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FREEMASONRY IN THE CITY.

Freemasonry has always been held in high esteem in the City of London, but at no period of its history has it flourished so much as at the present. Since the installation of our Royal Grand Master, at the Albert Hall, when the then Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Stone, was appointed Junior Grand Warden, the civic chair has been filled by Bros. Sir Thomas White and the present Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, who also has received the appointment of Junior G. Warden. The intimate connection of the City authorities with Freemasonry has received a special recognition by the Constitution of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, which has the good fortune to possess R.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, as its first W.M., and on Monday last the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs honoured the lodge by a visit in state at a special meeting and banquet at the Guildhall Tavern. A guard of honour from the Royal London Militia was in attendance outside the tavern.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs were received by a deputation, and conducted to the lodge, where they were received with hearty greeting, the Lord Mayor being saluted with Masonic honours due to his rank as Junior Grand Warden.

Among the numerous visitors in addition to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs we noticed the Grand Secretary (Lieut. Col. Shadwell Clarke), Bros. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. of Griqualand; J. H. Matthews, P.M., P.G.J.D. Bengal; Frank Richardson, S.G.D.; Sir A. W. Woods, P.G.W.; Alderman Stone, P.G.W.; C. W. Anot, P.G.C.; P. De Lande Long, P.G.D.; E. J. Saunders, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Alderman S. C. Hadley, P.A.G.D.C.; W. T. Howe, P.C.P.; W. B. Rogers, P.G.S.; G. Singer, P.G.S.; T. Donnithorne, P.G.S.; W. Monckton, P.P. G.S.D. Kent; H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec. Middx.; H. H. Crawford, P.M. (Under-Sheriff); J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1441; Major Savory, P.M.; E. Robins, P.M.; Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P.; E. Dresser Rogers, P.M., C.C.; H. W. Delaware, P.M.; J. Chambers Roe, P.M.; J. Messent, P.M.; C. W. Thompson, W.M.; W. Chubb, P.M.; Howard Williams, P.M.; J. Massin, P.M.; A. Evans, P.M.; G. W. J. Brocklesby, P.M.; George Kenning, W.M. Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657; W. Shephard, W.M.; H. Radcliffe, P.M.; W. W. Bird, P.M.; Herbert A. Reed, P.M.; E. Howard, W.M.; H. Thorn, P.M.; W. G. Harrison, P.M.; A. Paulin, P.M.; W. A. Maloney, P.M.; H. Kimber, P.M.; H. D. Wood, P.M.; A. T. Layton, P.M.; W. Crook, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M., C.C.; J. S. Knight Smith, H. B. Spirens, P.M.; T. Grove, G. Dundas, G. Manners, C.C.; W. G. Crump, P. Goodman, H. Johnson, G. J. Winzar, W. H. R. Skey, D. J. P. Campbell, Winfield Green, L. Sarre, H. G. Harper, F. M. Ince, T. J. Gasson, W. R. Marsh, R. D. Sturgis, Reg. Hanson, G. W. Taylor, T. E. Gravatt, K. T. Rushton, F. Low, H. Dodd, J. B. Glenn, J. Alexander, Harry Cooper, W. Wimple, Captain Davies Sewell, T. Grime, P.M. and P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. C. Massey, P.M. (Freemason); and others.

Of the members of the lodge there were present Bros. G. N. Johnson, I.P.M.; L. F. Littell, S.W.; Frank Green, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; Joseph E. Turner, Sec.; D. H. Ashford, S.D.; H. Willey Wright, J.D.; Barrow Emanuel, D.C.; W. Handel Cannon, I.G.; W. W.

Brown, Org.; C. W. Bowley and Henry Wright, Stwds.; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. P. Godfrey, P.M.; E. G. Mann, E. F. Fitch, H. Clarke, R. T. Wragg (Under-Sheriff); H. Squire, H. H. Cooper, W. H. Pannell, P. Morrison, C.C.; F. A. Jenson, C. G. H. Teniswood, P. Ashcroft, and others.

The W.M. having closed the lodge the company adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, admirably served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, W.M., occupied the chair, having the Lord Mayor in the seat of honour on his right, and supported right and left by his other distinguished civic visitors.

We subjoin an account of the speeches on the various toasts proposed at the conclusion of the dinner.

The CHAIRMAN: My Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, brother Wardens, and brethren, in the absence of the usual civic loving cup, you will please take from me that you are all heartily welcome. I regret that we have been kept so long over the dinner, as the time is now considerably advanced, and the toasts must, therefore, be given with Masonic brevity. On this account, too, we must dispense with music between the speeches, the only exception to that being in favour of a little lady who will display her skill upon the violin, which will, no doubt, be acceptable to you. Brethren, I now desire with all brevity and all heartiness to propose our mistress and our mysteries—"The Queen and the Craft."

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, the CHAIRMAN said that as the Queen of our country needs no eulogy, neither does the King of the Craft, with which remark he proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

The CHAIRMAN: If I detain you a few minutes longer on this toast than on the last you will pardon me. The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and many of the Grand Officers are not here; but there are the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, J.G.W.; Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.W.; the G. Sec.; Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; J. H. Matthews, P.M., P.G.J.D. Bengal; Sir A. W. Woods, P.G.W.; and many other Grand Officers here with us. There are also many Past Masters who are present. We are, as you all know, a young lodge; many of you came to assist at its christening a year ago; and, if I may say one word, I cannot help remembering that it was the last public appearance of an esteemed brother who was buried last week. After that occasion Bro. Hervey never appeared publicly. The Grand Officers who are here to-night do not include Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom; but as I surveyed them in lodge they struck me as being a wonderfully good-looking set of men. Whether they were cheery at coming I cannot say; but they did look thoroughly pleased—thoroughly happy. I must not mention their names, and I only name one, whom I shall call upon to respond for the toast—Bro. Giddy, D.G.M. for Griqualand. He attends all our Grand Lodges and takes an active part in the proceedings. Brethren, I call upon you to drink to "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," calling upon Bro. Giddy, D.G.M. for Griqualand, to respond for the toast.

Bro. GIDDY: On behalf of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, I thank you very heartily indeed not only for the very kindly and courteous manner in which the toast has been proposed, but also for the very hearty manner in which it has been responded to. On behalf of the Grand Officers I thank you very heartily indeed. I am quite sure that the very kind manner in which this toast is always received in all lodges in England gives those officers a great interest in the offices they undertake. I thank you also for the visitors, and shall have great pleasure in being here on another occasion.

The CHAIRMAN: Brother Wardens and brethren, I come now to the toast of the evening, absolutely and entirely, not only the health of an eminent man, but the health of a distinguished Mason. I have searched the Masonic records from the time of Walworth, and cannot find that any Lord Mayor has ever made a visit in state to a Masonic lodge; but the present Lord Mayor, who is not only Lord Mayor but a Grand Warden of England, has honoured us in so doing this evening. There are, may be, those who think that that was not a becoming thing for a Lord Mayor to do, and it is just because I see the reasonableness of such a remark that I bring it up now for the purpose of condemning it. This is not an ordinary lodge; it is a lodge that was absolutely founded for the benefit of those who are connected with the civic offices at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, being Masons, come here not merely as going out to dinner to an ordinary lodge, but to show in a kind and brotherly way whether they approve of it. And I do say that at the end of the first year of this lodge it is a proud thing for us that the authorities of the City—the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs—should be with us to-night. The Lord Mayor has had the greatest possible difficulty, with his many pressing engagements, to be with us this evening, so much so that what is a source of pride and gratification to us is unavoidably a source of disappointment elsewhere. The Lord Mayor is here as the Right Worshipful Grand Warden of England, and the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London.

The LORD MAYOR, whose rising was greeted with long continued applause, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, it is somewhat of a trouble to me to reply for the hearty response which your kind words, Worshipful Master, have elicited, and which makes it rather more difficult than ordinary for me to express to you my feelings on this occasion. I think nothing of what any one may say as to what is proper or right, that I, as Lord Mayor of

London, should visit this lodge. I look upon it as a great honour paid to my position that I should be asked to attend formally in the first place as Lord Mayor, and secondly as a Grand Warden of England; and especially do I think that honour greater when I consider that the hosts are connected with the Corporation of London, which circumstance assures me that they would do nothing derogatory to my position one way or the other. You may depend upon it, therefore, if attacked for doing this I shall be able to carry the war into the enemy's camp with success. I knew in the first place that you were to preside, and in the second place that the lodge was worked principally by members of the Corporation. I hold that in doing me this honour you have not done it to the man, but to the great office I hold. There cannot be the slightest doubt that it was not done to myself only as an ordinary brother amongst you, but in consequence of my connection with the Corporation of London; therefore, I owe it all to the Corporation, to which I owe everything. As you know, it is the office to which I always ask you to pay proper respect. But, at the same time, I think that the man who occupies the office has the keeping and sustaining of respect for that office, and it is maintained by the manner in which he may perform the office, and perhaps by and by as a precept. I again thank you for the very kind manner in which you, sir, have proposed my health. I do consider that you have paid me a distinguished honour, and nothing could be warmer, brethren, than the response you have made to it.

The CHAIRMAN: My Lord Mayor, brother Wardens, and brethren, I ask your best attention while I present to you the second and last interpolated toast. With the Lord Mayor—himself a great institution—have come to-night the Sheriffs of London, who are said by ancient authorities to constitute the Lord Mayor's paraphernalia. I have been very much struck with that word "paraphernalia," which gentlemen learned in the law will know is used in settlements to mean a lady's jewellery and personal adornments. Now, taking the word in this sense, it seems to me a very happy expression to say that the Sheriffs are the Lord Mayor's paraphernalia, because I know that the Lord Mayor values the Sheriffs before everything else. The senior Sheriff, Bro. Woolloton, is the oldest Mason in this place. Forty years ago he was made a Mason in a foreign country, as to which, however, he may wish to speak for himself. He is a member of that excellent lodge known as No. 1. I ask you to drink "The Health of the Sheriffs" with all cordiality, and hope, in reply, they will give us a word of response.

Bro. Sheriff BAVLEY: My colleague, Bro. Sheriff Woolloton, will have it that it is my turn to speak first, though I would rather that he should reverse the proceeding. It has given me great pleasure to be present to-night at your hospitable board. I have heard a good deal of the Alliance Lodge, and I have heard that it is connected with the Corporation more or less. I shall endeavour to be brief, but if I am brief my colleague will say that I am getting lazy; but I assure you I do not mean to be lazy, but I will only answer for myself, as my colleague will, no doubt, say a word for myself, as a gentleman with greater oratorical powers it would be difficult to find. Brethren, I shall not detain you. I thank you for the compliment you have paid the Sheriffs, and, though the extinguisher is about to be placed on our heads, I shall look back always with pleasure on the evening I have spent with the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. Sheriff WOOLLTON, in replying, said that he had been made a Mason twice; first in France, some forty years ago, and afterwards on his return to England. He had a great attachment for French Masons; he thought their work, as a rule, was done better than in England. Now, however, they had so far cut themselves off from the G.A.O.T.U.—he said so far, but to a great degree they had eliminated the grand old principle that binds Masons together. As one of the Sheriffs, he thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid the Sheriffs. He was not Lord Mayor, but, as a Mason, he was brother to the Lord Mayor. The present Lord Mayor was very good to his officers, and did all he could to lighten their sometimes very arduous duties.

Bro. JOHNSON, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Monckton," in doing which he paid a high tribute of praise to the abilities and proficiency of Sir John, the first and perhaps the best Master of the lodge.

The CHAIRMAN: Immediate Past Master, my Lord Mayor, and Sheriffs, I am going to say very little in reply. I thank the proposer for the cordiality of his proposal, and the brethren for the cordiality of their response. I must disclaim the credit of establishing this lodge, as it is only honest that I should do so. I did not found the lodge; when first asked to be the first Master I declined, on the plea that I had not the necessary time to spare, though I afterwards consented to accept the office when I saw how much it was desired. Brethren of the Alliance Lodge, I am now going to ask you to drink "The Health of the Visitors." After charity our best effort is hospitality. We have a great many visitors to-night, and as you know it gives us extreme pleasure to have them with us. As time is getting on I shall not make any further remarks, but ask you to drink it cordially, and I shall couple with it the name of a Past Lord Mayor and Past Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Alderman Stone, to reply.

Bro. Alderman STONE: Worshipful Master, and brethren of the Alliance Lodge, when I look round me, and before me, and see the large number of brethren, I cannot help thinking the Master has imposed upon me an overwhelming work, because I have to answer for the great hospitality which has been put before us this evening. I am sure that we all appreciate, not only the hospitality, but the skill of the brethren in lodge. All who were there present must have been

struck with the admirable way in which their Masonic duties were performed. On my own behalf, and on behalf of my brother visitors, I thank the members of the Alliance Lodge for the gathering which we have had this evening, and for asking us to partake of their hospitality.

The CHAIRMAN also proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Johnson," after which the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was warmly responded to by those present, and having been replied to by Bro. JOHNSON and Bro. LITTELL, S.W., the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening Miss Perkins, the little lady referred by the W.M., discoursed some excellent music upon her violin, to the evident gratification of all present.

LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

A summer outing in connection with this lodge was held at the Royal Crown Hotel, Sevenoaks, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The brethren went down from Cannon-street by a special train (saloon carriages) early in the day, and amongst the company were the W.M., Bro. W. T. Rickwood, and Mrs. Rickwood; Bro. George Kenning, P.M. and Treas.; Bro. Charles Arkell, I.P.M.; Bro. S. T. Lucas, S.W.; Bro. H. A. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt; Bro. H. A. Carter and Mrs. Carter; Bro. W. Cook and Mrs. Cook; Bro. R. J. Dart; Bro. W. S. Cobb and Mrs. Cobb; Bro. John Kent; Bro. T. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher; Bro. Lockwood, Sevenoaks Lodge; Mr. T. Ingram; Bro. Dr. Waring and the Misses Waring; Mrs. Dalman; Miss Hearne; Mr. Lakeman; Mr. E. Abrahams; Mrs. Robert Bright; Bro. John Quy and Mrs. Quy; Mrs. Brown; Bro. Moyes and Mrs. Moyes; Bro. Forster and Mrs. Forster; Bro. Fiske and Mrs. Fiske; Bro. Henry Davis, and others.

Upon their arrival the company proceeded to the hotel and partook of luncheon, and it was intended to fill up the time until the banquet at five o'clock in enjoying the beautiful walks and drives of the surrounding neighbourhood, but, unfortunately, the weather was unfavourable to this, but the resources of the hotel enabled the company to agreeably pass the time until that hour. The W.M. presided, and gave the toast of "The Queen, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Order, and the other members of the Royal Family." He next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Charles Arkell" (who was the guest of the Stewards upon the occasion, and to whom this was considered a complimentary banquet in recognition of his useful services during his year of office as W.M. of the lodge). The W.M. paid some well deserved compliments to Bro. Arkell, and in the name of the Stewards desired to give him a hearty welcome, and hoped he would long be spared to be a useful member of the lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Ladies," who were, so far as numbers, slightly in a preponderance on that occasion. The W.M. expressed the hope that such outings as these would go far to promote the success of Freemasonry, in interesting the ladies in the great work of their Masonic Charities, and recommended the brethren of the lodge to take their wives and daughters to either or all of the three Institutions, when he felt sure the pleasure to be derived from their visit would ensure their immediate "initiation," either as Life Governors or Annual Subscribers. He hoped all would enjoy themselves and go home with happy recollections of the day's proceedings, and look forward with pleasure to the next occasion of a similar kind.

Bro. F. SMITH responded. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said they were not only favoured with the company of several brethren from other lodges, but also had the pleasure of the company of several gentlemen who were not members of the Craft, and he trusted from their experience of the unanimity and kindly feeling that they had witnessed that day, they would likewise go home with a pleasant recollection of the kindly fellowship that existed amongst the brethren of the lodge, and of the large amount of good that such meetings as these tended to promote, and in the name of the Stewards the W.M. thanked them for their attendance.

Bro. LOCKWOOD, of the Sevenoaks Lodge, responded, and expressed the pleasure he felt in being one of the visitors. As a resident he felt great happiness in welcoming the brethren and their ladies to Sevenoaks, and concluded his remarks by proposing "Prosperity to the Lion and Lamb Lodge."

Bro. GEORGE KENNING, P.M. and Treas., responded. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Stewards and Hon. Sec., viz.: Bros. George Kenning, P.M., H. A. Carter, W. S. Cobb, W. Cook; R. J. Dart, W. H. Lee Davies, T. Fisher, and H. A. Pratt. Hon. Sec., and assured the assembly that the Stewards had been most anxious that the gathering should be a success, and they entered upon the undertaking with one idea to promote the enjoyment and happiness of all present, trusting that if it was a success, as he the (W.M.) thought it had been, it would go far to ensure its becoming an annual feature in association with the lodge.

Each of the Stewards said a few words in response. The concluding toast was "The Health of Bro. S. T. Lucas, S.W.," who occupied the vice-chair, who, in responding, stated how pleased he had been with the day's proceedings, and united in the wish of the Stewards that it might become an annual outing.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lee Davies, who presided at the pianoforte. He was assisted by Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Grace Godolphin, and Bro. T. Davies.

The weather having cleared up, the company spent the remainder of the time in the beautiful grounds attached to the hotel, and returned from Sevenoaks shortly before ten o'clock, all expressing themselves much pleased with the day's enjoyment, notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, and with a united hope that all would meet on similar occasions for many years to come.

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

The Provincial G. Mark Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight held its annual meeting at the Town Hall, Basingstoke, on Friday, the 9th inst., when the following brethren were present:—

M.W. Bro. G. R. Portal, P.G.M.M.M. of England, P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; V.W. Bros. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; C. S. Stephens, D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon; Bros. T. W. Faulkner, P.S.G.W., P.G.S.B. England; J. W. Lamb, P.P.S.G.W.; V.W. Bro. R. Eve, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.M.O. Eng.; W. Bros. E. Groves, P.P.J.G.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.G.M.O.; T. J. Pulley, P.G.J.O., G. Stwd. Eng.; V.W. Bro. Rev. F. W. Thoyts, P.G. Chap. Eng., W.M. 37; Bros. Rev. E. Y. Nepean, P.P.G. Chap.; R. L. Loveland, P.G. Treas., G. Stwd. England; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.; W. Parsons, P.P.G. Reg. Wks.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.G.D.C.; G. Douglas, P.P.G.D.C., W.M. 54; G. A. Mursell, P.G.I.G.; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G.I.G., W.M. 63; H. Stone, P.G. Stwd.; J. Gieve, S.D. 2; J. W. Wilmott, 2; H. J. Andrews, Sec. 17; J. Dew, S.W. 37; H. J. Thatcher, S.O. and Sec. 37; J. Gibson, I.G. 37; J. Pomeroy, 54; J. R. Shearer, I.G. 54; R. Prockton, 54; F. Adnett, O. 54; R. Croisdale, S.D. 54; R. J. Rastrick, M.O. 62; D. O. Hobbs, 63; E. W. Wyatt, W.M. 140; A. H. Jolliffe, I.P.M. 125; W. J. Worth, W.M. 125; E. Worth, J.W. 125; J. Watson, P.G. Tyler.

The P.G.M. Treasurer, Bro. LOVELAND, having produced his audited accounts, which considering the unusual character of some of the items, such as officers' jewels, &c., not likely to re-cure, were of a satisfactory nature, they were adopted, and Bro. Loveland was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Rev. G. R. PORTAL, alluded to the gratifying meeting of the Mark Benevolent Fund two days previously, and drawing special attention to the educational scheme invited some of the brethren to become Stewards for the next festival.

This was responded to by the D.P.G.M., Bro. HICKMAN, Bro. H. STONE, No. 54, and Bro. E. GROVES, No. 17. £5 5s. were then voted to the fund.

