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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The eighty-second anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Thursday evening at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire. On this occasion, as in previous years, ladies sat down with the brethren. Among the brethren who supported the Chairman on the dais were Bros. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Rev. Dr. Morris; Dr. Wharton P. Hood, W. M. Lovejoy, F. Davison, William Hall, Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; G. Plucknell, Treasurer; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney; F. Binckes, Secretary; W. Paas, J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Toller, Cockcroft, F. R. W. Hedges, James Terry, H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Corke, C.C.; William Clarke, A.G.P.; George Kenning, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Neville Green, Dr. F. H. Wilson Hes, Edgar Bowyer, W. Roebuck, H. Alpass, and others. Altogether about 500 sat down. The Stewards of the day were:

### LONDON.

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
Grand Stewards, Bro. F. Binckes .....	100	3	0
1 Bro. J. W. Fuller .....	15	15	0
2 " C. R. Rivington .....	48	6	0
3 " W. C. Clark .....	30	19	0
4 " R. G. Hall .....	15	15	0
5 " J. H. Hale .....	34	13	0
6 " Lord Cremorne .....	21	0	0
7 " J. Martram .....	21	10	6
8 " W. Wellsman .....	16	16	0
9 " J. Forbes .....	100	0	0
10 " Rev. J. Robbins, D.D. ....	32	10	0
11 " F. J. Curler .....	52	10	0
14 " P. C. F. Tatham .....			
15 " James Pinder .....	31	10	0
18 " J. E. Anderson .....	37	16	0
19 " E. B. Grabham .....	52	10	0
21 " W. W. Williams .....	37	16	0
25 " J. Lindner .....	32	11	0
28 " E. J. Stoneham .....	43	1	0
29 " J. H. Bott .....	24	13	0
33 " J. B. Bolton .....	15	4	0
46 " W. Kingsbury .....	49	7	0
49 " A. Williams .....	51	9	0
55 " W. H. Marsten.....	56	3	6
59 " R. Mothersill .....	69	13	6
60 " D. Nicols .....	24	3	0
66 " J. A. Rucker .....	35	14	0
91 " I. C. Strong .....	44	2	0
92 " H. F. Luldjo .....	10	10	0
101 " W. George .....	40	19	0
140 " E. Johnson .....	47	15	6
145 " M. R. Lister .....			
162 " J. Lyon .....	17	6	6
179 " H. C. Green .....	70	17	6
180 " L. B. Pillin .....	36	15	0
185 " W. Bawberger .....	60	0	0
" T. W. C. Bush .....	73	10	0
197 " R. F. Roberts .....	17	17	0
198 " G. Cervell .....	15	15	0
211 " W. Radcliffe .....	112	15	0
222 " J. T. Hutchinson .....	82	19	6
228 " R. Griggs .....	17	6	6
235 " W. Webb .....	15	15	0
256 " M. S. Ogle .....	27	10	6
259 " A. Looker .....	99	10	0
435 " E. J. Jeffs .....	19	19	0
511 " C. Mellbourn .....	52	10	0
554 " J. G. Stevens .....	206	6	6
569 " J. L. T. Crook .....	84	0	0
657 " A. Leigh .....			
704 " W. F. Rogers .....			
715 " E. W. Richardson .....	11	11	0
742 " F. A. Pullen .....	79	16	0
749 " J. Coltart .....	34	13	0
754 " H. V. Clements .....	31	10	6
780 " C. F. May .....			
813 " W. Stead .....	68	15	6
822 " M. Hawkins .....	36	15	0
860 " T. B. Dodson .....			
861 " W. G. Hallows .....	60	18	0
898 " G. Gravely .....	47	5	0
901 " A. Gurger .....	57	16	0
902 " S. J. Bing .....	34	13	0

907 Bro. R. Jennings .....	£	s.	d.
969 " Maj. H. B. Savory .....	44	12	6
975 " J. Gaymer .....	28	11	0
1017 " J. Syers .....	52	10	0
1158 " G. H. Sharman .....	100	0	0
1159 " C. Cheston .....			
1216 " W. C. Hale .....	27	16	6
1260 " A. A. Czarnecki .....	58	11	6
1329 " G. T. Bickerton .....	73	10	0
1351 " John Wigg .....	32	11	0
1383 " Major-Gen. C. W. Randolph .....	138	0	0
1524 " M. H. Brance, Bro. C. W. Smyth .....	55	8	6
1558 " W. Mitchell .....	21	0	0
1589 " E. D. Maddick .....			
1601 " W. C. Lemon .....	42	0	0
1610 " R. Luck .....	64	1	0
1613 " J. Corke .....	55	0	0
1614 " J. E. Collins .....	55	13	0
1615 " Lieut.-Col. S. Burney .....	34	2	6
1623 " T. W. Adams .....	15	15	0
1624 " W. Vincent .....	58	1	0
1657 " George Kenning.....	64	6	0
1668 " B. D. Barnett .....	44	7	0
1671 " J. Bergmann .....	151	14	6
1685 " W. E. Claridge .....	79	15	0
1706 " M. Maybrick .....	85	0	0
1719 " J. W. Sugg .....	116	11	0
1732 " J. T. Briggs .....	48	6	0
1766 " G. T. Barr, and C. F. Barham .....	142	5	6
1767 " C. E. Williams .....	147	0	0
1769 " J. Stanley .....	79	5	6
1772 " C. Holden .....	17	6	6
1804 " J. T. Hunt .....	27	16	6

### UNATTACHED.

Bro. J. B. King.....			
" E. C. Woodward .....	21	0	0
" Edgar Bowyer .....			
" Lord Arthur Hill .....			
" C. Hammerton .....	42	0	0
" R. P. Spice.....			
" G. W. Perry .....	47	5	0
" Abner Terkington .....	64	17	0

### PROVINCIALS.

4 Berks and Bucks .....	105	18	0
11 Cheshire .....	313	12	6
1 Cumberland and Wertinorland .....	63	0	0
2 Derbyshire .....	47	6	6
2 Dorset .....	169	1	0
2 Durham .....	136	10	0
4 Essex .....	89	5	0
5 Gloucester .....	234	3	0
5 Hants and Isle of Wight .....	222	3	0
2 Herts .....	290	0	0
11 Kent .....	563	0	0
22 Lancashire, East Division .....	378	2	0
60 " West .....	2664	18	0
1 Leicester and Rutland .....	194	5	0
2 Lincoln .....	44	12	0
11 Middlesex .....	403	2	0
1 Monmouthshire .....	26	5	0
2 Norfolk .....	207	13	0
1 Northumberland .....	638	17	0
2 Oxfordshire .....	19	19	0
1 Somersetshire .....	106	1	0
1 Staffordshire .....	36	15	0
3 Suffolk .....	99	15	0
5 Surrey .....	123	18	0
1 Sussex .....	84	0	0
4 Warwickshire .....	162	10	0
1 Worcestershire .....			
5 Yorkshire (N. and E. Ridings) .....	52	10	0
28 " (West Riding) .....	450	0	0
5 North Wales and Salop .....	265	17	0
1 South Wales (E. Division) .....	126	5	0
1 South Wales (W. Division) .....	300	0	0
1 Mark Degree .....	91	16	0

During dinner the band of the Institution, which is composed of the boys educated at, and at present in the school, performed a selection of music with great ability. The following is the list of pieces played by the band:—

March, "Guard of Honour," E. Newton; Selection, "Reminiscences of Verdi," arranged by R. Smith; Polka, "Bonne Bouche," E. Waldteufel; Selection, "H.M.S. Pinafore," A. Sullivan; Valse, "Dorinda," R. Smith; Fantasia, "The Azure Lake," E. Mullet; Quadrille, "Invincible," E. Leconte; Valse, "Souvenir," E. Waldteufel; "God Save the Queen."

After dinner the grace "For these and all Thy Mercies" was beautifully sung the boys, and fully merited the encomiums bestowed on the boys' singing on Saturday last. The toasts were then proposed. The lady vocalists who sang during the evening were Miss Helen Hopekirk, and Miss Mary McClean.

The Earl of LATHOM in proposing the health of the Queen, said: Brethren, and ladies, I give you "The Health of the Queen," the Patroness of our Institution, and guardian of our honour.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and was followed by the singing of the "National Anthem."

The Earl of LATHOM in rising to propose the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, said: Brethren, and ladies, I now rise to propose the second toast on the list to you. It is that of "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of our Order." It is hardly necessary for me brethren to dilate upon His Royal Highnesses qualities, they must be only too well known to you all. You all know what an interest he takes in the Craft, and how he is always ready when his other manifold duties permit it, to come forward and support anything that may relate to it.

(Hear, hear.) I need only point to his last Masonic act, namely, going down into Cornwall to lay the foundation stone of a new Cathedral, an act which has not been done by any Masonic body hitherto. H.R.H. has our Craft at heart. (Hear, hear.) I look upon him as one of the truest Masons in the country. Not only is H.R.H. one of us, but we have two of H.R.H.'s brothers among our ranks. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has taken a most deep interest in Masonry ever since he joined us. I myself not many years ago had the honour of installing him into the chair as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will be installed into the chair on Monday as Worshipful Master of a lodge. (Hear, hear.) I think I need say no more, but ask you to drink "The Health of H.R.H. the Grand Master."

The Rev. H. A. PICKARD, P.G.C., then rose and said: My lords, ladies, and brethren, you see one who has had greatness thrust upon him. When I left my warm retreat at Oxford at the beginning of this week to join, as I have frequently, in the pleasure of this Masonic and like Masonic gatherings, I did so with the full conviction that my senior Chaplain, Bro. Martyn, who is so well known to all of you—(applause)—would have been present here this evening, and would have proposed the toast which it is my lot now to ask you to honour. I hold in my hand a telegram just received from that worthy and worshipful brother, who says, "I am very sorry I cannot possibly be with you today. Please accept my hearty good wishes for a most successful festival." (Cheers.) No one can regret Bro. Martyn's absence more than he does who now takes his place; but, at the same time, I am fully aware that the toast which I have to propose to your notice will be drunk by you with equal enthusiasm, although it is given by one who does not know how properly to propose it. ("No, no.") Very few, I am sure, could do justice to the toast of our Chairman, the Earl of Lathom. (Hear, hear.) Let Lancashire testify how well he is beloved by those who know him Masonically—(loud cheers from the West Lancashire brethren)—and let all those who have seen him at our Masonic gatherings in London say that it is possible for anyone to hold the distinguished post of Deputy Grand Master of England better than he does who has consented to be Chairman of our Institution this evening. (Applause.) Brethren, Lord Lathom has already presided at the festivals of the other two Institutions, and has always had a very successful festival, and I trust that when he looks back upon this day in years to come he will remember it as one to be marked with a white stone as one which did not fall very far short of those festivals which he enjoyed so much previously. (Hear, hear.) There is perhaps one reason why I may rejoice that it has fallen to my lot before this distinguished company to propose Lord Lathom's health, and it is because four-and-twenty years ago, when I was Master of the Apollo Lodge I had the honour of initiating Lord Lathom into the mysteries of Freemasonry. (Loud Applause.) Ladies and brethren, I call upon you to drink with all the honours "The Health of the Chairman, Lord Lathom." (Loud cheering.)

The Earl of LATHOM, in responding, said: Ladies and brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kind manner in which you have received the toast proposed by my Masonic father. I can assure you, brethren, it gives me intense pleasure to be able to be present here to day, and to preside at the eighty-second anniversary of this Institution. (Hear, hear.) I shall have more, perhaps, to say about it in a few moments, but all that I will do at present is to thank you most heartily, and tell you that as far as in me lies I will try to carry out thoroughly my Masonic duty, and try to merit your goodwill and esteem.

The Rev. Dr. MORRIS, in proposing the next toast, said: Brethren and ladies, it is said that the best commander is he who is ever ready to obey orders when he receives them. The Chairman has ordered me to propose this toast; I am ready to obey the command. The toast I have to propose is "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. Grand Master; the Vice-Presidents of the Institutions; and the Ex-officio Vice-Presidents of the Institutions; and the Prov. Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers, including Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary." Although the Past Grand Officers have more or less retired from active duty we are not going to forget them, and I am sure you will all receive this toast most heartily. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, in response, said: Brethren, ladies, and gentlemen, as it has fallen to my lot to respond to this toast, I do so most willingly, but at the same time I feel perfectly overwhelmed with gratitude at the way in which you have received this toast. When I reflect upon those illustrious names which are comprehended in this toast, I feel that some more influential brother ought to return thanks for it, but in their absence I beg to offer you the thanks of the officers for the very kind greeting which you have given to their names this evening. I can assure you that the Grand Officers yield to no one in the interest they feel in this Masonic Charity, and they will look most anxiously to-morrow morning at the papers to read the list of subscriptions which are this day announced. (Hear, hear.) I will not detain you, ladies and brethren, further, but simply thank you very much indeed for the very gratifying manner in which you have received the toast, and assure you that they feel very much obliged to you for it.

The Earl of LATHOM then said: Brethren and ladies, if they will allow me I will say sisters—(hear, hear)—I am sure they ought to be called our sisters, showing the interest they do in this Institution—(hear, hear)—I appear before you to give you the toast of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" on its Eighty-second Anniversary. (Applause.) Brethren, it is hardly necessary for me to go into a history of the origin, their se, and the pros-

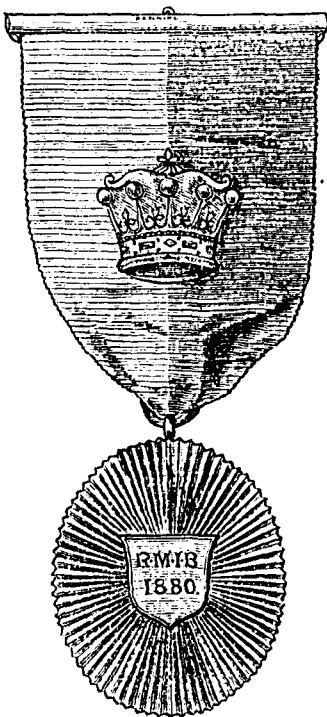
perity of this Institution. You all see in the report that has been handed to you how this Institution started with a very small beginning; how in the year 1798 this Institution began by providing the education and clothing of six boys. Since then it has gradually gone on increasing, till here we find in the report now presented to you that the School at present consists of 215 boys. (Hear, hear.) From that it will be seen that there has been a steady increase in the number of pupils admitted, and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that with the increase in the popularity of Freemasonry throughout the country, so will the prosperity increase of this School—at least, I say it ought to do so. At the same time there is one other little fact in the report before you which I think worthy of notice, and that is that I am happy to see during the past few years there has been a gradual—a gradual but steady decrease in the cost of the tuition and maintenance of the School. (Hear, hear.) Now, the larger the number that come into the School so the more will the cost of each individual boy decrease in proportion. (Hear, hear.) As for the prosperity of the Institution I do not think there can be any doubt about that. It is not on the wane at present, and I trust it will be many years before we see it decline. (Hear, hear.) There is one point I wish to mention, and that is one continually heard about these Institutions—I am talking of the three now—as our Masonic Charities. Now, I object to that word. (Hear, hear.) I say they ought to be our Masonic duties. We as Freemasons are bound to keep up these great Institutions. They have been started on good lines, they have been well and admirably carried on, and it is our duty as Freemasons to keep them up to the mark. (Hear, hear.) It is quite true that within the past few years—I may say that my own province showed a very laudable example in it—there have been many local institutions started, benevolent and educational. No doubt brethren are more inclined to give their money to local institutions than they are to the central one, but, at the same time, I think, brethren, we are rich enough for both. (Applause.) It is very easy to get up our local fund to a very large amount. I will ask any one to look at the return of West Lancashire, and he will say that we have had a very large amount of money at our disposal. At the same time I am happy to say I have only to look around me to see that this Institution is not otherwise than well supported. (Hear, hear.) I say, brethren, we ought all to put our shoulders to the wheel, not only to support modern institutions, but also our mother head quarters, namely, this and the two sister Institutions. There is one point, brethren, which I ought to mention. It is one which our Lancashire brethren will tell me I have been a little tedious upon, and that is, we find in the north of England, certainly, that very large sums are expended in the year in picnics and entertainments of one kind and another. I have no objection to those entertainments, I have no objection to those picnics, balls, or whatever they may be, but I say those entertainments ought not to come out of the lodge funds. (Hear, hear.) I say that those entertainments ought to be kept up for this simple reason, that they interest our sisters in our proceedings. They make us see that we are able to do our duty in the way of charity, and we ought to be convivial and entertain our female relations, but I say it ought to be done by private subscriptions, (hear, hear,) it ought not to come out of the lodge funds. (A voice: They don't.) With these few words I am sure you will take it to heart, and in future we shall see a larger subscription to these Institutions. (Applause.) Brethren, I had the honour and pleasure of going down to Wood Green last Saturday, and giving away the prizes to the boys of this institution. Before I had had no opportunity of seeing or hearing their proficiency in the different parts of their education, and I could only judge from the lists presented to me, but I can only say that I saw before me as healthy a set of boys as I should ever wish to set eyes upon; I saw a number of hearty happy faces all looking forward to their holidays, extremely well pleased to come up and receive their prizes, and to have done their best to amuse the company with their plays and their songs. I gave what prize I could on that occasion. I will not repeat it now except to say that I think the Head Master of the Institution, and his assistants must have thoroughly done their duty. If you turn to one page of the report you will see the result of the Cambridge Examination. I think it is very highly creditable to Dr. Morris and his staff, that he has brought up, I think I am right in saying, the eleven candidates, ten passing, and nine in the honour list. Now, the whole Craft ought to be proud of such a show as that. (Hear, hear, and applause.) There is one other point I wish to say a few words to you upon, and that is a scheme that has been promoted, and that has been brought to a head. I mean the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. (Cheers.) I know, brethren, that there has been great opposition to this fund. I own that when first shown of it I myself was opposed to it, but as time went on, and I saw how our Bro. Dick Radclyffe was working, and I got his assurances that the scheme would be carried out according to certain lines that I then took, and myself laid down to him, I gave it my support, and I say here that I think that this Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, if carried out as I believe it will be upon the lines laid down by the Committee, will be of real use. (Great cheering.) I hear that the object of the fund is simply this, to raise a sum of money (the larger the better) which will enable the Committees of the Boys' and the Girls' School to grant a sum of money to any deserving boy or girl on leaving the school to help them on in their future career. It was at first thought that this was to be a fourth charity. It is not a fourth charity, and it is now to be nothing of the sort. We are to have no Governors of it—no votes—all we want is to have a certain sum of money so as to enable us to assist boys to get on either in college life; to give them an advance in order to get them in the army, or whatever their bent may be; and girls in the same way. This money we propose to put entirely in the hands of the two Committees of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and it will be of them to determine who are persevering and who are not. (Loud applause.) No doubt all of you are aware at the present moment a bazaar is being held in furtherance of the objects of this fund. It has gone already for three days, and there are yet two days more on which it may be held. I can only hope that the receipts of the next two days will exceed the product of the days which have been already held. I do not say it has been quite so successful as we might have desired; but I do say this—that the money

realised up to the present time has completely cleared all expenses entailed, and has left the original fund subscribed untouched. (Applause.) Now, brethren, if we can manage by means of this bazaar and the list of subscriptions to get a sum of £30,000, we should then be in a position to do all that is wanted. It is not a large sum that is wanted, £30, £40, or £50 a year will do all we want. Some people were under the impression that instead of having this Assistance Fund it would be better if a certain number of exhibitions or scholarships were founded. I am afraid that those brethren who suggested the idea had very little notion of what it costs to found a scholarship. For a scholarship of £30 a year you have to invest £1000. A scholarship of £30, as a rule, is held for three years; therefore you want £3000 to provide for that, but that said scholarship is competed for year by year; therefore you must treble that sum. I ask you, brethren, considering all our local Charities, and considering our Masonic Charities here, how can we expect the brethren to subscribe such an enormous sum as would be required for that? I say the thing would be simply unreasonable to ask; therefore the present scheme, and I look upon it as an excellent one, and one that will really do good without entailing upon the brethren very much extra charity. (Hear, hear.) I have spoken out on this subject, because I feel it has been very much misunderstood, and I wished to give you a clear explanation of what it was. I will not weary you any longer. I am happy to find the evening has turned out fine, notwithstanding the wet morning we had, and I therefore hope my brethren and sisters will be able to enjoy themselves very much. In conclusion I beg to give you the toast of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and couple with it the name of Bro. Geo. Plucknett, P.G.D., Vice-President, Treasurer. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. GEO. PLUCKNETT, in responding, said: Ladies and brethren, I have to thank you for the honour you have done me in drinking my health as Vice-President and Treasurer of this Institution. My first duty as Vice-President of this Institution is to thank the Right Hon. Chairman for the part he has taken this evening in taking the chair and so nobly supporting this honourable Institution. Ladies and brethren, I have also, as Treasurer of this Institution, to thank you for being present this evening and providing funds for carrying on this good and honourable Institution. I can assure you that money subscribed by you for that purpose will be most faithfully and economically expended. (Hear, hear.)

