticklish "Land Question" and the "Law of Primogeniture," as an excited orator once said.

"The Antiquary" is a very interesting number, and is, we hope, now an established reality amongst us.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs, and Kidneys.—A large number of internal maladies arise from obstructions over the removal of which these celebrated PILLS exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for almost all chronic affections—its liver complaint, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering, and if neglected lay the foundation of innumerable diseases. Holloway's PILLS are especially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action places them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous irritations, gout, and rheumatism these PILLS have raised for themselves a universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour. —[ADVT.]

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to act as Steward on the occasion. The brethren afterwards proceeded to "refreshment," and during the evening a very choice programme was given by Bros. Busfield, Burton, D. Saunders, Fred Albert, Henri Clark, Brammall, Geldard, and Fairclough. "The Health of Bro. Courtenay, I.P.M.," was the subject of a special toast, in recognition of the fact that he had on the previous day celebrated the tenth anniversary of his arrival in Liverpool, and cordial wishes were expressed for his future success, health, and happiness. A motion is on foot to raise the sum voted by the lodge to the Boys' School to the sum of 100 guineas—no mean contribution for a lodge which has only been a few years in existence, and has already voted a large sum of money for Masonic purposes, besides having established a Benevolent Fund on its own account, in connection with which there is now a substantial amount laid by for the "rainy day" which may overtake any member.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—

The usual monthly meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. William Gick. There were present Bros. E. Johnson I.P.M.; Dr. T. Serjeant, P.M.; M.C.; H. Finleyson, S.W.; J. Grierson, J.W.; R. E. Mitton, Treasurer; C. Bargerey, Secretary; Thos. Hay, S.D.; W. G. West, J.D.; A. Child, Organist; H. Marshall, I.G.; J. D. Reader, S.; Watson, Tyler; H. Formby, Jos. Croxton, J. Davidson, R. Jude, W. Maccinder, J. H. Wilcox, W. Phillips, W. Wilson, E. Wilson, J. S. Bramley, James Rillie, J. H. Williams, W. Warhurst, C. Hansill, Fred. Marshall, A. N. Hamilton, R. T. Brittan, Robert Forbes, G. M. Arden, J. H. Giles, G. H. Shearer, and others.

Visitors: Bros. J. C. Patterson, W.M. 1473; R. A. Hughes, S.W. 1473; Capt. F. Large, 1182; Thomas Hatton, 203; Joseph Queen, 667; Webster Williams, 1609; W. H. Quale, 1325; J. A. Muir, 823; Thomas Watkins, 249; W. Brassey, S.D., 823; E. Callarall, S.D. 203; J. H. Hamsell, 203; T. Atherton, 203; John Melness, 1356; Robt. Stockton, 1393; H. Jones, 1356; S. Broadbridge, 241; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249.

After the lodge had been opened in due form and solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Phillip Orme and E. H. Norton, and in each case they were declared duly elected, and being in attendance were duly initiated into the privileges and mysteries of Freemasonry. Bros. Wilson and Davidson being desirous of going forward were examined in this Degree, and, being found proficient, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened on the square, when the above-named brethren were readmitted and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, the work in each Degree being performed by the W.M. and his officers in a very creditable manner. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when a brother was proposed as a joining member and a gentleman for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served by Bro. Casey, who as usual gave great satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M.," "The Newly-Initiated," and "The P.M.'s" followed. Bros. Capt. Large, Robinson, and Patterson (W.M. 1473), responded on behalf of "The Visitors." The last-named brother spoke highly of the good working and hospitality of the lodge. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The harmony of the meeting was greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. Webster Williams, J. Queen, T. Hatton, W. H. Quayle, J. D. Reader, and A. Child. The last named presided at the pianoforte.