The following brethren were appointed and invested as Prov. G. Officers:—

- Bro. W. Hickman, 63 Prov. D.G.M.
- " J. E. Le Feuvre, 63 Prov. S.G.W.
- " J. Dew, 37 Prov. J.G.W.
- " A. H. Jolliffe, 125 Prov. G.M.O.
- " E. W. Wyatt, 140 Prov. G.S.O.
- " J. Lintoft, 62 Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. A. G. Barker, 37 Prov. G. Chap.
- " R. L. Loveland, 63 Prov. G. Treas.
- " S. G. Kirchhoffler, 54 Prov. G.R. Mkts.
- " G. J. Tilling, 63 Prov. G. Sec.
- " W. J. Andrews, 17 Prov. S.G.D.
- " E. E. Street, 62 Prov. J.G.D.
- " J. Gibson, 37 Prov. G.I. Wks.
- " J. Gieve, 2 Prov. G.D.C.
- " H. Stone, 54 Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " E. Worth, 125 Prov. G.S.B.
- " G. Sherman, 17 Prov. G. Std. B.
- " F. Adnett, 54 Prov. G.O.
- " John Shearer, 54 Prov. G.I.G.
- " J. W. Wilmott, 2 } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " R. Croisdale, 54 }
- " D. O. Hobbs, 63 }
- " Watson, 17 Prov. G. Tyler.

A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Le Feuvre for his services as Prov. G. Secretary for the past eight years, and to the Mayor for the use of the Town Hall, the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where an excellent dinner was provided.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The second annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M. was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Town Hall of the quaint little town of Chipping Sodbury, under the banner, and in the usual meeting place of the Lyegrove Lodge, No. 218. There are at present only two Mark lodges in the province, but these are characterised by a healthy vigour; and the constitution of the Prov. Grand Lodge, under the banner of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, last year has given a great impetus to Mark Masonry in the district. Notwithstanding that Chipping Sodbury is not very convenient of access by rail, there was a good attendance of the brethren, more than a moiety of whom journeyed from Cheltenham and Gloucester, to the station (Yate) nearest to the town, in a saloon carriage, courteously allotted to their use to and fro by the Midland Railway Company. The Lyegrove Lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. Lowick, W.M.M., formal reception was given to the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the chair was then assumed by R.W. Bro. the Rev. C. Raikes Davy, P.G.C. of England, the Prov. G.M.M. He was supported by V.W. Bro. John Walker, M.A., Deputy Prov. G.M.M., and by a full attendance of officers.

After the usual formalities, Bro. W. L. Bain, P.M.M. No. 10, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Phillips, No. 10, elected Tyler, in the place of Bro. Wiggins, retiring in consequence of great age and infirmities.

- The officers were then appointed, and invested as follows:—
- Bro. J. Walker, M.A., Prov. D.G.M.M.
 - " G. Rennie Powell, G. Stwd. Prov. S.G.W.
 - " W. Forth Prov. J.G.W.
 - " W. L. Bain Prov. G. Treas.
 - " J. Balcomb Prov. G. Reg.
 - " J. Payne Curtis Prov. G. Sec.
 - " H. Jeffs Prov. G.M.O.
 - " J. Brook-Smith, M.A., LL.B. Prov. G.S.O.
 - " W. M. Lowick Prov. G.J.O.
 - " F. J. Vizard Prov. G.S.D.
 - " A. Ludlow Prov. G.I.D.
 - " F. G. Roberts Prov. G.D.C.
 - " W. C. Ferris Prov. G.A.D.C.
 - " E. J. Bryant Prov. G.S.B.
 - " J. Isles Prov. G. Org.
 - " T. Parker Prov. G.I.G.
 - " J. Monks and J. Stephens Prov. G. Stwds.
 - " H. Phillips Prov. G. Tyler.

Among other brethren present were Bros. Jas. Robertson, P.P.S.G.W.; W. C. Hearne, J.O. No. 10; G. Norman,

S.O. No. 10; and others. During the proceedings Bro. Walker, the D.P.G.M., begged the lodge's acceptance of a receipt for forty guineas, which he had presented in the name of the lodge, and in endowment of its chair of the Mark Master's Educational Fund, the objects of which he warmly commended. The generous gift was gratefully received by the Prov. G.M.M., and subsequently, on the motion of Bro. Robertson, a cordial vote of thanks was presented and recorded. After lodge the brethren sat down to a well served dinner at the Grapes Hotel.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Roebuck, Don. M. Dewar, James Peters, S. Rawson, C. H. Webb, Geo. Cooper, W. F. C. Moutrie, C. F. Matier, Alfred Williams, Henry Lovegrove, W. Worrell, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the recommendation of the General Committee was adopted, viz., that the list of candidates for the October election should comprise seventy-three names, out of which list sixteen boys will have to be elected.

There was no other business before the Court.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. John A. Rucker, H. A. Dubois, Joshua Nunn, Colonel James Peters, S. H. Webb, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous Quarterly Court, the Court, on the recommendation of the General Committee, placed twenty-three candidates on the list for election in October, in addition to the unsuccessful candidates at last April election. Vacancies were declared for that election, and the Chairman stated that with regard to the extra twenty-five girls to be admitted it would be as well for him to mention that the House Committee had been instructed to prepare Lyncombe House for the reception of twenty-five extra girls. So soon as the Committee made their report that the house was ready for their reception the Court had the power to place the additional twenty-five children in it. If the report was presented even at the meeting of the Quarterly Court in October, the Court had the power then to direct that twenty-five children, in addition to the seventeen for whom vacancies were now declared, should be elected at that meeting. (Hear, hear).

The Court then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Permanent Committee of this Institution met in unusually large numbers on Wednesday last. Among those present were Bros. William Hall, John Palmer, John M. Stedwell, C. A. Cottelbrune, R. H. Giraud, S. Rawson, Constable, Raynham W. Stewart, John L. Mather, H. C. Levander, A. H. Tattershall, Capt. N. G. Philips, W. Clarke, J. H. Leggett, H. G. Warren, J. A. Farnfield, C. Lacey, J. Brett, F. Adlard, J. Bulmer, C. G. Dilley, G. Bolton, J. R. Gallant, E. Brette, C. Atkins, J. Newton, Thos. Goode, W. Hilton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, A. A. Richards, H. H. Riach, H. Godfrey, J. M. Case, W. H. Farnfield, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Cox, E. Boyver, C. J. Perceval, L. Stean, E. J. Barron, Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, T. Meggy, J. Dennis, C. G. Rushworth, Rev. C. J. Martyn, J. Kench, T. Cubitt, E. C. Woodward, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been put for verification, the meeting proceeded to transact a good deal of normal business, and elected several new candidates for male and female annuities. The Committee then proceeded to the election of a Collector.

After much discussion, it was resolved, on the proposition of Bro. MEGGY, "That the names and testimonials of each candidate should be read, those present seen, and the six highest in number of votes should eventually be voted for specially."

This plan was adopted. The testimonials from forty-six candidates were considered "seriatim," the candidates present seen, and of the six selected, viz., Bros. Mason, Worrell, Speight, Smith, Hill, and Grindell, Bro. John Mason received the largest number of votes, and was declared elected by the Chairman. He was called in and informed of the fact, and assured the meeting of his gratitude and his desire to be of use to the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for his conduct in the chair was heartily and warmly accorded, and genially responded to.

Some previous remarks relative to support from the meeting, in reply to captious critics and pertinacious objections, had been warmly received and heartily cheered. The meeting sat two-and-half hours.

For the better and more costly kind of Masonic Jewels a great saving can be made by getting them direct from the manufactory. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son made the most costly badge in the kingdom for the Mayor of Liverpool, and many others, and many of the sheriffs' badges and chains. The firm are now supplying the nobility and gentry (direct) at the same prices as they have for forty years served the best houses in London and the country, and co-operative stores. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son have always been celebrated for specially fine diamond work and choice gem rings. The two advantages thus offered to the public are far superior quality and an immense saving in price. Manufactory and warehouse, 108, Hatton-garden, E.C. The usual saving is 20 do 60 per cent. Bridesmaids' lockets and all kinds of jewellery for wedding presents. Dealers in diamonds, pearls, and coloured gems, loose or mounted. Elegant designs furnished (gratis) for re-mounting diamond work. Catalogues sent post free on application.—[ADVT.]

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT SOUTHAMPTON.

At the regular meeting of the Albert Edward Lodge, at the Masonic Hall in Southampton, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., a handsomely-framed record of the proceedings of the last St. John's Day (tastefully illuminated by Mr. Thornhill) was presented to Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, the first W.M. of the lodge. A well-executed sketch of the elevation of the new Masonic Hall forms the top of the illumination, and the border is dexterously framed of copies of the following jewels in Masonry held by the presentee: The Grand Lodge of England; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Second Provincial Grand Principal of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; Past Master's jewel of Albert Edward Lodge; Past Master's jewel of the Royal Gloucester Lodge; a Vice-President's Charity jewel; Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons; jewel of the 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and the Past Officer's jewel of the Great Priory of England. There is introduced at the foot of the illumination a small copy of the three-quarter life size oil portrait of Bro. Hickman, presented to him on leaving the chair of the lodge, and now being in the hall where the different lodges in Southampton meet. The report of the proceedings is as follows:—

“Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England. This lodge met for its first festival of St. John on Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 5880, at the new Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton (it being the first meeting held in the hall), and a large number of brethren of all the lodges in the town and neighbourhood attended the meeting on the occasion of the following presentations being made to the R.W. Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M., the first W.M. of the lodge, and the P.M. of Lodges 130, 39, and 1112: First, a portrait of himself, by the R.W. the P.G.M. (Bro. W. V. B. Beach, M.P.), for and on behalf of this lodge; second, a gold jewel of D.P.G.M., by the P.P.S.G.W. (Bro. Sir F. Perkins, M.P.), on behalf of the lodge officers; third, a gold jewel of P.M., on behalf of the brethren initiated during the past year, by Bro. J. Stevens, one of them. These presentations were accompanied by many expressions of fraternal regard and wishes for the happiness of Bro. Hickman. Upon the proposition of Bro. S. S. Pearce, P.M., seconded by Bro. I. Harle, W.M. elect, a copy of the record of the proceedings was ordered to be presented to Bro. W. Hickman. (Signed) I. Harle, W.M. elect; J. S. Pearce, J.W.; W. S. Grin-ryer, Sec.; S. S. Pearce, Treas.; H. Jurd, S.D.; W. Berry, J.D.; G. Grant, I.G.; B. Tanner, D.C.; E. Harvey and J. Whitworth, Stewards; J. Biggs and C. Harrington, Tyler’s.”

There are several other Masonic devices about the work, which has been much admired by all who have seen it. The presentation was made (at the request of the W.M.) by Bro. S. S. PEARCE in some well-chosen remarks, and was acknowledged by Bro. W. HICKMAN in an effective speech.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF BELGIUM.

We have received the following, which we publish for the information of our readers:

Or. de Bruxelles, 6 e j. 5 e m. 5880.
Au T. C. F. Redacteur en Chef du *Freemason*,
A l'Or. de Londres.

T. C. et T. J. F.

Nous avons la fav. de vous adresser un exemplaire de la circulaire que le Gr. Or. de Belgique vient d'adresser aux Orientés avec lesquels il est en relations pour les inviter à participer aux fêtes Maçonn. qui auront lieu à Bruxelles vers la fin du mois d'Avril.

Ces fêtes coïncideront avec nos fêtes jubilaires, ainsi qu'avec la réunion des divers congrès, et notamment d'un Congrès de l'Enseignement et d'un congrès industriel, commercial et économique, aux quels des Maçons les plus illustres et les plus compétents ont déjà promis leur concours. Nous vous prions donc, T. C. et T. J. F., de vouloir nous favoriser de votre concours personnel à ces fêtes et à ces congrès, et nous serons d'autant plus heureux de vous posséder que nous connaissons votre dévouement constant à l'œuvre Maçonnique.

Recevez T. C. and T. J. F., nos frat. salutations.

Par mandement,

Le Secrétaire, G. DUCHAINE.

TRANSLATION.

We have the pleasure of sending you a copy of the circular which the Grand Orient of Belgium has forwarded to the Grand Lodges with which it has “relations,” to invite them to participate in the Masonic “fêtes” which will take place at Brussels towards the end of the month of August.

These “fêtes” will take place simultaneously with our jubilee fêtes, as well as with the reunion of different congresses, especially of a congress on education, and an industrial, commercial, and economic congress, at all of which the most illustrious and able Masons have already promised their attendance.

We, therefore, beg you, very dear brother, to be willing to favour these fêtes and this congress with your personal presence, and we shall be so much the happier in receiving you, in that we know your constant devotion to the work of Masonry.

PUNJAUB MASONIC INSTITUTION.

We have received with much pleasure a copy of the annual report for 1879 of this admirable Institution. It was founded in 1872 by W. Bro. Major Henry Basevi, who shortly after its formation had to leave India for good, owing to failing health. His successor as President of the Institution was Major M. Ramsay, the present R.W. D.G. Master. In the Punjab there are nineteen lodges, with an aggregate of 650 subscribing members, and it speaks highly for the Masonic spirit of the few isolated spirits located on the N.W. frontier of that vast country that they are so keenly alive to their obligations as Masons.

During the year 1879 the Institution maintained, clothed, and educated twenty-one children, at a charge of nearly £600. The Institution has an invested capital in the “Funds” (Government Loans) of £3000, which is being annually increased by excess subscriptions and donations.

Such results must be very pleasing to W. Bro. Major

Basevi, who founded the Institution, and to R.W. Bro. Major M. Ramsay, President; and W. Bro. George Davies, Hon. Secretary; and to the worthy members of our ancient Order, by whose efforts such great results have been attained.

The report is the outcome of much thought and labour, thoroughly complete in every particular, and the record of the work done by it most interesting.

Obituary.

JOHN HERVEY.

(IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE.)

A MONOGRAPH.

By KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX.°

In a letter of the 3rd of July of this year, from our excellent Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, which I shall preserve to the last day of my life—in terms of the sincerest sympathy and the truest Masonic feeling—I have been asked to say a few words about one whom general society regrets, the Masonic Fraternity deplures, and whose relatives will never cease to lament—our great and good Bro. John Morant Hervey. Although it is a melancholy task, I feel honoured by the confidence thus displayed in me, and I will do by my dear uncle what he would have enjoined me to do by any other valued friend—my duty. I wish to make no parade of my own feelings. I will only say that the place he held, morally, intellectually, and socially can never be filled again. I can only hope that there are many more who lead as honourable and blameless a life—so far as human imperfection will admit. To me he was more than a father—he was a dear friend—just in reproof, quick to forgive, and prone to mercy. To his friends he was true and sincere, to his enemies (for no good man can be without enemies) he was tolerant, leaving time to correct and heal up animosities, by presenting to their own consciences the reality of his goodness. For myself it will be enough to say that I shall never cease to mourn him.

Although this is more especially a Masonic memoir of my late uncle—which was desiderated—it may not be out of place to say that he was the second son and last child (by his marriage with Miss Anne Holden, of Bolton, Lancashire) of Dr. William Hervey, of Norwich—at one time the confidential medical adviser of H.M. King George III., and afterwards of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, being also intimate with their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Clarence (William IV.), Kent (Grand Master of English Freemasons, 1813), and Sussex (Grand Master of United Grand Lodge after the Union in that year).

Bro. John M. Hervey was born in Cleveland-row, St. James's, on the 1st of April, 1807, and was, consequently, in his seventy-fourth year at his demise. He was educated at Merchant Taylor's School, a noble foundation, to which he was proud of having belonged, and after there attaining a good general, classical, and commercial education, he did not proceed to either university, but entered upon a useful career, congenial to his own ideas, as an ironfounder in Brick-lane, Spitalfields. At his establishment was produced much of the iron material of the Greenwich Railway, and his name may be found on the girders of the Deptford Bridge at this very hour. After some years the Brick-lane establishment was transferred to the Regent's Canal, and passed into other hands. Bro. Hervey was subsequently connected with the firm of Grissell and Peto, and Peto and Betts. It is hardly necessary in this place to further enlarge on Bro. Hervey's business duties, it is only sufficient to say, from innumerable papers in my possession, that those duties were performed with the same fidelity that he showed to his Masonic vows.

It is a somewhat singular thing, but no less true, that a trifle first drew my uncle's attention to Freemasonry. In the years 1842-3-4 Masonry in London was by no means occupying that proud position in public esteem it at present so deservedly, in the highest sense, enjoys. Still it was a fact not to be ignored by any thoughtful mind, and my uncle was first attracted to the subject by conversations with another uncle of mine (by marriage), who was an Irish Mason, Bro. Joseph O'Brien, now long since dead, who had married my father's eldest sister, Maria Mackenzie. My father was equally interested, and took the first plunge in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, and my uncle in a very short time followed him. I speak under correction, but I have always been given to understand that my father, Bro. Rowland Hill Mackenzie, actually initiated my uncle, John Hervey. At any rate, I find that he was “received into Freemasonry” on the 21st of March, 1844, A.L. 5844, and “admitted to the Third Degree” on the 24th of June, 1844, A.L. 5844, Bro. William H. White being Grand Secretary, and delivering a certificate to that effect on the 30th January, 1845, A.L. 5845. To this lodge my uncle remained faithful in one or other capacity until the last day of his life. After remaining in the lodge the regular time Bro. John Hervey was exalted to the Companionship of the Holy Royal Arch, in the Chapter, No. 7, attached to the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, on the 28th day of October, 1845, A.L. 5845, his certificate being granted him by the Grand Scribe E. on the 20th April, 1847, A.L. 5847. This will show brethren and companions that proficiency in Masonry must have been a necessary element in those days, or the certificate would undoubtedly have been issued before. I have no evidence within my cognizance of the actual time at which Bro. Hervey “joined” the distinguished lodge known as the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, but it was certainly during the interval between 1844 and 1845. No doubt my old friend, Bro. Henry Greene, a P.M. of that lodge, who was present at the funeral of my uncle, could supply this information. With reference to the Royal York Lodge, No. 7, Bro. Hervey thrice served the office of W.M. to the great contentment of his brethren.

Bro. Hervey, with the prudence which was one of his chief characteristics, during the whole of this time, gradually contributed to the support of the three Charities, increasing his donations as his means permitted. He was perhaps most particularly interested in the firm establishment of the Boys' School at Wood Green, knowing how important a sound unsectarian education contributes to mental and moral culture, and to a right and honourable life. But he did not forget that female education of a sound, practical nature equally promotes those tender feelings which soften the acerbities of our existence and consolidate that

home life, without which the highest birth, the greatest fortunes, and the noblest gifts of nature are worthless. And while such motives actuated him towards the rising generation, he was not unmindful of the needs and sorrows of old age, and thus he, in a true Masonic spirit, while yet comparatively a “young Mason,” endeavoured to relieve those whose age could no longer “bear the heat and burthen of the day.” At the time of his decease he was a Vice-President of each of the three noble Institutions which the munificence of the Fraternity has placed beyond the reach of any possible failure.

While his efforts were thus directed towards the exercise of the noble virtue of Charity, he never relaxed in the study of the science of Freemasonry, and by precept and example he taught that the Fraternity should only practise our noble ceremonies and learn the solemn lessons of our symbolism with reverence and awe, so as “to rightly understand the Sacred Law,” and preserve intact those inviolable landmarks handed down to us by our predecessors. Heartily co-operating with others as quietly determined as himself, he aided in the establishment of the excellent Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which, with the Stability Lodge of Instruction, may be regarded as the educational school of English Freemasonry. To the study of the right use of our terms, and to their adequate delivery, no small portion of his lifetime was freely and lovingly given, to the great advantage of thinking Masons, and to the advancement of the real interests of the Craft.

In the temperate use of those natural bounties bestowed upon mankind by the Great Architect of the Universe he was conspicuous; nor did he ever discourage innocent relaxation after the more serious labours of the lodge. As he found Masonry he accepted it, but in the matter of the banquet he sought to elevate and purify its associations.