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE in proposing the next toast, said: Ladies and brethren, I am quite sure this evening that the feeling uppermost in all our hearts at the present moment is that of intense delight at the magnificent list which has just been read. You will all join with me in offering our thanks to the executive of this honourable Institution, and more especially to our most able and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Binckes. I will now take the opportunity of asking you to recognise the services of those brethren whom I may call the busy bees of our Institution, and to whose able services the prosperity of our Boys' School is so greatly indebted. I, therefore, ask you, brethren, to join with me in drinking to "The Health of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Members, and Committees," and to take the opportunity of thanking them for their continuous and highly meritorious services for the well-being of the Institution. I beg to couple with it the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART responded.



The above represents the favours worn by the Stewards. The Ladies' Stewards were distinguished by a silver medal, with red and white ribbon. The Vice-Presidents wore also a silver gilt, with red and white ribbon; while the House Committee, including the President, Secretaries, and Treasurer were decorated with a silver-gilt medal, suspended by a blue-ribbon.

The Earl of LATHOM said: Ladies, and brethren, There is one toast I cannot refrain from giving to you this evening, and that is "Success to the other Masonic Institutions," the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This Institution has headed the list this year, it has been beaten before, but I am happy to see the healthy rivalry going on between the various Institutions. I will not detain you for one single moment, but give you the toast of "The other Masonic Institutions," and couple with it the name of Bro. Terry.

The toast was received with acclamation.

Bro. TERRY in response, said: My lord, ladies, and brethren, permit me to thank you very heartily, and very sincerely, for the manner in which the toast of success to the other Masonic Institutions has been proposed by the President. Permit me also, as a colleague of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, to congratulate him upon the success of his efforts this evening, resulting in the enormous sum of £14,002. My lord, it is one of the most gratifying things to know that, whenever your lordship has officiated as President of either of our Masonic festivals, the festival has been the one of the year. Ladies and brethren, I thank you very heartily and very sincerely for the manner in which you have received the toast, and although I have had the misfortune this year of standing No. 3 on the list I hope in 1881 that the Benevolent Institution will be No. 1 on the list. (Applause.)

The toasts of "The Board of Stewards" and "The Ladies" were then given and responded to, and the brethren and ladies afterwards proceeded to the palace grounds to view the firework display.

Seventeen Stewards' lists have yet to come in.

## TALK WITH A YOUNG MASON.

BY AN OLD ONE.

You asked me, *What is Freemasonry?* and I will try to answer, as you are a "young Craftsman," and proposed the question with a view to your future progress and acquisitions in the Order.

By the word *Freemasonry*—I do not mean the *work* or *rituals*, as practised in our lodges, for this is a separate undertaking. Not of her language, her arms, her livery, or her ornaments would I ask, but of herself—the active, living, deathless principle which constitutes the soul and vitality of Freemasonry. Before we commence the study of it, it will be important to understand, to some extent at least, the nature and magnitude of the labour we are about to undertake. Before a man starts on a journey to a distant land, he not only endeavours to ascertain, first, the distance he may have to travel to reach his destination, but, in his mind's eye, traces out the way by which he is to go; what mountains he may have to climb, and what kind of a road leads over them; whether there are rivers, lakes, or seas to cross; and if so, whether there are means by which he can pass them in safety, and what those means are. The entire map of his tour is spread out before him, and he knows what he will have to accomplish, what facilities he will have to enable him to reach the end, how long it will probably require, and the amount of labour that will be necessary to overcome the obstacles which he knows lie in his way.

So, in the attempt to study and fully understand Freemasonry we should first ascertain what it is; we should fix its boundaries, define its outlines, understand its forms and propositions, and learn its nature. We should determine whether it consists of the real or the ideal, whether it be theory or practice, or both; whether it is made up of ceremonies, and rites, and forms, or whether, within all these, there be a living principle, something on which the mind may fasten and employ its powers of investigation, and by that investigation, as gems are taken from the rock and rubbish of the earth, bring forth something of real value, by which the moral and intellectual faculties of man may be cultivated and improved, his heart made better, and his life adorned and beautified.

Freemasonry has a soul as well as a body. It is not a magnificent temple, beautiful in proportions, rich in architectural skill, and lovely in all its outward adornments, but entirely desolate and dark within. If it is comely and beautiful without its inner courts and private chambers are immeasurably more so. If its outward splendours bespeak the habitation of a divinity, go with me over its tessellated ground-floor, through its middle chamber, and into its "holy of holies," and there you will see the altar, and the fire, and the divinity itself. The great mistake of the day is in supposing that what we technically call the work of Masonry is Masonry itself. This is a serious error and should be corrected, for it is lowering the dignity and importance of Masonry, and degrading as well her character as her mission. The work and rituals of the Order are only the defences cast up around the institution to preserve it from unhallowed hands, and guard it from the approach of the impostor and the unworthy.

If the rituals and ceremonials of the lodge-room constitute the whole of Freemasonry, there is a phenomenon connected with its history, its reception, and its progress among men which cannot be explained by any known laws of human action. That men of all professions, of all stations and conditions in society, those of exalted positions, and those of humble pretensions, that men in every land and of every language where Protestant civilisation obtains, should all be pleased and gratified with Freemasonry—nay, should esteem it an honour to be associated with the Craft, and be permitted to meet in our lodges and share in our labours, and be considered brothers among us,—and yet that Freemasonry is nothing but rituals and ceremonials, an empty show, the shadow of a shadow, is certainly one of the most singular features in human character. And that all these various classes of men should sustain and encourage an institution of mere shadows, and appreciate it the more the better they know it, is something that human reason cannot account for, and credulity itself will not believe.

Masonry is not of obscure parentage or private growth. It has not been kept concealed in some dark corner of the earth, secluded from the gaze of the critical and curious, nor is it a thing of yesterday. You may go back to the plain, practical men of other days—a Franklin, a Warren, a Washington, a La Fayette, a Clinton, Marshall, Jackson, &c., men whose distinguishing characteristics were strong sense and stern virtue, and even then Masonry was in its manhood, and received the homage of the best men in the world. The true friends of the Order have traced the windings of her most secret apartments, and found nothing wrong, while her enemies have broken down every legal barrier to find the "mystery of iniquity," but have failed in the discovery, because there was no such iniquity in her temples. After enduring all this for many years, she still retains the affection of her friends, and commands the homage even of her enemies. And yet is Masonry only a ceremony, the mere performance of prescribed rituals? It cannot be.—*Moore's Masonic Messenger.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

STEWARDS' VISIT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

On Saturday last the Stewards' visit to the School in anticipation of the annual festival of the Institution took place, when over 500 brethren and ladies attended to witness the proceedings. The Earl of Lathom, Chairman of the festival for the present year, presided, but before the proceedings of the day commenced, he viewed all parts of the buildings, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master, Mr. J. H. Taylor, of the London University, Bro. Binckes, and members of the House Committee, and with all the arrangements he expressed himself highly pleased.

Among the company who were present during the day were the following brethren and ladies:—John Constable, Thomas Cubitt, Mrs. T. Platt, Miss Garrod, Thos. W. C. Bush, Mrs. Bush, W. Clarke, A.G.P.; Chas. J. Benson, W.M. 1613; Mrs. Benson, F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M. Herts; P. Newbould, P.M. 426; Mrs. George, J. Yarned, Miss Stephenson, Chas. A. Stephenson, J. Wilson, Geo. Cooper, P.Z. 214; Charles Fredk. Hogard, P.M. 205, P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Essex; James C. Hayes, 619; C. F. Matier, Charles Goodyear, Isaac C. Myers, 185; M. Neville, 1614; Baron D. Barnett, W.M. 1668, J.D. 185; George Verry, W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; M. Rickwood, W.M. 192; Mrs. Rickwood, Miss Preston, Miss Byng, W. J. Kent, Mrs. G. Motion, G. E. Motion, Mrs. E. J. Zohrab, Miss A. Petch, D. M. Hill, P.M., P.Z. 1293, 1671; Dick Radclyffe, W.M. 742; John High, W.M. 1480; T. B. Donson, P.M. 860; W. S. Dickens, W.M. 860; Malcolm McPherson, Standard, T. Ranch, J. White, P.M. 228, Times, John Bragg, S. J. Byng, P.M. 902; H. W. Dalwood, P.M. 860; H. Tappolet, E. Grager, J. C. Reynolds, 1329; James Hill, 749; Thos. Jas. Cusworth, 813; George R. Sone, 1365; W. H. Allaway, 1598; A. Barfield, P.M. 35, C. W. Blake, Joseph Coxill, Edward Johnson, Robert Nicholson, J.W. 1566, Edmund W. Richardson, A. S. Probyn, I.G. 11; W. A. Haskins, Vincent H. Blake, E. Brookes, M. Radcliffe, W. J. Murlis, M. A. Miller, W. C. Angway, F. F. Davy, P. J. W. Davis, W.M. 1637, Mrs. Goddard, Miss Emily Ann Goddard, G. A. Field, T. A. Constable, E. Webster, J. H. A. Constable, J. R. Runcimann, Edgar H. Bowyer, W. B. Bonner, M. Slemmitch, Mrs. Weaver, James S. Motion, Frederick Seaward, F. L. Scurr, Miss Mary Agnes Scurr, Murray Kemp, M. Mercer, M. Weller, A. Trigg, William Mann, Ernest Hammond, S. C. Whyer, 1602, J. E. Terry, E. H. Hare, George Blackburn, 264, Mrs. George Blackburn, Martin Alfred Blackburn, J. N. Armitage, George Williams, J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237, 1707, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Arthur E. Marle, Master J. H. Thompson, Miss M. E. Watkins, Miss M. L. Compton, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Mrs. Constable, Mrs. A. C. Marsh, K. E. Bowyer, E. Rose, M. E. Hodge, George Davis, S.W. 167, Edgar Bowyer, Sidney Bowlby, T. B. Gardner, Miss Emily F. Berkeley, M. Grimsdell, Alfred Berkeley, G. S. Recknell, I.G. 1728, William W. Filcher, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

At two o'clock the company assembled in the gymnasium, which was ornamented with groups of flags, very tastefully arranged, and at the northern end was fitted up a stage, where the boys were to perform the farces of *Fack's Delight* and *A Turned Head*. In the north-west corner of the gymnasium were situated some boys who were to sing some part songs, and in the eastern portion were the Chairman (the Earl of Lathom) and the House Committee. The remainder of the space was devoted to the accommodation of the visitors, who were very closely packed. The following is the programme of what was done throughout the afternoon, with a list of the prizes, of the donors, and of the subjects for which they were presented, added to which is the result of the Cambridge Local Examination, December, 1879, which, however, has already appeared in the *Freemason*, and in the whole of the press of the United Kingdom:

Part song, "God bless the Prince," the choir; part song, "The sun shines fair," the choir.

Prizes presented by the Institution.

FIRST CLASS—Scripture—C. Sage, first prize; E. L. Price, second prize. Classics—A. H. Stephenson, first prize; H. Brock, second prize. Mathematics—E. L. Price, first prize; H. Brock, second prize. French and German—A. H. Stephenson, first prize; E. L. Price, second prize. English—H. Brock, first prize; C. Sage, second prize.

SECOND CLASS—Classics—E. H. Murrant, Mathematics—W. B. Tyler. French and German—E. H. Murray. English—S. G. Nash.

THIRD CLASS—Latin—E. Taylor. Mathematics—C. Jackson. French—J. Tanare. English—G. Perrin.

Part song, "For hearth and home," the choir; part song, "O, hush thee my babe," the choir.

English play, *Fack's Delight*, a farce in one act, by Thomas J. Williams. Characters: "Mr. Holland Browne" (a retired linen draper), G. Sparkes; "Titus" (his son, a bashful young man), C. D. Barrett; "Joe" (a male servant of all work), M. Ellis; "Mrs. Brush" (a young widow from Barnstable), E. L. Price; "Peggy" (her lady's maid), E. H. Murrant; "Mrs. Flounce," C. Sage; and "Euphemia" (her daughter), A. H. Stephenson.

Part song, "Up, quit thy bowler," the choir; part song, "The cuckoo," the choir.

Prizes presented by the Institution.

FOURTH CLASS—Latin—R. Rees. Mathematics—R. Rees. French—R. Hall. English—R. Hall.

FIFTH CLASS—Arithmetic—A. Salter. Latin—F. Godfrey. French—F. Godfrey. English—H. Scarle.

SIXTH CLASS—English—W. Bazley. Arithmetic—W. Bazley.

Special Prizes. Presented by the House Committee. Writing—A. C. Featherstone, first prize; G. Robinson, second prize. Dictation—E. H. Murrant, first prize; C. Sparkes, second prize. History—H. Brock, first prize; W. E. Cole, second prize. Geography—C. Sage, first prize; H. Brock, second prize. Mental Arithmetic—E. L. Price, first prize; H. Brock, second prize. General attention to studies—E. L. Price, first prize; C. Sage, second prize. Efficiency as monitors—J. E. Prentice, first prize; J. E. Buttrey, second prize. Proficiency in drill—J. E. Prentice, first prize; T. E. Coulthurst, second prize.

The band—J. Marks and R. Gardner.

Presented by Private Donors.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris: Attention to studies—W.

E. Cole. Proficiency in drawing—M. B. Ellis. Elocution—E. H. Murrant and G. Sparkes. Perseverance—C. Robinson and G. Sparkes.

By Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Vice-President of Institution, P.M.: Book-keeping—A. C. Featherstone.

By Bro. Thos. Meggy: Book-keeping—H. P. Pulman.

By Mr. Slyvester, Drawing Master: Drawing—Free-hand, A. H. Stephenson; painting, W. Jackson; shading, H. B. Brock and W. E. Cole; architecture, A. R. Parker; pen and ink drawing, G. Robinson.

By Mr. Holmes, Musical Instructor: Music (piano)—J. Swallow, F. Dunnaway, and H. Carter.

Part song, "The flight of summer," the choir; song, "The Vikings," the choir.

English play, *Turned Head*, a farce in one act, by Gilbert A. A'Beckett. Characters: "Mr. Fitzfiggins," C. Sage; "Ferdinand Fitzfiggins," G. Sparkes; "Doctor Mulgent," E. L. Price; "Dick," E. H. Murrant; "Dampley," M. Ellis; "Spoutling," C. D. Barrett; "Laura," A. H. Stephenson.

Silver medal for Good Conduct, presented by the Institution—Jas. Saunders Davies.

Canonbury gold medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. 657—John H. Woodbine.

Silver watch and chain for General Good Conduct, presented by the Supreme Council, 33°, to a pupil on leaving the Institution—Charles Sage.

Result of Cambridge Local Examination, December, 1879. The prizes apportioned from the interest, £23, of the Fund, £525, founded by Bro. W. Winn, P.M. 657, Vice-Patron; ten candidates passed:

JUNIORS: Honours—First Class—1, A. H. Stephenson, distinguished in Latin; 2, H. B. Brock; 3, E. L. Price. Honours—Second Class—4, W. B. Evans, distinguished for German; 5, W. E. Cole; 6, A. R. Parker. Honours—Third Class—7, C. D. Barrett; 8, E. S. Robinson; 9, M. B. Ellis. Certificate in 4th Division—10, H. M. Fenimore, distinguished for German.

National anthem, "God save the Queen," the choir.

When the different prize winners were presented to the Earl of Lathom, Bro. Binckes gave to his lordship a full description of the prize won, with the name of the donors and the reasons for their making the gifts.

At the conclusion of the distribution, the Rev. Dr. Morris made some favourable remarks on the intellectual progress of the School generally, and stated that Mr. J. H. Taylor, of the London University, who had been the examiner of the boys, had given in his report on the subject, and would now address the meeting upon it.

Mr. J. H. TAYLOR, in response to the call, said that he had examined the School well, especially the Upper School, and found that all the boys were thoroughly well up in all classes. From this he inferred that there must have been more than the usual hard work entailed on the masters. He greatly praised the handwriting of the scholars throughout the School, and writing was a branch of education that he very seldom indeed found in other schools equally good with that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The School had maintained a very high standard indeed of education, and this high standard reflected the highest credit on Dr. Morris, the Head Master. It was true a very large amount of money was spent on the School, but the Institution had maintained a foremost place in the results of the education afforded, and the money, consequently, had been well laid out.

The Earl of LATHOM desired to bear his testimony to the good management of the School, and to assure the brethren that it had given him very great gratification indeed to preside over this gathering, and to perform the pleasant duty of distributing the prizes. He could not help saying, although it had been already alluded to, that the general condition of the School as well as the efficiency of the scholars reflected the very greatest credit on Dr. Morris, the Head Master, and upon the teachers who were under him. He should not attempt to particularise with respect to the scholars, but he could not resist saying that he was much struck with the singing which he had heard that day. The boys sang exceedingly well, and their sweet voices had been admirably trained. Having been a boy himself he knew that long speeches were not popular with boys, and he did not want to inflict upon them a long speech. He was only sorry he had not brought the Countess of Lathom with him, and she would have come but for one of those accidents which happened sometimes in families. Her ladyship was about to leave home when she received a letter from the Head Master of the school where her own sons were being educated that a holiday was to be given that day, and, of course, any mother would stop to see her own boys. He had been asked why he did not bring his sons as well, but the answer to that was very plain, that no one would think of giving a boy a holiday from one school by taking him to another. He trusted that the success which the boys had just had would follow them through life and be the opening to a prosperous and honourable career.

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART proposed, and Bro. S. ROSENTHAL seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which having been carried and responded to, the company adjourned to a cold collation. The Earl of Lathom, however, was unable to remain at the Institution any longer, and on his departure he was greeted with loud cheers.

After dinner the brethren and ladies amused themselves about the pretty grounds of the Institution, and at intervals the band of the Institution played some lively airs with great skill.

After tea the evening was devoted to dancing, and a very pleasant day was brought to a close about ten o'clock.

His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenburg was unable to be present at Her Majesty's hall and concert in consequence of the death of the Empress of Russia.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A certain remedy for diseases of the skin. Ringworm, scurvy, scrofula, or King's evil, sore heads, and the most inveterate skin diseases to which the human race is subject, cannot be treated with a more safe and speedy remedy than Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which act so peculiarly on the constitution, and so purify the blood that those diseases are eradicated from the system, and a lasting cure is obtained. They are efficacious in the cure of tumours, burns, scalds, glandular swellings, ulcerous wounds, rheumatism, contracted and stiff joints. These medicines operate mildly and surely. The cure effected by them is not temporary or apparent only, but complete and permanent. [Advrt.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at Margate, and proved in every way a thorough success. The weather, with the exception of a shower of rain in the afternoon, was fine, and this, coupled with the attractiveness of the town selected for holding the festival, induced large numbers of Masons from all parts of the county to attend. The gathering was ably presided over by Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master, and the manner in which he performed the duties in connection with his office was highly eulogised by all. The reception committee, to whose arduous labours for some time prior to the festival much of its success was no doubt due, consisted of the following gentlemen: Bros. A. Chexfield, G. H. Chexfield, T. Schmidt, W. Crawford, A. Wootton, S. S. Chancellor, G. Hawks, and Aubrey.

Lord Holmesdale arrived in the town shortly before noon, and was met at the station by Bro. A. T. Chexfield, W.M. 127, and Bro. the Rev. W. T. Jones, Chaplain to Lodge 127, who accompanied his lordship to the Foresters' Hall, where the lodge was held. He was here received by the Provincial Grand Officers with Masonic honours, the sight of the numerous representatives of the different lodges in the county, under their respective banners, and wearing their handsome collars and emblems, being a very effective and imposing one.

The lodge was presided over by Lord Holmesdale, and the attendance of brethren was very large. After the formal opening, Bro. A. Spencer, P.G. Secretary, read the minutes, which were confirmed. The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. B. K. Thorpe, were then passed, it appearing that there was a balance in favour of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of £272 13s. 11d. On the Charity Fund there was a balance of £239 8s.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed his officers for the year as follows:

- Bro. W. H. Hodgkin, P.M. 1678 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- „ G. H. Chexfield, P.M. 127 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- „ Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A., P.M. } Prov. G.S. Chap.
- 1096
- „ Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., S.W. 1837 Prov. G. J. Chap.
- „ B. K. Thorpe, P.M. 709 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- „ Alfred Spencer ... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ H. J. Butter, P.M. 913 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ John Bourdeaux, P.M. 199 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- „ John Sherwood, P.M. 558 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- „ Frank Baker, P.M. 1206 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- „ W. Harrison, P.M. 429 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- „ J. R. Foord, P.M. 503 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- „ W. A. Weston, P.M. 1536 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- „ F. Sladden, P.M. 125 ... Prov. G. Org.
- „ Joseph J. Michael, P.M. 1107 ... Prov. G. Purst.
- „ L. Etheridge, P.M. 829 ... Prov. G.A. Purst.
- Bros. G. W. Churchley, P.M. 615; H. } Prov. G. Stwds.
- M. Baker, P.M. 1208; J. O. Eve, } P.M. 1209; W. Seaman, P.M. 1314; } J. A. Bates, P.M. 1424; Lieut. R. } J. Fynmore, P.M. 1436 ...