TWICKENHAM.—Royal Hanover Lodge

(No. 1777).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Albany Hotel. There were present Bros. Henry Lovegrove, W.M.; Geo. Clark, jun., S.W.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D.; F. J. Perks, J.D.; W. Heelis, D.C.; W. S. Dunkley, I.G.; T. G. W. Wood, W.S.; Harrison, acting Tyler; H. A. Dubois, P.M., P.J.G.W. (Prov. G. Scribe E. Arch), I.P.M.; M. S. Lardham, P.M. 1216, 1539; Holliday, Elliott, Johnston, Johnson, and St. Leger. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Wellard, J.W. 1310; Weust, P.M. 753; Fox, 857; and W. R. Phillips, P.M. 975.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for two joining members, Bros. A. G. White and F. H. Parker, also for a candidate for initiation. Mr. H. G. Green was introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M. was then informed that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, was in the ante-room, and directions were given for a proper reception of the distinguished visitor, who was accorded a hearty welcome, and duly saluted in ancient form. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bros. Johnson and St. Leger to the Second Degree, and afterwards raised Bro. Elliott. The proceedings, which lasted nearly three hours, were then brought to a close, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Twenty-three members and visitors having discussed the good things provided by Bro. Bayliss, the usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M.," expressed the pleasure felt by himself and all the members of the lodge at his kindness in attending on that occasion. The R.W.P.G.M. thanked the brethren for their hearty welcome, and expressed his satisfaction at the careful and impressive way in which the W.M. had performed his duties, and the efficient working of the officers. Bro. H. A. Dubois, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in responding, urged upon the brethren the duty of supporting the Charities, and announced that he would represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. J. A. Elliott, a member of the lodge, who had that evening taken the Third Degree, handed to the W.M. an original acrostic on the name of the lodge—

Royal in name, and second unto none,
Our lodge unites us all beneath the sun;
Ye brothers of the light, the mystic tie
A round us casts the rays of charity,
Love, honour, concord, and fraternity.

H ere in stately Twickenham we dwell,
A nd work the ritual of our Order well;
N one seeketh entrance to our social band
O n whom bright honour hath not laid her hand.
V irtue's our guiding star, and e'er shall be,
E ndowing each true Mason with liberty,
R endering to him thus the birthright of the free.
L ovegrove, our Master, reigns in ample state
O 'er all of us, and merits our esteem;
D eeds, not words, upon his footsteps wait,
G iving to Masonry its brightest gleam,
E arnestness, and charity—those lights supreme.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to an end. Those brethren who had the good fortune to be present will remember as a red-letter day the visit of the Prov. G.M., who is so highly esteemed in Middlesex and, indeed, throughout the Masonic world.

MANCHESTER.—Worsley Lodge (No. 1814).—The monthly meeting of this young lodge was held at the Court House, on Tuesday, the 18th ult. There were present Bros. R. Williams, acting W.M., for the Right Hon. Earl of Ellesmere; Rev. J. Carter, S.W.; W. Bowden, J.W.; Rev. W. Whittle, S.D.; Dr. W. Martin, J.D.; Samuelson, Tyler; J. Wallwork, G. A. Batley, and Thos. Wilson. Visitor: R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*), acting I.G.

Great disappointment was felt at the absence of the noble W.M., who was expected to have been present, but who, however, did not put in an appearance. The lodge was opened at 6.30 with solemn prayer, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Wallwork was interrogated to show his proficiency as a candidate for the Second Degree, and the satisfactory and unhesitating manner in which he answered the queries was very commendable, and not often heard, unfortunately. Bro. Wallwork was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., after which Bro. Thos. Wilson, who was ready to take his Third Degree, having answered the usual questions, was forthwith raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M. also performing this ceremony, presenting the working tools, and giving the traditional history. The work was done very fairly indeed for so young a lodge, and the J.D., Bro. Dr. Martin, gives promise of becoming a valuable acquisition to the lodge. The lodge was afterwards duly lowered, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed. A gentleman was proposed as a candidate, to be balloted for at the next meeting, and likewise a brother as a joining member. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at nine o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., Bro. Dr. Henry, M.W., P.P.S.G.W., in the chair, assisted by the following officers: Bro. E. Tyson, S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Gibson; Bros. W. White, J.W.; James Winter, M.O.; E. W. Henley, S.O.; J. W. Miles, J.O.; J. S. Wilson, S.D.; G. Dalrymple, Sec. and Reg.; James Cooper, Org.; George Sparrow, I.G.; George Fitzgerald, Tyler; and John Rothery. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Bewlay, M.M. 119. Being unanimous, and that brother being in attendance, he was duly advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason. Bro. Henry afterwards suggested, and Bro. Tyson supported, that two guineas be sent to Bro. Lamony's Stewards' list. Bros. Henley and Cooper were presented with their Grand Lodge certificates, and the following brethren were also presented with their Provincial Grand Lodge certificates: G. Dalrymple, P.S.G.D.; Ed. Tyson, P.J.G.D.; and J. W. Miles, P.G. Steward. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed in good harmony at 9.30.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND (Acting by Immemorial Constitution).—The May meeting of the above conclave was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday last. There were present Sir Knights T. Kingston, M.P.S.; Colonel Peters, Eusebius; Massa, J.; J. G. Cubitt, P.S.; Moss, P.S.; Dubois, P.S.; Brette, P.S.; Holden, P.S.; Kenning, P.S.; Levander, Thellay, McCartney, M.P.; Capt. Hunter, Hughes, M.P.; Shirley, Stedwell, Dewar, Hubbard, and others.