Throughout the Masonic world he was respected as one of its most profound jurists, while his interpretation of Masonic law was ever liberal and just; his respect for the Constitutions being only equalled by the firmness with which he regarded the execution of the principles prevailing throughout them. Everywhere, beneath the letter he perceived the spirit, and thus when his advice was sought it was certain to carry not only the authority of position, but the persuasive force of essential conviction. Had it not been for his invaluable advice, unhesitatingly given when asked, a work of mine, pretty well-known to the Craft, would have been wanting in many elements of accuracy and value. Indeed, a proper use of the printing press in aid of the noble aims of Masonry was at all times encouraged by him, and I was proud that he permitted me to dedicate the results of my own small researches to him. When Bro. Hervey first joined the Craft many systems of Masonry now existing with a greater or lesser degree of success were either in abeyance or obscurity; some had even been in great measure lost. But gradually these adjunctory systems gained strength and life, and emerged into that publicity which the ægis of Craft Masonry permitted. All these systems as they were presented to him he examined with attention and respect, and where he found it within his conscience to approve, he, with candour, and honour, approved; but in such cases where the underlying motives seemed mean or ignoble he, as unhesitatingly, but temperately, rejected what was presented to him. In the course of his long Masonic life he saw many mushroom systems advocated, and perceiving that they contained seeds of discord likely to affect the permanent interests of the Craft, he gently, but with a decisive hand, insisted upon their withdrawal. Hence, even outside the pale of Craft Masonry proper, we may regard Bro. Hervey as a Conservative reformer. But when the subject was in itself unobjectionable or harmless he was the first, with the generosity of his nature, to advocate and advance it. I may be permitted to add that this was especially the case with the Mark Degree, regarding which he frequently expressed the strongest need of approval to many brethren beside myself. But when it had been so irrevocably settled by the Act of Union and the Lodge of Reconciliation, he, naturally, respected the determination then wisely arrived at, and obeyed the contents of those articles. That the Mark Degree now occupies its present proper and independent position may, no doubt, be attributed in great measure to the cheerful acquiescence in the integrity of its origin given by Bro. Hervey. And the same observation is applicable, although in a minor sense, to such bodies as the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the Swedenborgian Rite, the Rosicrucian Society, and others. All these Rites were fully and frankly examined by him, and received that qualified approval which, in his position as Grand Secretary of England, he only could extend. The fact that he accepted membership in them is sufficiently indicative of his views concerning them.

Bro. Hervey was an honorary member of innumerable lodges, both in England and abroad, and had been appointed Grand Representative for several foreign Grand Lodges in this country; he was appointed Grand Deacon by the late Grand Master, the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, at the installation in 1854, and took rank as Past Grand Deacon the following year. On the somewhat unexpected death of Bro. William Gray Clarke, Bro. Hervey received the appointment of Grand Secretary in September, 1868, from which he retired in December, 1879. In the higher Degrees may be mentioned the following positions together with their dates: Bon Accord Mark Lodge, 27th June, 1855; Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., 12th November, 1869; Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 29th November, 1869; Knight K.H., 12th May, 1870; Knight Templar, 10th March, 1871; Knight Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, 24th March, 1871; Most Excellent Master, Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Master, 12th October, 1871; Royal Order of Scotland, 16th October, 1872; Thirty-Second Degree, A. and A., 9th May, 1876; Perfect Mason, Sixth Degree, 13th September, 1877. Honorary: Canon-gate and Leith, No. 5, Scotland, 8th July, 1874, and York Lodge, No. 236, 17th December, 1877. Bro. Hervey was also a member of the Manchester Unity I.O.O.F., in the Travellers' Rest Lodge, 1050, from the 25th June, 1852.

My duty is nearly completed. I do not believe, from the love and confidence which ever reciprocally subsisted between us, that he would have vished such lines as these to have been written by another hand; but I know that there would have been many eager to testify to his great and humane qualities. For them, should they desire to speak, I now leave the field open; but, for myself, I have still a few heartfelt words to add. In Bro. Hervey I have sustained a loss, personally, never to be filled up; to me, from a very little child until my manhood and to the last moment of his

life, he was far more than a father could ever be. He has set me a pattern in his blameless life that I must heartily imitate, but without much expectation of success. I can but hope, from these serene spaces in the Great Temple of our Father in Heaven, he may nerve me to shun the wrong and do the right. If, as I honestly believe, this world is but a school in which we are prepared for things of which the heart cannot conceive and the tongue cannot tell, then my duty and my pleasure are synonymous. As I stood beside his dying bed a sure hope was with me that we should meet again in the eternal world; and when I calmly gazed, with emotions too deep for utterance, into that open grave in which the remains of others dear to me repose, I felt that the love and respect I had borne him and them should not be without some fruit in me, and those solemn vows of Freemasonry I had taken upon myself assumed, if possible, a stronger power; and when I looked around and saw the sorrowing faces of others, my hope was fortified. In that last sad journey I was accompanied by one dear friend, known to all of us, and without whose real sympathy I should have utterly collapsed. Had it not been for Bro. Dr. Woodman, my strength—at no time very great—would have given way, but his goodness powerfully stayed me up. To my many other brethren known and unknown I now tender my sincere gratitude, and that of my mother, whose remaining years it will be my duty to comfort; and, although I am but one of the humblest brethren in our great Fraternity, I shall try to act in the spirit of integrity, which was the watchword and mainspring of action in John Hervey.

BRO. REV. EDWARD JOHN TREFFRY.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. the Rev. Edward John Treffry, D.C.L., of Place Castle, Fowey, Cornwall. Our reverend brother, who was one of the most genial, courteous gentlemen we ever came across, was a P.M. of the Fowey Lodge, No. 977. He was also a P.Z. of the Unity Chapter, Tywardreath, and a P.E.C. of the Restormel Preceptory of Knights Templar, a P.P.G. Chap. of Cornwall, and was greatly respected and beloved by the public in general, and by his brethren in particular. Dr. Treffry was the representative of one of the oldest of our Cornish families, and descended from Sir John Treffry, who was made a knight banneret at Poitiers for taking the French standard. The Treffrys, it is said, were in consequence allowed to quarter the Fleu-de-lis of France with their own armorial bearings, the three hawthorn trees, and they bear these arms to this day. In 1457, when the French attacked Fowey and burnt the Evn Dame Elizabeth Treffry (her husband being away) sallied out at the head of the Fowey people and drove the French back to their ships, and there is an eulogy of this gallant lady over a granite gateway beneath the great tower of Place where this memorable incident is recorded.

Earl Warwick, the King-maker, helped the people to rebuild their church and town, and in gratitude they placed his badge, "the ragged staff," upon the Church Tower, on the walls of Place, and on their houses, where it may be seen after the lapse of 400 years. Edward the Black Prince visited Place twice we believe coming from his Castle of Restormel, then the residence of the Prince as Duke of Cornwall, but now a glorious ruin above the river Fowey, a mile or so beyond Lostwithiel, which is six miles from Fowey. Place, an ancient palace, is a grand specimen of Gothic architecture, one of the finest and most picturesque residences in the county.

Dr. Treffry, who has been ailing for some time, had returned to Place from St. Endellion Rectory, where he had been staying in hopes that the more bracing air of the north coast might prove beneficial. On Friday week, at his own urgent wish, he was taken on board his yacht "The Aurora," lying in Fowey harbour, hoping to derive benefit from the sea-air, but at about half-past four the next morning he suddenly passed away in a painless death from syncope.

His death has cast a great gloom over Fowey and the neighbourhood, for as Lord of the Manor, and owner of almost every house in the town, as well as being a large landed proprietor and interested in the port of Par, and rising watering place of Newquay, he had exercised a mild and benevolent despotism over his tenantry and workmen, and ever showed the keenest pleasure in promoting whatever was for the good of the town and port. A lodge of emergency was called on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when the brethren of Fowey Lodge mustered in large numbers, considering the short notice, to attend the funeral of their deceased friend and patron. Out of respect to the widow, who, naturally, wished her husband should be buried rather as a minister than in his Masonic capacity, the brethren mustered in plain black, with white gloves and white armlets of aerophane, instead of Masonic clothing, for which, indeed, there would have been scarcely time to procure a dispensation. The Masonic procession immediately preceded the hearse in going to the cemetery, and entered immediately after the chief mourners. After the ceremony the Freemasons conducted the chief mourners back to the Castle and then separated.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the business of the meeting was briefly stated by Bro. Emma Holmes, who spoke in feeling terms of the loss they had all sustained through the death of their deeply-lamented brother. He concluded by moving the following resolution, which the Secretary was instructed to endorse on the minutes and communicate to the bereaved widow: "That the Fowey Lodge, of which the late esteemed and respected Worshipful Bro. the Rev. Dr. Treffry was for many years an active member, desires to express its cordial sympathy with Mrs. Treffry and the family in the loss they have sustained through the death of our brother, and prays that the Great Architect of the Universe may assuage their sorrow and have them always in His holy keeping." Bro. Percy Davis, P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. C. Slade, W.M.; H. W. Durant, P.M.; Emma Holmes, P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; H. Durant, Treas.; W. Tonkin, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Sec.; W. Stephens, A. S. Amers, T. C. Stephens, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., of Unity Lodge; J. Stephens, and others.

Bro. Dr. Treffry, whose loss will probably be felt more every day, is succeeded in the estates by his eldest son, Charles Treffry, Esq., who married in 1866 Udney, eldest daughter of the Baron de Bretton, a Danish nobleman. A sister of this lady is the well-known Court beauty, Lady Garvagh, the wife of an Irish peer.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. J. E. Williams, W.M.; Alfred Heald, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; H. Walley, I.P.M., Treas.; W. D. Waddell, Sec.; Joseph Senior, S.D.; B. Williams, jun., I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Wm. Rowe, P.M., acting J.W.; J. Mackie, P.M.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., D. of C., P.P.G. D. of C.; J. B. Sumner, Matthew Owen, Murray Thomson, and William Livesey, Stewards; W. B. Harrison, P.M.; H. H. Warburton, P.M.; Wm. Davis, Jas. Foster, G. B. Kershaw, D. D. Macpherson, J. E. Russell, B. B. Dakeyne, J. Sparrow, A. H. Scott, W. Cowell, W. Quance, Thos. Nowell, R. L. McMillan, and W. Davis. Visitors: Bros. P. Magee, P.M. 548; Chas. Cox, 375 (Scotland); Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; and R. R. Lasenden, 317 (Freemason).

The brethren met at six o'clock and had tea, after which, at seven o'clock, they assembled in the lodge room. The lodge was opened with prayer, and, after confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. J. Senior, S.D., delivered the charge in the First Degree to Bro. A. H. Scott in faultless style. Bro. Scott, being a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was interrogated, and afterwards withdrew. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Scott was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in his usual satisfactory manner. On the retirement of Bro. Scott, the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when the W.M. gave the traditional history, explanation of the Tracing Board, and working tools to Bros. Kershaw, Foster, Dakeyne, and Macpherson. The lodge was then lowered by authority, and the motion which Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., had previously given notice of, viz., "That the lodge be adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in September," was put and carried. Bro. Wildgoose then read the proposed alterations in the by-laws, after which Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., gave in his report on the accommodation offered by various hotels and rooms which he and others had visited, with a view to the removal of the lodge from its present abode. Some discussion took place in reference to this matter, and ultimately it was decided for a Committee to make further enquiries and give every particular at their next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.40.

JERSEY.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—The sixty-eighth anniversary of the above venerable lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, on Monday, the 5th inst., when a very numerous gathering of brethren assembled. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. F. Le Gallais, the minutes of the preceding regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which it was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. called upon W. Bro. Past Master Donaldson to present the W.M. elect for installation. W. Bro. Major J. O. du Jardin, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Treasurer, who had been unanimously elected, was then presented to the W.M., who regularly and constitutionally inducted him into the chair of K.S., which he had occupied thirty-five years ago. W. Bro. du Jardin, in a very appropriate speech, expressed himself in the warmest terms of fraternal regards towards the brethren for the very great confidence they had always reposed in him, this being the third time he had been elected their Master during a period bordering on forty years since he had been initiated, and begged to assure them that nothing should be wanting in his efforts to further the harmony, welfare, and prosperity of this his mother lodge. The W.M. then selected Bros. C. Blampied and T. J. Ainsley to be his Wardens, and appointed and invested the whole of the officers of the lodge. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when three candidates were balloted for and unanimously admitted, and they, being in attendance, were regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., who went through the ceremony in a most impressive manner.

The lodge having been closed in perfect harmony, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid table was laid and a sumptuous dinner served by Bro. George Rogers, the guardian of the temple, in his usual style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was most cordially received, as was that of the Past Masters, visitors, and officers of the lodge. It being near upon eleven o'clock, the W.M., Bro. du Jardin, having thanked the brethren for their kind and numerous attendance, and called upon the Tyler for his toast, which was solemnly given, the brethren separated, with the pleasing satisfaction of having passed a most happy and agreeable evening.

STOCKPORT.—Lodge of Unanimity (No. 287).—The installation meeting and St. John's festival was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Dog and Partridge Hotel, Churchgate. There was a large attendance of brethren besides visitors, and amongst whom were the following: Bros. Lynch D. Bradbury, W.M. elect 322; George Brady, 322; John Clarke Cheetham, P.P.G.S.B. 322; John Beresford, 104, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Davis, 104; Henry Collier, W.M. 104; J. Worsnup, W.M. 322; Geo. Atkinson, W.M. 323; and A. E. Ferns, W.M. 1030.

After the usual preliminaries Bro. John Leigh, W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being well performed by Bro. John Turner, P.M., assisted by Bro. Charles Booth, P.M. The following brethren were afterwards invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. C. Blackhurst, S.W.; J. A. Birch, J.W.; Charles Booth, I.P.M.; John Turner, P.M., Secretary; Tapp, S.D.; Thornley, J.D.; Smith, D. of C.; John Nield, Org.; Monk, I.G.; and Barnes and Taylor, Stewards. After the addresses had been delivered and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Ross, which reflected great credit on himself and assistants. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. Charles Booth proposed "The Health of the W.M." in felicitous terms, which was promptly responded to and duly acknow-

ledged. The toast of "The Sister Lodges of Stockport" was proposed and responded to by Bros. Henry Collier, W.M. 104; George Atkinson, W.M. 323; and A. E. Ferns, W.M. 1030. Bros. E. J. Edmondson, W. Booth, Alcock, and Collier rendered valuable assistance with their vocal and instrumental talent, both in the ceremony and at the banquet.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: John Roger Lever, I.P.M., acting W.M.; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C., acting S.W.; H. Walmsley, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Tomlins, Sec.; John Church, S.D.; James Wilson, J.D.; W. J. Cunliffe, Organist; R. R. Lasenden, acting I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Sydney Henson, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, R. Bradshaw, R. B. Harper, Jas. Cummins, J. G. Elderton, James Gooden, and J. Smith. Visitors: Bros. G. H. Coleman, W.M. 467; Thos. Shorrocks, P.M. 350; Matthew Owen, 103; and A. Wild, 1055.

The brethren assembled at six o'clock, and the lodge was opened in ancient form at 6.15 p.m. After the minutes had been read and confirmed of the last meeting, the lodge was called off, and the brethren partook of tea. At 7.15 they re-assembled, when the lodge was raised to the Second and Third Degrees, and afterwards lowered by virtue to the First, when Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., delivered the charge in the First Degree to Bro. R. B. Harper, in a most impressive manner. The acting W.M., Bro. J. R. Lever, P.M., then announced the receipt of a letter from the S.W., Bro. W. Nicholl, whose absence was caused by his attending the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London, held that day. Bro. Lever informed the brethren that their S.W. would have the satisfaction and honour of handing the sum of £63 to the Institution, which would endow the S.W.'s chair of their lodge with a vote in perpetuity. This announcement was received with applause. Bro. Lever next stated for the information of the brethren who were not present at the picnic held on the 16th ult., that the affair was an unmistakable success from beginning to the end, and that he felt great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the managing Committee, Bros. John Church, R. R. Lasenden, and J. G. Elderton, for working so zealously for the enjoyment of those who were present. The proposition was seconded by Bro. John Bladon, P.M., and carried. "Hearty good wishes" were afterwards expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30.

At the social board the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and some excellent singing by Bros. G. H. Coleman, James Wilson, H. Walmsley, in addition to some well-delivered recitations by Bros. Daniel Donbavand and Mark Vickers, W.M. (who at a later period of the evening put in an appearance, and was received by all with great enthusiasm), caused an enjoyable two hours to pass quickly away, the brethren separating shortly before eleven o'clock.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The annual festival and installation of this prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 24th ult. (St. John's Day), at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The attendance was marked by a very numerous and distinguished gathering of visitors and members, the W.M. (Bro. Geo. Odell, Prov. G. Std. Br.) being supported by the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; George Toller, jun., P.G.S.B. of England; W. B. Smith, P.P. S.G.W.; Thos. Sheppard, P.P.G.R.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., and P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Baines, Treas., and P.P.G.S.D.; J. T. Thorp, P.G.J.W.; W. T. Rowlett, P.P.G.O.; T. A. Wykes, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Taylor, I.P.M., P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Chas. Feudelow, P.M. 526, P.G.S.W. Staff.; Rev. C. H. Wood, P.S. Chap., J.W. 1560; Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.G.C. Norths and Hunts, 1764; Clement E. Stretton, P.M. 279; Thos. Coltman, P.G. Stewd. and Sec. 279; S. Cleaver, I.P.M. 279; H. Brown, J.W. 1764; J. O. Martin, J.W. 1085; W. T. Hewens, W.M. 737, P.G.S.B. Norths and Hunts; J. H. Hale, 737, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; D. J. Scampton Madison, No. 5, Wis., U.S. America; S. E. Johnson, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 779; J. Toplis, J.W. 47; A. J. Barber, 47; J. Shackleton, 307; Alf. Chamberlain, W.M. 1391; Dr. J. Buck, P.M. 279; J. W. Smith, P.M. 279; Robt. Dudgeon, 279; S. Wand, 279; H. J. Marshall, 279; Chas. Stevens, 279; C. Knowles, 279; W. T. Bastick, 279; S. Knight, 1391; W. H. Lead, and A. G. Fletcher, 1391. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. Joseph Young) was performed in a most able manner by Bro. George Toller, D.P.G.M. After the usual salutes, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Taylor, S.W.; R. J. Clarke, J.W.; F. J. Baines, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Willoughby, Sec.; E. W. Potter, S.D.; C. Pretty, J.D.; B. A. Smith, D.C.; J. H. McCall, Org.; Geo. Newsome, Asst. Sec.; H. Richard Brown, 19; W. Bream and W. H. Sollitt, Stewards; and Thomas Dunn, and J. Tanser, Tylers; after which it was proposed and carried unanimously that the sum of six guineas be voted out of the lodge funds for a P.M. jewel to be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. George Odell, at the next meeting, in recognition of his services during the past year. Further usual transactions of business also took place, and the lodge was closed in due form, whereupon over sixty of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who was supported by the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., W. Bro. Toller, D.P.G.M., and several distinguished visitors, and also, with one exception, every Past Master of the lodge since its foundation in 1846. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and received, and, as these were not of the usual nature of post-prandial speeches, the brethren were as gratified as surprised. At the first toast, which, at the suggestion of several P.M.'s, we give *in extenso*, the W.M. rose and said: Brethren, there are certain toasts which we, as members of the mystic tie, ever feel it our pleasure as well as our duty to observe, foremost among which is that of "The Queen and the Craft." In every assembly of Englishmen, wheresoever congregated throughout the civilised world, we always find the name of Her Majesty received with loyalty and enthusiasm, but by none more so than by us Masons. Whatever may be the result of the critical research that is now going on relative to the antiquity and origin of Freemasonry there is but one opinion on the extraordinary progress and unusual stimulus which the Craft

has undergone during the present reign. Whether this be due to the perfect freedom of thought and action we as Masons now enjoy, or whether, as is equally probable, it is in a large measure due to the wise and beneficent rule of that Sovereign who now occupies the throne of this kingdom, to the great satisfaction of her subjects, is a matter I leave to an abler tongue than mine to determine, but I have often thought that to fully appreciate the value of our present privileges it is advisable for us now and then to compare the reign of our present Queen with those of her Royal, and in some instances illustrious, predecessors. Take, for instance, Mary Tudor. She commenced her reign amidst the acclamations of the people, and every indication of a happy and prosperous career. But how soon were these expectations blighted! You all know how that in little more than a twelvemonth after her accession she married the Archduke of Spain, of whom it is recorded he was never seen to smile, except, perhaps, upon the coins of the period, where we behold him face to face, grimly smiling upon his Royal consort, or, as it is recorded by Butler in his "Hudibras"—

"Still amorous, fond, and billing,
Like Phillip and Mary upon a shilling."