Bro. R. Eastley ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The following motions were then agreed to: By Bro. Coupland: That the recommendation of the Charity Committee be adopted, viz., a grant of £25 from the P.G.L. Fund to the widow of a brother of No. 1536. By the W.D.P. G.M.: That £105 be given from the P.G.L. Fund to the Girls' School, in the name of the P.G. Treasurer, to make him Vice-President of that Institution; and also £52 10s. to the Boys' School, towards the same object. That £21 be given from the P.G.L. Charity Fund to each of the following lodges, to make them Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: 1464, Greenhithe; 558, Folkestone; 615, Erith; 709, Ashford; 784, Deal; 829, Sidcup; 874, Tunbridge Wells. That £21 be given to the Girls' School for Lodge 1464, Greenhithe, and £21 to the Boys' School, for the same lodge; and also £10 10s. to the Boys' School for 1273, Sittingbourne; 1314, Bromley; 1414, Sevenoaks; 1424, Chatham; 1436, Sandgate; and 1449, Canterbury.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then adjourned in order that the brethren might attend Divine service at St. Paul's, Cliftonville.

The idea of a procession from the hall to the church was abandoned, and the service commenced at half-past one, by which time the church was well filled by members of the Craft, not wearing, however, their Masonic dress or emblems, and the general public, a considerable number of whom were present. Mr. Pearson ably presided at the organ, and the choir, who were surprised, were assisted by Messrs. Plant, Moulding, Higgins, and Rhodes, of Canterbury Cathedral. The Psalms for the day, which were the 133rd, 136th, and 139th, were sung to the ordinary cathedral chants. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were sung to Clarke Whitfield in E. The first anthem, "Blessed is the Man" (Goss), was taken from Psalm 1, verses 1-5, and was admirably rendered, the second anthem, which was likewise sung with considerable effect, being "Let your light" (Barnby). The hymn sung before the sermon was very appropriately chosen, it being the one which commences "O, Lord, how joyful 'tis to see the Brethren join in love to Thee." During the collection, which was in aid of the Masonic Charities and the St. Paul's Mission Schoolroom, the hymn "Holy Offerings," by Redhead, was sung.

An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. John Bramfill Harrison, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, on the subject of brotherly love. He remarked how much better it would be if this brotherly love, inculcated by their Order, were a principle more cultivated and acted up to by the world at large. It was not only one of the corner stones of their altar, but the duty was laid upon them all, whether Masons or not, to cultivate this grace to the utmost of their power. Besides the precepts and exhortations to exercise this grace, scattered through the Holy Scripture, they had before them a grand example of our Saviour Christ, who consented to go through his trials and sufferings through His great love for them. If they sincerely loved God, they could not fail to love their brethren also. No sense of duty to a neighbour was worthy of a Christian which was not consecrated by a sense of duty towards God. Might brotherly love continue to increase amongst them, and more of it be found in the world. None of them could remain here long. A few short years at most and their career on earth would be closed, and they would be sum-



moned to render an account to the Supreme Lord of All. Let them, therefore, strive to pass the time which might still be left them in brotherly love, unity, and concord. It was sad to think how much wrath, anger, bitterness, and strife existed in the world around them, but let it be the constant endeavour of each one to lessen the amount as much as he could. He would now say a few words on another great principle, that of charity, relief to their necessitous brethren, which might be said to have had its origin and to spring from brotherly love. The cultivation of a feeling of love and charity was inculcated upon them in their first entry into Masonry. Our Saviour told them "Freely ye have received, and, therefore, freely ye shall give." It was impossible for them to be true Christians if they were hard-hearted and selfish, and had no feelings of sympathy and compassion for those who were in any kind of affliction or distress. He wished to impress it very earnestly, not only on his brother Masons but on all those present, that while they had time on this earth, they should endeavour to do all they could to relieve the necessitous and soothe their afflictions. Acting, therefore, upon this Divine principle, it had ever been the custom at these, their anniversary meetings, to ask their aid on behalf of the Masonic Charities and some local Charity whose interests were connected with the place in which the meeting was held. On this occasion it was proposed to divide the amount between the fund for building a mission schoolroom in that parish and their own Masonic Charities. There was at present no room in which a Sunday school, mission service, or any other parochial gathering might be held in the parish. With regard to the Masonic Charities, he felt he need say but very few words, for the very mention of them at any of their meetings was always sure to elicit a hearty response. They were dearly prized by every true Mason, and did much good and valuable work by giving the children of their deceased brethren such an education as they would otherwise have been unable to receive when the mainstay of the family had been taken away, or by giving relief to those brethren who, by some unfortunate occurrence, had been reduced to a bad state of circumstances. The preacher then concluded, his appeal meeting with a hearty response.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Assembly Rooms, where a most recherché repast had been provided. The entrance was tastefully decorated with flags, and at one end of the room a gallery for the accommodation of ladies had been erected. This was admirably ornamented with flags and foliage, and combined with the large body of Masons in full regalia, the whole presented a brilliant spectacle. The proceedings were enlivened by the performance of a choice selection of music. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M., presided, and about two hundred sat down. Amongst those present in addition to the brethren previously mentioned as taking part in the day's proceedings were: Bro. W. Page, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; H. Monckton, P.P.G.S.W.; Hill, Tyler, 1725; Swinfen, P.P.G.S.D.; Baker, Piper, Ashdown, Nicholson, and Page, 403; G. Langridge, P.P.G.R.; S. Sidney, Wilmot, P.P.G.R.; Williams, P.M. Holmesdale Lodge; Coupland, Plumstead; Emerson, Sandwich; May, W.M.; Clout, Stedman, 1063, and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult. (St. John's Day), at the Masonic Hall, Newland, Lincoln, on the joint invitation of the two lodges of that city, viz., Witham, No. 297, and St. Hugh, No. 1386. The lodge room of the hall, which had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Mortimer, J.W. 1386, presented a beautiful appearance, military and patriotic emblems being freely blended with the Masonic, as it was intended on the following evening to present a testimonial in the same hall to Bro. Major Bromhead, the hero of Rorke's Drift.

At 11.30 lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by the W.M. and officers of the Witham Lodge, 297, and shortly after "High Twelve," the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his officers, with other members wearing "the purple," were announced.

The brethren having been called to order, Provincial Grand Lodge was admitted, and the R.W.P.G.M. at once took his seat on the throne, when he was duly saluted by the assembled brethren. The Deputy P.G.M. was then saluted according to ancient custom, and the R.W.P.G.M. at once proceeded to open P.G. Lodge.

Present: Bro. William Henry Smyth, J.P., Deputy Lieut. for Lincolnshire, on the throne; W. Bros. E. Locock, Deputy P.G.M.; C. F. Bonner, 409, P.G.S.W.; W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.G.J.W.; Rev. T. P. Holdich, 1286, P.G. Chaplain; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treasurer; H. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg.; F. D. Marsden, 712, P.G. Secretary; W. Finlay, 1232, P.G.S.D.; James Hodgins, 985, P.G.J.D.; W. H. Roberts, 792, P.G.D. of C.; B. Vickers, 297, P.G. Asst. D. of C.; R. Garfit, 1600, P.G.S.B.; T. C. Lazenby, 297, P.G. Standard Bearer; Bro. A. W. Lambert, 588, P.G.O.; W. Bro. Robt. Thorpe, 588, P.G.P.; Bro. James Eley, 272, W. Bros. T. W. Wilkinson, 295, E. Wilson, 1304, and A. L. Peacock, 1386, P.G. Stewards; and Bro. Benj. Box, 422, P.G. Tyler. Also W. Bros. R. J. Ward, 297, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Watson, 1386, P.P.G.J.W.; T. E. Jacobson, 588, P.P.G.J.W.; J. A. Thomas, 272, P.P.G.J.W.; Wm. Smart, 272, P.P.G.J.W.; W. H. Bailes, 272, P.P.G.J.W. (West Yorks); H. Sharp, 1304, P.P.G.J.W.; Jos. Bellamy, 588, P.P.G.J.W.; Henry Bates, 469, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Moxon, 422, P.P.G.J.D.; T. W. Thimbleby, 426, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Shepherd, 838, P.P.G.J.D.; C. A. Kirby, 838 and 712, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Jones, 1232 and 442, P.P.G.S. of W. (North and Hunts); T. J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of C.; G. F. Barrell, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; A. Richdale, 426, P.P.G.S.B.; Frank Thomas, W.M. 272; S. G. Gamble, W.M. 362; H. J. Seels, W.M. 426; R. Wildgoose, W.M. 588; Thos. Cleugh, W.M. 1282; W. Cocking, W.M. 1286; W. Challans, W.M. 838; S. T. Haddelsey, W.M. 1294; W. Rainforth, W.M. 1386; Wm. Gray, W.M. 1447; with several Wardens and brethren of the province; also the following visitors: Bros. W. H. Smith, 548; James King, 131; Edwin Smith, 1258; T. Harrison, 1802; and C. Redmayne, of the Keystone Lodge, 235, New York.

One hundred and sixty-six brethren having signed the attendance book, Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the Hymn of Invocation having been sung, the

roll of lodges was called, producing the following result: Harmony, 10; Witham, 30; Doric, 10; Yarborough, 6; Shakespeare, 6; Hundred of Elloe, 9; St. Botolph's, 9; Lindsey, 11; Pelham Pillar, 5; Franklin, 11; Alexander, 6; Heneward, 4; Ancholme, 4; Bayons, 7; St. Alban's, 4; Olive Union, 10; St. Hugh, 26; St. Matthew, 7; Isle of Axholme, 2; Hamilton, 6; (visitors), 5; making a total of 189—the discrepancy between this number and the number of signatures being accounted for by the fact that several brethren are members of more than one lodge. Every lodge in the province had its representative.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from W. Bros. J. Chapman, 1294, P.G.S. of W.; J. Woodward, 469, P.G. Std.; and Bro. J. W. Richardson, 712, P.G. Std.

Fraternal greetings were also sent by W. Bros. J. P. Bell, M.D., Deputy Prov. G. Master for N. and E. Yorks; and the Rev. G. W. Lowe, 272, P.P.G. Chap.; and W. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G. A letter was afterwards read by the R.W.P.G.M. from W. Bro. Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., P.P.G. Chap., announcing his regret and inability to attend P.G.L., on account of recent family bereavement. It was proposed by the R.W.P.G.M. and carried unanimously "That the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Spalding on the 19th June, 1879, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read." Prov. Grand Secretary then read the minutes of an especial P.G. Lodge held at Gainsborough on the 1st December, 1879, at which the revised edition of the P.G. bye-laws was finally adopted. Also the report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and their Memorial Fund, showing grants made on behalf of the former during the past year to the extent of £96 4s., leaving a sum of £600 invested on freehold security for the purposes of local benevolence and education, with a balance of £155 7s. 1d. in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer. On behalf of the Oliver Memorial Fund two admissions into the R.M.I.B.—viz., Alfred Thomas Cole (Alexandra Lodge, 985), and Phillipson Marshall (Pelham Pillar Lodge, 792)—had been effected by the interest accruing from this fund, assisted by contributions of the brethren, collected by W. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, 1294, and James Hodgins, 985, Joint Prov. Grand Charity Stewards for 1879-80, amounting to £308 6s., leaving a sum of one thousand guineas invested on freehold security, and a balance of £17 7s. 3d. in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer. The finance statement of the P.G. Lodge Fund showed a balance in hand of £26 13s. 3d. W. Bro. H. Watson, 297, read the annual returns of the various lodges in the province, as made up to December 31, 1879, showing an increase of thirteen members during the past year, the total number of subscribing members being on December 31st 892. W. Bro. W. H. Radley, 837, P.G. Charity Sec., who, on rising, was very warmly received, then read the report of the P.G.L. Charity Committee, showing at the present time a list of nine boys and eight girls in the Royal Masonic Institutions, besides seven pensioners on the Aged Masons' Benevolent Fund. Letters were read from the Rev. Dr. Morris and Miss Davis, giving satisfactory accounts of their young charges, one of the boys (W. Cole) having succeeded in obtaining second class honours at the last Cambridge Local Examination.

The worthy SECRETARY reported with pleasure the addition of two lewises as Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, viz., C. E. Bonner, Spalding, with ten votes, and G. E. Sissons, Barton on Humber, with two votes. Having been compelled to borrow a large number of votes to secure the election of William Black in April last, it is feared the whole strength of the province will be required next October to discharge the liability. The names of two widows were given as probable candidates for election next year.

On the motion of the R.W.P.G.M. these reports were severally adopted, and the grants unanimously confirmed.

W. Bro. E. LOCOCK, Dep. P.G.M., proposed, and W. Bro. C. F. BONNER, 409, P.G.S.W., seconded, "That a form of enquiry respecting candidates for initiation, who are non-residents, and also respecting joining members (similar to that now in use in the Province of West Yorks), be adopted in this province, and that it shall be incumbent on the W.M. of every lodge within the province of Lincolnshire to observe the same."

Carried unanimously.

Forms of enquiry, similar to those now used in West Yorks, were then ordered to be printed at the expense of P.G.L. and a few copies forwarded to the W.M. of each lodge in the province.

W. Bro. W. H. BAILES, 272, P.P.G.J.W. (West Yorks), gave notice that at the next meeting of P.G.L. he would move "That the obligation to observe and use such forms of enquiry should in future be made a bye-law of the province."

W. Bro. Sissons, 1447, P.G.J.W., proposed, and W. Bro. W. H. RADLEY, 838, P.G.J.W., seconded, "That during the next and following years contributions shall be solicited from the Freemasons of this province for the purpose of raising the sum of one thousand guineas as an Investment Fund for the education of girls in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution."

W. Bro. W. H. WATSON, 297, P.G. Reg., cordially supported the motion, remarking that had the same plan been adopted ten years ago the province might have received the same advantage from the Royal Masonic Institution at an actual saving of £1823.

Divers brethren having expressed the opinion that the printed reports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls contrasted somewhat unfavourably, as regards economy and general efficiency, with those of some other foundations, it was

Proposed by W. Bro. C. M. NESBITT, 712, P.G. Treas., "That after the words 'girls' be added 'as may be hereafter determined by Provincial Grand Lodge,' and the remainder of the resolution to be erased to the end."

W. Bro. Sissons having accepted the amendment of the P.G. Treas., the resolution was submitted to the assembled brethren, and carried unanimously.

Before asking Bro. Sissons to speak to the second part of the proposition, the R.W.P.G.M. begged to say that he had that morning received a letter from W. Bro. the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., regretting that, on account of family bereavement, he should be unable to be present to propose the next resolution, which stood in his name, and which might have some bearing upon the present question, seeing which, he enquired if any brother present was empowered to take it up in the absence of the rev. doctor. Receiving

no reply thereto, the R.W.P.G.M. requested Bro. Sissons to proceed, thereupon

W. Bro. Sissons, 1447, P.G.J.W., proposed, and W. Bro. W. SMART, 272, P.P.G.J.W., seconded, "That the Fund shall consist of an Investment and Interest Fund under the same rules and regulations as the 'Oliver Memorial Fund,' and that as a fitting token of respect to the recently-appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and as a proof of the appreciation of his earnestness and zeal from the brethren of the province, such girls as may hereafter benefit by the Fund shall be known and designated as the 'Smyth' scholars."

W. Bro. S. T. HADDELEY cordially supported the proposition, which, on being put to the brethren, was carried unanimously.

W. Bro. H. WATSON, 297, P.G. Reg., proposed, and W. Bro. C. F. BONNER, 409, P.G.S.W., seconded, "That an honorarium of £20 be given to the Prov. Grand Secretary from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, for the satisfactory and faithful manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of his office; and that in consequence of increased duties the Prov. Grand Secretary shall in future be paid a yearly honorarium of £20 from the P.G. Lodge Fund." Carried unanimously.

W. Bro. H. WATSON, P.G. Reg., proposed, and W. Bro. J. LOUGHTON, I.P.M. 422, seconded, "That W. Bro. W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.G.J.W., be invited to accept the office of P.G. Charity Steward for the ensuing year in connection with the 'Smyth' Scholarship Fund."

W. Bro. W. H. Sissons having signified his willingness to undertake the office subject to the hearty co-operation of the brethren of his lodge (St. Matthew's, 1447), he was unanimously elected.

On the proposition of W. Bro. R. J. WARD, 297, P.P.G.S.W., seconded by W. Bro. G. H. SHIPLEY, 297, P.P.G. Treas. and P.P.G.S.W., W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, was, for the fifteenth year, unanimously re-elected as Prov. G. Treasurer.

W. Bros. James Fowler, 712, P.P.G.S.W., and William Griffin, 712, P.P.G.D. of C., were unanimously re-elected auditors of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

- Bro. Edmund Locock, 712 ... Prov. D.P.G.M.
- " T. M. Wilkinson, 296 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " G. M. Lowe, M.D., 1386 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. W. P. Jones, 1294 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " \* C. M. Nesbitt, 712 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " \* Henry Watson, 297 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " \* F. D. Marsden, 712 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " T. C. Johnson, 1600 ... Prov. G.P.D.
- " Alfred Taylor, 1482 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " S. G. Gamble, 362 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " \* W. H. Roberts, 792 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " J. W. Palmer, 838 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " J. B. Swallow, 1447 ... Prov. G. S.B.
- " P. P. Dickinson, 297 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " W. H. B. Bentley, 272 ... Prov. G.O.
- " John Loughton, 422 ... Prov. G.P.
- Bro. C. F. Liversedge, 422; H. J. Seels, jun., 426; J. R. Dudding, 1282; W. Cocking, 1286; W. Rainforth, 1386; and Wm. Gray, 1447 } Prov. G. Stwrds.
- Bro. Benj. Box, 422 ... Prov. G. Tyler.

\* Re-appointed or elected.

"Hearty Good Wishes" having been expressed, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the R.W.P.G.M., attended by his newly-appointed officers, retired. The lodge was then formally closed by the W. Master, Bro. Rainforth, and officers of the St. Hugh Lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Old Corn Exchange, where a banquet was presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The toast list was interspersed with some capital singing, in which all the brethren took part. The rendering of the "Masonic Auld Lang Syne," by Bro. W. Mortimer, J.W. 1386 (to whom the credit of the decorations of the Masonic Hall mainly is due), being especially applauded. Special facilities were afforded by the various railway companies for the transit of the brethren. It is understood that the annual meeting in 1881 will (D.V.) be held at Sleaford.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT CANTERBURY.

The consecration of the New Masonic Temple in Canterbury was performed on Tuesday last by the Right W. Prov. G.M., Viscount Holmesdale (Baron Amherst), assisted by the Right W.D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Eastes. A large number of the brethren of the three lodges had assembled on the opening of the United Lodge, and several visiting brethren from other towns were also present. An imposing procession was formed to conduct the Right W. Prov. G.M. to the new Temple. The elements of consecration were contained in the splendid vessels belonging to the Grand Lodge of England. These were borne by the leading officers and brethren. The lodge having been duly constituted, the ceremony of consecration commenced. Bro. P. M. Pilcher, President of the Building Committee, in a brief address explained to the R.W. Prov. G.M. the steps which had been taken by the brethren of the Canterbury Lodges to provide for their Craft a suitable home, and a fitting Temple in which the beautiful ceremonies of Masonry may be duly performed. He alluded with much emotion to the absence of one who a few months before had taken a prominent part in laying the corner stone of the building. The brethren had met almost for the first time within those walls in a lodge of sorrow for the death of the W.M. of the Royal Military Lodge, Bro. H. Miskin. He also called attention to the truly Masonic self denial of Bro. J. Green Hall, the architect, and Bro. J. E. Wiltshier, the builder of the new Temple. The former had designed and drawn the plans free of cost, and the latter had erected the building in the best style for much less than the cost of the materials and labour. In conclusion, he referred to the services which Lord Holmesdale had rendered to the Province, and requested him to consecrate and dedicate the building to Masonry.

Lord Holmesdale signified his pleasure to do so, and called upon the Rev. and W. Bro. Dr. Mangan to give the inaugural oration. Dr. Mangan alluded to the oration he had delivered at the laying of the Corner Stone, and reminded the brethren that the event for which they were assembled was of great rarity and significance. He eloquently enumerated the virtues which Masonry enforces, and re-

minded the brethren how small a part of Masonry was its outward ceremonial. He trusted that many succeeding generations of brethren might meet within those walls in harmony and the practice of every duty binding upon them as Masons. An anthem having been sung by the musical brethren present, the lesson appropriate to the inauguration of a Masonic building was impressively read, and the Chaplain offered the solemn prayer of Consecration.

The essential Ceremony of Dedication was then performed in a most impressive manner by the R.W. Prov. G.M., assisted by the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Eastes, W. Bro. Thorpe, as S.W., W. Bro. P. Higham, as J.W., the Rev. Bro. Mangan, D.D., L.L.D. as Chap., and other brethren. Throughout the whole of the ceremonies the W. Bro. H. Ward, P.G.W. Wilts, efficiently acted as D.C. Bro. J. Plant ably presided at the harmonium, and with Bros. Rhodes, Moulding, and Higgins, rendered most effectively the anthems and chants of the service. At the conclusion of the Consecration the R.W. the Mayor, Bro. Hemery, P.G.W. Kent, expressed the thanks of the brethren to the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Holmesdale, for his kindness in consenting to perform the ceremony.