The minutes of the last conclave were read and confirmed. Sir Knight William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Past Sovereign, No. 1, Scotland, was elected a joining member. Sir Knt. Col. Peters was enthroned M.P.S. for the ensuing year; Sir Knights McCartney, M.P., Eusebius; Massa, S.G.; Thellay, J.G.; Cubitt, Treasurer; and Levander, Recorder. Sir Knights Moss, Kenning, Dubois, Butt, Holden, and J. Kingston were presented with P.S.'s jewels.

The Sir Knights then adjourned to dinner, presided over by Sir Knight George Kenning, P.S. The usual toasts were duly given and responded to.

France.

GRANDE LOGE SYMBOLIQUE ECOSSAISE.

It will be remembered that last year a serious conflict arose between the Grand Lodge of France and some brethren, members of La Justice Lodge, with whom were several other brethren belonging to various lodges in Paris and elsewhere, the result of such conflict being, that in May of last year Grand Lodge suspended for two years several brethren, and crased La Justice Lodge.

The brethren suspended then withdrew their allegiance to Grand Lodge, and, with the other brethren referred to, who had made common cause with them, determined to create another Grand Lodge in Paris. In February, of this year, the necessary permission was obtained from the Minister of the Interior, and on the 26th of March the inauguration of their temple took place, the new Grand Lodge taking the title of "Grande Loge Symbolique Ecossaise."

The temple is situated in the Rue Richer, is square in form, and although not large, is yet amply so for ordinary lodge meetings (all Paris lodges under the new dispensation will meet here); it is conveniently arranged with respect to the ante-rooms, &c. Around the walls are written the Republican names of the months, and a bust of the Republic is placed over the chair of the Venerable. Unfortunately, the ventilation of the hall is far from what is required; on one occasion when we were present the heat was so oppressive, that business was suspended for five minutes in order to allow the brethren to get a breath of fresh air, and to ventilate the building by opening all doors. To return to the inauguration. The chair of the Venerable was occupied by Bro. Goumain-Cornille, supported by Bros. Blois and Friquet—these three brothers from the "Executive commission." A very telling speech was made by Bro. Goumain-Cornille, explaining the reasons which had led to the formation of the new Grand Lodge, which was followed by the reading (by Bro. Mesureur, who occupied the chair of "Orator") of the various letters received from different lodges recognising the new Order; among them was one from the Grand Lodge of Roumania, the reading of which caused enthusiastic applause. There were also letters from Spain, and various lodges under the Grand Orient. After this Bro. Goumain-Cornille, in moving words spoke of the death of the late Grand Master Cremieux, inviting the brethren present to honour his memory in the accustomed manner, which was done with impressive effect. Then Bro. Blois communicated the work which had been done by the Commission. And in conclusion Bro. Friquet explained the condition and peculiar features of the new dispensation. Thanks were given to the members of the Commission for their efforts, which have been so successful, and the meeting was closed in the same perfect harmony which had marked the proceedings throughout.

LE HEROS DE L'HUMANITE LOGE (No. 7, formerly 147).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the new temple, Rue Richer. There were present Bros. Rochette, W.M.; Pierrotet and Eug. Charlot, Wardens; Thuillier, Orator; P. E. Regnard, Secretary; and a goodly gathering of brethren. There were several visitors present, among them Bro. G. Collas Dickey (Royal Savoy, 1744, England). Lodge having been duly opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., in a few appropriate words, presented the Secretary with a jewel on behalf of the lodge. The initiation of Messrs. Pérouien and Taillandier was then proceeded with, and the candidates were submitted to a most searching interrogation, after which they were unanimously received. The question of the usual festival then came on, and, after some discussion, it was resolved that the other Paris lodges under the Grand Lodge Symbolique Ecossaise be communicated with and invited to amalgamate, so that this, being the first festival held under the new dispensation, may resolve itself into a monster fête. A committee was formed to carry out this resolution. It being now rather late, the dispatch of other business which was set down for this meeting was ordered to stand over until the next lodge night, and the lodge was closed in the usual simple manner.