It can well be imagined that this Prince bore no greater regard for the Craft than he did for the rest of his Royal partner's subjects. Time will not avail me, nor could you be interested to hear the melancholy details of the 277 victims of religious intolerance who were sacrificed in this reign, but who, nevertheless, "lit such a candle in England as by God's grace will never again be put out," until at last the Queen, worn out by the neglect of her husband, and the effects of her unhappy temper, died, it is said, of grief at the loss of Calais, which, as the chief jewel of the English crown, had been held by the English since Edward III., for a period of 210 years, and was the last yard of French soil this nation ever possessed. And how was the tidings of her death received by her subjects? Instead of mourning and lamentations we find the sounds of joy and gladness—the citizens of London running into the streets of the city, and frantically throwing their caps into the air, and shouting "God be praised, the Queen is dead." Let us thank T.G.A.O.T.U. that our lot was not cast in that reign. From that day her sister Elizabeth commenced one of the most brilliant, and certainly the longest reign that it has ever fallen to the lot of historians to record of any Queen of England. I shall not bore you with an account of the glorious achievements of her naval commanders, nor the unfortunate failures of her military generals, nor of her virtues (which were many), nor her faults (and they were not a few), respecting which latter it is difficult to decide whether her vanity or her mendacity was the more reprehensible. However, she looked for, and like our present Queen obtained, the unbounded affection of her faithful subjects. Passing over an interval of fourscore years and six, we find a descendant of the Stuarts seated upon the throne of this kingdom. I mean Mary II., who with her husband and cousin, Prince William of Orange, jointly reigned as William and Mary. Whether the King was a Freemason or no I am not prepared to say, but if he were, I dare vouch, without fear of contradiction, that he never found the Craft to be a cloak for either Jacobite plot or political intrigue, which was so rife in this reign. The second Queen Mary having died without issue, we find, eight years afterwards, her sister Anne crowned as Sovereign of the realm, to the great satisfaction of the major portion of this nation. In this reign, as you are well aware, took place the Legislative Union of England and Scotland, and as that union has been productive ever since of greater solidity and good fellowship between the two nations, I trust I may venture to express the hope that even in this present reign we may live to see the day when English and Scottish Freemasonry will be united under the G. Master of British Freemasons throughout the civilised world. Finally, brethren, we come to the fifth, and last, Queen which this kingdom has seen since the Conquest, viz., Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, who forty-three years ago last Sunday ascended the throne of this United Kingdom in the vigour of youth. The daughter of a Mason, and since then the mother of three Masons, a patroness of our Order, a Queen of exemplary piety, and a Sovereign of matchless virtue; I know not where to find her equal. But it is said by the poet (I think Dryden or Pope) that

"Good actions crown themselves with lasting bays,
Who well deserves needs not another's praise."

If this be so, I need not add one word more in her favour, but at once ask you to join me in drinking with the utmost loyalty "The Health of the Queen and the Craft." The remaining toasts were interspersed with high-class songs by Bros. T. B. Laxton, R. Taylor, P.M.; J. H. Hale, P.M.; and Dr. Johnson; also instrumental selections from "H.M.S. Pinafore," &c., expressly arranged for this occasion by Bro. T. A. Wykes, P.M., for oboe (by Bro. Rowlett, P.M.), bassoon (Bro. Wykes, P.M.), and pianoforte (Bro. H. B. Ellis, P.G. Org.) The proceedings were harmoniously brought to a close by the Tyler's toast at eleven o'clock, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Lord Raglan, Raglan-road, when Bro. James Chapman, W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of the lodge as Master for the ensuing twelve months.

The lodge was opened at two p.m. punctually by Bro. Lloyd, W.M., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed Bro. J. Hosegood was passed to the Second Degree. This, the last official work of Bro. Lloyd, was rendered with that perfection that has characterised every effort of his since his installation. We may here mention that at a lodge of emergency, held on the previous evening, Bro. Lloyd initiated Mr. H. Malings in the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, and raised his own son, Bro. W. G. Lloyd, to the Supreme Degree. Bro. Chapman was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. H. Butter, P.M. (who for the last three years has held that important office in the lodge), and with the usual honours was placed in the chair of K.S. The salutes having been accorded, Bro. Chapman invested his officers as follows: Bro. R. J. Cook, S.W.; H. Mason, J.W.; R. Edmonds, S.D.; H. Pryce, J.D.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.P.G.J.D. Kent; E. Denton, P.M. and P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; James Reed, I.G.; W. Rees, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; W. T. Vincent, P.M., W.S.; C. W. Russell, Asst. W.S.;

and H. Mabbett, Tyler. Bro. Butter then gave the charges eloquently, and the ceremony came to an end. Grand honours were then accorded to Bros. Butter and W. Weston, the former of whom was invested with the collar of Grand Registrar of Kent, and the latter as Grand Sword Bearer, by Lord Amherst at the recent Grand Lodge meeting at Margate, and those brethren acknowledged the honour in suitable terms. The W.M. then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Lloyd, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel of the nominal value of ten guineas. He said it was with no little pleasure that he proceeded to the first duty that devolved upon him as Master of the lodge, to present their I.P.M., Bro. Lloyd, with the very handsome jewel that had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, for services rendered during his year of office, and also to mark their esteem and regard for him in the position he had so well and worthily occupied. He could well remember when Bro. P.M. Lloyd took the chair of that lodge he pledged himself to carry out its high and important duties to the best of his abilities, and to fairly and impartially rule and govern the lodge. To that pledge he had nobly adhered, and there was not a brother in the lodge that could not look back with pleasure to the past year as one of perfect peace and harmony; and, above all, good and excellent work done. Were he to say more, he should only be trespassing upon the time of the lodge; but, as he now decorated their good brother's breast with that jewel, he knew that he was only repeating the wish of every brother of the lodge, when he wished Bro. Lloyd many years of happiness among them to wear that jewel, and to take the place which he had so well earned among the Past Masters of the Pattison Lodge. P.M. Lloyd returned thanks for the testimonial, and the kind expressions of regard that accompanied it. If he had done anything worthy of their approval, the pleasure of being surrounded by them was ample reward for him, and fully repaid him for any trouble he had taken. It was a great satisfaction to him to know that in their opinion he had done his duty, and he should wear that jewel with great pleasure, not because of the intrinsic value, but because it was given by the unanimous vote of the brethren in a full lodge; and they might depend upon it, that he should always support the interests of the lodge to the best of his ability. The W.M. then proposed that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Butter for his services as Installing Officer that day, and that that vote should be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge. Bro. I.P.M. Lloyd seconded, and the resolution was carried by acclamation. Bro. Butter in reply, said the W.M. had very kindly spoken of the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, but he felt that he had not done better than those who had preceded him. He then proceeded to speak of their Grand Master, Lord Amherst, who had nearly served three apprenticeships as Grand Master of the Province of Kent, and of the testimonial it was intended to present him with to commemorate the long and valuable services he had rendered the province. He felt quite sure that when the proper moment came they would give liberally towards that testimonial. He spoke of the many services and of the manner in which his lordship performed the duties of his high office most eulogistically, and concluded by assuring them that he had in a manner served three apprenticeships to the Pattison Lodge, for that was the third time he had performed the ceremony of installation; and, if they should require him yet again—and yet again—he should only be happy to serve them in any way. "Hearty good wishes" were then tendered, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet took place at Bro. Bray's famous old hostelry, the Bull, at Dartford; and, accustomed as we are to see Masonic and other banquets well provided, we certainly never saw any to surpass the present—it was simply superb. Besides the brethren above mentioned were Bros. C. A. Ellis Fermor, P.M.; W. Tongue, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; J. D. Hayes, P.M., all of the Pattison Lodge; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M. 615, W.M. 829, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; J. T. Hutton, W.M. 13; J. Warren, W.M. 700; W. Heeley, W.M. 299; W. Applebee, P.M. 13; A. J. Woodley, P.M. 700; A. Knox, P.M. 1076; S. Clarke, P.M. and Treasurer 706; C. Tapp, P.M. 706; F. A. White, P.M. 907; H. G. Picken, P.M. 1536; N. Brown, W.M. elect 13; J. Wilkins, W.M. elect 700; E. B. Hobson, J.W. 700; G. Beaver, S.D. 700; J. H. Roberts, J.D. 700; W. Holleyman, S.D. 1536; W. A. Watkins, J.D. 1536; J. Holland, 1585; J. Chapman, 942; W. Harris, 600; A. Cantz, 138; J. Leech; F. W. Skinner, 829; R. W. Billy, 19; H. Ough, 1150; J. Risch, 766; K. Uglard, 706; R. S. Garrett, 209; W. Beard, S.W. 101; R. L. Wilson, 1566; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others.

After dinner the toasts of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "The Craft," and that of "The Royal and Grand Dignitaries of the Order," were drunk with honours. "The Health of Lord Amherst, P.G.M. of Kent," was drunk with that warmth that is always evinced whenever Kentish Masons meet to enjoy themselves. That of "The D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the names of Bros. Butter, Weston, Tongue, Coupland, Spurrell, and Denton. Bro. Butter, in reply, felt that he had no right to respond to such an important toast in the presence of such good old Provincial Officers as Bros. Coupland, Spurrell, and Tongue, but seeing that he was the present Senior Provincial Officer, he supposed that it was his duty to do so, and he very cheerfully submitted. Having to respond to the toast put him in mind of the old Egyptian feasts at which a coffin was always hung up to remind the guests that after all they were only mortal, and also to remind them of those who were absent, and so in like manner he had to respond for those who were absent in the flesh, but with them in spirit. That was the first time that he had had the honour of responding to such a toast. When he accepted the position, he accepted it not so much for his own honour as for the honour of the lodge. It was intended to be an honour to the lodge, and as such he looked upon and wore it. He was, nevertheless, proud of the honour of being enrolled among the Grand Officers of Kent, and he should never do anything to disgrace it. As long as he lived he should do all in his power to be worthy of the position of the lodge with which the honour was inseparably connected. Bro. Lloyd then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying they had had a very fair sample that day of what they might expect from him during the coming year. He hoped and trusted that the same kindness would be extended to Bro. Chapman that he had received during the past year, and then they would have another happy and successful

year of such pleasant and Masonic brotherhood as they had had in the past. Bro. Chapman, in reply, said it was impossible for him to express his thanks sufficiently for their great kindness to him, not only upon this but upon all occasions. Their P.M., Bro. Lloyd, had been kind enough to wish him the same amount of prosperity that had attended him in his year of office. As yet he was but a fledgling in the office, but he trusted that as the strength of his Masonic wings grew he should be enabled to take a flight to the same heights that had been so easily attained by his predecessors. They were taught three grand principles in their lodges—Faith, Hope, and Charity. In faith he entered on his duties; with hope he looked forward to a perfect fulfilment of those duties; and from them (his brethren of the lodge) he looked for that charity that would cover a multitude of Masonic sins—more, however, of omission than commission. They all knew and had looked over his shortcomings in the past, and he trusted the same kindness would be shown him in the future. He then referred to those of the brethren who had passed away from among them during the past year, and concluded an excellent speech by saying that, stimulated by their support, he should go on with the duties of his office, and endeavour to make his year as happy and successful as that just gone through by his predecessor, Bro. Lloyd. Bros. Lloyd and Ellis responded for "The Past Masters," the latter eloquently advocating the presence of the ladies at their annual banquets. Bros. Spurrell, Hulton, Warren, and Leech responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Cook for "The Officers." Bro. Mabbett then gave the Tyler's toast, and "God save the Queen" finished a memorable day.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. W. Sallenger, who, with Mrs. Sallenger and Mr. and Mrs. E. Cockell, sang selections during the evening in a manner much to the gratification of those present. Mr. H. Roberts presided at the piano.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—This little village, adjoining Sevenoaks, now boasts of a Masonic lodge, which, from 1868, the year it was consecrated, up to the present year, has hitherto held its meetings at Westerham, but its local interest there having abated, and fresh members having connected themselves with the lodge, most of them from London or the suburbs, it was thought advisable, with the sanction of Grand Lodge, to remove to a more convenient locality; it was, therefore, decided to remove to the Amherst Arms, Riverhead.

The lodge, held on Saturday, the 10th inst., was well attended—all the officers being present and nearly all the members, besides several visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and, after the minutes were read and confirmed, two gentlemen were admitted to the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry in the First Degree. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, in the latter, Bro. Wm. Rowbottom, S.D. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 1028, delivered an oration on "The Origin of Masonic Ritual and Traditions as manifested by the Geometric Design and Symbolism of the Great Pyramid." It is a pleasure to find that among the Masons of the present day there are to be found many who are not merely satisfied to belong to the Craft, but are studiously seeking to probe to its depths the meaning of the science and its earliest development; among those we find our worthy Bro. Rowbottom, who, though but comparatively a young member, has done much to enlighten the brethren as to the early association of the mystic symbols used by the Craft and their interpretation. Although the difficulty of interpretation of allegory is acknowledged to be great, we have many brethren of late who have gone deeply into the subject, and have brought to light much that is useful and instructive. Bro. Rowbottom has hitherto confined his researches principally to the Masonic connections with the ancient land of the Pharaohs, and by the aid of a model and large diagram of the celebrated Pyramid, has enlightened the brethren of this lodge and several others by his interesting description of the various symbols and their association with this wonderful structure. The oration was listened to with marked attention, and at its close Bro. Duret, P.M., moved, and Bro. Banks, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried unanimously, and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and four gentlemen were proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very excellent repast was provided by Host Waller, and to which the brethren did full justice. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the excellent singing and recitals of Bros. S. Smith, Baker, Jewell, Weldon, and others, and the meeting altogether was a most enjoyable one.

LIVERPOOL.—Fermor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).—The brethren of the above lodge, a flourishing young offshoot of Masonry, met on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to instal the W.M. elect, and the gathering was a very influential and select one. Bros. T. F. Cooper, W.M., was supported by the following P.M.'s and officers: Bros. W. P. Evans, I.P.M.; J. Higson Johnston, P.M.; Richard Collinson, P.M.; T. K. Hughes, P.M.; T. A. Collinson, P.M.; C. Titherley, S.W.; R. Carruthers, J.W.; N. W. Gordon, Secretary; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. P. Titherley, S.W., was presented by Bro. Higson Johnston, P.M., and Bro. R. Collinson, P.M., Bro. J. F. Williams, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, being the Installing Officer.

There were thirty Installed Masters present, among the visitors being Bros. H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. T. Calow, P.G. Treas.; H. Newman, P.G.R.; R. H. Exton, W.M. 1380; H. A. Tobias, W.M. 1502; A. Tunnicliff, W.M. 293; T. Bigley, P.M. (Belfast); Wallace Smith, W.M. 1713; R. Gill, I.P.M. 216; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.M. 784; T. E. Gibson, P.M. 979; T. E. Skidmore, P.M. 428; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; Geo. Musker, W.M. 1182; A. Wylie, W.M. 1264; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B. (Cheshire); T. T. Webster, W.M. 823; Walter C. Erwin, W.M. 1393; and others.

The usual honours were paid, and the officers appointed and invested, viz.: Bros. J. F. Cooper, I.P.M.; R. Carruthers, S.W.; George Gordon, J.W.; J. A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Charles Leighton, Sec.; Edwd. G. Grundy, S.D.; H. B. Browne, J.D.; W. Halsall, I.G.; Rev. C. F. Merriam, Chap.; John Hodgson, Org.; J. T. Stowell and P. Ashcroft, Senior Stewards; F. A.

Staedeli and H. A. Hill, Junior Stewards; J. H. Johnston, P.M., M.C.; and P. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Williams in a remarkably impressive manner, and called forth the warm eulogies of the unusually large Board of Installed Masters. The addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren were given with great effect. After the investiture of the officers the lodge was called from labour to refreshment.

At the banquet, which was given in the large room, and which was of a *recherché* character and admirably served, the new W.M. (Bro. Titherley) took the chair, the Wardens, Bros. Carruthers and Gordon, officiating as Vice-Chairmen. The toast of "The Queen" having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; and the Grand Officers," and in doing so alluded to the important services which the Heir to the Throne had rendered to the Craft, and to the deep interest His Royal Highness took in Freemasonry. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. H. Bulley, Past G.S.B. of Eng. Bro. H. Bulley most ably responded. "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and his Officers" having been most enthusiastically received, Bro. J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., and Bro. Hy. Newman, P.G. Reg., returned thanks. Bro. T. F. Cooper, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. P. Titherley," and dwelt upon the services which the new W.M. had rendered to the Craft in general, and the Fermor Hesketh Lodge in particular. The toast was received with Masonic honours, and Bro. Titherley, in responding, feelingly acknowledged the kindness of his brethren, and alluded to the grand principles of Freemasonry. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. T. F. Cooper appropriately acknowledged the gift. The other toasts were "The Installing Master," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Williams; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. J. H. Johnston, P.M., acknowledged by Bro. J. F. Goepel, P.P.G.D. of C., and Bro. F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B.; "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. Carruthers, S.W., and for whom Bro. T. K. Hughes responded; "The Visitors," given by Bro. Gordon, J.W., and acknowledged by Bros. Bidder, P.M., Tobias, W.M., and others; "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Leighton, the Secretary; "The Banqueting Committee," coupled with the names of Bros. H. B. Browne, J.D., and Edward King Ellison; and "The Musical Brethren," for whom Bro. J. Hodgson responded. The musical selections were rendered in a charming style, Bro. Hodgson's pianoforte performance and that of Bro. Champion on the violin being especially admired. The lodge having returned to labour, two candidates for initiation were duly proposed and seconded, and other business transacted. A very pleasant evening was spent.