Lord Holmesdale, in reply, said it had afforded him much pleasure to be present and to observe how admirably the edifice raised by the brethren seemed to be suited to the purpose for which it had been designed. His lordship returned to the Architect, Bro. J. G. Hall, the plans, and heartily congratulated him on the successful execution of his designs.

Bro. the Rev. F. King, Vicar of South Molton, North Devon, P.G.C., Wilts, then rose to offer congratulations from the brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge of Wilts, and in very eloquent language impressed on the brethren to take into their thoughts the true significance of the beautiful ceremonies they had assisted to perform. He alluded to the fact that Masonry is not a mere matter of ceremony of clothing or of jewels, but an obligation to brotherly love and fellowship. He had experienced the true spirit of Masonry in many parts of the world; a helping hand was ever ready to succour and relieve a brother in trouble, anxiety, or distress. He had, himself, come from the extreme West of England to show his sympathy with the brethren of Canterbury, and he had been also entrusted by the brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge with the pleasing duty to make a presentation of a valuable piece of Masonic furniture to the brethren of Lodge 31, Canterbury. The brethren who sent that desired to associate with the gift the name of a loved and respected brother who had left them to reside in Canterbury—Bro. H. Ward. He was not surprised to learn the estimation in which Bro. Ward was held in Canterbury, for he had long known his untiring love and zeal for Masonry before he left Wilts.

Bro. W. Tice, W.M. 31, in a few appropriate words, acknowledged the valuable gift of the brethren of the Salisbury Lodge, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, by the brethren of Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, as a mark of their very high esteem and regard for W. Bro. H. Ward, P.M. 586, P. Prov. G.J.W. Wilts, &c., and in appreciation of the many services rendered by him to Freemasonry in general and to Elias de Derham Lodge in particular. June, 1880."

The lodge was then closed, and the proceedings terminated. In consequence of the death of Bro. Miskin it was felt that it was impossible to hold the banquet which had originally formed part of the arrangements for the day. His Worship the Mayor privately entertained the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officer who assisted at the ceremony.

**ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.**

A Bazaar and Fancy Fair in aid of the objects of this Fund was opened on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Tavern, and remained open till Friday. The Earl of Lathom with the Countess of Lathom, the Earl of Rosslyn and Countess of Rosslyn, Lord Brooke and Miss Maynard were present at the opening, and the Earl of Lathom, in declaring the bazaar open, said he trusted it would be a great success. There was a numerous and distinguished company at the ceremony. The large hall of the tavern, which had been lent together with several of the adjacent rooms by Bro. Best, was very tastefully decorated with thirteen stalls, over one of which the Countess of Lathom and the Countess of Rosslyn presided on the first day.

- The stalls were arranged as follows:—
- 1.—The Countess of Lathom and the Countess of Rosslyn.
  - 2.—Mrs. Constable, Miss Constable, Mrs. Ford, Miss Hollis, Miss L. Hollis, Miss Webster, Miss Webster, and Miss F. Stuart.
  - 3.—Mrs. Rosenthal, Miss Rosenthal, Miss C. Rosenthal, Mrs. Rausch, Miss B. Rausch, and Miss E. Rausch.
  - 4.—Miss Binckes, Miss A. Binckes, Mdlle. De Bernardy, Miss Weber, Madame Barri Guich, and Madame Nita Guzman.
  - 5.—Mrs. Radclyffe, Mrs. Bateman, Miss Levy, Miss Lyon, Mrs. Francis, Miss Barker, and Mrs. Barker.
  - 6.—Mrs. Bland, Miss Francis, Miss G. Francis, display of conjuring tricks and magical apparatus, many of them made in pure nickel silver.
  - 7.—Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Shand, Mrs. James Stephens, Miss Moss, and Miss E. Stevens.
  - 8.—Madame Fontaine-Besson.
  - 9.—Mrs. Cremer, Miss Cremer.
  - 10.—Miss Hopwood, Miss M. Hopwood, Miss Paris, Miss F. Creed, Miss Lathom, and Mrs. Slater.
  - 11.—Mrs. Lowenstark, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Lowenstark, Miss Morgan, Miss E. Samuel, and Miss Seeley.
  - 12.—Mrs. Gambier, Mrs. E. C. Royle, Miss B. Clench, Miss C. Clench, Miss M. Clench, Miss Campbell, Miss Todd, Miss Grimstone, and Miss Mortimer.

The centre stall was presided over by Mrs. Funkenstein. Three beautiful bouquets were presented to the Countess of Lathom, the Countess of Rosslyn, and Miss Maynard, by the Horticultural Society, of which the Earl of Lathom is a member. As soon as the bazaar was opened the sales became very brisk. The first purchases effected were by the Rev. J. Martyn, Treasurer of the Fund, who patronised the Countess of Lathom's stall. All the fair vendors were exceedingly energetic in pressing sales, and all the Committee were unremitting throughout the continuance of the bazaar not only to make it a success but to make everybody comfortable. There was no lack of entertainment, as the following programme will show:

Orchestral band, under the direction of Bro. W. J. Kent. A concert, during the opening ceremony, under the direction of Bro. C. King-Hall, assisted by Madame Edith Wynne and others. A series of recitals, &c., under the direction of Bro. Edward Terry, assisted by Bros. Lionel Brough, Harry Cox, Walter Joyce, Charles Warner, Soutar, Maclean, Lorcan, J. G. Taylor, Meyer Lutz, Charles Tinney, Mr. J. Fernandez, Mr. Harry Paulton, Mr. Edward Righton, Mr. Royce, Miss Chambers, Miss Violet Cameron, Miss Farren, Mrs. Keely, Miss Ada Swanborough and Mrs. Edward Swanborough, and others. A musical entertainment by Bro. Buckland, and a humorous lecture by Mr. Harry Paulton. Wonderful magical entertainments under the direction of Mr. J. Bland. The Pupils' band and choir of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Royal Hand-bell Ringers and Glee Singers (Poland-street), Bro. Duncan C. Miller, Conductor. A concert under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmyer. Artistes: Miss Annabel Gray, Miss Maclean, Miss Blanche Navarre, Mr. Mayhew, Signor Valcherie, Mr. Quartre-mayne, and Mr. Max Bohrer. A grand concert, conducted by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., and supported by some of the most eminent artistes of the day. Bro. John Probert, 972, conducted a concert, assisted by Miss Elene Wester, Miss Amy Dicksee, Signor Odoardo Barri, Bro. Egbert Roberts, Mr. Blockley, and Mr. J. S. Wiseman. Bro. Chaplin Henry, assisted by Messrs. Abercrombie, George Buckland, G. T. Carter, Coates, Lee Davies, Theodore Distin, Lester, Fountain Meen, Vernon Rigby, Montem Smith, E. H. Taylor, Lewis Thomas, Arthur J. Thompson, Michael Watson, and Winn; Misses Emily Dones, Grace Godolphin, Blanche Paige, Jeanie Ross, Clara Samuel, Marion Severn, José Sherrington, and Annie Sinclair. Bro. Seymour Smith assisted by Madame Worrell, Miss M. Roby, Bro. G. T. Carter, and Mr. M. Watson. A concert, under the direction of Madame Barri Guido and Bro. Schuberth, assisted by Mr. Lionel Brunel, Madame Nita Guzman, Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Blanche Grosvenor, the Sisters Callam, Mr. Pearson, Signor Valcheri, Mr. Puddicombe, and others. A series of amusements, including Punch and Judy, &c., by Bro. Cremer, jun. Bro. Augustus L. Tamplin provided an orchestral concert. Bro. John Stedman's musical entertainment. The Royal Criterion Hand-Bell Ringers and Glee Singers, under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper. Mr. T. Harper, a solo on the trumpet. A drawing-room entertainment by Dr. Lynn. Bro. Middleton's series of magic lantern entertainments, &c. By kind permission of Bro. Professor Millar, Bro. General Tom Thumb, Commodore Nutt, Miss Nellie Miller, and party held a reception. A Fine Art Gallery. The Surprise Aquarium (by Bro. Cremer), containing queer fish for anglers of all ages. The waters strictly preserved, and available for guests throughout the day, a catch guaranteed. A special stall, furnished by Mr. Bland, with a variety of beautiful and amusing conjuring tricks, suitable for juveniles and adults. Professor Faber's talking machine.

Mr. Bland, of New Oxford-street, exhibited a very beautiful fairy fountain, which took many years making by the late Bro. Snoxell, the celebrated mechanic, of Charterhouse-square. The mounting of it is all solid bronze ornaments, rich gilt and chased. Value of this beautiful work of art—fifty guineas. There was to be a lottery for this article before the bazaar was finally closed.

We are not able yet to give the pecuniary result of the bazaar, but we have been informed that it was a success. We shall probably be able next week to give the total takings.

**BETTING LOTTERIES AND MASONIC "SWEEPS."**

**COMMUNIQUE.**

Recently at Bow-street Police-office a new "venture," called the "Bentneck Racing Association," has been exposed by Mr. Poland, for the Treasury, and condemned by Sir James Ingham. The "modus operandi" was as follows: A company was started with the proposal of purchasing a select stud of racehorses, the necessary capital of £10,000 to be raised by the issue of 20 shares of £50, the holders of which would form the directors and committee of management; 60 of £50, the holders of which would form the sub-committee; 200 at £10, the holders of which would form the general committee; and 2000 of £1. To place the association within reach of all classes an analysis of all the principal races would be published at 1s. a copy. In anticipation of a large sale of the analysis it was proposed, after deducting reasonable expenses, to give away the profits in the form of shares in the company, and for the outlay of 1s. a purchaser might find himself the holder of a coupon for £150, £50, £10, or £1 share. The outlay was small and the chances great, and should the money be required more than the share it could be sold at a discount of 5 per cent. The next step was to issue a circular similar to the advertisement, and upon application and receipt of money a numbered copy of the analysis was forwarded. Having sold these to the number of 7000 or more, the defendant professed to have a drawing at his own office, at which, of course, none of the public were admitted. A drawing list was then published, showing the winning numbers. The police were instructed to buy a copy of the analysis, and it so happened that in one case an officer was found to possess a winning number, but, instead of receiving the money, applied for five copies of the analysis, which were not forwarded. In another case an officer was the possessor of a winning number, and was entitled to 10s., which he did not receive, and upon application found that the defendant had gone into the country. The scheme was nothing more nor less than a distribution of money by lottery of the very worst description. Evidence was given by the officer who purchased the copies, and Mr. Poland stated that the defendant had been prosecuted at this court for similar offences and fined £100. Sir James Ingham fined the defendant £25 on three summonses, and, in default of distress, ordered him to be imprisoned for nine months.

We hope all our readers will note the remarks of Mr. Poland and the decision of Sir James Ingham. This communique is intended also in its measure to warn all who take part in Masonic sweeps and lotteries that these proceedings are equally illegal, and may be as easily proceeded against in police courts. We trust that many worthy brethren of ours in the metropolis and provinces will take a friendly hint and act accordingly for their reputation and safety.

**CONSECRATION OF THE STANMORE CHAPTER, No. 1549.**

The Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, was consecrated on Wednesday last at the Abercorn Arms, Stanmore, by Comps. H. C. Levander, P.Z., Prov. G.H. Middx., as M.E.Z.; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Prov. G. Treasurer Middx., as H.; and James Terry, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C. Herts, as J. The list of companions present at the ceremony were Comps. G. Tidcombe, H. Lovegrove, T. J. Maidwell, John B. King, John Middleton, John E. Dawson, Prov. G.S.E. Herts, 404; H. A. Dubois, Prov. G.S.E. Middx., 142; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. H. Middx.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Standard B.; James Terry, Z., Highgate, 1366, P.G.D.C. Herts; Charles Challen, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, 315; F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., Watford, 404, P.Z. and Treasurer, P.G.H.; E. J. F. Bell, Duke of Connaught, 1524; G. C. Nissens, Dobie, 889; H. Sadler, Z., Temperance, 169; Walter J. Green, Watford, 404; and Francis Honeywell, H. Dobie, 889. Comp. H. A. Dubois acted as D.C.

After the chapter had been formally opened and the petition and warrant read, Comp. James Terry, J., delivered the oration, after which the ceremony of consecration and dedication was proceeded with and completed, the musical portion being rendered by Comps. Francis Honeywell, P.M. 889, P.G.O. Middx., P.G.O.R.A. Surrey; and Edwin J. F. Bell, Lodge of Asaph, 1319, Duke of Connaught Chapter, 1524. Comp. G. Tidcombe, P.M., 1549, was then installed M.E.Z., and Comp. H. Lovegrove, W.M. 1777, as J. Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, was to have been installed as H., but on account of a recent serious domestic affliction he was unable to be present. The companions appointed to office were Comps. Charles Veal, S.E.; T. J. Maidwell, P.S.; King, 1st A.S.; and Middleton, Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. H. LOVEGROVE, H., seconded by Comp. TIDCOMBE, M.E.Z., Comps. Levander, Buss, Terry, and Dubois were elected honorary members of the chapter, together with a vote of thanks to them for performing the ceremony. Comp. Levander returned thanks.

Names of joining members and of intending exaltees were afterwards given in, and the companions then closed the chapter and adjourned to banquet, which, with the dessert, was most tastefully supplied by Comp. Veal.

After banquet the toasts were proposed. In giving the toast of "The Grand Z., the Prince of Wales," Comp. TIDCOMBE said the companions ought to be proud at having so good a Mason at the head of the glorious old Craft. When a man representing the Throne of England went down to Truro and laid a stone after the grand old fashion of Freemasons, in spite of the sneers of some of the clergy, he must be a good Mason. He was sorry it had been said by some of the clergy that Masons were not good enough people to lay that stone; that they were better people. In reply he would say, "He that is without sin let him cast the first stone."

Comp. H. G. BUSS, Past Std. Br., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Comp. H. C. LEVANDER, G. Treas. Middx., replying to the toast of "The Prov. G. Officers," and afterwards in responding to that of "The Consecrating Officers," said that he and his colleagues were very pleased indeed to have had the opportunity of being present at the consecration of a new chapter. He felt it a great honour, personally, that he had been called upon by Sir Francis Burdett to attend as his deputy. At the same time, he craved forgiveness for any shortcomings, as it was the first time he had consecrated a chapter. The M.E.Z. had said that the chief thing in Masonry was to do what ever had to be done with a good will and an earnest desire to do one's best. He had done so on that occasion. He was very much indebted indeed to Comp. Terry for the kind assistance he had given, because it was from him he had learned his duties. Comp. Terry was always ready to give such assistance whenever called upon, and the companions were indebted to Comp. Terry for whatever success had attended the day's proceedings. He (Comp. Levander) and the other Consecrating Officers felt honoured at being enrolled as honorary members of the Stanmore Chapter, and he hoped it would in all times flourish. Under its present M.E.Z. he knew it would thrive and become a first-rate chapter of the Province of Middlesex, and he wished prosperity and health not only to the M.E.Z. but to the members of the chapter collectively. He would now propose "The Health of the M.E.Z." Comp. Tidcombe had been well known in the Craft for many years, not only in the neighbourhood of Stanmore but in other parts of the province and in London. He believed that the companions could not have chosen a worthier Mason or one more likely to promote the interests of the chapter to occupy the first chair in the first year of the chapter's existence. He hoped for some few years to look back on this day as the first of a long series of years of prosperity to this chapter which he had had the pleasure of consecrating. The chapter of course did not at present number a large roll of members, but they must remember that Rome was not built in a day, and it did not always argue for the welfare of a lodge or chapter that a great list should be offered on the day of its consecration. Rather, perhaps, the contrary. He would much rather hear of a lodge or chapter being well founded on a few good foundation stones, brethren well known in the Craft and Royal Arch, who were certain to take an interest in the lodge or chapter they had joined, than Masons who had joined for the sake of getting into office, and without real interest in the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. He trusted that this chapter would take care to admit into it those only who took the interest he had spoken of, and would eventually do honour to the choice of the companions who had elected them.

The M.E.Z. in acknowledging the toast, said: I thank Comp. Levander for the kind expressions he has used. I can only say, as I am quite a humble representative of that which I have undertaken I will endeavour now to do my best in that state of life to which God has called me. I believe I see some little good in what I have done to day. I have always taken great interest in this neighbourhood. The neighbourhood of Stanmore is well known to historians, as well as artists, physicians, and the general public who study their health; although it is not so familiar to Londoners as the southern part of Middlesex. Amongst other historical records there is a spot on the Elstree side of Stanmore Common, called Caesar's Fort, where Roman armlets and other objects have been often found, and where there are traces of a Roman barrow. The ancient Cassii (whose capital was St. Albans) had several conflicts

here with the Romans, under their renowned chief Cassibellanus, a proof of which exists in the obelisk near the Common, and "every spot in or near the Common seems to attest—as has been said by Miss Phillimore—to the truth of this early stage of English history." The country itself is as charming as can be, and the air the best of inland air in England. I have the authority of the best doctors on this point, and one of them is here this evening—our worthy Comp. Dr. Wilson Iles—and from another whom I hope to see here soon as our Treasurer—dear old Dr. Rogers—our brother and Treasurer of the Abercorn Lodge. While gazing with delight on the magnificent panorama on all sides of Stanmore, the healthy breezes and tonic properties of the air which you feel give unmistakable evidence that you are on high ground, 500 feet above sea level. Bentley Priory, so well known as the residence of the Marquis of Abercorn, the Queen Adelaide, and lately of Sir John Kelk, is now to be sold, and bids fair to be the site of modern villas, with a railway near, giving place to modern ideas, and our tremendous increase of population. The celebrated Duke of Buckingham and Chandos held his brilliant court at Cannons, close by, and not far from here the immortal Handel composed "The Harmonious Blacksmith" and other divine melodies. The Abercorn Hotel, where we now are, and have just consecrated our Royal Arch Chapter, had the honour of being the meeting place of the Prince Regent, the Emperor of Russia, and the King of Prussia, with Louis the 18th at the conclusion of the old French war. Indeed, Stanmore is full of interest, and to me especially, for my earliest associations are here, and I went to school close by. But it is more so now, from the proud position in which you have this day installed me, as the First Principal of the Stanmore Chapter.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the H. and J."

Comp. H. LOVEGROVE replied, and said he could not, as the M.E.Z. had done, give a narrative of the archaeological and antiquarian objects of the locality derived from early reminiscences, for he had only been there once before. On that occasion he saw Comp. Veal, who suggested that if it were possible he would like to get up a chapter. He (Comp. Lovegrove) consented to be a founder, and it gave him great pleasure to be so, as he was an enthusiastic Mason. He thought Royal Arch Masonry was the finest, and when he was P.S., he thought no office was so great. It was then his intention quietly to go to the J. chair. He considered Comp. Tidcombe was an admirable man to put in the Z. chair, although he went there from plain companion to M.E.Z. He (Comp. Lovegrove) intended to go to the chair by degrees. Those who took the chair should be able to do the work, and he (Comp. Lovegrove) was learning the several rituals. He came to Stanmore a comparative stranger, but from those he saw around him now he was not a stranger. Comp. Lovegrove then praised the excellent work they had seen that day performed by Comps. Levander, Terry, Dubois, and Buss, and enumerated nearly every companion at the table as belonging to a body of first-class Masons.

Comp. BUSS, in place of H., also replied, and said he was sure all the companions would feel deeply for Comp. W. Stephens in the great affliction he had recently undergone. He spoke of Comp. W. Stephens as a splendid worker in Craft and Arch Masonry, who was always ready to assist whenever Masonic work had to be performed.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Dr. Wilson Iles and Nissen, the latter of whom, he said, went 1500 miles to take his three Degrees in Masonry.

Dr. ILES, in reply, stated that, believing the Royal Arch to be an essential addition to Craft Masonry, he could not but be rejoiced to see a new chapter established. He was delighted to see the ceremony of the day performed so perfectly and without any hitch by such distinguished Masons as had presided. The chapter was to be congratulated, as was also the M.E.Z. on the distinguished position he had been placed in. He was sure Comp. Tidcombe would work hard to perform his duties during his year of office to promote the interests of the chapter. He ventured to prophesy a great career for this chapter, and if they would only adopt the advice of Comp. Levander not to endeavour to increase their number so much as to get good members, the chapter would prosper.

Comp. NISSEN also replied, and said it was perfectly true that when in India he travelled nearly 500 miles to take each Degree in Bombay.

Comp. JAMES TERRY responded for "The Charities," and said that he expected that his Institution would be at the bottom of the list of subscriptions this year. He had been already topped by the Girls' School, and believed that to-morrow the Girls' School would be found to have received less support this year than the Boys. He wished to see every Mason subscribing a small amount to the different Charities, and not, as it was now, the bulk of the support coming from the same brethren year after year. He added that it was not the subscribers whose widows and children came for relief, but the widows and children of those who had never given anything.

Comp. H. A. DUBOIS said that with reference to the purchase of Lyncombe House, which was completed on Monday, there would be a meeting of the Committee next Monday to take into consideration the alterations necessary for the reception of twenty-five additional girls into the Girls' School.

The Janitor's toast was then given, and the companions shortly afterwards separated.