Obituary.

DR. WALTER E. FARNFIELD.

We much regret to record the death of Dr. Walter Edmund Farnfield, the fifth son of the late Bro. William Farnfield, P.A.G. Secretary, which took place at his residence, Brixton, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., in his thirty-four year. Having passed through the ordinary curriculum of medical studies at Guy's Hospital and elsewhere, Dr. Farnfield, in 1869, entered upon his professional career at Brixton, where, by unremitting attention to his duties, he soon established an extensive and lucrative practice; and, for several years, held the appointment, with others, of visiting medical officer to the British Home for Incurables, Clapham Rise. Failing health, however, compelled him to relinquish practice, and to resign his appointments in the autumn of last year; when, acting under the advice of eminent physicians, he took a voyage to Australia; but finding no benefit on his arrival in the colony, he decided to return without delay, and only reached his home six days before his death. Although not a Mason, Dr. Farnfield (in common with all his family), was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Apart from his professional qualifications, he was possessed of versatile attainments, and was a musician of no mean order; while his even temper and geniality of disposition had endeared him to a large circle of friends, who, together with his wife and young family, survive to mourn his early death. His remains were interred on Monday, the 31st ult., at Tooting Cemetery, in a grave in close proximity to that of his late father.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE MARK DEGREE.

I think Bro. Whythead may find some information relating to the Mark Degree, if he can obtain it, from the Newstead Lodge, No. 47, Nottingham, which has a T.I. Mark lodge attached to it. The Craft lodge, I believe, still keeps up the last century custom of the W.M. wearing his hat when in the chair.

T. F.

LODGE AT GRANTHAM.

In answer to the Prov. G. Sec. of Lincolnshire, Bro. F. D. Marsden, I have to report that several of the numbers given by him are incorrect, and so I have copied from the Registers, or Calendars, the whole for his information. He will do well to carefully note all the country lodges warranted from 1724 as given in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants" and the "Atholl Lodges," so as to make a register of those chartered in Lincolnshire. I have done as much for Cornwall, Devon, and Kent, and other Masonic students have done a similar work for a few provinces else. It is the only plan to make quite sure as to the matter, and I feel certain that it would repay Bro. Marsden's labour. The Doric Lodge, Grantham, warranted in 1791 was then 582; in 1792 (1793 Calendar) it was altered to 491; it was struck off the roll in 1798. Another lodge by the same name was granted in 1820 as 719; in 1832 it

was altered to 466; in 1863 it was moved up to 362, at which it still remains. All the lodges in existence at the "Union" of Dec., 1813, will be found in my "Masonic Register of Lodges," with their numbers before them, under "Moderns" or "Ancients," and as altered in 1814, 1832, and 1863.

W. J. HUGHAN.

NOTES ON OUR OLD RITUAL.

In the interesting notes lately published in the *Freemason*, the Editor does not mention the following publication. It is known to readers of N. and Q. ? "A Series of Designs, from Authentic Documents, seriously exhibiting the Ceremonies hitherto so mysteriously concealed at the Initiation of a Freemason. Published February 9th, 1809, by Thomas Palsen, Westminster Bridge-road, London." From part I., which is in my possession, I am inclined to think it is taken from the "Ancient" ritual, and, from the wording of the letterpress which accompanies the two designs, leaves little doubt that our present First Degree ritual was at 1813 elaborated from the "Ancients" more than the "Moderns."

T. F.

Amusements.