ST. LEONARDGATE.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—A considerable number of brethren—nearly fifty—of the above lodge assembled at the Masonic Rooms, Athlone, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., some to witness, and others to take part in, the installation of Bro. W. Parker, S.W., as W.M. The lodge having been opened at 7.30 with the usual formalities, under the presidency of the outgoing W.M., Bro. Ellershaw, and who afterwards officiated as Installing Master, the W.M. elect, Bro. Parker, was presented by Bros. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., and Bro. Wolfenden, P.M. Subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was constituted as follows: Bros. C. Hartley, S.W.; F. G. Dale, J.W.; E. Cardwell, S.D.; W. Warbrick, J.D.; and J. Acton, I.G.; and Bro. Parker was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony of installation being efficiently and impressively gone through by Bro. Ellershaw. The usual Masonic honours having been paid to the newly installed W.M., he appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. James Ellershaw, I.P.M.; Henry Hartley, S.W.; Richard Cleminson, J.W.; James E. Ogglethorpe, S.D.; F. G. Dale, Treas.; J. Acton, Sec.; Joseph D. Bell, J.D.; C. J. W. Stork, I.G.; W. Huntington, S.S.; P. Dutton, J.S.; William King, D.C.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., &c., installed Bro. Ellershaw, as I.P.M., and afterwards delivered the charge pertaining to that office. The other officers were conducted to their chairs by Bro. Dale, P.M., who also delivered the charges to the Master, the Wardens, and the brethren. In the course of the evening Bro. Parker, P.M., on behalf of the lodge presented the I.P.M. with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, which Bro. Ellershaw suitably acknowledged. It was also resolved that a Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. Acton, P.M., as a slight acknowledgment of his gratuitous services as Secretary to the lodge for seven years. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, this being the first occasion on which that duty has been discharged by the retiring W.M. Cordial votes of thanks were also passed to Bros. Moore and Dale for their services in connection with the installation, and these having been acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was held at Rigg's, Windermere Hotel, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when upwards of forty members and visitors met to celebrate the anniversary of St. John and the installation of Bro. Wm. Parker as W.M. The majority of the brethren took a day's holiday, and journeying by way of Lake-side, spent the time pleasantly in visiting some of the more attractive spots in Lake-land. As the time fixed for the banquet drew near—4.30—the brethren began to arrive at the rendezvous, and host and guests were alike punctual, and within a few minutes of the time appointed the brethren were conducted to the banqueting hall, a light, airy, and spacious room, with elegant appointments, and tables laid in the best style and prettily decorated with flowers and plants. The menu cards—got up specially for the occasion—were neatly printed in gold and bronze and decorated with floral devices, and each card had mounted on the back an excellent photograph of the W.M., taken a few days before by Bro. Davis. The dinner was well served, and excellently waited, and gave entire satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. was supported on his right by Bro. George Cleminson (Mayor of Lancaster); E. Simpson, P. Prov. Pres.; Jos. Fenton, Case, and the Rev. F. G. McNally, S.W., 1895; and on his left by Bros. Ellershaw, I.P.M.; F. G. Dale, P.M.; Chr. Hartley, P.M.; Wolfenden, P.M.; and Jon. Acton, P.M. Bros. H. Hartley, S.W., and R. Cleminson, J.W., occupied the vice-chairs. There were also present Bros. J. E. Ogglethorpe, S.D.; Jos. Bell, J.D.; W. King, D.C.; C. J. W. Stork, I.G.; G. W. Smet, Organist; W.

Huntington, S.S.; R. Stanton, Jos. Croskell, S.W. Fortitude; Jos. Barrow, John Bannister, J. Davis, W. Wilkinson, W. Scott, H. Verity, J. A. Leack, J. Beesley, G. Blezard, H. Stirzaker, W. Sandham, W. Huthersall, W. Drinkall, J. S. Stork, L. Barlow, T. Derome, R. C. Wilkinson, D. Shaw, J. Brash, A. K. Allinson, E. Sheppard, W. Williams, and others. After dinner the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair by the W.M., and heartily responded to. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was toasted as the M.W.G.M. of England; "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire," and "Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," were also given from the chair, and duly honoured. The W.M. then called upon Bro. Jos. Fenton to propose the next toast, "Colonel the Hon. F. A. Stanley, Deputy Provincial G.M. and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to receive the invitation of the W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge to attend that festival; he felt the compliment the more because he did consider that he had not done anything as a Mason to deserve it. Coming to the Lakes to meet the members of the lodge it especially gave him great pleasure, as he came back to his native county. He never re-visited the Lake district without recalling to his mind some of the happiest days of his life. He said this much of himself that they might the better understand how thoroughly he appreciated the pleasure of being with them that day. Turning then to the question of the toast placed in his hands, he said no words of his could add anything to the estimation in which the Hon. F. A. Stanley was held by his brother Masons. He was well known as a Lancashire man, and whether as a Member of Parliament—apart from his political views—or as an Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, they had confidence that he would do his duty. They had with them that day a Past Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge—Bro. E. Simpson—and he would venture to couple his name with the toast. He was a member who, in his sphere of life, was as much honoured and respected as the brother he had just named, and he had got pretty nearly to the top of the ladder. He called upon them to drink "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire and the Present and Past Officers of the Lodge," and would ask Bro. Simpson to respond. The toast was drunk with hearty applause. Bro. Simpson responded, and said he knew that Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley took great interest in Freemasonry, and he knew also that the Grand Officers performed their duties in a most efficient manner. No one could take greater interest in Freemasonry than Bro. Apass, the Secretary, and his great aim was to make the West Lancashire Province one of the best in the kingdom. He thanked Bro. Fenton for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him personally, and to the members for the cordial way in which they had received the toast. Bro. Cleminson, in suitable terms, proposed "The Bishop and Clergy, and Ministers of all Denominations," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. F. G. McNally, who responded. Bro. J. E. Ogglethorpe proposed "The Visitors," remarking that the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge were always glad to exercise the duties of hospitality towards the brethren of other lodges. The visitors present that day had done honour to the lodge by their attendance, and had shown the interest they took in Freemasonry, and in the Duke of Lancaster Lodge in particular. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Bro. Cleminson—the chief magistrate of Lancaster—and of Bro. Case, of Ulverston, and Bro. R. Stanton. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Bro. Cleminson, in responding, heartily thanked every brother present for the cordial way in which they had received the toast, and said he hoped in the future to have more time at his disposal to attend the Freemasons' lodges more frequently than he had done in the past. He regretted that circumstances over which he had no control had prevented him attending hitherto, because he believed every man who was a Freemason was, or ought to be, if he followed the principles the Institution inculcated, a good and worthy man. His townsmen had been pleased to elect him Mayor of Lancaster; it was an honourable position, and he was proud of it, and he had done and would continue to do his best to fulfil the duties of the office satisfactorily; and he trusted when his term expired that he would have done nothing to tarnish the office. Bro. Case also returned thanks, and said it was always a pleasure to come twenty or thirty miles to meet the Lancashire brethren. Bro. R. Stanton also replied as one of the visitors, and took the opportunity of saying a few words as to Mark Masonry. Bro. Jas. Ellershaw, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. W. Parker, the W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge." He said he had seen Bro. Parker rise step by step in the lodge until he had become its chief officer; he had been a good officer, and had regularly attended to his duties, and he had not the least doubt that he would make a good Master. He had great pleasure in asking the brethren to drink to his health and wish him a prosperous year. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Parker, on rising to respond, was received with hearty demonstrations of applause. He thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial way in which they had responded to the toast proposed by Bro. Ellershaw. He assured them that he felt very proud of the position in which he had been placed as W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. It was a red letter day with him, and one that he should not soon forget. He had some diffidence in accepting office, seeing that he was so much younger than the Masters who had preceded him in office; but he was encouraged to accept the responsibilities of office by a knowledge of the fact that he would have the cordial assistance and advice of the Past Masters whenever he might require it, and that his Wardens and other officers would do their best to second his efforts to carry out the business of the lodge efficiently. He hoped when his term of office came to a close that he would have the satisfaction of handing the gavel down to his successor pure and unadulterated as he had received it. The lodge was now of considerable magnitude, second to none in the West Lancashire Province, and the members had a habit of forming their own conclusions and of expressing them, and the discussions which sometimes arose on lodge business required tact and judgment to turn them in a practical direction. He knew this, and the fact added to his own diffidence. He hoped and believed, however, that the lodge would be indulgent and assist him to make the coming year a pleasant and prosperous one; and that the members would attend the lodge regularly, and

would turn up as well as they had done that day every lodge night. And especially, he should like to see his officers attend regularly to their duties, so that there might be no interruption to business. This remark, he would remind the choir, had reference to them as well as to the other officers, and with the cordial assistance of all the officers and members he confidently predicted that the coming year would be characterised by harmony, and peace, and prosperity. Bro. Charles Hartley proposed "The Healths of the Installing Officers," Bros. James Ellershaw and F. G. Dale. All who were present at the meeting the previous night knew how well the duty had been performed. He had been present at many installations, and could say that the Installing Officers performed the duties they undertook admirably, and he most cordially endorsed the wish expressed by Bro. King that the example would be followed in future, and that the Master of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge would install his successor. The toast was received most heartily. Bro. Ellershaw responded, and said it afforded him great pleasure to know that his efforts had been successful. It had been his ambition ever since he became a Mason to fill the office of W.M., and instal his successor, and he had achieved it. Bro. Dale also returned thanks, and said it had given him great satisfaction to hear the remarks which had fallen from Bro. Hartley, who was a Past Officer of great experience, and to know that their first efforts at installation had met with the approval of the brethren. He hoped the example would be followed, and that the present Master would instal his successor. A number of other toasts followed, including "The Immediate Past Master," "The Wardens," responded to by Bros. H. Hartley and R. Cleminson; "The Secretary and Treasurer," responded to by Bros. Acton, P.M., and F. G. Dale, P.M.; "The Junior Officers," from whom there was quite a flood of eloquence; and the toast list was concluded with the Tyler's toast. The pleasure of the meeting was greatly enhanced by the efforts of the musical brethren, whose harmony was much appreciated. The meeting broke up about eight o'clock, and the brethren left for home by the 8.48 p.m. train. One adventurous member, however, narrowly escaped being left behind. After dinner he went to down to the Lake and took a small boat, and unfortunately got on a bank, and he barely reached the train in time to jump in before a start was made.

HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 10th July, at the Mitre Hotel. Present: Bros. James Lewis Thomas, W.M.; Rev. W. S. Moses, S.W.; James W. Lambert, J.W.; Thomas Cubitt, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Secretary; George A. Rooks, S.D.; R. M. Jones, J.D.; E. M. Lott, Organist; C. J. Wallis, I.G.; George Harrison, Tyler; E. Kimber, P.M.; Thomas Keene, P.M.; F. W. Levander, P.M.; and H. C. Levander, P.M. Members: Bros. Passawer, Battye, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. of Greece; C. F. Hogard, W. Bristol, G. Tompkins, and E. Bowden.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. C. Levander installed Bro. the Rev. W. Stainton Moses in the chair of K.S., who thereupon appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Lambert, S.W.; George A. Rooks, J.W.; Thomas Cubitt, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Secretary; R. M. Jones, S.D.; C. J. Wallis, J.D.; E. M. Lott, I.G.; E. Passawer, D. of C.; and B. Newstead, Steward. The Audit Committee having given in a favourable report the lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to an elegant banquet, served in Bro. Sadler's best style.

SANDGATE.—Sandgate Lodge (No. 1436).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 12th inst. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors from various parts of the country. Our esteemed Bro. T. J. Pulley took the chair at 5.30, and, there being no other business owing to the non-attendance of a candidate, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and given in a most able manner by the W.M. Bro. J. J. B. Candel was installed as W.M., and the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. B. Simmonds, S.W.; A. Pelt, J.W.; C. Gosby, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. B. Jenner, Treas.; W. Hogben, S.D.; C. Pugh, J.D.; W. B. Kennett, D.C.; W. Shackleton, I.G.; G. Butcher, Tyler; and C. J. Woods and H. T. Sampson, Stewards. A proposition was given for a joining member, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Pulley (which was given with Masonic honours) for the very handsome present of a banner to the lodge, on which were inscribed the names of the P.M.'s from the consecration. After a suitable reply from Bro. Pulley a similar honour was accorded to Bro. Brett for the present of a large portrait of the G.M., the Prince of Wales.

The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, after many "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors present, and adjourned to the Royal Kent Hotel, and partook of an excellent banquet, which was served under the personal superintendence of the host, Bro. Watts, whose floral decorations deserve a special word of praise. The customary toasts were given, drunk, and responded to with all heartiness.

At intervals songs were sung by Bros. F. H. Cozens, H. White, Abbott, and others; also a recitation by Bro. Aubrey.

There were also present Bros. Keeler, P.M.; H. White, P.M., P.P.G.P. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Stuart, P.M.; Hodgson, Payn, Simmonds, Crane, Allebone, Duncan, Filer, Jordan, G. Keeler, Perry, and H. Brett. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Cronney, 515; A. Thompson, 1641; A. Sears, P.M. 209; W. Collis, 1101; A. Aubrey, S.W. 127; R. Glasspool, 723; J. Abbott, 1331; W. Gorton, S.W. 109; A. Perkins, 1208; W. Amos, S.W. 125; B. Horton, 1601; Fred H. Cozens, Org. 907; F. Philpott, W.M. 1001 and F. O'Brien (S.C.). After a very pleasant day had been spent the brethren separated, "sorry to part and happy to meet again."

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1730).—The above lodge held its installation meeting on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Weston, P.M. and P.G.S.B. Kent, who, with Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, W.M. 829 and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, and L. Etheridge, P.M. 829 and P.G.P. Kent, were, upon their entrance into the lodge, received with grand honours. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Shaw, and, the minutes of the last meeting

having been confirmed, Bro. Weston took the chair and proceeded to the ceremony of installation, and in rare style placed the W.M. elect, Bro. D. Deeves, in the chair of K.S. The new W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Welding, S.W.; T. Holleyman, J.W.; — Morris, Treasurer; W. Weston, P.M., Secretary; G. Kennedy, late Secretary, S.D.; A. Saunders, J.D.; W. Moulds, I.G.; A. Rowley, D.C.; J. Purnell, Steward; S. Horton, Organist; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The Three Charges were then most impressively rendered by Bro. Weston, and the ceremony closed. Letters of regret were read from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and others at their non-ability to attend. A handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Shaw, by the W.M., who, in the name of the lodge, wished Bro. Shaw many years of health and happiness to wear it, especially as it was voted so unanimously by the brethren. Bro. Shaw, in reply, said he should always honour and esteem their present, not alone for its value—that was a secondary consideration—but because he felt that it was meant to and did convey to him the cordial esteem, friendship, and brotherly love of every member of the lodge, and he considered that the brightest jewel a Mason might be proud to wear in his heart, whether he be a Past Master or not, was the good wishes, esteem, and affection of his brother Masons, more particularly the brethren of his own lodge. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Weston for his services as Installing Officer that day, it being the second time he has performed that important ceremony, and it was unanimously resolved that the vote should be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Shaw in seconding the resolution, which was proposed by the W.M., said that he was deeply indebted to Bro. Weston for doing a duty that, according to the custom of the lodge, should have devolved upon him as I.P.M. He had intended to have fulfilled that duty, and had been all the year studying so as to do honour to it, but the last month or two had unfortunately been to him a time of sickness, and heavy business, so that he was reluctantly compelled at the last moment, and by the doctor's orders, to place the duties of Installing Officer in the hands of Bro. Weston. Bro. Weston having briefly returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded by train to Bro. Wain's, the Pier Hotel, at Erith, where an elegantly and *recherché* banquet awaited them. Among the brethren present besides those already named were Bros. H. Picken, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; J. Warren, W.M. 700; T. Hosgood, J.D. 113; D. C. Capon, 913; T. Ovenden, I.G. 700; J. F. Randall, 913; J. M. Farr, J.W. 1817; J. M. Miller, 700; J. Hunter, T. Stevens, W. Murphy, A. E. Fisher, B. Verity, H. Swinherd, Jas. Anderson, J. Coady, Jas. Tough, R. Gooding, J. Cosser, all of No. 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk by the gallant militiares most loyally, a verse of the "National Anthem" and "God bless the Prince of Wales" being finely played by Bro. Horton at the conclusion of the two first. "The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M.," was drunk most heartily. In proposing it, the W.M. spoke of the great interest his lordship always took in the welfare of the Craft, especially in the province over which he had so nobly presided for the last twenty-one years, and averred that, although his lordship had been honoured by his Sovereign with a more exalted position in the House of Peers, yet he had particularly requested that in all matters touching upon Masonry he should still be known under the name he had so long been connected with in Kent—that of Lord Holmesdale. The health of his lordship was drunk amid great cheering. The next toast was that of "The Deputy G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." After eulogising the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Eastes for the welfare of the Craft in the province, the W.M. said they had an old and respected Past Officer present in the person of Bro. Dr. Spurrell, who was also an honorary member of their own lodge, and two new ones in the persons of Bros. Weston and Etheridge. The very fact of their having been appointed to the distinguished posts they occupied showed that they must not only have been good Masons, but have done something to entitle them to the consideration of their esteemed Grand Master. He asked them to drink the toast with the honours it deserved. Bro. Weston, in reply, said he felt it a great honour to be called upon to respond for so important a toast as that of the Provincial Grand Officers. After wishing that his lordship or Bro. Eastes had been present to see the manner in which their very names were respected in the lodge, he referred to the desire of Lord Holmesdale to keep that title in Masonic matters, and said that at the late Provincial Grand Meeting at Margate his lordship said that the old title was best known, and would prevent a great many mistakes, as he had been addressed already as Lord Hamhurst, and Lord Holmesdale Amhurst, Baron Amhurst and Holmesdale, and even once as Lord Amhurst, Esq. So that he wished to be known by the old name, and what name, said Bro. Weston, will ever be so deeply graven upon our hearts as the honoured one of Holmesdale? Bro. Etheridge said it gave him great pleasure to be with the brethren of the Military Lodge again, although he was sorry to say he missed some old faces whom he believed were away in foreign countries; and others whom he believed had gone to "that bourne from whence no traveller returned." He thanked them sincerely for the hearty reception they had given the toast. Dr. Spurrell, in answer to calls, said he was in hopes that the new blood present would have gushed forth in sufficient quantities to have relieved him from saying anything about the toast. However, this was his own district, and in it he felt proud of seeing such good brethren as those of the United Military Lodge. He had before expressed his pleasure at the grand style of work done in the lodge, and he was sure that they might go east, west, north or south, and would not see better. He always felt it a pleasure to associate with them, and wished the lodge and the W.M. every prosperity. Bro. Shaw then rose to propose that which he aptly described as "the toast of the evening," "The Health of their W.M." He rose with the greatest pleasure to propose the toast, nor did he ever remember a greater pleasure in his life, because he had known Bro. Deeves, and watched his Masonic career, ever since he took his first step in the lodge at its consecration, and of which he was one of the founders. He had been a most zealous, hard-working, and honest Mason. So much was he convinced of the excellent qualifications of Bro. Deeves, both as a man and a Mason, that not a single thing had he done during his year of office without first consulting Bro.

Deeves, and from him he always received the very best advice. He heartily congratulated the lodge upon having such a Master. They had done well to elect him to the chair, and he felt sure that under his guidance the work would be well done and the lodge would prosper. Bro. Deeves, in response, said he could not reply adequately to the toast, which deeply impressed him with its warmth. The I.P.M. had been kind enough to speak of him having taken every step in the lodge since its consecration; he could only say that that was true—from Steward up to the chair he had not missed an office. Of the truth of that he had a letter from Bro. Spinkes, at Natal, in which he mentioned the fact, and congratulated him upon his elevation to the chair. He was one of the founders of, and had always taken a great interest in the welfare of the lodge, and had never taken an office that he did not intend to do his duty in honestly and fairly, nor had he ever been absent from the lodge but once, when duty called him to Colchester, and then he obtained "leave of absence" from the then W.M. (Bro. Charles Keyhler). He would not make any promises; but if it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to spare him and them till next year, he trusted to hear them say that he had done well for the lodge and the Craft in general. "The Past Masters" were then honoured, and Bros. Shaw, Picken, and Hayes responded. Bro. Picken read the letter from Bro. Spinkes, spoke of by the W.M., in which he congratulated Bro. Deeves upon the result of his long and arduous services to the lodge. Bro. Spinkes regretted that he could not be with them as he had hoped, but would drink the health of the W.M. in a glass of wine on the 9th. The letter concluded with fraternal love and greetings to all the brethren of the lodge. "The Initiate, Bro. Sayle," was then toasted, and he returned thanks. Then followed "The Visitors," to which Bros. Hutton, Warren, Ovenden, and Randall responded. "The Officers" was the next toast, and Bro. Holleyman returned thanks. Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press." The worthy host was congratulated and thanked for his perfect catering, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

At two emergency meetings which had preceded the installation one, C. D. King, William Sayle, T. Holman, H. Robinson, and C. Fowles were initiated into the Craft. Bro. Portch was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Horton, Baker, and Tough were raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. Holleyman gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the lodge he should propose that the dues of the lodge be raised.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Crown Hotel, and opened at half-past two o'clock. Present: Bros. John G. Horsey, W.M.; S. Davison, S.W.; E. A. Head, J.W.; W. Hale, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Sawyer, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Rudge, S.D.; J. G. Calway, J.D.; E. Dickman, I.G.; W. H. Hook, P.M.; G. Mitchell, W. H. Brown, Jno. Woodbridge, G. H. Holmes, H. Horsey, A. M. Betchley, T. Carder, M. Ovenden, C. Firbank, J. Cooper, C. F. Young, W. Harwood, W. Pile, and Geo. Berry. Visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., P.M. 732; C. J. Smith, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 1466; R. Allison, W.M. 186; W. Game, P.M. 511; W. Hilton, P.M. 1315; F. Rossiter, W.M. 40; E. R. Clarke, W.M. 1184; W. F. Noll, W.M. 1636; T. W. Adams, P.M. 1623; J. Moon, W.M. 1141; J. Curtis, W.M. 1797; A. Holman, S.W. 311; C. Graham, S.D. 1540; R. Pierpoint, 177; Miles J. Walker, 52, 88, and 1560; Leon A. Mesrouze, 1238; and H. Cuff, 1216.