The Court of the Goldsmiths' Company have voted the sum of £50. to the building fund of the Convalescent Home for poor Children, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., who sat for Southwark during the few closing weeks of the last Parliament, is the candidate for Plymouth, in succession to Sir E. Bates.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).**—Last Saturday, June 26th, will be a memorable occasion in the annals of this lodge, for in response to the many suggestions of the brethren, the W.M. readily acquiesced in admitting ladies to the banquet. The ordinary meeting took place as usual at the Crystal Palace, when the lodge was duly and punctually opened by the W.M., Bro. Robt. H. Crowden, there being also present Bros. Woodrow, Sec.; Kent, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Thos. Perrin, S.D.; Montague Vizitelli, J.D.; Basil Cooke, I.G.; Beckett, Tyler; Rosenthal, Hon. Chap.; Jas. Orange, Org.; Crump and Crowden, Stewards; Philips, Lomas, Archer, Johnson, Jenkins, Hicks, Crouch, P.M.; and Albin, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Le Quesne, P.M.; A. Rosenthal, S.W.; E. Healey, P. Chatterton, and Rogers.

After the reading of the minutes, which were duly confirmed, the W.M. proceeded, after examination, to pass Bro. Stephen Johnson. Mr. Alexander Joseph Bellis, having been balloted for and approved, was then initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order.

At the closing of the lodge the brethren then retired to the banqueting room, where they were joined by the following ladies: Mrs. Robt. H. Crowden, Mrs. Garrod, Mrs. Crouch, Miss Woodrow, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Vizitelli, Mrs. James Crowden, Mrs. Philips, Mrs. Lomas, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Le Quesne, Miss Rogers, Miss Fullwood, and others.

The banquet, to which forty-five sat down, was served in the usual satisfactory style by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and was thoroughly appreciated. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Crouch, P.M., and in reply the W.M., in thanking the brethren for their uniform kindness to him, hoped to be able to record this meeting as the most happy and enjoyable during his years of office; for how could it be otherwise, when surrounded by so many "fair friends in so many fair forms," some of whom had closer ties than even Masonry can give. He hoped that the innovation was thoroughly approved by the brethren, and that the example would be followed by his successors, to the satisfaction of the ladies. After a song admirably rendered by Miss Woodrow, the W.M. proceeded to propose "The Health of the Initiate," Bro. Bellis, as follows: Brethren, another star has been added to our Masonic firmament this evening, in that we have initiated a gentleman into the secrets and mysteries of our Order, who we trust will in due time shed light and lustre to all within his sphere. It has given me much pleasure to introduce him to this particular lodge, and I trust the interesting ceremony through which he has this day passed will have a lively and lasting impression on his mind; and I would remind him, as I have ventured to remind those other brethren whom I have had the privilege of initiating, of the happy and beneficial effects of our Ancient Institution, an Institution which is one of the greatest in the world, one which is founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, one which not only teaches us our duty to our neighbour but also the highest doctrines, one which embraces all the cardinal virtues, and points out to us that straight and undeviating line of conduct, laid down for our pursuit through life in the volume of the Sacred Law. Such are the grand principles of Freemasonry, and I trust our initiate will be fully imbued with these principles, and have indelibly imprinted on his heart the sacred dictates of truth, honour, and virtue. If he and we all were more assiduously to carry out these sacred dictates in our every day life, we should then not only be good Masons but better men, and confer a boon and benefit on society at large. I hope the initiate will never regret the step he has this day taken, and, as years roll on, he will look back on this occasion as one of the most eventful in his life. After a lively recitation from Bro. Vizitelli, the initiate, Bro. Bellis, expressed his sincere pleasure in becoming a member of that lodge, and, although his tongue was to an extent tied, from the fact of his being so short a time amongst the brethren, and the fact also of ladies being present, yet he wished to say that the ceremony through which he had passed had left a pleasing and remarkable effect on his mind, and he thanked the W.M. and the brethren for so warmly receiving him and passing him through his first duties. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Lady and Brother Visitors," remarking that ladies for the first time gracing the banquet by their presence could not but fix this occasion as a most eventful one, and he would have the ladies to understand that the banquet formed a very small part of their Masonic proceedings, for it was within the sacred portals of the lodge, where no lady was allowed to enter, that the secrets and mysteries and privileges of the Order were enjoyed; and yet, to show that Masons were not so selfish as some might suppose, he would inform them that there it was that they thought of the poor orphans and destitute, and provided comfort for the indigent old brethren and their wives in their latter years. The Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls and the Benevolent Institution were the consequence of the promptings of Masonic hearts, and these great charitable Institutions were solely maintained by the liberality of the brethren at large. He bade them, one and all, a hearty welcome, and hoped, should they be again invited, they would grace with their presence the hospitable board of the West Kent Lodge.

Bro. Chatterton, in replying, expressed the pleasure it had been for him to have been present at this banquet, for he quite approved of the idea, so well carried out in every particular by the W.M., of admitting ladies occasionally to the banquets. He had never witnessed it before in England, but he had had considerable experience in Normandy and other parts of France; and he stated there it was a usual custom to invite the ladies, and they always looked forward to it. He then complimented the W.M. on the excellent manner in which the ceremonies were performed, and, although they were a little different to what he had been accustomed to, yet, as a Preceptor to two or three English and French lodges of instruction, he quite approved of the variations and differences in the ritual, and considered that if the ceremonies were always carried out as he had witnessed that day it would be a matter of satisfaction to the Craft in general. Bros. Le Quesne, Rosenthal, Healey, and Rogers also briefly returned thanks for the compliment paid them, and quite acquiesced in the remarks made by Bro. Chatterton. Bro. Vizitelli made a capital speech in return for the lady visitors. The Past Masters, Treasurer (who was unavoidably absent through illness), Secretary, and the

officers were then toasted; thanks being returned by Bros. Crouch, Allen, Woodrow, and Kent. Mrs. Archer delighted the company with a song to her own accompaniment, and the W.M., Bros. Rogers, Woodrow, and Chatterton added also greatly to the harmony and enjoyment of the evening. The Tyler's toast brought the banquet to a successful and happy finale. Coffee was served, and the brethren separated shortly after ten o'clock.

**DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday evening last, the 26th ult. The occasion was necessitated by the fact that Bro. Bertie, who had been through his First and Second Degree, was leaving England for New Zealand, and it was desirable that he should be passed to the Third Degree. There was a full muster of all the officers of the lodge and of most of the members. The ceremony was performed in a most complete manner by the W.M., J. W. Brooke, who also gave in a highly impressive way a Lecture on the Tracing Board, to the great gratification of the members present. We are glad to know that this young lodge continues to advance, there being two new members balloted for and admitted on Saturday evening. After the formal business had been transacted the members adjourned to a banquet, served in most excellent style, to which ample justice was done, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social harmony. The toasts were given and received with effect, particularly the one wishing God-speed to the newly-raised Bro. Bertie on his long voyage, which was replied to in suitable terms.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—This old lodge celebrated its hundred and twelfth anniversary on Friday, the 25th ult, in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There was a good attendance of the members, including Bros. J. Milligan, W.M.; W. H. Atkinson, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. W. Miles, J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., Treas., P.G. Sec.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P. G. Treas.; John Barr, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; E. Tyson, P.M., P.G. Steward; G. Dalrymple, W.M. 1660; W. Bewlay, Sec.; W. Jackson, S.D.; J. Cooper, Org., P.P.G. Org., and many others. The visitors likewise mustered in strong force, there being present from the sister Whitehaven lodge, No. 872: Bros. F. Hodgson, W. M.; J. M. Salisbury, P.M. and Tyler, P.P.G. Tyler (who kindly officiated in the absence, through severe illness, of Bro. Geo. Fitzgerald); and others. From Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle: Bro. J. Slack, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. From Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport: Bros. G. W. Thompson, W.M.; and J. H. Banks, S.W. From the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington: Bros. W. Jackson, J.W.; Jas. Thompson, Sec.; and S. B. Roxby. From Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cocker-mouth: Bros. T. Bird, W.M.; and W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*). From Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont: Bros. A. Whittle, Sec.; Towerson, &c. From Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, Harrington: Bros. H. Hartley, W.M.; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; and T. Dixon, P.M., &c. From Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington: Bro. W. Martin, P.M. From Lodge St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, Malta: Bro. T. Steele.

The lodge having been opened, the Treasurer and Tyler were unanimously re-elected, after which the statement of accounts was read and adopted. The W.M. then, following up the very laudable practice initiated by his predecessor, Bro. E. Tyson, installed Bro. Atkinson in the chair in a faultless manner, so much so as to receive well-merited congratulations from the whole of the Board. The curious warrant of the lodge, dated 1768, and signed by the Hon. Thos. Matthews, then Grand Master of the "Ancients," having been entrusted to the care of the newly-installed Master, the officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. Milligan, I.P.M.; W. Bewlay, S.W.; W. Jackson, J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; J. Casson, Sec.; M. Golithy, S.D.; C. Mossop, J.D.; J. Cooper, Org.; W. S. Newman, D.C.; R. Moore, I.G.; J. MacArthur and W. H. Rayson, Stewards; and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler (by proxy). The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Lodge 119 were respectively delivered by the following Past Masters: Bros. Kenworthy, Barr, and Gibson. After a running fire of "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Adjourning to the banqueting hall, a first-class dinner was partaken of, and the customary toast list was gone through, interspersed with some excellent music, under the direction of Bro. Cooper, not to omit "Tam o' Shanter," recited by Bro. Dalrymple.

**BURNLEY.**—Silent Temple Lodge (No. 126).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Exchange Hotel, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. Present: Bros. John Bolland, Installing Officer; E. Diggle, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Richard Nelson, P.M.; R. W. Waterson, P.M.; B. Whitaker, W.M. elect; Geo. Oldman, S.D.; Alexander Weir, J.D.; J. Sharrecks, I.G.; G. Robinson, William Wilson, J. Harrison, T. S. Ratcliffe, William Richmond, John Wright, Thomas Holland, W.M. 1504; J. Pollard, P.M.; John Brown, Organist; J. Foden, and Charles O'Malley. Visitors: Bros. H. Smith, William Mossop, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. W.L. 1064; L. H. Brown, 1064; William Gregory, 1064; Dr. Morris, 116; and James Hacking, 1504. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Waterson, P.M., in due form and with solemn prayer; the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed; the Auditors handed in their report, which was passed; the election of Treasurer was then made; and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The chair was then taken by the Installing Officer, to whom was presented the W.M. elect for installation. This part of the ceremony being concluded, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired, when a Board of Installed Masters was opened and the W.M. elect duly placed in the chair of K.S. Having been proclaimed, saluted, and greeted, he then invested Bro. John Bolland as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters was closed, the brethren were admitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the east, west, and south. The newly-installed Master then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. George Oldman, S.W.; Alexander Weir, J.W.; William Wilson, Treasurer; R. W. Waterson, P.M., Secretary; E. Diggle, P.M., D.C.; J. Sharrock, S.D.; T. S. Ratcliffe, J.D.; William Richmond, Organist; John Foden, I.G.; William T. Read, Steward; Charles P. O'Malley, Steward; and George Robinson, Tyler. The



ancient charges were then delivered to the Wardens. After the transaction of other business the lodge was closed in harmony, the brethren went to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. John Bolland spoke of his past services in various offices, and of the high estimation in which Bro. Whitaker was held by all the brethren, and how gratified they all felt at having at their head one possessed of such zeal, courtesy, and kindness of disposition, and he was sure that under his command all the brethren and officers would cheerfully work, and that his year of office would be conducted with that love and harmony which at all times ought to characterise Freemasons. The Tyler's toast was then given.

**ROCHFORD.**—True Friendship Lodge (No. 160).—This lodge celebrated its annual festival on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Old Ship Hotel. The lodge was opened at two o'clock by the W.M., Bro. T. King, Prov. G.P., in the presence of a good attendance of members, amongst whom were Bros. J. F. Harrington, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Harper, J.W.; H. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treasurer; G. Burgess, P.M., P.P.G.D., Secretary; W. V. Willson, S.D.; W. Kilpin, I.G.; A. Lucking, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., D.C.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.D.; J. Reeve, P.M.; G. F. Jones, W.M. 1000; T. Shelley, Z. Pettitt, W. Moore, and J. K. Frostick.

Visitors: Bros. A. Durrant, P.M. 276, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Treas.; F. G. Green, P.M. 1024, P.P.S.G.W.; J. S. Brown, W.M. 276; C. Eltham, W.M. 1817; G. I. Glasscock, S.W. 1817; J. M. Farr, I.W. 1817; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000, P.P.A.G.D.C., Secretary 1817; B. Turner, 1817; and C. Floyd, 1818. After the ordinary proceedings the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., who proceeded to instal Bro. J. F. Harrington, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were invested officers: Bros. H. Harper, S.W.; W. V. Willson, J.W.; H. Wood, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); G. Burgess, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed); Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M., Chaplain; A. Harrington, S.D.; W. Kilpin, I.D.; T. Shelley, I.G.; A. Lucking, P.M., D.C.; J. K. Frostick, Steward; and A. Martin, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. A. Lucking for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master.

The lodge was duly closed, and subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with the customary honours. Bro. A. Durrant, P.G. Treas., returned thanks for "The Officers of the Province." Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch returned thanks for "The Masonic Charities." The result of his appeal was that a good sum was collected. The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful meetings of the lodge.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The festival of St. John the Baptist, or the "little St. John" generally so termed, was celebrated on the 23rd ult., by the members of the above lodge dining together at the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the West View Hotel. About thirty-four of the brethren (including a few visitors) were present, for whom ample provision had been made by Host Longmire. Bro. Warbrick, the W.M. of the lodge, presided, supported by Bros. E. Simpson, James Hatch, W. King (East-road), G. Kelland, John Hatch, E. Cardwell, J. Jowett, T. Atkinson, W. Duff, E. Clark, A. Bell, and others. At the conclusion of the dinner the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and received with the customary honours. The toast embracing the officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge was given by Bro. James Hatch, and responded to by Bro. Simpson. Bro. Cardwell, in pithy but complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was most cordially received, and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Warbrick. "The Health of the I.P.M." was also given, and replied to by Bro. Cardwell. Bro. Kelland gave "The Wardens," Bro. Bond "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Jowett "The Junior Officers," all of which were responded to by the officers to whom they severally applied. Bro. King gave "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Wilde and Bannister, of the Morecambe Lodge. The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Simpson, concluded the list. During the evening several of the brethren gave variety to the proceedings by either songs or anecdotes, the company breaking up shortly after eight o'clock.

**LUTON.**—Lodge of St. John the Baptist (No. 475).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Town Hall on Friday, the 25th ult., and there were present Bros. E. A. Cumberland, W.M.; W. C. Haselgrove, S.W.; G. H. Chambers, J.W.; F. W. Haselgrove, P.M. Treasurer; J. W. Green, P.M., Secretary; A. Atkins, S.D.; A. S. Ewen, I.D.; F. J. Brown, W. R. Phillips, P.M.; A. Ewen, J. B. Lambic, J. Cumberland, P.M.; E. F. Green, P.M.; T. E. Austen, P.M.; W. Higgins, F. Wooley-Ewen, C. Handley, F. H. Humphreys, H. Cumberland, R. P. Chantler, F. J. Coleman, M. A. Rankin, and G. Cox. Visitors: Bros. Crew, J.W. 1470; T. Watts, 441; W. Lake, P.M. 131 (*Freemason*); G. H. Patmore, S.W. 228; W. B. Easterhay, P.M. 438; J. Barton, 933; W. Shephard, 754; A. M'Dowell, 948; C. W. Reynolds, J.W. 1470; J. Gladwell, J.D. 1470; H. Willis, 948; J. G. Yolland, 1385; S. M'Lean, 1470; S. Spokes, 1470; C. Gray, W.M. 1385; and J. T. Herbert, 1672.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes and other business the installation of the W.M., Bro. W. Case Haselgrove, was proceeded with. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. A. Cumberland, acted as Installing Master, and was assisted by P.M. T. W. Haselgrove. A lodge of Installed Masters was opened, and that interesting part of the ceremony was carried out in a very satisfactory manner by the Past Masters of the lodge, who filled the different chairs. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by his father, Bro. T. W. Haselgrove, P.M. and Treas., and on the re-admission of the members that brother duly proclaimed the W.M. as duly installed according to ancient usage. The officers were then appointed as follows: Bros. E. A. Cumberland, I.P.M.; G. H. Chambers, S.W.; Alfred Atkins, J.W.; Hugh Gunn, Chap.; T. W. Haselgrove, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Green, P.M., Sec.; A. S. Ewen, S.D.; F. J. Brown, J.D.; W. R. Phillips, P.M., D.C.; Alfred Ewen, I.G.;

J. B. Lambic, Stewd.; T. Day, Tyler. The Secretary reported that a petition had been sent to the Grand Lodge praying that the lodges in Bedfordshire might be formed into a province, and that its receipt had been duly acknowledged by the Grand Secretary. A very satisfactory balance-sheet was presented to the lodge, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was adjourned, and the brethren sat down to a most enjoyable banquet, provided at the George Hotel, at which the W.M. presided, supported by a numerous company of Past Masters, visitors, and brethren. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors especially will not soon forget the hospitality and cordial welcome extended to them. The high position and social status of Masonry in Luton is singularly evidenced by the fact that the lodge has now on its roll two Past Masters, whose fathers occupied that honourable position before them, and are still active members. We can only express a wish that many more Past Masters will have the pleasure and privilege of seeing their sons occupy the chair of the lodge.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The attendance of the brethren was requested as early as eight o'clock in the morning, with the view, after the transaction of business, of journeying into the country for picnic purposes. Even at this unusual hour there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Boswell, W.M., and he was supported by a full complement of officers. Bro. Adolph Pedersen was effectively installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. John L. Houghton, P.M., and the following officers were subsequently appointed: Bros. T. Boswell, I.P.M.; Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; J. J. Glitherow, S.W.; W. H. Veever, I.W.; R. P. France, P.M., Honorary Treasurer; W. Evans, Honorary Secretary; William Heap, S.D.; C. W. Ing, J.D.; A. J. Bolton, I.G.; W. R. Robert, S.S.; and G. Gould, J.S.

About 120 ladies and brethren subsequently took the train to Lymm, where a banquet was supplied at the Plough Inn. The Robin Hood band from Chester played a choice selection of music. During the afternoon, a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. Boswell, I.P.M., and an exceedingly pleasant day was spent by the ladies and the brethren.

Amongst those present were Bros. R. Maddox, Kerr, A. J. Bolton, Martin, R. Williams, E. Messham, S. Prince, J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Barnett, P.M. 249, and others.

**WOOLWICH.**—The Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).—The installation meeting of the above influential, if rather select, lodge took place on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. The lodge was opened at five o'clock sharp by Bro. J. J. Donnelly, W.M., and there being no other business before the lodge than the reading and passing of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were speedily got through, Bro. Sydney Clark, P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Captain Eugene Sweny, to the Installing Officer, Bro. J. Scotch Mutch, for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was proceeded with. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, our excellent brother was, with the usual honours, inducted into the chair of K.S. The brethren were then re-admitted and saluted the W.M. as usual. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. Black, S.W.; Major E. S. Gordon, I.W.; Sydney Clarke, P.M., Treasurer; E. Denton, P.M., Secretary; G. C. Mathams, S.D.; J. D. Sculley, J.D.; O. Weiss, I.G.; and Dr. Godwin, M.D., D.C. Bro. Mutch then finished a most impressive ceremony by giving the three addresses admirably. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M., Bro. Donnelly, with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, and, in so doing, said it was one of the first duties of a W.M. to present to the I.P.M. the jewel of his office that had been accorded him by the brethren of the lodge, as a recognition of his services during the year of his office. It was, therefore, with very great pleasure that he presented to their worthy Bro. Donnelly the jewel that he now pinned upon his breast, and trusted that he might long be spared to wear it, and feel, as they all felt, that he had honourably earned it by his conduct in the chair he had just vacated. He then pinned the jewel on Bro. Donnelly's breast amidst the applause of the brethren. Bro. Donnelly, in reply, said he felt deeply the kindness of the W.M. and brethren, but was afraid he had not done his duty in the chair to his own satisfaction. If the brethren, however, were satisfied he could not but be, and would wear the jewel that night presented to him as one of the greatest honours that could be given him, as he felt sure with it came the good wishes of every member of the lodge. Bro. Past Master Clarke then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Mutch for his services an Installing Officer twice in succession. Bro. Tapp seconded. The W.M. supported, and moved that the vote of thanks be recorded in the books of the lodge. The resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. Mutch returned thanks, and was sorry that he was suffering from physical weakness, which had prevented him doing justice to the ceremony. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered from the visitors present the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. H. De Gray's, the Freemasons' Tavern, where a superb banquet awaited them. Amongst the brethren present besides those above enumerated were Bros. J. W. Tapp, P.M.; J. Mann, P.M.; Daniels; Dr. Raitt, M.D.; T. Alexander, T. Peake; Lieut. J. E. Petley, R.N.; G. Risch, J. Wood, H. De Gray; R. Pidcock, P.M. 916 and P.P.D.C. Sussex; R. Lambert, P.M. 393 and P.P.G.J.D. Northumberland; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; J. Warren, W.M. 700; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; F. Dawson, P.M. 700; Dr. Pope, P.M.; N. Brown, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; E. B. Hobson, J.W. 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the brethren heartily. Bro. Donnelly, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of the W.M. and, in so doing, spoke of the earnest manner in which the W.M. had worked through the minor offices, and of the zeal and ability always displayed by him in every office he undertook in connection with Masonry. He (Bro. Donnelly) felt sure that under the guidance of Bro. Sweny there was a prosperous year in store for them and the lodge. The toast was drunk with

enthusiasm. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Donnelly for the toast and the brethren for their very cordial reception of it, and regretted that he was not a Mason years ago, although for a young Mason of only four years' standing he had nothing to complain of on the score of advancement. Yet he believed he had worked hard for it and fairly earned it. He should do all that lay in his power to promote the interest of the lodge, and support with dignity the position to which they had elected him as the ruler and governor of the lodge. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and in giving it the W.M. spoke enthusiastically of those who had preceded him—Bro. Tapp, who first gave him office; Bro. Mutch, who had so eloquently installed him that day; Bro. Sydney Clarke, who held the funds of the lodge, and was honoured and respected by all. Bros. Denton and Mann they were proud of, and they had yet to see Bro. Donnelly actively engaged in that position, but he felt sure he would, as all the Past Masters had, do his duty. Bro. Donnelly responded briefly for the toast. "The Visitors" were next heartily toasted, and Bros. Hutton, Warren, Lambert, Pidcock, Pope, and Jolly returned thanks successively. The S.W., Bro. Black, replied for the "Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasure of the evening.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. There was a large and distinguished assembly of members and visitors to do honour to the occasion of the installation of Bro. Henry Trevitt into the chair and office of W.M. of the lodge. Bro. R. Crispe, W.M. presided, assisted by his officers, and supported by Past Masters Bros. T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Cain, Ballard, P.G. Prov. D.C.; Becken, and others.