CONCERT AT THE MANSION HOUSE.—A concert was given on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th ult., by the pupils of that admirable Institution—the National Training School for Music—with the kind permission of the Lord Mayor, and under the superintendence of the City deputation in relation to that establishment. His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, were among the fashionable audience, also many civic celebrities. The programme opened by a mottet, for female voices only, "Surrexit Pastor" (Mendelssohn), beautifully sung by the young lady students; Misses Wardroper, Atkins, Turner, and Gibson were the soloists. We might mention among the singers Miss Bessie Cox, who sang with great power and expression an "aria" of Gounod's; Miss Grace Maile, who delighted her hearers with a song, "Spinning" (F. H. Cowen); Miss Eleanor Farnol also rendered an "aria" (Gounod) with a delicious and expressive vocalisation. Among the instrumentalists was Miss Eugénie Bénard, a very young pianist, and a scholar to the Society of Arts, who played the "Andante and Finale" piano concerto in G of Mendelssohn's, and delighted the public by her elegant, powerful, and expressive style of performing on the pianoforte. This young lady, who reckons hardly fifteen years, is a pupil of Herr Pauer, and performed in a most masterly manner. Knowing that it was her first public performance, an extraordinary interest was excited to hear the young pianist. Her talent and efforts were rewarded by enthusiastic plaudits. M. Eugène D'Albert, also a young pianist of great promise, shared the honours, and received a hearty applause in his performance of two brilliant solos. Mr. H. Balfour, Misses Marie and Adelaide Thomas, as well as all the students, performed with talent, and were accordingly welcomed. A quartett for violins was excellently performed by Misses Riley and Ward and Messrs. Parfitt and Crook. Mr. Parfitt also gave a solo violin—a fantasia on Hungarian airs—with great style. Messrs. Griffin and Blower sang admirably well. The whole performance was a great success, and reflected high credit on the professors and Dr. Arthur Sullivan, the Principal to the National Training School for Music. The musical *matinée* concluded by the National Anthem, sung by the young scholars.

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

The Society of Painters in Water Colours has elected as members Messrs. H. Wallis, H. Moore, S. Read, and Oswald Brierley.

Sir Richard Wallace's collection of pictures and curiosities in Paris is to be opened to the public once a week.

The Council of the Society of Arts have awarded the Fothergill gold medal, offered for the best means of protecting ships from loss by fire or by sinking, to Mr. Donald Currie, M.P., for the improvements he has introduced into his passenger steamers, having for their object the prevention of loss of life at sea from fire or accident, and exemplified in the ship *Grantly Castle*, of the Castle Line of packets. They further recommend that a Society of Art's silver medal be awarded to Mr. J. W. Wood for his leak-stopper. In answer to the invitation offering the prize, 32 applications were sent in. These were considered by a committee, which has reported on them and recommended the above awards.

The Paris Salon has been visited this year by an unusually large number of persons, the receipts during the first eleven days amounting to £3500, against £2640 during the same period last year. Two new rooms have now been opened to contain those pictures which could not find accommodation in the usual space, and also the works of such artists as objected to their position in the other rooms. The Salon will be closed as usual during the first four days of June for the juries to decide on the rewards, and for rearrangement of the pictures.

Prague papers announce that a manuscript translation of the "Nebelungenlied" into the Czech language has been discovered in the library of the cathedral of that city. The manuscript belongs to the 14th century.

The recently established Hull Literary Club, of which Mr. William Andrews is the indefatigable secretary, is a great success. Every author and journalist of repute residing in the Third Port has joined the club, and some good work has already been done. Several of the leading *litterateurs* of the land have had their names enrolled as honorary members.

A Wordsworth Club is in process of formation; having for its object the investigation of the text and chronology of the poems of the sweet singer of English lake-land, and of the localities with which they are associated. The promoters of the new club propose to organise an annual exploring party, in which the various scenes Wordsworth has painted so well will be visited. The yearly subscription to the club is limited to half-a-crown.

Old Matured Wine and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[Advrt.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

ERRATA.—By a most unaccountable blunder in our report of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, last week, the well-known name of Bro. E. J. Barron, Secretary, reads B. Gibus Barron. We are sincerely sorry for the error. Gibus was meant to be the pseudonym of the writer.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the jurors of the Sydney International Exhibition have awarded Messrs. Feltham & Co., (Bro. Altman) of the City Steam Works, Little Britain, the gold medal for their exhibit of cricketing, tennis, and archery goods.

Sir William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., has been elected a member of the Original Premier Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Bro. J. Mowlem Burt, P.M. 18, was re-elected W.M. of the De Moulham Lodge, Swanage, Dorset (No. 1146), on Saturday, the 29th ult., in consequence of the Senior Warden (Bro. Capt. T. Davies Sewell, P.M. 21, P.G.S.), his son-in-law, not desiring to serve that office.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction at Bro. Kent's, the Moorgate Station Restaurant, opposite the Metropolitan Railway Station, on Thursday next, at eight o'clock punctually, by Bro. Alfred Withers, I.P.M. of the mother lodge. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

At a numerous attended meeting of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, held at the King's Head Hotel, Wood Green, Bro. W. S. Daniel, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place on Saturday, the 20th inst.

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held at Maidenhead on Monday, June the 14th.