Several letters were read from brethren unable to attend, among them being one addressed to Bro. John G. Horsey, from Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, stating that owing to the death of Bro. John Hervey, the late Grand Secretary, he should not be able to be present, as he had arranged. The minutes of the two previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was unanimously adopted, showing, as it did, a very satisfactory termination to the year of office of Bro. John G. Horsey as Worshipful Master. Lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the Installing Master, Bro. John G. Horsey, proceeded with the ceremony of installing Bro. Samuel Davison into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, he being presented by Bro. C. Sawyer, I.P.M. The Board of I.M. having been closed, the brethren were readmitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the Three Degrees, in each of which the Installing Master described at length the working tools. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Head, S.W.; W. Rudge, J.W.; W. Hale, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Sawyer, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Calway, S.D.; E. Dickman, J.D.; C. Firbank, I.G.; C. W. Noehmer, P.M., as D.C.; J. Woodbridge, W.S. Bro. E. A. Head, J.W., was, on the proposition of Bro. John G. Horsey, I.P.M., unanimously re-elected as the representative of the lodge on the Charities Committee for the province. Bro. Sargeant having been re-elected Tyler, was invested and retired. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. These were rendered, amid profound silence, in a slow, but most impressive and masterly manner, and at the close of each the brethren testified their approbation of the magnificent way in which they were given, and their sympathy with the usefulness of the advice conveyed by the solemn but beautiful language in which they are couched. The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. John G. Horsey, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M. jewel, voted to him by the brethren for his services as W.M. during the past year.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to. In proposing "The Health of the W.M." the I.P.M. congratulated the W.M. on being the first Master of the Sackville Lodge who had been initiated into it, and spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Davison, whom he (the I.P.M.) had on many previous occasions eulogised for his love of Masonry and his unremitting exertions in forwarding the interests of the Sackville Lodge, and he congratulated its members on having to preside over them a Master possessed of the good qualities of Bro. Davison. It would be almost needless under such happy circumstances to wish the lodge a successful year—that the brethren might depend upon. During the proposition of the toast "The Health of Bro. John G. Horsey, the I.P.M.," the W.M. spoke of the success attending that brother's year of office—of his having been instrumental in introducing nearly three times the number of initiates—all good men and true—into their lodge; of his great attention to his duties as their Master,

and of his good working of the ceremonies. Of the latter they had had that day an example in the rendering of the ceremony of installation, and this the other P.M.'s and several of the visitors in their speeches testified to. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at about nine o'clock, many of the brethren returning to London. Bro. R. Pierpoint (Superintendent of London Bridge Station, S.C.R.) once more bestowed a favour on the brethren by placing at their disposal a saloon carriage on the 10.15 a.m. train from London. We learn with regret that through some remarks made by one of the Past Masters at the banquet, as to his usefulness as Secretary, Bro. Chas. Sawyer, P.M., has placed his resignation of that office in the hands of the W.M. This is much to be deplored, as the brother who caused this step to be taken has no foundation for his expressed ideas. Bro. Sawyer is beyond reproach, having performed the duties of Secretary in a very able and satisfactory manner, indeed, it would be impossible to do better. The remarks we refer to have alighted on very delicate ground, as the unanimous vote of the lodge will prove at its next meeting, for, besides being a founder, Bro. Sawyer has always proved indefatigable from the date of its consecration in his exertions to forward the success of the Sackville Lodge, and a more worthy friend and brother does not grace our Craft.

INSTRUCTION.

KINGSLAND LODGE (No. 1693).—This lodge of instruction held its usual meeting on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at Bro. Longhurst's, the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square. Bro. McMillan (the W.M. of the Clapton Lodge) ably presided. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at this lodge on Monday, the 26th inst., at 8.30, by Bro. H. P. Isaac, the W.M. of the mother lodge. We may here mention that the installation ceremony will be rehearsed on the last Monday in each month throughout the year, thus affording an excellent opportunity for W.M.'s wishing to rehearse the same. A note to this effect, sent to the courteous Sec., Bro. A. Trewinnard, will be duly responded to.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The Quarterly Convocation of this chapter was held on Friday evening, the 9th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There were present Comps. W. F. Lamony, P.G. 1st A.S., M.E.Z. (*Freemason*); E. Tyson, P.P.G.D.C., H.; T. Atkinson, J.; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.G. 2nd A.S.; J. Rothery, S.E.; J. Reay, as S.N.; G. Dalrymple, P.S.; C. H. Hodgson, 1st A.S.; F. Hodgson, 2nd A.S.; W. Jackson and E. Clark, Stewards; and about fourteen or fifteen others, including Comp. Salisbury, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Tyler, True Blue Chapter, Ireland, who kindly officiated as Janitor, through the severe illness of Comp. Geo. Fitzgerald.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Jas. Batt, of Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, who had been previously balloted for, was admitted and exalted to the Supreme Degree in regular form. The Historical and Symbolical Lectures were delivered by the Third and Second Principals, after which Comp. Barr, P.Z., on the invitation of the M.E.Z., gave the mystical lecture in his well-known efficient style. The next business was the ballot for officers, which resulted as follows: Comps. E. Tyson, M.E.Z.; T. Atkinson, H.; G. Dalrymple, J.; J. Reay, S.E.; E. Clarke, S.N.; John M. Kelvie, Treas. (re-elected); F. Hodgson, P.S.; and George Fitzgerald, Janitor. During the election the M.E.Z. had to retire in order to catch the last train home, and his place was taken by Comp. J. Barr, P.Z. The convocation was summoned for six p.m., but it was close upon seven before the chapter was declared open. After the Treasurer's statement of accounts had been presented, the chapter was closed. Subsequently the companions passed an hour together harmoniously in the usual manner.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held in the Chapter Rooms on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at 6.30. The chair of M.E.Z. was occupied by E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., who was supported by Comps. D. W. Finney, P.Z.; P. J. Edelsten, P.Z.; and a goodly number of companions. The chapter having been opened in due form and the members and visitors admitted, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Thos. Banks, which being favourably received, and the brother being present was exalted in ample form by Comp. Bowes; Comp. Finney gave the Symbolic Lecture and Comp. Edelsten discharged the duties of P.S. There being no further business the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The election meeting of this lodge of Mark Masters was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past six o'clock by the W.M., Bro. C. P. McKay, supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.P.S. of Wks., S.W.; Geo. Clark, J.W.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G., I.P.M.; H. Baldwin, Prov. G.A.D.C., Sec.; C. J. Axford, I.G.; and Potter, Tyler; C. G. Repling, Ackland, Prov. G. Stwd.; Maddy, Gilham, J. R. Pitt, Dunkley, and others. The only visitor was Bro. J. Daw Kerrell.

Bros. J. Wyatt and J. Holliday having been approved of by ballot, were duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master with full musical ceremony, conducted by Bro. G. S. Graham, Organist. Bro. Poore rendered effective assistance as Chaplain and Deacon. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler followed, when Bros. Lovegrove, Clark, and Potter were elected to the respective offices. Bros. Ackland and Holliday were elected on the Audit Committee. A discussion on the affairs of the lodge lasted until nearly nine o'clock, when the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Poore, and that of "The Provincial Grand Officers" by Bros. Lovegrove, Baldwin, and Ackland. Bros. Poore, Holliday, Gilham, and Baldwin entertained the brethren by their vocal efforts.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE R.V. BRO. GENERAL STUDHOLME
BROWNRIGG, C.B., PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Notice is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on SATURDAY, the 24th day of JULY, 1880, at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the PUBLIC HALL, SUTTON, in the County of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the other Brethren of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W.P.G. Master,
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Prov. G. Secretary.

61, Nelson Square, Blackfriars Road.

June 24th, 1880.

P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 15s.) may be had of Bro. James Hamer OWENS, P.M., Sutton, Surrey; or of the PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church at 2.15 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN. Brethren not to appear in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

ROSE OF SHARON ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 6.
PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

CHAPTER HOUSE, 77½, 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^o, Sec.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1880.

FREEMASONRY is for the present, as the French say, "en sommeil" in the metropolis. With very few exceptions its lodges have adjourned over the "long vacation," and will not until October or November recover their activity. If the normal Masonic season has run its course, with its wonted admixture of work and sociality, if pleasant memories linger and old friendships have been cemented still more closely, and new friends made, it is no doubt very well in every way, and good, most good, for us to remain contentedly faithful alumni and associates of our excellent confraternity. But certainly the

brightest feather in our cap, the most effective reply to your "cui bono" individual, is the clear but startling fact that the Masonic Order has contributed more than £40,000 for the support of its great metropolitan Charities alone. This is a fact which outweighs a thousand "abstract resolutions" or "eloquent orations." We can take it with us to our holiday sojourn, whether in Welsh vales, or Swiss hills, after the grouse, or at the sea side, to think over and talk over placidly and rejoicingly.

Happily for us all, for our Brotherhood, and for mankind, the "outcome" of Freemasonry in England is one of simple hearted, nonostentatious, and humanitarian beneficence. So mote it always be!

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WE have seen lately somewhere, though we do not quite remember where, a sort of complaint that Masonry is increasing too rapidly, and that too many new warrants are issued. If we remember rightly, there was also a statement in a provincial paper, that Bro. HERVEY, our late lamented Grand Secretary, was supposed to have shared the same opinion. Now, we can safely assert to-day, from repeated communications with him on the subject, that such never was his view of the facts of the case. He did regret, undoubtedly, the facilities which many new lodges gave for the careless admission of ineligible candidates, but he always recognized the equally patent fact, that the Order was likely, for various reasons, to assume much larger dimensions. All these complaints about too rapid extension of lodges are based, in our opinion, on a complete fallacy. It is inevitable that with a largely increased number of Masons should come the call whether for a "swarm" from old lodges, or the absolute creation of a new body. In fact, it is the law of growth, development, and expansion which pervades all nature, and is a necessary accompaniment of Freemasonry. We who think that no lodge should exceed 100, and that, in fact, the lodge which has the fewer members has more of the true Masonic family and personal life belonging to it, we must be distinctly favourable, on every ground of Masonic necessity and well-being, to the proper increase of new lodges amongst us. They are a requirement of the age in which we live, and tend, in our opinion, to the welfare, healthiness, and stability of Freemasonry.

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THE meeting of the Permanent Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. JOHN MASON was elected to the vacant post of Collector by a considerable majority. There were no less than forty-six candidates, and their testimonials were read to the Committee by Bro. TERRY, and all who were present were seen by the Committee. Many of the testimonials were of the highest character. The Committee sat for two hours and a half, with the result above indicated.

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WE understand that at the meeting on Wednesday a brother asked the Chairman whether the Secretary had been in communication with the *Freemason* as to the date given, "Wednesday, July 15th." The Chairman announced, we are told, that every member of the Permanent Committee had received a "circular" from the Secretary, Bro. TERRY. We should have thought it needless to point out and repeat, were it not for the bitter hostility unaccountably and recently exhibited by some to the *Freemason*, that it by no means professes to be an official paper, and that common sense or kindly consideration would have convinced any one that "15th" was purely a typographical error for "14th."

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WE rejoiced at a later period to note the responsive cheers with which an appeal to the meeting by its gallant Chairman to support the dignity of the chair and of the meeting itself, was greeted by an immense majority of those present. To those of us who value Freemasonry and are proud of our Charities, the personality and opposition manifested by a "select circle" for some time past at the meetings have been most painful. It

was quite time that all these puerile and petty-fogging objections should be silenced.

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"WHETHER or no certain marks on the American "Cleopatra's Needle are Masonic, has excited much controversy, and according to a letter received from Mr. H. E. DAVIS, who is superintending its removal from Egypt, the Masonic emblems are without doubt genuine. He says: 'You will see the foundation is composed of three steps, the mystic number in Masonry, and in side of these steps was found the square, which is of granite, the same as the obelisk, also the perfect ashlar and the rough ashlar, they are both granite, the lamb-skin is of the whitest of marble, the square and perfect ashlar are polished, the trowel is perfect in shape, although rather rusty, the steps are limestone that has evidently been subjected to volcanic action a some period of the world, as they are very hard and take a fine polish. Mr. S. A. ZOLA, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, says there is no doubt of their being purely Masonic, and he is considered the best authority in Egypt.' Thus speaks our contemporary the *Graphic* in its last issue but one, but, though we repeat the statement on the authority of our excellent contemporary, we do not think it well to rediscuss the "vexata questio."

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WE call attention elsewhere to the thoughtful and appreciative "obituary" of our lamented Bro. JOHN HERVEY, written by his nephew, Bro. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

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THE presentation of two valuable testimonials of regard and respect recently to our esteemed Grand Secretary, Lieut.-Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, was a pleasing incident in itself, and reflects equal credit on the promoters of the movement, as well as on the recipient of so much fraternal goodwill.

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WE have received a long letter from Bro. JUAN PEREZ, Madrid, complaining of articles entitled "Freemasonry in Spain," which lately appeared in our columns. We shall have the letter carefully translated, and transmitted to the able brother who sent us the articles thus complained of. The tone of Bro. PEREZ's letter is so un-Masonic, in that he condescends to menace us with a circular complaining of the *Freemason*, that we might properly, perhaps, take no notice of it. But we prefer to act Masonically and fraternally under all circumstances.

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WE regret to note, by the report of our correspondent in Paris elsewhere, that a movement is beginning in the Rite Ecossais to encourage discussions on political and religious subjects. We deeply deplore such a "fact," and, above all, such an un-Masonic "animus." We trust that the authorities of the Rite Ecossais, who have acted with great discretion in very difficult circumstances, will calmly but sternly repress any attempt to invade the peaceful and neutral ground of Freemasonry by those who evidently have yet to learn the first principles of true Freemasonry.

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WE are rejoiced to note that the Grand Orient of France has declined very properly to recognize the so-called "Grande Loge Symbolique" at Paris.

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A FEMALE teacher in a Board School has been summoned, for amusing herself, according to a police report, by assaulting a child five years old by gagging her with a plaster during school hours. Shortly stated, these are the facts of the case, for which we are indebted to a contemporary: The infant's father stated that the child came home from school crying and complaining of what had been done to her, and that on examining her mouth it appeared to be blistered. The teacher admitted that she had stuck a piece of sticking-

plaster over the child's mouth, and gave as a reason for doing so that she would not leave off talking when requested to do so. The teacher said that she was sorry, and would not do such a thing again, and certain of the school officials having been called to give the teacher a character for kindness, Mr. BRIDGE, the magistrate, decided that, taking everything into consideration, the matter might be settled by ordering the defendant to pay nine shillings costs, and ordering her to enter into her recognisances to keep the peace for twelve months. We are inclined to hope that such an act on the part of the school mistress was an act of pure inadvertence, otherwise with our contemporary we must say that to gag a mere infant of five years old with a pocket handkerchief would have been bad enough, but to seal up its mouth with an adhesive patch indicates a disposition to absolute cruelty that might well be dispensed with in one to whom the care of small school children is confided. It is to be hoped that the young lady in question will take to heart the exposure she has brought on herself, at least as much as the loss of the nine shillings in which she has been mulcted, and that she will henceforth abstain from "burking" unruly scholars with sticking-plaster. There are, indeed, some older persons for whom the "misapplied sticking-plaster" in this case, might be beneficial, and serve to procure some suffering beings a few hours of peace, silence, and comfort!

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We are happy to note that up to Monday last the Hospital Fund amounted to £30,000, £4000 in excess of last year, and that all the returns are not yet come in.

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,—
The reply of "J. B." to the remarks made by "P.M.," in the *Freemason* of the 3rd inst., upon the selection of the Baron de Ferrieres for Grand Mark Lodge office, must have been read with pleasure by the brethren of this province, as it certainly has been by myself. I am glad that you acceded to my request, and withdrew a letter which I had at once addressed to you in answer to "P.M.," and which might otherwise have appeared last week. My motive in then shrinking from publication was lest it might be thought that such remarks as those of "P.M.'s" were presumptuously replied to by an unknown brother. But now that, to the honour of the province, they have been repudiated by one who speaks with the weight and authority of "J. B.," I feel less diffidence in adding my deprecation of "P.M.'s" ungenerous communication.

The large majority of the Mark brethren have no concern in the question of precedence in Prov. G.M. Lodge, and that has been disposed of by "J. B.," whose pleasure in the honour of the Baron de Ferrieres will, I feel sure, be shared by the other leading Mark Masters of the province. To those who have no such personal concern in the question the Baron's selection for Grand Lodge office will be a matter of, I believe, universal satisfaction. The brethren of the province at large, and of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge in particular, will recognise in the selection made by the M.W.G.M. an honour worthily paid to the province and lodge in the person of one who has exceptionally distinguished himself by his liberality towards the Masonic Charities and by other good qualities as a Mason.

The letter of "P.M." is a disingenuous one. He can have no such difficulty as he professes in "imagining the claims" which the Baron de Ferrieres possesses to the honour conferred upon him. I fear that "P.M." was not careful to satisfy himself that, in writing his letter, he was not giving way to feeling such as should not actuate a good Mason. Others beside myself will have a suspicion that he has allowed other than brotherly promptings to move him. The course he has taken is as ungenerous towards the individual as it is in its spirit subversive of that loyal acquiescence in the judgment of those set in authority over us which is expected from those "below the rank of Installed Master," and which should *à fortiori* characterise those who have passed through the chair.

I am, yours fraternally,
A M.M.M. OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

AN OLD BOOK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am in possession of an old work containing 1363 pages, the title page of which runs: "The Philosophie, communie called The Morals, written by the learned Philosopher Plutarch of Chæronæa. Translated out of Greeke into English, and conferred with the Latine translations, and the French, by Philemon Holland, of Coventrie, Doctor in Physicke. Whereunto are annexed Summaries necessary to be read before every Treatise. At London. Printed by Arnold Hatfield, 1603.

"The Epistle Dedicatorie." To The Most High and Mighty Prince James by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c."

Being under the impression I am in possession of a rare old work, and of some value, may I, through yourself or the *Freemason*, ask your correspondents if my impression is correct? Perhaps Bros. Woodford, Hughan, Whytehead, or Masonic Student can give me some information.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
J. W. T.
Huddersfield, July 12th.

THE LATE FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In the detailed report of contributions from the provinces to the recent Boys' School festival in your last issue, I observe that four of the Stewards from the North and East Ridings are credited with the sum of ten guineas each, but no amount is inserted after the name of Bro. T. J. Russell, who represented the York Lodge on that occasion.

Kindly allow me to supply the omission by mentioning that Bro. Russell's list as Steward for No. 236 amounted to thirty guineas.