Visitors: Bros. H. A. Tobias, W.M. 1502; J. G. Hassell, S23; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org. 216; A. Wylie, W.M. 1264; J. Brotherton, J.D. 241; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, P.G. Treas.; James Sampson, 673; W. Brassey, S.D. S23; A. Waterhouse, S.S. 580; W. Maddox, S23; J. Bryan, 1035 and 203; S. Butterworth, 1547; H. Burrows, P.M. 693; P. Armstrong (late) 724; S. B. Denchar, J.W. 786; E. Allen, W.M. 786; F. J. Bailey, P.M. 786; E. Hartnell, 1264; W. Williams, 1609; W. H. Vernon, S.D. 249; E. Cattrall, S.D. 203; C. Baldwin, 203; S. J. Henochsberg, S.W. 1502; J. N. Pendleton, 249; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Mr. George Hall, and being approved, he was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. Bro. Henry Trevitt, W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. P.M. Ballard, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and having given his assent in due form to the ancient charges read by the Secretary, was obligated, and thereafter, presented to and approved by a Board of Installed Masters, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. After being proclaimed and saluted in due form by the brethren on their return to the lodge, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, who were invested as follows:—Bros. M. Hart, S.W.; G. Gordon, J.W.; B. Cain, P.M. Treas.; J. Pendleton, Sec.; J. Comins, S.D.; J. Humphreys, J.D.; D. Davies, I.G.; J. W. Ballard, P.G.D.C.; J. Ellis, S.S.; Thomas, J.S.; Williamson, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. P.M. Ballard, P.G.P., who delivered the addresses to the officers. On the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. H. Trevitt, W.M., in a short but appropriate speech, presented to Bro. Crispe, I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge as a mark of their appreciation of his able management of the lodge during his term of office. Bro. P.M. Crispe, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in placing the jewel on his breast, and assured them that it would ever be esteemed by him in the highest manner.

The business of the meeting being now concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served in Bro. Chapin's best style. On the cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and very heartily responded to, the intervals being pleasantly enlivened with some excellent vocal music by Bro. W. Williams, H. and J. Ellis, M. Hart, F. Pendleton, G. Gordon, Hoblin, Humphreys, and others. The harmonium was very gracefully performed on by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O. Bro. Crispe, I.P.M., said: It is my especial privilege this evening to be entrusted with the gavel for the purpose of proposing a toast, a toast that I am sure will accord with your feelings, "The Health of the W.M." In proposing that toast, it is to me a source of great gratification to feel that the choice of the lodge has fallen upon a very worthy brother, and I am sure that for the same reason the toast will be received by you with equal gratification. I am certain you will drink it in the most cordial manner, and wish him success and happiness during his year of office. Bro. Trevitt, W.M., in reply, said: Brethren, after the very flattering remarks of our I.P.M., Bro. Crispe, which he has been pleased to pass upon me this evening, I feel sure you will all agree with me when I say this is a proud day for me, for I feel that I have received a great honour from the lodge in being selected to fill the W.M.'s chair. It is an honour I have looked forward to for a long time, and now that I have obtained it I shall never forget it. To say that I will do my best to discharge the duties of my high office to the best of my abilities, and to merit a continuance of your confidence, is to say very little, for that is what you have a right to demand of me, for when I look around upon the long and distinguished list of my predecessors who have so worthily filled the chair, many of whom have made their mark in the Craft, I may well feel the deep responsibility of the trust you have thought fit to repose in me. Being in this old lodge room, brethren, calls to my mind with much pleasure and satisfaction the evening of the 26th of March, 1873. On that evening, and in this room, I first saw the light of Masonry, and in listening to the ancient charges, wherein it says (that you will and I), brethren, I made a promise to myself that evening I would do so, that it should be my ambition to attain the honourable position of W.M. My ambition has been realised, inasmuch as I have this day been installed the W.M. of my mother lodge by my nearest and oldest friend, Bro. Ballard, P.M., to whom I mainly owe my proud position this evening; and I feel I have to thank you, Bro. Ballard, P.M., for the honour you have

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A Vacancy having occurred in the Office of Collector of this Institution, Brethren (who must be Master Masons and between the ages of Twenty-five and Forty-five years) desirous of becoming candidates for the same are requested to send in their applications, accompanied by their testimonials, not later than Monday, the 12th July next, to the undersigned, from whom all information respecting the Duties of the Office can be obtained.

By order, JAMES TERRY,  
Secretary.

4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
25th June, 1880.

## GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

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In aid of the  
MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND,  
On Wednesday, July 7th, 1880, at the  
CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM.

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PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

CHAPTER HOUSE, 77<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, BISHOPSGATE STREET.

The Chapter will be opened as a Lodge of Instruction every Tuesday evening in July, commencing on the 6th, when the Degrees of the Chapter—Five and Six—will be worked, and to which Royal Arch Masons are invited. On subsequent Tuesdays the remaining Degrees—Seven to Eleven—will be worked, and holders of these or corresponding Degrees under other Rites are admitted on application.

Chapter will be opened at 7.30, p.m. and close at 9 punctually.

Information as to advancement in the Degrees of this Rite may be obtained at the Chapter House as above.

JAMES HILL, 32<sup>o</sup>, Sec.

### TO ADVERTISERS.

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### To Correspondents.

P.M. AND SUBSCRIBER has not sent his name—we must ask for this in accordance with our rule before inserting his letter.

The following lodge reports, &c., stand over:

Avon Lodge, No. 1033; Lodge of Harmony, No. 325;  
Buxton Lodge, No. 1688; Lodge of Industry, No. 48;  
Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267.

Grand Council of Allied Degrees.

Consecration of the Claremont Lodge, Esher.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Middlesex and Surrey.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Plain Living and High Thinking," "The Brighton Gazette," "Maidstone and Kentish Journal," "Keble's Margate and Ramsgate Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Night and Day," "Sunday Times," "Time," "Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India," "The Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "Croydon Guardian," "The Chemists' Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Die Bauhütte," "The Irish Times," "The Freeman's Journal," "The Egyptian Gazette," "Der Long Islaender," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Liberal Freemason," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for 1880," "The Masonic Age," "Boletín Oficial," "Montreal Herald."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1880.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School for 1880 has taken place at the Crystal Palace, under the distinguished presidency of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of LATHOM, amid much *eclat*. A numerous attendance testified to the unabated interest in the Institution exhibited by our large-hearted Fraternity, while the returns of the Stewards afford an unimpeachable evidence of the continued zeal of the Craft for so good a cause. The total accounts returned amount to £14,002. We shall endeavour to give a detailed analysis of the returns in our next.

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WE are pleased to call attention elsewhere to the satisfactory report of the "Examiner" of the Boys' School. Such a report must be alike most satisfactory to the Subscribers and Patrons of that excellent Institution, just as it is most creditable to Dr. MORRIS and all entrusted with the arrangements and tuition of the School. We wish Dr. MORRIS all success in his arduous labours.

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AND so another metropolitan Masonic season is departing with all its "work," its social pleasantries, its memories, and even its anticipations. In a short time we shall all be scattered, not again to meet in lodge or chapter for some little time. Wherever fate or fortune may lead us, wherever duty or destiny may detain us, let us rejoice to think that, perhaps, through many changing years we have continued loyally adherent, not only to the "ancient plan of Freemasonry," but also to that good old lodge and kindly chapter of which we have so long been members. Freemasonry has its detractors and its assailants; it is sometimes the subject of railery, sometimes of slander; its aims are misconstrued, its principles parodied; its words travestied, its end perverted, but still here it is before us to-day, ministering largely to the happiness, enjoyment, personal happiness, and pleasant reminiscences of very many of us, and doing a great deal of good in this world of ours, by its goodly and unostentatious development of the sacred principles of truest charity. Long may it continue to be both useful and ornamental, whether to the age we live in, or the world at large.

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WE hear, and hear with pleasure, that the preliminary arrangements in respect of the purchase of Lyncombe House are now completed, and that the alterations have commenced. We understand that in October, in addition to the twenty-five girls specially to be elected, there will be seventeen vacancies normally, so that forty-two inmates will have to be elected out of seventy-five candidates. The forty-two thus admitted in October will enter the School in January next. We think that we are expressing the sentiments of

the vast majority of our readers, and of the subscribers to the Girls' School when we add that our Bro. Col. CREATON and the House Committee deserve the very greatest credit for the prevision they have shown in this matter, as well as for the provision they have made so wisely and seasonably for the still increasing requirement of the School. No more sensible, reasonable, or absolutely necessary purchase ever was made than the purchase of Lyncombe House, for the integrity, maintenance, and safe development of the Girls' School.

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WE rejoice to note that up to the end of last week the Hospital Fund had reached the goodly amount of £26,000. Many collections had yet to come in, and it is anticipated that the result will be a large increase on last year's returns.

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A LITTLE paragraph in the *Times* of Friday last announces the gratifying, if remarkable, fact, which, we think, though non-Masonic, deserves to be noted as a sign of large-hearted charity among us, that an offertory at St. Alban's, Birmingham, for a new church, amounted to the almost unexampled amount of £4087.

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THE present position of the St. Alban's Restoration Fund appears to be this. The original idea, as our readers will remember, was to raise £9000 to restore the whole western front. That was probably too large an undertaking *ab initio*, and the Craft, despite the Masonic and historic traditions of St. Alban's, did not respond warmly to the idea. An unfortunate controversy and some circulars of an "anti-restoration" society indisposed many of our lodges and brethren to subscribe. The Committee is now seeking how best to spend the £500, in round numbers, it has collected. A sub-Committee will report as soon as possible what form it recommends that this distinct memorial of Masonic sympathy is to take, and whether the actual "work" is to cost £500 or a little more; we feel sure that it will be one which will be an ornament to the cathedral and a credit to the Craft. The Committee has the advantage of being assisted in its conclusions by the advice and aid of Bro. CHAPPELL, the well-known and able clerk of the works, and now Mayor of St. Alban's. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Bro. C. E. KEYSER for his unceasing efforts and untiring zeal in the matter.

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WE trust that we have heard the last of all of that unreasoning "personality" which has allowed itself to appear in numerous ways and under different forms lately amongst us, whether about "anything or nothing at all." After all it is perhaps only the usual repetition of the proceedings of the "frogs in the fable;" but still it is greatly to be deprecated as throwing a doubt on all Masonic professions.

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Is it not sad to peruse, as we do day by day, of the remains of a lingering superstition amongst us of the grossest kind? All of our readers will agree with us that the following extract, taken from the *Times* of Thursday week, tells its own mournful tale of an incomplete education of our people. Instead of fighting about the "why or the how," let us all seek to extend on all sides of us the blessings of a sound and good education. "At the Dunmow Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, Charles and Peter Brewster, father and son, labourers, were charged with misbehaving themselves towards Susan Sharpe, wife of an army pensioner, living at High Easter, in a manner likely to lead to a breach of the peace. The evidence showed that the defendants were under the impression that the complainant was a witch, and they wanted to put her to the test by throwing her in a pond to see whether she would sink or float. They affirmed she had bewitched the younger defendant and his wife, causing the furniture in the house to be disturbed, their domestic animals to die, their bed to rock like a swinging-boat, and a shadow in the 'shape' of the complainant to appear in their bedroom. The elder defendant had visited certain reputed 'cunning' men and women in the



"villages around with a view to baffle the supposed witch's evil designs, but without effect—they could get no peace. The chairman said such things as the defendants had done might have led some years ago to a serious riot. They would be bound over to keep the peace for six months."

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BRO. HYDE CLARKE has kindly sent us an extract from a paper of the Rev. R. H. CODRINGTON, read before the Anthropological Institute, June 9th, on "Religious Belief and Practices in Melanesia," by which it seems that a sort of religious fraternity exists among the islands. The extract is as follows: "The great institutions of the Banks Islands are the Suge and the Tamate. Neither has a religious character, nor is any superstitious practice necessarily connected with them. The Suge is a club, the house belonging to which is the most conspicuous building in every village, and is to be found wherever there is a permanent habitation. This house, or *gamal*, has many compartments, each with its own oven, in accordance with the several grades in the society. To rise from one grade to another money has to be given and pigs killed. The authority of the men highest in the Suge is very considerable, and it is these persons who appear to traders and naval officers as chiefs. The Tamate is a secret society, to which entrance is obtained by payment, and the neophyte has to spend many days in the *salagoro*, or sacred place; the only secret, however, is the making of the masks and hats in which the members appear in public, and the way of producing the sound which is supposed to be the cry of the ghosts. The members of the great Tamate indulge in much licence. When they choose to go abroad to collect provision for one of their feasts, the women and uninitiated are obliged to keep away from their paths; the warning voice of the Tamate is heard, and the country is shut up." One of the most interesting points of Masonic archaeology is the existence of a secret confraternity quasi Masonic in every portion of the habitable globe.

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It will be seen by our report that the post of collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is now advertized for. The decision of the Committee making twenty-five the minimum and forty-five the maximum, strikes out candidates, so to say, "at both ends." Thus Bro. WEBBE and Bro. RECKNEL are both excluded. We, ourselves, think, with others, that by making a hard and fast line of forty-five, we shut out some most excellent candidates, and the same may perhaps be said of the minimum of twenty-five. It seems desirable that the Collector, be he who he may, should be a brother of mature age, sound judgement, steady principles, and business habits. Among the candidates now before the Committee are Bros. MASON, SPIEGHT, WORRELL, and DAVIS; but there is no telling whom the advertisement may call forth.

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WE call attention to a statement elsewhere relative to "Betting Lotteries and Masonic Sweeps," which we recommend to the perusal of all who otherwise might be tempted perchance to take part in dubious proceedings or hurtful schemes.

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IN our contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, of June 18th, we find the following passage:—  
"It has been thought that the Roman Catholic Church was alone among Christians for its never ending war on Masonry. We now learn that the General Synod of the Presbyterian body, which met in Brooklyn on the 7th inst., have uttered their *Anathema and Marenatha* against the Craft.  
"They declare that Freemasonry is anti-republican, anti-Christian and anti-reformed!  
"One member declared that Masonry dishonoured God and promoted infidelity!"  
Our contemporary seems to have forgotten that "Presbyterian Synods" before this—both in the last century and the present—have sought to "ex-

"communicate" Freemasons and Freemasonry. The Roman Catholic objection is based "quantum valet" on the Bull of Pope CLEMENT, 1738, and other subsequent Bulls and allocutions. But this "cursing" of Freemasonry by bodies like Baptist Assemblies and Presbyterian Synods is simply an act of intolerant and ignorant bigotry, without reason and without excuse. We do not, as our readers well know, in the least extenuate the many foolish and intolerant acts of Roman Catholic authorities in respect of English Freemasonry especially, which are regretted by Roman Catholics themselves. But though it be true that history repeats itself, generation after generation, we are not the less relieved from the duty of protesting openly against such childish imitations of perverse proceedings. We are glad to note that one member of the Presbyterian body, a Bro. Dr. E. S. PORTER, openly avowed himself a Freemason, and defended Freemasonry on the occasion referred to.

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.]

GRAND MARK LODGE OFFICE.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
In your paper of June 5th I notice among the appointments to office in Grand Mark Lodge one that has certainly taken many of us by surprise—I allude to that of the Grand Master Overseer.  
Is it usual to give Grand Lodge office to one not a Master or P.M. of even a Craft Lodge? moreover to one who has been a Mason only four years, and a Mark Mason of 1877?

Those who know the case cannot imagine what claims the Baron De Ferrieres can have for such office, and feel that by his appointment many old and deserving Mark Masters of Gloucestershire have been overlooked. Kindly inform me what position of precedence he would take over his senior brethren in Provincial Grand Mark Lodge?  
I am, yours fraternally,

P.M.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Referring to the notice at page 292 of your last issue, and the advertisement on the same subject, I am instructed by the Supreme Council 33° to ask you to acquaint your readers that the "Rose of Sharon Chapter," under the so-called "Ancient and Primitive Rite," is in no way connected with the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and that, therefore, it may not be recognised or visited by any Rose Croix Freemason under the obedience of this Supreme Council.

I am, yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°,  
Grand Secretary General.

33, Golden-square,  
28 June, 1880.

Reviews.

URANIA. Simpson, Marshall, & Co., 4, Stationers' Hall-court, London.

This monthly journal of "Astrology, Meteorology, and Physical Science," seems to advance, and has some very interesting papers. Some of our brethren may be glad to read articles such as the "Astrology of Shakespeare" and the "Music of the Spheres."

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE. Edited by Bro. GRIMAUX. Paris, 16, Rue de Seine.

The number for June is a very good one. We wish some means might be found by which all foreign Masonic literature could be seen by our English brethren.

BROOK'S POPULAR BOTANY, No. 1. J. Brook & Co., 282, Strand.

This is a new and popular manual on Botany, not the "Botinney" of Mr. Squeers. As the prospectus truly says:

"Botany is a subject which possesses interest and fascination for all; it is a study alike beautiful and useful. From the days of Theocritus and Virgil to those of Wordsworth and Tennyson, poets have never ceased to celebrate the Flowers of the Field; while, in the more prosaic applications of daily life, Botany has ever ranked as a science of paramount importance.

"Hitherto, owing chiefly to its technical phraseology, this delightful study has been sealed to the generality of readers. It is the object of Brook's Popular Botany to justify its title by making its contents clear to all, by divesting the text, as far as possible, of technical terms, or giving explanations where such become necessary.

"In the conduct of their self-imposed task, the chief aim of the publishers is, as the title will imply, to produce a work, which for Accuracy, Utility, and Cheapness, shall stand unrivalled. To this end no expense has been spared in selection of authors and artists to whom its completion has been entrusted."

If the subsequent numbers carry out this programme the work will be a good and useful one. Its first appearance is most prepossessing.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 277, Oldham. By the Rev. J. HARRISON. 198, Fleet-street.

This is a reprint from the minute books of the lodge, which originally appeared in the "Masonic Magazine." It is a very interesting résumé indeed.

HISTORIQUE DU PREMIER SIECLE DE LA LOGE FRANCAISE "LE PHENIX," DE JOIGNY RITE ECOSSAIS. By EDGAR BERILLON (Medical Student). Hamelin Zanotte, 27, Grande Rue Joigny.