The Committee of the London Masonic Club have arranged for an afternoon concert, which is to take place in the reading room of the club on Monday next. Amongst those who have kindly consented to appear are Miss Agnes Ross, Miss St. Quinten, Bros. Edward Collins, Albert James, Arthur Thompson, A. Hubbard, John McLean, Newcombe, E. J. Odell, Walter Pelham, H. P. Matthews, and T. Turquand.

On Wednesday last H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught opened the wards of the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney-road.

The Grand Mark Benevolent Festival will take place on Wednesday, the 7th of July, at the Crystal Palace, Bro. Col. Burdett in the chair.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1582, at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 8th ult., at 6.30. Brethren are invited to attend.

Mr. Philip Protheroe Smith, Mayor of Truro, has received the offer of the honour of Knighthood at the request of, and as an expression of, the Prince of Wales's pleasure at his reception in Truro.

The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, and China, have received advice from their Penang branch to place £1,000 to the credit of the Duchess of Marlborough's Irish Relief Fund.

Mr. George Honey, the actor, died on Friday at his residence, Camden-road-villas, at the age of 57. The funeral took place on Tuesday at the Highgate Cemetery.

The *Corriere Mercantile*, of Genoa, writes:—"Accounts from the Riviera announce that the harvest of orange blossoms is exceptionally abundant. At Nice a large quantity has already been distilled. Roses realise 50 centimes a kilo. If the fine weather which we have now continues buyers will not know where to store their merchandise."

Lord Carnarvon presided on Monday at the annual meeting of the London Library, St. James's-square. He congratulated the members on the acquisition of the freehold of the property, and on an increase in the business of the library.

That peculiarly American and extraordinary Masonic gathering called a Pilgrimage, is at this season exercising the minds of our brethren across the water. The St. Mary Commandery, No. 36, K.T., of Philadelphia, has organised a Triennial Grand Encampment in August next. The Chicago Pilgrimage Itinerary include visits to Pittsburgh, and will last a week. The Itinerary of the Canadian Pilgrimage covers Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, Montreal, Saratoga, Albany, and returns to Philadelphia at the end of nine days. Our well-known and worthy Bro. Charles E. Meyer of Philadelphia, is the Chairman of the organisation, and, it is needless to add, the life and soul of the movement.

The Earl of Glasgow has consented to take the chair at the dinner to be held at Willis's Rooms in aid of the funds of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards for the festival of 1880 of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday last in the board room at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Rucker, P.G.D., presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the arrangements for the day of the festival were read and approved; the report of the Musical Committee was read, which, on the proposition of Bro. Kenning, the name of Miss Hopekirk was added to the list of performers for the festival; and the special Stewards were appointed. It was then proposed that the next meeting should be held on Monday, the 21st June, at five o'clock. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 11, 1880.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.

Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

" 1625, Tradeagar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.

Chap. 1615, Baynard, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
British Oak Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.
Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.

" 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Station Restaurant, at 7.30.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st-rd., at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Gen. Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Hot., St. John's Wd.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Up. Nwd.
" 1629, United, F.M.H.
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.

Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W. at 8.45.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles.

Rose Croix 39, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
St. Michael's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 12, 1880.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.

Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

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

" 1250, Gilbert Greenhall, M.H., Warrington.

" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.

Stanley L. of I., 114, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

Prince Arthur L. of I., So. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool. (Installation.)

" 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

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

" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.

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

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.

" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.

" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.T., Liverpool.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.

" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Faith Encampment, Leaders-buildings, Wigan.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 12, 1880.

MONDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 381, Harmony and Industry, Shirey Bank, Darwen.

" 1009, Shakespeare, M.H., Manchester.

" 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hot., Blackley.

" 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hot., Clayton-le-Moors.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Chap. 163, Integrity, M.H., Manchester.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.

" 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.

" 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.

" 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.

" 852, Zetland, 41, Peel-crescent, Salford.

" 854, Albert, Duke of York, Shaw, Oldham.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

Lodge 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.

" 1055, Derby, M.R., Bedford-st., Manchester.

" 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-under-Lyne.

" 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.

" 1147, St. David, M.H., Manchester.

" 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.

Chap. 286, Strength, Green Man Hot., Bacup.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 64, Fortitude, Queen's Hot., Manchester.

" 815, Blair, Hulme Town Hall, Hulme.

K.T. Precep., Faith, 20, King-st., Wigan.