Yours fraternally,
P.M., YORK, 236.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In your last week's number you point out that only eight London lodges from No. 1700 sent a Steward or return to the Boys' School this year, and inform those young lodges who have not done so, that "Masonry does not entirely consist in the social circle."

Now, Sir, on behalf of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, I would wish to remind you that, though only eighteen months' old, two Stewards have represented it, first the Secretary, Bro. Cattle, P.M., who headed the list for the Girls' School, and by myself for the aged Freemasons, being, I think, fifth, with nearly £190 on my list; and I hope you will allow sufficient reason is shown for No. 1791 not appearing this year at the Boys' School Festival.

I am, Sir, yours most obediently,
HENRY JAS. JOHNSON,
W.M. Creaton Lodge.

ANTIEN AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I grieve to find from your impression of Saturday last, that I have unwittingly offended the powers that be at Golden-square. I beg to assure them and you that in opening our chapter to members of other Rites than our own, I was actuated by no other motive than that of affording to those who desired it, an opportunity of witnessing the working of many Degrees, which I understand are not now generally worked in England. And I submit that in so doing I am, but feebly it is true, carrying out that grand principle of fraternal communion so earnestly inculcated in our Craft Degrees, and which forms the only real basis of genuine Masonry.

Moreover, it may be mentioned, that interpreting as our Sovereign Sanctuary does, in the most liberal manner, the Masonic obligation of peace, tolerance, and brotherly love, they make no exception to any holders of the Degrees under the existing thirty Rites detailed in its ceremonies.

In this country there are numerous members of these grades under the Supreme Council N. J. (Cerneau) Mizraim, and also both in England and Scotland bodies of Templars who confer and practise all the Degrees of the A. and A. Rite, and it surely is no part of our duty to separate ancient priority of claim from that of more modern numerical strength.

I repeat that the Antient and Primitive Rite, as represented by the Rose of Sharon Chapter in London, has no desire to attract to its ceremonial members of the A. and A. Rite specially, but it cannot consistently shut its doors to any brother who is in possession of a legitimate claim to admission.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very truly and fraternally,
JAMES HILL,
32, Sec. Rose of Sharon Rose
Croix Chapter, No. 6.
Chapter House, 77½, Bishopsgate-st. Within, July 7.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I recently received and accepted an invitation to attend an installation ceremony in the provinces. Previous to the presentation of the W.M. elect a ballot was taken for a gentleman for initiation. Upon examining the box the W.M. declared the candidate rejected. He then inquired whether any brother had made a mistake. There was no response. The W.M., still under the impression a mistake had been made, ordered a fresh ballot to be taken, with the result that the candidate was declared duly elected. This proceeding was entirely new to me, and, being a visitor, I could not of course inquire of the W.M. his authority; and, further, I have a difficulty in thinking (judging from the splendid manner the W.M. afterwards installed his successor) that he could possibly mistake his power. Will you, therefore, confer on me the favour by quoting a W.M.'s authority so to act; and, further, presuming the second ballot was unsuccessful, whether he had power to order a third, and, if so, where does his power cease?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
DOUBTFUL.
[It is very difficult to affix a limit to the technical and administrative discharge of his duties by a W.M.—Ed. F.M.]

THE NEW CATHEDRAL AT TRURO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—
At the request of the Lord Lieutenant and the principal inhabitants of Cornwall, of the Lord Bishop of Truro, and other persons of influence, I have consented to open a fund at the Mansion House, to aid the erection of the new Cathedral at Truro, and I beg most earnestly to commend the movement to the sympathy of the bankers and merchants of the City of London and of the public generally. The grounds on which the Churchmen of the City of London and of England are asked to assist the building of Truro Cathedral are these:

The grand Church revival of this century has demanded the erection of new sees, of which the restored Diocese of Cornwall is the first.

For this new see, which, unlike others projected, possesses no suitable church, a cathedral is absolutely required.

For want of such central church the work there begun must be and is distinctly impeded. A vast amount of central work in immediate connection with the Bishop is required which parochial institutions isolated and unassisted cannot touch.

A cathedral staff without residences or salaries has undertaken for the time portions of such work—the conducting of parochial missions, a successful Theological College with training in active parish work, religious instruction of the young, lectures throughout the diocese on historical church subjects, &c., with other needful organisations. Some provision is already made for future stipends.

It is therefore the fabric which for all purposes is now imperatively required. This will cost £100,000 to £120,000. Above £40,000 has been raised. Cornwall by herself can do no more. Men naturally look in England to the City of London to initiate great works; and when the City itself required the erection of St. Paul's, Cornwall from her remotest villages was forward in contributing to that work. It is hoped that this appeal will be felt to be far more than justifiable, as forwarding a work acceptable and dear to Churchmen. I may add that in the City I have already received most generous promises of support from Messrs. Baring Bros., Messrs. Anthony Gibbs and Sons, Messrs. F. Huth and Co., Messrs. Gilliat and Co., and other leading firms, and that I have opened an account at the Bank of England in connection with the fund at the Mansion House. Thanking you for courteously inserting this appeal,

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
F. WYATT TRUSCOTT, Lord Mayor.
The Mansion House, London, E.C.
July 14th.

Reviews.

BULLETIN DU GRAND ORIENT DE LA FRANCE.

We have read the last number of this publication with much interest. But it more especially concerns French Freemasons. The elaborate system of French Masonic judiciary and disciplinary proceedings would require a volume to deal with it properly.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

Mr. Best, of 15, Conduit-street, W., has some curiously and interestingly illustrated books, such as the works of William Hogarth, £31 10s.; "Illustrations of Popular Literature," 14 volumes, £35, which Mr. Best thus describes: "It is impossible in the limits of a catalogue to give any idea of the extraordinary collection, which must have been collected perfectly regardless of expense by the late owner. Every popular work is represented by several plates and letterpress. Amongst the illustrations are many by Bewick, the whole forming a most interesting and valuable work, and the whole would form an additional ornament to the library of the most *recherché* connoisseur; in fact, it would be impossible to gather the collection together again. The original cost with the binding must have been nearly three times the price now asked for it." Among other books we notice Wilkinson's "Londina Illustrata," £5 5s.; Strutt's "Dresses and Habits of the English," £7 7s.; "Chalographimania," £5 5s.; R. Owen's "Cambridge Works," £22; Shaw's "Dresses," £5; "Boccaccio," £31 10s.

CHRESTOS.

Is a little pamphlet which it is impossible, for many reasons, to review in the *Freemason*.

NEW ZEALAND FREEMASON.

An admirably printed and edited paper. We wish it heartily all success.

MASONIC MAGAZINES.

The various magazines which come to us from the United States are all interesting, and seem to display a marked advance in matter, style, and importance.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

I possess a curious little vellum-bound volume, containing four tracts, which I propose to deal with "seriatim." The book seems at one time to have belonged to "Philadelphus de Florentia, Monachus, Antonius de Abatia," whoever that worthy may have been. His writing is seventeenth century writing, and he was probably an "adept" or Hermetic. The first tract is "Hermetis Trismegisti Tractatus de Lapidis Philosophici Secreto," &c., and issued in 1610, published at Leipsig. In this no actual allusion is made to an Hermetic or Rosicrucian Fraternity, except in these words in a "Conclusio totius Tractatus;" "nec nisi secretorum initiatis, et philosophiæ mysticæ prope convenit," neither is it fitting except for the initiates in secrets and the mystics of philosophy. The second tract is called "De Lapide Philosophorum," &c., published at Frankfurt, 1640. The writer addresses his work to the "genuine sons of Hermes," but says no more. The third tract is the re-editing by John Dee of the letter of "Brother Roger Bacon de Secretis Operibus Nature," &c., and its dedication by him to "Roseæ Crucis Fratibus." This is rather a rare tract, and is published at Hamburg in 1618. The fourth tract is the "Dialogus Scholasticus of Christopher Horn, de Auro Medico Philosophorum," published at Frankfurt in 1615. Though the readers of this book (lectores) are termed "Fratres et Amici," brethren and friends, and allusion is often made to the older "Hermetics," no mention is made of any contemporary Hermetic association.
MASONIC STUDENT.

THE MARK DEGREE.

At the time I published my notes on the Mark Degree, which were noticed in the *Freemason*, I stated therein that the earliest record of the working of the Degree in the North of England of which I had heard was in 1802, at Hull (Minerva Lodge), and 1800, at Middleton, Lancashire. Since that period I have communicated with Bro. the Rev. J. Harrison, of Oldham, whose interesting contributions to the "Freemasons' Magazine" are so much appreciated, and he has been good enough to furnish me with extracts from the minutes of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 277, at Oldham, from which it would appear that the Mark Degree was worked in that lodge, under the blue warrant, as early as 1795. It may be noted that Middleton is only three

miles from Oldham, so that the brethren of the two lodges doubtless held intercommunication. I send copies of the extracts referred to, as they speak for themselves:

"Oldham, October 28th, 1795.

"This being a lodge night, the lodge was opened in due form and good harmony at seven o'clock.

"Members present (9).

"Members absent (4).

"Abraham Mills made Fellow Craft and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

"Made Mark Masters:"

(Here follow the names of six brethren, two of whom—John Saxon and William Ashton—are also entered as visitors from the Lodge of Minerva, No. 586. Perhaps this was the source whence the Minerva Lodge got its working of the Mark.)

At a meeting held in August, 1798, the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens, and four other brethren were made Mark Masons. It seems to have been the custom at Oldham, as at Bradford, for any brother who understood the working of the Mark Degree to confer the same upon Craft Masons at any meeting. There was, apparently, no regular W.M. of the Mark lodge elected and installed.

In April, 1799, again six brethren were "marked," and in October, 1800, also half-a-dozen received the Degree, the last Mark entry being on the 13th March, 1805, when twelve brethren were made Mark Masons.

For the elucidation of the history of the Degree it is very important that old minutes should be thoroughly investigated for facts of this kind, and I hope Secretaries of our older lodges will endeavour to examine the records in their charge, and communicate the result, if any, to these pages.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

JOHNSON.—The name of an impostor, whose real name appears to have been Leucht, though he also called himself Becker. He gave himself the name of Johnson à Fünen and George Friedrich von Johnson. He seems to have appeared at Jena from Bernburg in 1758, and for some time was very friendly with Von Hund. He professed to have authority from the so-called Scottish Templary to extend its system in Germany, and set up a chapter at Jena, over which he placed Dr. Teichmeyer. He had, it appears, as Master of the Mint, swindled the Duke of Anhalt-Bernburg out of considerable sums, and entered the Wurtemberg service and came back to Jena as captain, and recommenced his operations in 1764. He called himself Rittmeister von Johnson, a born Englishman, though he could not speak English, and was apparently a Hebrew who had mixed himself up in occult studies and illegal pursuits. He gave himself these names: "Gross Prior" and "Commissarius Generalis Ordini" (that is, of the Templars of Jerusalem). He generally signed himself, Der Gross Prior, S.G.C.C. de l'Ordre Sublime et Frère R.L., or L.G.F.C.G.P., or L.G.C.L.C.S. de St. J., whatever these letters may mean. For a time all went well with him, and he propounded with success his high grade teaching and mysterious Hermetic declaration. But at the Convent of Altenburg, in 1764, he was exposed, and he was arrested by Von Hund's wish in Alsleben in 1765, by Prussian soldiers, having taken to flight, and conducted to the Wartburg, with the full approval of the Grand Duchess Regent Amalie of Weimar. There he remained under the care of Von Fritsch until his death, kindly treated, in 1775, where he died. He was fed at the expense of the Order, at some cost. He is said to have been of a forbidding countenance, and little education.

—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

BENNET, ABBOT OF WIRRAL.

Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Weremouth, or Wearmouth, is the real name of the person called by Stow, Bennet, Abbot of Wirral. Benedict Biscop, the friend of Bede, went to Rome and brought back Masons, "Cementarii," to do "Romanum Opus," and to build "more Romano." This mistake of Stow has been repeated in many Masonic books.

STONE BUILDINGS IN ENGLAND.

Stow is not correct in stating the Saxons were "ignorant of building with stone until the year 680." This is practically the old controversy, but stone buildings had existed in England before 680, though many churches, as King Edgar's charter proves, three hundred years later, were built of wood.

MASONS' COMPANY.

I have never been able to find the oft-quoted passage as regards the Masons' Company in Stow, though I have often searched for it. Stow does not say so when he mentions "Masons' Hall" in Basinghall, though he adds, "of what antiquity that Company is I have not read." I think, therefore, that the quotation is an inaccurate one, though, I am aware, very often made.

ARMS OF MASONS' COMPANY.

I am the more inclined to think the quotation an incorrect one, because the whole statement about the Masons' Arms is clearly wrong. The grant of arms is in the British Museum, additional MSS., and was first published in the "Masonic Magazine" for September, by the writer. The original grant was made by William Hawkeslowe Clarencieux, 4th Edw. IV., and confirmed by Thomas Benoit Clarencieux, 12th Henry VIII. It is entered in the "Visitation of London," by Henry St. George Richmond, 1634. I have an idea that old "Guilim" has a somewhat similar passage to that attributed to Stow above, hence the confusion. If the passage be in Stow, it has escaped me completely.

As I have been looking into Stow, I conclude this note with the following extract relative to the London companies: "For the first of these companies that I read of to be guild, brotherhood, or fraternity in this city were the weavers, whose guild was confirmed by Henry II. The next fraternity, which was of St. John Baptist, time out of mind, called 'Tailors and Armourers of London.' I find that Edward III., in the 28th year of his reign, confirmed that guild. * * *

"The other companies have since purchased license of societies, brotherhoods, or corporations in the reign of Edward III., Richard II., Henry IV., Henry V., Henry VI., and Edward IV."

This statement remarkably explains the old loyal tone of the guild regulation, and points to the fact, that all such guilds or fraternities required a Royal license to be legal bodies.

MASONIC STUDENT.

JACHIN AND BOAZ, 1750 or 1762.

I cannot at all agree with the editor of the *Freemason* respecting the date of the first edition of J. and B., and certainly find no reason to alter my views because my old friend, Bro. Coombe, has informed the learned editor of the existence of the sixth edition of that work, published in 1767. It was not at all news to me that such was issued, and so it is of no weight in deciding the question at issue. Any one familiar with the Masonic and anti-Masonic literature of last century will be aware of the extraordinary (demand and) supply of the latter. There was a never failing field apparently for such works, or indeed, for anything Masonic at a few pence, so that the sixth edition of a book being issued in 1767 would not be any proof whatever of the first being published no later than 1750. The "Freemason's Accusation and Defence" went through three editions in one year (viz., 1726), and Prichard's "Masonry Dissected," the same number in 1730. As time rolled on, no doubt larger editions were issued of such works, but even then some kinds were in great demand, notably that of J. and B. I have not objected to the statement that a fifth edition of this work was published in 1764, as it is a fact that such was the case. My contention is that Dr. Oliver, Dr. Mackay, and the Editor of the *Freemason*, are all wrong in claiming that the first edition of *Jachin and Boaz* was issued in 1750, the proper year being 1762, copies being in the libraries of Bros. Carson and Bower of that year as original editions.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation of this college was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present among others Fraters W. R. Woodman, M.D. IX°, Supreme Magus; Thomas Cubitt, Master of the Temple; S. Rosenthal, I.P.M. of the Temple, Ferguson, 2nd Ancient; Cooper, Organist; Rooks, G.T.; Roy, Medallist; Hobbs, J. Cox, J. Mason, J. Anderson, T. C. Walls, Gilbert, Acolyte; and others.

The minutes of the previous quarterly convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.P.G. Chaplain Surrey, &c.; Frank Richardson, S.G.D., P.M. 14, &c.; and Frederick Keddell, 1196, were admitted to the grade of Zelator, by Frater S. Rosenthal. Numerous letters of apology having been read, the convocation was dissolved, and a majority of the Fraters adjourned to a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the few toasts incident to the society were duly proposed and honoured. "The Health of the Supreme Magus" was heartily received. In reply, Frater Dr. Woodman expressed his acknowledgments. In the course of his speech he congratulated the Fraters upon the steady progress the society was making. With respect to the Metropolitan College he was glad to be in a position to state that it was in a flourishing condition, and that it now numbered amongst its members some of the most distinguished members of the Craft. In conclusion he remarked that it must be exceedingly gratifying to the Fraters of the Metropolitan College that they had admitted as members that evening three such distinguished Masons as Bros. Hall, Richardson, and Keddell. "The Health of the Master of the Temple" followed, and was briefly acknowledged by Frater Cubitt. "The Newly-admitted Fraters" was given in very eulogistic terms, and the toast having been heartily drunk, Frater Keddell responded upon behalf of himself and absent colleagues. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Royal Ark Mariners.

BRIXTON LODGE.—This lodge of Royal Ark Mariners met at Anderson's Hotel on Saturday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.C.N. and investing the officers. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Lovegrove, W.C.N., and he afterwards duly installed his successor, Bro. G. Clark. The following were invested as officers: Bros. H. Baldwin, J.; E. P. McKay, S.; H. Lovegrove, P.N., as Scribe and Treas.; G. J. Dunkley, S.D.; C. G. Kipling, J.D.; C. J. Axford, I.G.; Curtis, D.C.; and Potter, Tyler.

Australia.

MELBOURNE.—Duke of Sussex Lodge (No. 1083, E.C.)—There was a very large attendance of the brethren of this lodge at the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, the 29th April, when Bro. the Rev. Moses Sanders was installed as W.M. The W.M., Bro. Simmonds, opened the lodge, and proceeded to general business, which being ended, the W. Master announced that his term of office having expired, he retired in favour of Bro. Parkyn, P.M., who officiated as Installing Master, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters of thirty Past Masters. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Parkyn in his accustomed masterly and impressive manner. The other officers of the lodge were duly installed as follows: Bros. Kauffmann, S.A.V.; Burrough, J.W.; M'Killop, S.D.; Levine, J.D.; Cohen, I.G.; and Clark, Tyler. The Secretary, Bro. Crew, P.M., and the Treasurer, Bro. Fergie, were again unanimously elected and duly installed.

An adjournment was then made from labour to refreshment. Upwards of 100 of the brethren sat down to the banquet, including visiting brethren from South Australia and New South Wales, who expressed themselves much pleased with the manner in which the business had been conducted. The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and the I.P.M., Bro. Simmonds, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," referred to the valuable assistance he had received from his officers, and was glad to find that the W.M. had followed the practice adopted in the Duke of Sussex Lodge of appointing none but those who were thoroughly competent to perform their duties, and he felt sure that the new W.M. would maintain the high prestige which the lodge possessed. The W.M., in responding, said that it afforded him much pleasure in being able to respond to the toast. He had always taken a great interest in Freemasonry and a desire to attain the high position which had that evening been conferred upon him, and assured the brethren that he would use his utmost endeavours to promote the interests

of Freemasonry, and to maintain the prestige and advance the interests of the Duke of Sussex Lodge, and hoped that when his term of office had expired it would be found he merited as large a share of approbation as had been awarded to his predecessors. Bro. Goldstein, P.M., in proposing "The Duke of Sussex Lodge and its Past Masters," said the working of the lodge was favourably known throughout the colony, and he considered it was mainly due to the fact of the lodge being particularly careful in the choice of their Worshipful Masters. A lodge could but prosper when they had such Masters as (only to mention a few) Bros. Crew, P.M.; Gosling, P.M.; Parkyn, P.M. (whose skill the visitors had had an opportunity of witnessing that evening in the grand manner in which he had given the installation ceremony, although only a young Mason), and last but not least the retiring W.M., Bro. Simmonds. Bro. Crew, P.M., responded.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," spoke very eulogistically of his abilities, and the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. Parkyn, P.M., in responding, replied that he had often thought that if the wild beasts in a menagerie could only walk outside and see in what flattering colours their portraits were painted they would ever after be ashamed of their own personal appearance; that he felt very much as one of those beasts might do under the circumstances he had named; that his portrait had been painted in such very flattering colours by the Worshipful Master and others that he really felt himself very much of a fraud, as it were obtaining and receiving honours under false pretences. He inclined to the opinion that the brother had rather pictured him as he ought to be than as he was; that instead of holding the mirror up to nature they held up a pattern for nature—his nature to copy it if he could, which was doubtful—but as the old proverb had it, "it was neither wise nor grateful to look a gift horse in the mouth," he would, therefore, accept the praises awarded him with what humility he could, and endeavour, if he had not done so already, to deserve them in the future; that his heart was in Masonry, and would continue so; that what he had done in the past he would earnestly endeavour to exceed in the future, and hoped he should always occupy the proud position in the estimation of his brethren which that evening had shown he had attained.