Just as we warmly welcome all lodge histories in England, so we greet this interesting little "brochure" from "Outre Manche." It appears the lodge was first formed in 1777, and was consecrated on the 13th of September that year, under the name of "L'Aigle de S. Jean." Its charter was signed by the Duke of Luxembourg, G.M., and also by Dr. Guillotin, of ill-omened memory. Its original certificate was signed, among others, by "Maret," Curate of St. Savinien, Master of the Lodge "Concorde," de Sens. Like most of the French lodges it went into "sommeil," or "sleepy silence," until the Reign of Terror was over. We again repeat that no greater mistake has ever been made than to seek to identify the French lodges of Freemasons with the authors of the French Revolution. In 1806, June 23, the lodge (when Masonry, under Cambacères, as Grand Master, resumed its activity in France) seems to have been permitted at last again to meet as a lodge. In 1823 the lodge was closed by the political police, apparently the "Eagle" of St. John appearing to them as a seditious emblem, and only identified with the "Empire." We beg to commend to the notice of those excellent members of the French Grand Orient who have lately suppressed all mention of T.G.A.O.T.U., the words in which the Grand Orator of the day called the attention of the then Grand Orient to this little absurdity of the French Political police. "Puisque L'Aigle Choisi par la Divinite pour Communiquer les impressions du ciel a l'un des quatre Evangelistes est considere, on cette circonstance comme un embleme seditieux je ademande le changement du titre de l'Aigle de W. Je n'en celui, de Phénix. Since the Eagle, chosen by Divinity to communicate the impressions of Heaven to one of the four Evangelists, is considered in these circumstances as a seditious emblem, I ask the change of the name to that of the Phœnix. Since then the history of the lodge Phœnix is that of the majority of the French lodges. Some of the physical trials of candidates are very amusing. We wish we could say that French Freemasonry had never forgotten that the controversy of religion and the strife of political factions were alike forbidden by its neutral and peaceful laws. It is too clear, we fear, on the contrary, that even the members of the good lodge Phœnix have yielded at times to the "siren" of political party, under the fascinating guise of "liberty" and "patriotism," but, alas! under such circumstances, utterly "mythic." Until French Freemasonry, we make bold to say, resolutely returns to its ancient principles of "absolute neutrality," it will never reach unto the reality or true end of its mission. Bro. Berillon deserves much credit for the agreeable and able manner in which he has edited this "History of the Phœnix Lodge of Joigny."

A CATALOGUE OF SCARCE BOOKS. Robson and Kerslake, 43, Cranbourn-street, Leicester-square, W.C.

I have looked over this catalogue with pleasure, and for book collectors, like ourselves, it has its interest. It deserves perusal. We would mention, among others, the "Northern Garlands," &c., by T. Ritson; "Les Metamorphoses D'Ovid, 4 vols., 4to, Paris, 1767; "A Fine Horæ" of the XVI. century; Drayton's "Poly-olbion," first edition, folio, 1613; "Charles Cotton's Works," 1771; "Cornish Wrestling," 1727; "Old English Dramatists," 27 vols.; Major's "Walton," and Cotton's "Angler," 1812; "Poetry or Witchcraft," 1833; Wright's "Pilgrimage to Paradise," 1591.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

It is to be hoped that Bros. Carson or Bower may see this discussion and kindly send over an exact transcript of the title page of the 1762 edition. I confess the more I think about it, with all deference to my esteemed Bro. Hughan's opinion, the more I lean to the view that the old Doctor was right, otherwise, I fear, we must come to this, that so distinct a statement is utterly untrustworthy.

EDITOR "FM."

ROSICRUCIANS.

I see that in "Cole's English Dictionary of Difficult Terms," printed for Peter Parker, at the Leg and Star, over against the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, 1685, "Rosicrucians" are said to be "brethren of the Rosy Cross," and thus treated as an existent and recognized society.

MASONIC STUDENT.

An edition of this book, dated 1767, was lately on sale at Mr. Hitchman's, Bookseller, Birmingham. It has, we understand, fallen into the hands of Bro. Coombe, Hayle, Cornwall, to whom we have written on the subject. Other copies will, no doubt, yet turn up in London, and we may, perhaps, be able to settle the question distinctly, as to when the first edition appeared, 1750 or 1762, and if there was, as Dr. Oliver says, a fifth edition in 1764.

Since I wrote the above Bro. Coombe, of Hayle, Cornwall, has, with the greatest kindness, sent me a transcript of the title page of the book he has recently bought at Birmingham. I take the essential portion: "The Sixth Edition. Printed for W. Nicholl. London, &c., MDCLXXVII." This fact seems to prove that the first edition could hardly have been published in 1762, and confirms Oliver's statement of a fifth edition in 1764. Oliver mentions a 1766 edition, but not this one. This edition has not a "Beautiful Frontispiece of the Regalia Jewels, &c.," and which seems from the 1779 edition to have been published first, August 30th 1776, at least Nicholl seems to claim the copyright from that date.

I am glad to see an increased interest exhibited in Masonic bibliography, and shall be only too pleased to aid in the department of "Notes and Queries." Bro. Broughton's communication is an interesting one, and he has done well to refer to the "Freemason's Answer." It was published in 1762, and, so far as I know, was the earliest work in reply to "J. and B." that came from the press. 1762 being the first reply does not look as if "Jachin and Boaz" was printed in 1750. The pamphlet in question is very rare, and its full title is as follows: "A Free-Mason's Answer to the Suspected Author of a Pamphlet entitled 'Jachin and Boaz;' or an Authentic Key to Free-Masonry. Addressed to all Masons, as well as to the Public in general."

"You would pluck out the heart of our mystery."

Hamlet.

"Oh, that Heaven would put in every honest hand a whip,  
To lash the rascal naked through the world."

Shakesp. Othello.

London: Printed for J. Cooke, at Shakespeare's Head, in Paternoster-row, 1762." It is in the British Museum, according to the valuable list of Masonic works publishing in the "Masonic Magazine" (112 and 41, Jan., 1880).

W. J. HUGHAN.

As it is very evident, to my great satisfaction, that Masonic literature is becoming every day more appreciated by the Fraternity at large, I should like to mention that at small cost a very important book, hitherto commanding "collectors' prices," can be obtained through the enterprise of Bro. James Burns, of Southampton-row, who has several other such works in the press. As an instalment of what he proposes to do he has republished, with entire accuracy, the costly work of Bro. Godfrey Higgins, formerly of Skellock Grange, near Doncaster, entitled "Anacalypsis," and the first volume is now complete, to the advantage of the archaeologist and Mason, comprehending the first seven books of that enormous work at a moderate price. At a time like the present, when confirmatory evidence of the antiquity of Masonry—as long since recorded by Bro. Dr. Oliver—is pouring in, this book will be welcome. It is impossible in the few lines to which I am about to limit myself to describe, in an adequate manner, the range of subjects which Bro. Higgins illustrated with rare acumen and true scholarship, but I think I may fairly draw the attention of my brethren to one of the most singularly suggestive books ever written. Brethren from the south, west, and east will find in it materials for serious consideration, and brethren of the north-east corner would do well to avail themselves of its pages. "Anacalypsis" is a book indispensable to all who would learn, for the author enjoyed the friendship and confidence of the greatest Grand Master we ever had—H.R.H. the late Duke of Sussex—whose acquaintance with the various rites of Masonry has never since been equalled. I possessed a copy of the original quarto edition at one time, for which I gladly paid something like seven guineas. In the present octavo form, and published, as it is, in parts, it will not be a quarter of that price; so will "come light," as the old phrase hath it, "to the publick." Here you may read of every topic that interests the Freemason, written by the hand of the great Freemason whose noble endeavours put an end, half a century ago, to the cruelties then committed on insane persons, and who did real good in his generation and for posterity.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

Bro. Jacob Norton, some time since, kindly referred me to the "Freemasons' Magazine," 1859, p. 168, where the following appears: "The Post Boy, No. 5425, from Saturday, March 2nd, to Tuesday, March 5th, 1723, states: 'This evening the corpse of that worthy Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, is to be interred under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral.'" I am sorry not to have noticed this reference at an earlier date; but I desired to verify the quotation by examining the number of the Post Boy alluded to. This, however, I have been unable to do, as it is not to be found amongst the collection of old newspapers preserved in the British Museum Library, and which I have, therefore, searched to no purpose. Having no theory to sustain or side to keep up in this or any other inquiry bearing on Masonic research, I gladly myself avail of Bro. Norton's fraternal reference, and shall be obliged to any brother who will inform me where a copy of the Post Boy, No. 5425, can be inspected. The foregoing citation supplies, no doubt, some evidence in confirmation of the prevalent view of Wren having been a Freemason. But what does it amount to? We have the statement of one London paper (published, it must be recollected, a few weeks after the appearance of the first Book of Constitutions, wherein, though not cited as a Mason, Wren's name is very much mixed up with those of alleged Freemasons in the same work of life—Inigo Jones to wit), but the other metropolitan journals (their comparative reliability I leave experts to determine) from 1691 until after the publication of the Constitutions of 1738, though discussing continually "the curious whim of Freemasonry," as it was commonly termed, never allude, either nearly or remotely, to Wren's membership of the Society. It is also possible that the term Freemason as applied to Wren by the Post Boy was used in the strictly technical sense of a superintendent of Masonic labours. Even, however, assuming the expression to have been employed as directly significant of Wren's connection with the Society of Freemasons, the opinion expressed in the Post Boy was evidently so opposed to the truth that, during the fourteen years which elapsed between the appearance of the assertion now under examination and Anderson's romance of 1738, no writer, Masonic or non-Masonic, claimed Sir Christopher as a member of the Craft. Freemasonry became very fashionable as time went on; a Prince of Wales (1737) was initiated by Désaguliers. Very great noblemen became Grand Masters, great men of science were Deputies and Wardens, yet we find in the family record of the Wrens (Parentalia) no attempt whatever on the part of Christopher, the son, or Stephen, the grandson, to claim for their illustrious ancestor the honour of having presided over (or belonged to) a society into which the heir to the throne had sought admittance, and amongst whose members were numbered such world-wide celebrities as Désaguliers, Martin Folkes, and Martin Clare.

R. F. GOULD.

Since last week I have looked into the "De Alchemiâ," "Dialogi duo," published at Lyons, 1548, and which professes to contain the opinions of "Geber," and "Raymond Lully." It is, of course, in Latin. I find in it no trace of an "Hermetic Society," nor any allusion to Rosicrucian emblems. At the same time, as the reading is not very profitable, the perusal of such like work is not necessarily very close. I shall be happy to lend the book to any fraternal and Hermetic Student.

EDITOR "FREEMASON."

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or P.O.O. value 3s. 2d.—[ADVT.]

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done me this evening—from my heart I thank you; and, having obtained this proud position, I now ask for the kind co-operation of our worthy Past Masters, for it is my intention to give them some work to do, for I think it is not fair for the W.M. to monopolise the working of the lodge to himself, as it gives the Past Masters no heart to attend the lodge. What I intend to do is—if we have the First and Second Degrees on our next night of meeting, I shall call on the senior P.M. to work the Second Degree, and your humble servant will endeavour to give the First Degree; and I shall so take them in seniority, from the first to last. I also hope to have the kind co-operation of the officers, without which I cannot hope for a successful year, for they will give me encouragement by attending regularly and punctually. Let them be animated with one desire—the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. The Derby Lodge, No. 724, stands high in the Craft and in the Province of South-west Lancashire. Let them endeavour to raise it still higher, and you may be assured I shall endeavour to discharge my duties in connection with the chair. It shall be my constant endeavour to maintain the dignity and character of the lodge in every respect—not only socially, but as regards the working—for that is the fundamental secret of Masonry. I am also thankful for the good opinion of the members, and I can assure them that it shall be my constant aim to secure it, for you have this evening conferred upon me the highest honour it is in the power of a lodge to bestow on any of its members, and I wish to assure you of my profound gratitude and appreciation of it; and I sincerely pray that the Most High will be pleased to give me health and strength to return the trust you have bestowed in me with honour to the Craft in general and with satisfaction to the Past Masters and brethren of the Derby Lodge in particular. "The Health of the I.P.M." was next proposed by Bro. Ballard, and was duly honoured. Bro. Ballard, P.M., then, in a short speech, presented to Bro. T. Chesworth, the retiring Treasurer of the lodge, a handsome testimonial that had been accorded him by the brethren, in the shape of a splendid portrait, in oil, of himself, by Bro. Vandyke, in recognition of his many years' services as Treasurer. Bro. Chesworth returned thanks, and stated that it never entered into his mind that he should ever be presented with such a mark of the esteem of the brethren. "The Health of the Past Masters," "The Installing Officers," "The Visitors," and other officers were also proposed and responded to; and the toast of "All Poor and Distressed Masons" was divided with the officers and well received. The brethren then retired.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the brethren met to hold their annual picnic at West Kirby. They assembled at 10.30, and were driven through the beautiful country of Moreton, Neols Hoylak, to West Kirby, where they sat down to a banquet, which was served in splendid style by Bro. Hart, of West Kirby Hotel. The usual toasts were proposed and very heartily responded to. The ladies and brethren then withdrew to the Green, where they held their sports, dances, &c., up to 6.30, and, after a substantial tea, returned home well pleased with their outing.

BELPER.—Beaureper Lodge (No. 787).—The twenty-first anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th ult. Present: Bros. W. T. Palmer, W.M.; Joseph Pym, I.P.M.; Septimus Stone, P.M. Treasurer; Joseph Pegg, P. W. Walter; Loverock, P.M.; Benjamin Cooper, P.M.; John Cleton, P.M.; John Crossley, S.W.; W. Lytle, J.W.; Rev. E. A. Hillyard, Chaplain; W. E. Webster, Organist; W. S. Bowler, Secretary; T. J. Taylor, S.D.; J. Wheatcroft, as J.D.; F. Bennet, I.G.; J. Stanhope, Tyler; W. R. Hibbert, N. Gaylor, T. J. W. Marsden, W. H. Winterborne, Thomas Johnston, Radford, Pym, and F. Buxton.

Visitors: Bros. Sir J. G. N. Alleyne, Bart., P.M. 1324, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Milligan, P.M. 884, P.P.I.G.; W. Fitzherbert Wright, W.M. 1324; F. W. Henstock, W.M. 1495; James Hindle, W.M. 884; W. Burrows, W.M. 1794; G. J. Wood, W.M. 1728; A. Frazer, W.M. 731; J. Housley, S.W. 1802; Thomas Wragg, S.W. 1028; Thomas Day, S.W. 731; A. Schofield, P.M. 1028; H. H. Lewis, 731; Josiah Allen, P.M. 1324; H. Fisher, P.M. 1324; Jesse Henstock, 1496; Thomas H. Orme, 1085; J. Swain Scriven, 413; W. C. Hall, 884; G. Bunting, 1025; M. Hill, 1495; W. Lennox, P.M. 1495; Thomas Parker, 1495; and G. Brown.

The lodge was opened at 2.45 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Crossley, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S.; the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. T. Palmer. The W.M. having been saluted by the brethren, appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Wm. Lytle, S.W.; W. S. Bowler, J.W.; the Rev. E. A. Hillyard, Chaplain; F. Bennet, Secretary; E. Gaylor, S.D.; J. J. W. Marsden, J.D.; J. Wheatcroft, I.G.; and J. R. Hibbert, Steward.

After the transaction of other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren re-assembled at a banquet of recherche description, provided by the host, Bro. F. Bennett. The first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," was proposed by the W.M., and received with great heartiness by the brethren present. Bro. the Rev. E. A. Hillyard, on being called upon to reply on behalf of the Craft, delivered an eloquent and impressive oration. The speaker traced Freemasonry from its origin, and briefly sketched its history to the present day. The other Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to. Numerous brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening by some excellent singing. The Tyler's toast terminated a most happy gathering, which will not readily be forgotten by the brethren present.

MANCHESTER.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1161).—The installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge was held at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., being also the first meeting since its removal. A goodly array of brethren mustered, amongst whom were Bros. Ellis, P.G.T.E.L.; Vaughan, P.G. Registrar; Caldwell, P.G.S.B.; Arensburg, P.G. Purst; Parker, P.M.; Hincliffe, P.M.; Norton, P.M.; Hayes, P.M.; Sturm, P.M.; Anderton, P.M.; Hargreaves, P.M.; Davies, P.M. 163; Davies, P.M. 1011; Dutton, P.M.; Hines, P.M.; J. Heywood, W.M.; Mullock, W.M.; Browbridge, P.M.; and others. Bro. James Burgess was installed in a most impressive manner by Bro.

S. P. Bidder, who also invested the officers, viz., Bros. Dottie, S.W.; Cowen, J.W.; Armstrong, Treasurer; Walker, Secretary; Cadman, Chaplain; Radford, S.D.; Irlam, J.D.; Jeffries, Organist, I.G.; Hall, Hurst, Nicholson, and Abbot, Stewards; and Daniels, Tyler.

The banquet was a most sumptuous one, and reflected the highest credit on the establishment for its catering facilities—in fact, the universal satisfaction it invoked must have been gratifying to Bro. Falshaw, and proved the brethren had done wisely in placing themselves under his care. The toasts were given and duly honoured. In proposing "The Retiring Master, Bro. Sturm," the Worshipful Master, in the name of the brethren, presented him with a beautiful gold jewel, as a token of their brotherly love for him, to which he very feelingly responded. The proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations to a late hour, Bros. Dunville, Lister, Batchelder, &c., contributing much to the evening's enjoyment, ending in one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings of this prosperous lodge.

SOUTHPORT.—Fermor Lodge (No. 1313).—The brethren connected with this lodge met on Thursday, the 24th ult., in their new and spacious rooms, Bank-buildings, Eastbank-street, when the W.M. elect (Bro. C. E. Bryan) was most effectively installed by Bro. Dr. Benson Baker, W.M., and Bro. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.

The following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. Dr. Benson Baker, I.P.M.; Benjamin Wyles, S.W.; J. H. Welsby, J.W.; J. F. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; James Platt, Sec. (re-appointed); Hobbs, P.M., M.C.; Rev. J. C. Porter, LL.D., Chap.; P. M. Hunter, S.D.; R. H. Johnson, J.D.; W. Twist, I.G.; G. S. Smith, Org.; W. W. P. Shatwell, S.S.; J. C. Evans, J.S.; and G. Rockliffe, Tyler (re-elected).

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge. A special anthem, composed for the occasion by Bro. J. P. Bryan, 1035, was effectively rendered by Bros. Smith, Boyce, Twist, and others. At the close of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to the banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The members of this most ancient and honourable section of the Fraternity, which bears a name that still holds a high place in the esteem of the brethren of West Lancashire (giving a title to one of our noblest benevolent funds), gathered in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday afternoon, the 17th ult., for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the Worshipful Master. The business commenced at two prompt, at which hour the chair was taken by Bro. R. Leason, W.M., and he was ably supported by the following full complement of officers: Bros. J. Houlding, I.P.M., P.G.S.; John McCarthy, P.M.; T. Sammons, P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.M.; W. C. Erwin, S.W.; Dr. B. Price, J.W.; J. Pilling, Secretary; R. H. Evans, P.G.S.D., P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Jewitt, J.D.; M. Callaghan, I.G.; S. Speedy, S.S.; J. J. Smith, J.S.; T. Pierrepoint, Organist; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The members present on the occasion were Bros. W. Rule, R. L. Stockton, W. Clarke, H. Davidson, W. J. Henderson, T. Roberts, W. T. Oversby, H. B. Bradford, Arch. Gilfillan, John Price, J. Flavall, and J. Tatlock.

There were present as visitors: Bros. D. Oliphent, 249; F. T. Foulkes, 292; Dr. C. Wadsworth, J.D. 292; A. H. Carmichael 1620; J. Hocken, P.M. 673, and 1505; R. Reader, W.M. 292; Rev. R. T. Leslie, S.W. 1713; G. Musker, W.M. 1182; H. Hindle, P.M. 1620; W. Savage, 241; J. P. Bryan, 1035, 203, &c.; T. E. Tomlinson, J.W. 1013; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; Charles Tyrer, W.M. 1620; Dr. H. Pitts, S.W. 1620; T. Webster, W.M. 823; J. Boyle, S.W. and W.M. elect, 823.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. D. A. Henderson, who was unanimously elected, and solemnly initiated. The chair was then taken by Bro. John Houlding, P.M., P.G.S., who proceeded with the installation of Bro. Walter C. Erwin, as W.M. of the Hamer Lodge, the presentation being made by Bro. John McCarthy, P.M., and Bro. R. H. Evans, P.G.S.D. After the retirement of "all below the rank of Installed Masters," the chair was taken by Bro. J. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., who opened the Board of Installed Masters, and placed Bro. Erwin in the chair of K.S. with the usual ceremony. The installation work was most admirably performed by Bros. Houlding and Jackson. The following officers were subsequently invested by the W.M., Bro. Robert Leason, I.P.M.; Dr. Benjamin Price, S.W.; James Pilling, J.W.; R. H. Evans, P.M., Prov. G.S.D., Treas. (unanimously re-elected to the important office); R. J. L. Kynaston, Sec.; W. H. Jewitt, S.D.; M. Callaghan, J.D.; J. J. Smith, I.G.; T. Pierrepoint, R. L. Stockton, Stewart Speedy, and W. J. Henderson, Stewards; Thomas Sammons, P.M., D.C.; and M. Williamson, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" were given by the representatives of sister lodges, and the brethren adjourned to the old lodge room, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward. In the course of the pleasant after-banquet toasting, Bro. John Houlding, P.M., presented in the name of the lodge a very handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Robert Leason, I.P.M., and to further mark the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge, as well as a fitting recognition of the faithful performance of onerous duties during the year (in the discharge of which he had travelled all the way from Leeds to attend each meeting), Bro. Houlding, on behalf of private subscribers, also presented Bro. Leason with a gold Albert chain and album, containing portraits of the members (the latter being intended for Mrs. Leason). The album bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Robt. Leason by the members of the Hamer Lodge, 1393, as a token of their appreciation of his services as W.M. during the years 1879 and 1880. (Signed) W. C. Erwin, W.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M.; J. Jackson, P.M.; J. McCarthy, P.M.; Thos. Sammons, P.M.; John Houlding, P.M. June, 1880." After Bro. Leason had suitably acknowledged the presentation, "The Health of the Installing Masters" was given by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treas., who, at a previous period of the evening had responded for "Bro. the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, R.W. Deputy P.G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." A capital musical programme was given by Bros. Webster Williams, Gilfillan, Roberts, Handforth, and others. "The Health of the Musical Bre-

thren" (given as a special toast) was responded to by Bro. W. Williams. It should be noted that the *menu* card was admirably got up, and was rendered specially interesting by the *apropos* quotations which it contained in connection with each of the toasts.

**SHOEBURYNESSE.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Friday, the 25th ult. Bro. A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., and Prov. G.D.C., presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. C. Eltham. There were also present Bros. G. J. Glasscock, S.W.; J. M. Farr, J.W.; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. D. Merritt, S.D. 1000, acting S.D.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap.; J.D.; S. McCall Walker, I.G.; Whittingham, Tyler; J. Ayling, B. Green, J. English, H. Church, T. Bertram, J. N. Carey, R. H. Butcher, and S. Turner. The visitors were Bros. C. D. Purdon, P.M. 36 (I.C.); T. F. Barrett, J.W. 1000; H. Waite, 1059; H. H. Hewlett, 1305; C. Higham, 1525; J. Williams, and R. Soars, 1536.

The acting W.M. passed Bros. J. N. Carey, R. H. Butcher, and T. Bertram to the Second Degree, and afterwards initiated Messrs. A. Betenson, T. A. Hamlin, H. Gunnett, and H. McLean into the mysteries of Freemasonry. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

**EWELL.**—Ewell Lodge (No. 1851).—The second regular meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Glyn Arms Hotel. The brethren, having met at Waterloo Station, proceeded to their destination (as far as railway travelling was concerned) in a saloon carriage specially provided. Lodge was opened at four o'clock, the brethren present being Bros. Arthur E. Taylor, W.M.; Paddle, J.W.; Baber, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Treas.; Saul, Sec.; Rush, S.D.; Bisset, J.D.; G. J. Dunkley, I.G.; Parker, D.C.; Leith, W.S.; Davis, A.W.S.; Gordon, Thomassin, and H. Sibley. The visitors were Bros. Tallent, P.M. 186; Rule, P.M. 203; Blackie, W.M. 1426; and Williams, W.S. 1261.

The business transacted was the ballot for Bro. H. Sibley as a joining member, which proved unanimous, and the raising of Bros. Gordon and Thomassin. The brethren afterwards sat down to a cold collation, excellently provided by the genial host, Mr. W. May. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been responded to, Bro. Baber, acting Past Master, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom he alluded to in the highest possible terms of praise. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their kindness, and referred to the difficulties always attending the formation of a new lodge, such as the one he had the honour to preside over as first Master. It was his intention to do the utmost in his power for the well-being of the same, and he had every confidence that those who followed him would by their zeal raise the lodge to a position of mark in the province of Surrey. Replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Blackie expressed the pleasure he felt at his first visit to the Ewell Lodge, more especially as he saw so many whom he might almost term personal friends. He congratulated the brethren on the excellent appointments of the lodge room, and on the manner in which the ceremony had been carried out. Bro. Tallent, in an excellent and practical speech, pointed out the advantages of economy (which subject had been touched upon by the W.M.), and instanced the effects of both that and the reverse policy that had come under his notice in his own lodge. Bro. Rule (who had previously presented a very handsome set of square and compasses) also replied, and bidding the brethren follow the course they had struck out for themselves, predicted for the lodge prosperity and happiness. In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the fact that Bro. Bisset, one of the founders and first J.D., was about to leave the country, and while wishing him every success trusted he would never forget his connection with the Ewell Lodge. Bro. Bisset responded, and thanked the brethren for their good wishes. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion, and the brethren returned to town at ten o'clock.

**Mark Masonry.**

**GIBRALTAR.**—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 43).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Armstrong's Buildings. This lodge is evidently gaining in popularity, as evinced by the increased number of visitors and brethren who attended; additional *éclat* being given to the proceedings from the fact that one of the most popular Masons in Gibraltar (who had been elected unanimously) was to be installed. The officers present were Bros. E. J. Barker, W.M.; J. Cunningham, I.P.M.; E. Bacon, S.W.; J. King, J.W.; B. White, Sec. (2nd year); J. Butom, M.O.; J. W. Phillips, S.O.; McGrath, J.O.; W. R. Allen, S.D.; C. Lyons, J.D.; J. Walton, I.G.; R. Ghio, Tyler.

Bro. McNerny, an old member of the lodge, who had been absent from Gibraltar for nearly three years, was unanimously elected a re-joining member, and was very heartily congratulated by the R.W. Master. Bros. Farr and Livingston were balloted for and accepted, but were unavoidably absent. After the lodge had been called off and on, Bro. E. J. Barker, the W.M., proceeded to install his successor (Bro. E. Bacon, S.W. and I.P.M. of 153), who was presented by Bro. J. Cunningham, I.P.M., the interesting ceremony being performed in a very satisfactory and laudable manner, evincing the large amount of time and study Bro. Barker must have devoted to the subject, presently calling upon Bro. Bacon to invest his officers for the ensuing year, who in doing so addressed them individually, earnestly impressing on their minds the value of punctuality in attending the lodge, deep study of their several parts, and forcibly illustrating the value of all the brethren cordially working together to promote the great end they all had in view, namely, continued and increased prosperity to the lodge. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. B. White, S.W.; John Button, J.W.; J. Phillips, M.O.; McGrath, S.O.; G. J. Lane, J.O.; J. Cunningham, P.M., Treas.; S. Tait, Reg. of Marks; Peter Lyons, S.D.; John Walton, J.D.; Harry Stewart, M.C.; Fred Crompton, I.G.; W. R. Allen, Sec.; J. Scattergood, Stwd.; and R. Ghio, Tyler; after which Bro. E. J. Barker, in completing the ceremony, addressed

the Wardens and officers, forcibly enunciating their several duties, concluding by very heartily congratulating the lodge on having a W.M. who was so thorough a devotee to the principles of Freemasonry, and so well able from education and position to very successfully carry out the duties of W.M. for the ensuing year. The loving bowl was then handed round, and "Prosperity to the Lodge and to the W.M." having been individually drunk, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren, numbering considerably over fifty, proceeded to the banqueting-room, where a very *recherché* and enjoyable spread (superintended over and provided by Bro. J. Cunningham, P.M.) was thoroughly enjoyed.

After the cloth had been removed and the usual loyal toasts given from the chair, and very heartily responded to by the brethren, the I.P.M., Bro. E. J. Barker, rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. E. Bacon," prognosticating that under such a W.M. and such experienced officers as he had selected the lodge would exceed their utmost expectations. The W.M., in response, trusted the brethren would not measure the sincerity or the depth of his gratitude for the renewed mark of their kindness and confidence by the brevity of his reply; and said it was exceedingly satisfactory to him that, after his year of office in the Blue Degree, they had seen no reason to repent of the mark of kindness and regard they were good enough to bestow, and assured the brethren that among the warmest and most pleasing recollections of his life would be the reception he had always met from the lodge, and among his liveliest desires would be the desire for the continued prosperity of the Inhabitants Lodge and the different Degrees connected with it, and not last or least the Degree of which he had that night been so ably and impressively installed the W.M. of. From past experience of the officers he had selected, coupled with the perfect unanimity which existed among the brethren, he had no fear but that the I.P.M.'s prognostication would be amply fulfilled, and concluded by heartily thanking the brethren for this renewed mark of their esteem and regard which they had shown him, and asked the brethren to assist him in drinking the health of their esteemed brother who had so ably installed him in the honoured position of W.M. of that flourishing lodge. Bro. Barker very feelingly responded, promising that in the future, as in the past, his best efforts would be given for the lodge; after which "The Health of the Outgoing and Incoming Officers" were severally proposed, and responded to by Bro. B. White, Senior Warden, and Bro. Button, Junior Warden, both promising heartily to co-operate with the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren in assisting to the utmost of their power in furthering the best interests of the lodge. Bro. McNerny, in responding to the toast of his health on re-joining the lodge, thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the warmth of his reception, stating that it had been his pleasure to visit during his tour in England very many lodges, all of whom had received him very cordially, candidly confessing that he had never seen the working excelled, and concluded by expressing his delight at once more coming among them. The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Ghio in his usual impressive manner, brought a very happy evening to a close. Bros. Wilson, Lyons, McNerny, Crompton, McGrath, Patterson, and Cunningham contributed very much to the pleasure of the evening by their capital rendering of some very appropriate songs.

**Masonic and General Tidings.**

**THE EXCELSIOR MARK LODGE (No. 226).**—We unfortunately omitted to mention in our report of the installation meeting of the above distinguished lodge in our last issue that a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Coupland, the I.P.M., for services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and as a token of the respect and regard in which he is held by every member of the lodge, and take this, our earliest opportunity, of so doing.

The summer festival of the Domestic Lodge, No. 77, Bro. H. N. Bowman Spink, W.M., was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, this day (Friday). We hope to give a full report in our next.

Bro. Sheriff Woolloton, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the British Orphan Asylum, will be presented this day (Saturday) with a portrait of himself at the annual distribution of prizes at the Institution, Mackenzie Park, Slough.

Bro. R. B. Martin, banker, of Lombard-street, an unsuccessful candidate for the City at the late general election, has, in response to a requisition, consented to contest Gloucester City, should a new writ be issued.

The Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will hold its meetings every Tuesday evening at 7.30, at Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, until further notice.

Bro. J. Niedzielski (of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534) announces his second annual grand evening concert to take place at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, Portman-square, W., on Wednesday next, July 7th. A very attractive programme is put forward.

We are glad to announce that Bro. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk, who was thrown from his horse while inspecting the Suffolk Artillery Militia at Langard Fort, Harwich, and fractured one of his ribs, is progressing favourably towards recovery.

**FREING THE THAMES BRIDGES.**—The freedom was conferred upon Wandsworth, Putney, and Hammer-smith Bridges on Saturday last, amid great rejoicings. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales performed the ceremony, and was accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. Bro. Sir James Hogg read an address, and His Royal Highness replied. It will be gratifying to the Craft in general and to the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in particular to know "Our Girls" were, through the kindly forethought of Bro. Dr. Howell, of the Old Vicarage, Wandsworth, who has for so many years acted as their Honorary Medical Attendant, enabled to be spectators on that occasion, and offer a welcome to the Prince and Princess. After the procession had passed they were entertained with a strawberry tea, which they were to have had on the lawn, but the dreadful weather drove them in doors.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., recently met with an accident, which happily had no serious consequences. On the tessellated pavement (which had apparently been oiled) at the entrance to the Church of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, he slipped, and fortunately escaped with only some bruises. The practice of oiling these pavements, for the purpose of keeping them bright, is by no means uncommon, but is obviously dangerous.

**EXETER HALL AND THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.**—We recently announced that five City merchants had guaranteed liberal sums, in order that the lease of Exeter Hall might be secured and the building preserved for the use of the Young Men's Christian Association, one of the most excellent and useful institutions in the City. We may now state that Mr. J. D. Allcroft gave £5,000, Mr. L. C. L. Bevan £5,000, Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., £5,000, Mr. G. Williams, the esteemed Treasurer of the Association, £5,000, Mr. T. A. Denny £500, and Mr. E. Denny £500. We think we are correct in saying that Mr. G. Williams took the initiative in getting together these generous gifts, thus adding to the obligations which the Association were previously under to him and to the other gentlemen. Considerable more money is required to complete the purchase and to make the required alterations, and it is to be hoped that other gentlemen will be found to come forward with contributions for so excellent an object.

**GREAT TEMPERANCE FETE AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.**—The United Kingdom Band of Hope Union, of which Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., is president, are arranging to hold a great Temperance Fête at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, July 13th, when in addition to many other special attractions, three great concerts will be given by 15,000 voices—500 in each choir. Excursions are being arranged from more than 1000 stations in various parts of the country, and the gathering is expected to be one of the greatest which has ever taken place in connection with the Temperance movement.

The thirteenth annual festival of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society will be held at the Bridge House Hotel on Monday next, July 5th. Bro. James Willing, of the Alexandra Palace, will preside. This excellent society provides pay for members during sickness and a payment at death, and all attaining the age of sixty are eligible to become candidates for a pension. It also assists members in finding employment, &c. We wish it all success.

On Monday, the 12th inst., the Lord Mayor (Junior Grand Warden), P.M. 1, Sheriffs Woolloton and Bayley, Under-Sheriffs Wragg and Crawford, the City Marshal, the Sword Bearer, and Mace Bearer, all of whom this year happen to be Masons, will go to the Guildhall Tavern in state, and dine with the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, of which Bro. Sir John B. Monckton is W.M. It is expected most of the Aldermen who are Masons will be invited by the members. Bro. Alderman Ellis will be the W.M.'s guest, and Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.W., and Alderman Fowler, M.P., P.M. 1, will be the guests of Bro. Henry Wright. This lodge, which was only consecrated last year, has been a great success, and is certainly second to none in the city. Its prestige is greatly enhanced by the honour done to it in having for its first Master the President of the Board of General Purposes. Not a little of its flourishing condition is owing to the active energy of one of its Past Masters, Bro. Capt. T. Davies Sewell, who for some time undertook the arduous duties of Secretary, and who has since that been instrumental in establishing a John Carpenter Lodge for old City of London school boys.

**JESUITS, ORDER OF.**—This Order, as is well-known, was founded by Ignatius Loyola, a chivalrous Spaniard, and a sincerely religious man, with no doubt a spiritual end and object, and was authorised by Pope Paul III. in 1540. It is not for us to go into its history or the perversion of its aims and efforts on one side or the other brought about by Launez and Acquaviva, the two Generals of the Order who succeeded Ignatius. Neither need we dilate here on its subsequent fortunes or its peculiar characteristics, as if we did so we might have to advance much altogether foreign to the purpose of this work. But it has been contended that it has a connection with Freemasonry, and even that the grades of Jesuitism find their counterparts in Freemasonry. Any such theory is now looked upon as unreal and uncritical. Indeed, the analogy of the grades is more than questionable in itself, as there is apparently a 5th grade in Jesuitism, and indeed the suggestion that there is any similarity between the two systems is in our opinion a purely imaginative one, and founded on no reliable data, or even knowledge of the facts of the case. But have the Jesuits ever had anything to do with Freemasonry? Have they ever sought to turn Freemasonry to their own purpose or any purpose? We confess that, after having studied the subject carefully, we do not think there is any good evidence of their having done so, despite the positive affirmations of some German and other writers. That at one time at Paris the Jacobites may have used Freemasonry, with its secret meetings, for political purposes, is, we think, possible and probable; indeed, we may add, certain. It has been averred that James II. of England, when in exile at Paris, was permitted by his Jesuit confessor to join the Masonic organization, and that the reverend father himself was a Freemason. It has been ably contended that the Chapter of Clermont was of Jesuit origin, and that finding Craft Masonry unsuitable to their views, the High Grades of Clermont and Templary were invented in order to give a Christian and Roman Catholic colouring even to Freemasonry, and to enlist the sympathy of the Jesuits. But much of this argument rests only on assumptions and probabilities, and we confess that we can find no traces of Jesuit membership, and we do not profess to understand how Jesuitical and Masonic principles can accord. As regards the Illuminati, the evidence is not so clear, as Weishaupt, it is said, was a Jesuit, and Von Kingge was first a Protestant and died a Roman Catholic, and other members of the Illuminati are said to have been connected with the Jesuit Order. But on the whole—with our able Bro. Mackey—we agree with Barruel for once, in considering the "Francmaçonnerie Jésuitique" a "fable." We also concur with Bazot: *On ne saura gré sans doute de ne faire aucun rapprochement entre la Franche Maçonnerie et la secte Jésuitique.*—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia.*



## THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA LIBRARY.

We extract the following from the Librarian's Report of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. It has as much point for English Masons, we think, as for our American brethren: "The dead upon the eyes of the living."

Daily as we go into the library and open one or more of the volumes containing the garnished wisdom of the past, we not only behold old truths clothed in new forms, but gather an inspiration which well serves to strengthen us for the daily toils of office life. It is well now and then to measure ourselves by the standard of other men, and no standard so correct as a library of well-selected works. It is only as we look up through nature that we get an adequate idea of nature's God. So we must look into the past through the medium of the printed page which the writers of old have left us. And when we have mastered their works will our eyes have been opened to a knowledge of that which before was unknown. We once called upon a brother (a physician) who prided himself upon his knowledge and intelligence, and asked him to subscribe for a Masonic periodical, and was shocked at his reply—"I know all about Masonry, and don't need it." "Well, then," said we, "only let us come and sit at your feet and learn that knowledge which we have long and diligently sought to acquire. It is only after years of laborious study that we have learned how little we know of the great subject of Freemasonry." The brother subscribed and paid for the work, and boasts no more of his great learning.

The newly-elected Master of one of our older and more decayed lodges, a few days since, said to us: "I intend to inaugurate a series of monthly lectures upon suitable topics in my lodge the coming fall and winter. Can the brethren selected have the benefit of the library to prepare themselves for this work?" Certainly, we assured him, nothing can be more desirable than to utilize the means we have for the enlightenment of the brethren.

The members (twenty, all told) of a country lodge have, for the past year, taken and read more Masonic works from the library than any other hundred and twenty lodges in the state; and in that lodge we hear of no "dimits," no lukewarmness; but many of the members ride five to ten miles each lodge night to attend the meetings; while in our cities half of those within sight of the hall seldom darken the doors. It is only by seeking the light that we may hope to find it.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 9, 1880.

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

## 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, Ehury Bridge, Pimlico.  
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.  
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

## MONDAY, JULY 5.

Festival Royal Order of Scotland, P.G. Chap. and Lodge.  
Lodge 10, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M. Tav.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.  
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
K.T. Precept. 127, Bard of Avon, 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.  
Princel 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., Amherst-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, JULY 6.

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
Mark 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.30.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
Domatic, 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 Blds., 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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
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.  
Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
" 1707, Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.  
K.T. Precept. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## 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, S.  
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, Maismore 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, S.  
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 51, 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, S.  
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

## THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.  
Chap. 554, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.  
" 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

## 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.  
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, JULY 9.

Lodge 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tav.  
Rose Croix 4, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

## 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, July 10, 1880.

## MONDAY, JULY 5.

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.

Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1334, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.  
Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.  
" 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.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday July 10, 1880.

## MONDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 381, Harmony and Industry, Shirey Bank.  
" 1009, Shakspeare, F.M.H., Manchester.  
" 1083, Wilton, Red Lion Hot., Blackley.  
" 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hot., Clayton-le-Moors.  
" 1798, Zion, Hulme Tower H., Hulme.

## TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleborough.  
" 1134, Newall, F.M.H., Adelphi-st., Salford.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 298, Harmony, M.R., Ann-st., Rochdale.  
" 645, Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester.  
" 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hot., Kersley.  
Chap. 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.  
" 30c, Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hot., Ashton-under-Lyme.

Mark 36, Furness, Hartington Hot., Barrow-in-Furness.  
Rose Croix Palatine, Palatine Hot., Manchester.

## THURSDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.  
" 1055, Derby, M.R., Bedford-st., Manchester.  
" 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-under-Lyme.  
" 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.  
" 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.  
Chap 325, St. John, M.R., Peel-crescent, Salford.  
" 462, Bank-terrace, Hargreaves Arms H., Accrington.

## FRIDAY, JULY 9.

Chap. 793, Alexandra, Medway Hot., Levenshulme.  
Precept. St. Joseph, F.M.H., Manchester.  
" St. George, F.M.H., Oldham.  
" St. John of Jerusalem, F.M.H., Todmorden.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BROOKFIELD.—On the 24th ult., at Combe House, Canterbury, the wife of Mr. Arthur Montagu Brookfield, of a son.

SMALL.—On the 27th ult., at Ellen Bank, Dundee, the wife of Mr. W. J. Small, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

CLARK—LARKIN.—On the 22nd ult., at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, by the Rev. James Jackson, Vicar, M.A., Edwin Horatio Clark, fourth son of Henry Munday Clark, of 145, Camden-road, to Mary Elizabeth Larkin, daughter of John Larkin, of Cheapside, and 24, Charterhouse-square. No. cards.

FINCHAM—GREEN.—On the 24th ult., at St. Mary's, Lewisham, by the Rev. C. H. Simpkinson, Rolland Philip Fincham, son of the late Mr. Philip Fincham, of Ceylon, to Julia, daughter of Mr. William Green, of Lewisham.

WARD—VAUGHAN.—On the 28th ult., at St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, by the Rev. Robert Forrest, D.D., Osbert Ward, late 53rd Regiment, son of the late Mr. Alfred Ward, to Eleanor Louise Maafarlane, daughter of Mr. Tom Vaughan, J.P., D.L., of Ughtorpe, Whitby.

## DEATHS.

CAAPER.—On the 28th ult., at Atkins-road, Clapham-park, Mr. Thomas John Chafer, aged 78 years.

PECK.—On the 24th ult., at Baldock Herts, Mr. Henry John Peck, aged 52.

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