France.

LES PHILANTHROPHES REUNIS (No. 66).

—This influential lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Temple, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, on Friday evening, the 9th inst. Although the summons stated eight o'clock precisely, it was nearly nine before the lodge was opened in the First Degree. The officers present were Bros. Fleury, W.M.; Duvoisin and Boulet, Wardens; Buisson, Orator; Droward, Treas.; and Bro. Girard, Secretary. Among the visitors was Bro. G. E. Dickey, 1744, England.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and confirmed by the brethren, after which the W.M. read the correspondence, which consisted chiefly of invitations from other lodges to meetings and festivals, it contained also a letter from a member of the lodge, to whom leave of absence for six months had been granted, asking for an extension of such leave, but upon another brother stating that he had called on the wife of the writer, who declared that her husband had deserted her, and, as the letter was very vaguely dated as to address, the lodge at once decided to refuse the request. The motion of the Junior Warden "That no one be accepted for initiation unless he produce his 'voting card' or gave good reasons why he is not an elector," was then discussed, and, after a warm debate, it was agreed to postpone the matter until after the meeting of the Supreme Council, as it is expected that that body will call upon each lodge to adopt this, or a similar precaution, on the admission of candidates. The second ballot was then taken for Monsieur Kistemackers, of Brussels, and M. Valens of Paris, and the reports being found to be most favourable to both of them, the ballot was unanimous for their admission. Some arrangements, respecting the festival shortly to be held, which had been agreed to by the committee, were then brought before the lodge for formal approval, when it was agreed that jewels of an inexpensive kind should be presented to the children that were to be present. It was also agreed that orphan children of the lodge who were in the orphanage should be invited to the festival, and also those children who had left the orphanage, and were at service. It having been suggested that some of these latter had, on former occasions, been debarred from participating in the festivals owing to their not possessing suitable clothing in which to be present, the Bro. Hospitalier was charged to call upon the children, and to provide clothing in such cases as he might deem required, a sum of money being voted for this purpose. The "trons" then circulated, and the lodge was closed in the First Degree. The Apprentices having withdrawn, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Block and Pretot were passed to the Degree of Compagnon. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the same two brethren were passed to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and closed in the usual way.

There has been a wish shewn by one or two lodges in Paris to have liberty to discuss political and religious subjects freely in their lodges, and they have applied to the Grand Central Lodge on the subject, but as it has been pointed out to them that there exists a constitutional law expressly forbidding the discussion of such subjects, the matter has been withdrawn.

An attempt will be made to influence the Supreme Council on its meeting to pass a vote of censure on Bro. Jules Simon, condemning the political position he has taken with regard to the Amnesty.

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.]

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

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

George Smith has written another book entitled "Gipsy Life." The matter and illustrations have already appeared in the *Graphic* and *Illustrated London News*. He is persevering in his philanthropic mission for the improvement of the gipsies, as he has already been doing for the population of our canals. The book is well got up, and the sketches are interesting, and should enlist our sympathies with the poor people for whom the self-denying author is striving. He is almost isolated and unaided in his labour of love, and deserves all the help we can give him. The sale of his books is one of his few sources of help, and those who can spare three-and-sixpence cannot bestow it in a much better way than in buying a volume of his work.

In *Railway*, a monthly journal of pure literature, we find, under the heading of "Newspaper Romances," a series of brilliant sketches in prose fiction, from the charming pen of "L'Allegro," a story-teller gifted with the power of clothing every-day occurrences with all the fascination of fiction. "By the Waters of Babylon," the romance contributed to the June number of *Railway*, is an "over-true tale" of London life, placed before the reader with consummate ability.

"Strephon," whose artistic account of "Pilgrimages in the Peak," recently attracted the favourable attention of the reading public, has in the press, we hear, a further work dealing with the almost unsurpassed beauties of the hills and dales of Derbyshire. His skill as a literary landscape painter, combined with an intense love for his native country, will, we doubt not, secure for the forthcoming volume, which is, by the way, to be called "Undiscovered Derbyshire," a hearty welcome.

The *Athenæum* states that the Hon. Mrs. Hardcastle is preparing for the press a life of her father, the late Lord Campbell. The work, which will fill two volumes, will contain selections from Lord Campbell's autobiography, as well as from his journals and letters. Mr. Murray will publish the book. Several works are promised by the same publisher. "India in 1880" is the name of a book by Sir Richard Temple. Lady Eastlake is busy with a sketch of Mrs. Grote's life. Dr. Smiles is writing, under the title of "Duty," a companion volume to "Self Help" and other popular works of his of the same class. The Dean of Westminster is preparing a series of essays on ecclesiastical subjects, which will be called "Christian Institutions."

A permanent art gallery has been proposed for Birmingham. An engineering firm, Messrs. Tangye Brothers, have offered £5000 for the purchase of works of art if the Town Council will provide a permanent art gallery. They also promise a second £5000 if a similar sum is subscribed by others.

There will be an exhibition of ecclesiastical art at Leicester during the forthcoming Church Congress, opening on September 27th, and closing on October 2nd. An important feature of the exhibition will be a loan collection of ancient church plate, mediæval silversmiths' work, embroidery, and similar objects, towards which some well-known collectors will contribute.

The Printers' Exhibition has been recently the attraction at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, the building being filled with an immense variety of printing machines, many of novel invention, motive-power engines of all kinds, driven by steam, hot air, and gas, with other machinery and material used by printers, bookbinders, &c.—more than a hundred machines being exhibited in motion. The Lord Mayor of Dublin is one of the exhibitors, and amongst the active patrons of the Show were the Lord Mayor of London and the Lords Provost of Edinburgh and Glasgow, who are all connected with the printing trade. Two of the most interesting exhibits were Hooker's Type-Composer (worked by electricity), shown by Messrs. W. and G. Clowes, and an ingenious machine for printing, perforating, and tying up of railway tickets exhibited by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons.

The memoir of Francis Deak, the Hungarian statesman, which was lately published by Messrs. Macmillan and Co., with a preface by Mr. Grant-Duff, is from the pen of Miss Florence Arnold Forster.

Mr. Clements Markham promises a book on a subject he has made peculiarly his own, "A Popular Account of the Introduction of Peruvian Bark into British India and Ceylon," and will give particulars of the progress and extent of its cultivation.

According to the *Academy*, Mrs. Nicoll, of the China Inland Mission, has recently gone to Chungking, in Western China, being the first Englishwoman who has entered the province of Szechuen. Miss Wilson and Miss Faussett, of the same mission, have also lately started from Wuchang, in Central China, on a boat journey of 1000 miles up the river Han on their way to Hanchung, in the remote province of Shensi, in the north-west.

Lady doctors seem to be prospering in the East. We recently recorded the success of one in China; and we now read in the *Times of India* that Miss Dora White, a graduate of the Madras Medical College, and the Resident Medical Subordinate of the Military Female Orphan Asylum, has successfully treated the Maharani of Cutch. Miss White's services obtained the special thanks of the Maharani's family.

Mr. Ruskin is "weeding" his library, it appears, for Messrs. Puttick and Simpson, of Leicester-square, are offering for sale by auction this week a number of books, "having the autograph of John Ruskin, and notes of his reasons for removing them from his library." The notes are very characteristic. One book goes "because its owner has never read it." Another because there is "no hope of reading now." So, again, a book of old Italian legends is parted with because "life is too short for legends now;" and the "National Gallery of Pictures by the Great Masters" is banished from the Brantwood shelves as "an old schoolbook of the stupidest—done with at last!"

Bro. Sheriff Woolloton will preside at the distribution of prizes at Aske's Hatcham Schools, on Tuesday next.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ERRATA.—In the leader on the Boys' School Festival in our last issue, after Lodge 1767, should read: "Bro. C. E. Williams, £147," and Bros. G. F. Barr and C. F. Barham should have been returned as Stewards for 1766.

The Excelsior Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 226, contributed the sum of ten guineas to the list of Bro. J. Smyth at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival on Wednesday, the 7th inst.

The Fleming Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 265, is to be consecrated at Newark-on-Trent, on Monday, August 9th, by Bro. F. W. Binckes, Grand Secretary, &c. It will be the first lodge in Nottinghamshire enrolled on the books of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England. Bro. Henry George, P.G.I.G. Lincolnshire, is the W.M. designate.

The St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, has removed to Messrs. Kingston and Fromm's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury Pavement, where they meet every Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

It is notified that Commander Cameron, R.N., C.B., the distinguished African explorer, has joined the Board of Directors of the Liberia Coffee Company, Limited, London.

A large gathering of Bands of Hope from all parts of England filled the Crystal Palace on Tuesday last. Delightful weather favoured the sports and processions in the grounds, and the concert of 5000 voices within the building was a great success. According to the official return the total number of visitors was 61,532.

The Court of the Carpenters' Company have voted the sum of ten guineas to the Building Fund of the Convalescent Home for Poor Children, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

The Clothworkers' Company have made a grant of thirty guineas in aid of the funds of the Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor, and £100 to the Mansion House "Atalanta" Fund.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Tom Taylor, the well-known dramatic author and art critic, which took place at his house at Clapham last Monday. Mr. Taylor, who had not long been ill, was in the sixty-third year of his age.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, on Saturday, July 24th, at one o'clock in the afternoon precisely. The R.W.P.G.M. requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine service at the parish church at 2.15 p.m., when a sermon will be preached by the W. the Prov. Grand Chaplain. The banquet will take place at 3.30 precisely.

Lieutenant E. T. Rose, 10th Hussars, who acted as special enquiry to the Prince of Wales during his Indian tour, has been appointed additional enquiry to his Royal Highness.

We understand a marriage is arranged between Lady Beatrice Pelham Clinton, eldest daughter of the late Duke of Newcastle, and Mr. Cecil Lister-Kaye, second son of the late Mr. Lister and Lady Caroline Lister-Kaye, and only brother of Sir John Lister-Kaye, Bart.

Last week upwards of 20,000 animals were exported from the various ports in Ireland, principally to England. This is the highest number for any week during the present year.

Under the presidency of Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., the annual meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association was held on Sunday morning last, for the election of the council, the adoption of revised laws, and for other business.

The directors of the Crystal Palace Company propose holding an international exhibition next year of wool and woollen manufactures, and the allied industries of hair, feathers, and of other teguments, and have placed the management in the hands of Bro. P. L. Simmonds.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has joined the board of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees will be held on Monday, the 19th inst., at four o'clock p.m., at the Masonic Rooms, 2, Red Lion-square, where candidates, duly elected, will be admitted into the Masonic Degrees of the Grand High Priest, St. Lawrence the Martyr, the Red Cross of Babylon, and the Knights of Constantinople.

Our readers will regret to learn that our Venerable Bro. Col. Peard, D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, Prov. G. Mark Master, and Provincial Prior of Knights Templar, is lying dangerously ill at Fowey, speechless and paralysed. We understand that his friends, on his behalf, have notified to the heads of the various Degrees that the gallant officer wishes to resign all his Masonic offices.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 2.30 precisely. The brethren will proceed to Hatfield Church, where a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, Prov. G. Chap. The banquet will take place in the National School Room at five o'clock precisely.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.—The Lord Mayor has consented to open a fund at the Mansion House to aid the erection of the new Cathedral at Truro. The fabric will cost £100,000 to £120,000. Above £40,000 has been raised. His lordship states that in the City he has already received most generous promises of support from leading firms, and he has opened an account at the Bank of England in connection with the fund at the Mansion House.

The Prince and Princess of Wales on Wednesday evening dined with the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn at their residence in Carlton Gardens.

THE SMALLEST NEWSPAPER.—England is the country of large newspapers, but Canada is entitled to the credit of producing the smallest newspaper in the world. It is called the *Madoc Star*, and is published weekly, its size being royal 6mo., the page being 3in. by 2½in. The subscription is 50 cents annually, and its motto is, appropriately, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star." The first of its four pages is devoted to foreign news, the second to mining notes, the third and fourth to local news. We have not learned whether the size was imposed upon the proprietor by necessity or the result of his own free choice.—*The Printers' Register*.

The Metropolitan and Royal Savoy Lodges, Nos. 1507 and 1744, have united for the annual summer festival, which will be held at Skindle's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge, on Wednesday, the 28th inst. An influential committee of each lodge has been formed, presided over by Bros. Scales and Douglass, the W.M. respectively. If the weather prove propitious, we are sure the brethren will have a happy meeting. Arrangements have been made by the Treasurer to both lodges, P.M. Willing, with the Great Western Railway, who have acted with great liberality, the general details being in the hands of the veteran Bro. P.M. Stiles, the able Secretary of both lodges.

A testimonial was presented to Mr. John Wills, whose name is well known in the horticultural world, at a dinner at the St. James's Hall Restaurant, on Monday, the 5th inst. The president of the evening was Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, C.B., the vice chair being occupied by Mr. William Bull. The testimonial comprised a chronometer watch for Mr. Wills, a diamond ring for Mrs. Wills, and a beautiful clock and side pieces for the household. "The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Mr. W. Bull, and Mr. Bull's health was proposed by Mr. Shirley Hibberd.

INNER CIRCLE COMPLETION RAILWAY.—The Select Committee of the House of Commons have passed the preamble of the bill for the construction of the Inner Circle Completion Railway between Aldgate and Mansion House Stations, and have granted powers to enable the two companies to underpin or burrow beneath the houses and streets, giving compensation only in those cases where the basements of the premises are interfered with. The Committee, however, recommend that these powers of burrowing should be cautiously exercised, and that if possible an agreement be entered into with the City authorities and the Board of Works for the purpose of making a new street from the south-east corner of Mark-lane to the west side of Trinity-square, and also for the widening of King William-street, Eastcheap, Little Tower-street, and Great Tower-street.

The Lord and Lady Mayoress gave a ball on Wednesday night at the Mansion House, at which were present the Mayors of the several towns of the United Kingdom, who all wore the chain and badge of their office. These varied much, some being a mere medallion attached to a double-linked chain, some a huge jewel, with the arms of the town in high relief, while in one instance the effigy of a dove replaced both. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress received their guests in the ante-room, and dancing began to the strains of Sibold's City of London Band about ten o'clock to a pretty selection of dance-music, the waltzes being "Mon Réve," "Gaieté," "Beautiful Ferns," "Bereuse," "Aurifois," and "Violettes." The Caledonians were twice danced, in addition to the ordinary programme. The Lady Mayoress wore a rich dress of white satin, the tunic bordered with lace and pink *broché*, a feather as a coronet, and a profusion of diamonds. The masters of the ceremonies were all either in uniform or Court dress, and there were several Artillery and other officers present, who made the ball-room all the more brilliant by their uniforms. Dancing was kept up with spirit in the Egyptian Hall until four o'clock, and at twelve supper was served in the suite of rooms above, famous for Grinling Gibbon's old carvings. Among the guests, who numbered about 800, were Sir W. Harcourt, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M. Challemeil-Lacour, Mr. Lowell, and many of the Corporation of Truro (Sir F. Truscott's native town).

The Warren Royal Arch Chapter, No. 533, will be consecrated on Wednesday, August the 4th, at the Masonic Hall, Congleton, by Comp. the Right Hon. Lord De Tally, R.W.P.G. Sept. The officers designate are Comps. Dr. Beales, M.E.Z.; Andreas E. Cokayne, II.; and Dr. Gosling, J.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, July 23, 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 17.
- Lodge 1175, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 - " 1329, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 - " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 - Chap. 1164, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 - Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
- 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, Elbury Bridge, Pimlico.
 - Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
 - Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

Metropolitan Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, 2, Red Lion-square.
Lodge 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

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, S to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, S to 10.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
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, S 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, a S.
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, S.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., L. Bdg.
704, Camden, Guildhall Tav.
857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
Chap. 800, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
1383, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
K. T. Precep. 135, Bosbury, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 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, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
Chap. 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

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, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

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 24, 1880.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.
703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fyld.
1276, Warren, Liscard.
1580, Prince Arthur, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
880, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1730, Urmoston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmoston.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 24, 1880.

MONDAY, JULY 19.

Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Oldham.
934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Exchange Hot., Burnley.
1052, Callender, F.M.H., Manchester.
1534, Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.
128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch.
277, Friendship, F.M.H., Oldham.
325, St. John, F.M.H., Adelphi-st., Salford.
581, Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
633, Yarborough, F.M.H., Manchester.
1161, De Grey & Ripon, Brunswick H., Manchester.
1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.
Chap. 344, Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.
Mark 159, Starkie, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

Lodge 215, Commerce, Commercial Hot., Haslingden.
340, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Samlesbury.
369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hot., Accrington.
935, Harmony, F.M.H., Adelphi-st., Salford.
Chap. 116, Cana, Swan Hot., Colne.
Precept. Plains of Mamre, Bull Hot., Burnley.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

Chap. 152, Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 6th inst., at 26, Wimpole-street, the wife of Mr. W. M. Baker, of a daughter.
BINYON.—On the 12th inst., at 101, Edith-road, West Kensington, the wife of the Rev. Frederick Binyon, of a son.
BRAND.—On the 11th inst., at Bournemouth, the wife of Mr. Herbert Brand, of a son.
DICKEN.—On the 12th inst., at Alexander-terrace, Exmouth, the wife of Commander F. Rowland Dicken, H.M.S. Pelican, of a son.
FLOWER.—On the 12th inst., at The Hyde, Luton, Mrs. Arthur Flower, of a daughter.
GOUGH.—On the 11th inst., at 46, Rattray-road, Brixton, the wife of Mr. Elliott Gough, of a daughter.
HEINKE.—On the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. Ernest H. Heinke, of 350, Newcross-road, of a daughter.
IRVINE.—On the 9th inst., at St. Mary's Rectory, Colchester, the wife of the Rev. John W. Irvine, of a son.
NEWTON.—On the 3rd inst., at Skelton, near York, the wife of Mr. John Newton, of a son.
RATHBONE.—On the 12th inst., at 31, Onslow-square, Mrs. W. G. Rathbone, of a son.
ROBINSON.—On the 9th inst., at Brentdale, Finchley, the wife of Mr. Arnold Robinson, of a son.
WELLS.—On the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Wells, of Moxley, of a son.
WILLIAMS.—On the 12th inst., at St. Catherine's, Beulah-hill, Upper Norwood, Mrs. Frederick G. Williams, of a son.
WILLTS.—On the 10th inst., at Winster Villa, Forest-hill, the wife of Mr. F. C. Willts, barrister-at-law, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BATCHELOR—LEWIS.—On the 6th inst., at Newport, Mon., George Benjamin Batchelor, son of the late Mr. T. B. Batchelor, to Mary Lewis, daughter of Mr. E. Lewis, J.P.
HOLDEN—SCARLETT.—On the 7th inst., at South Hackney Church, Charles Holden, of Guildford, to Helen, daughter of the late Mr. James Scarlett.
HOWELL—NARES.—On the 12th inst., at St. Mark's, Surbiton, by the Ven. Archdeacon Burney, assisted by the Rev. Hubert Curtis, M.A., Bulmer Howell, B.A., son of Mr. John Howell, of Kingston-on-Thames, to Amy, daughter of Capt. Sir George S. Nares, R.N., K.C.B., of Surbiton.
KLEINHENN.—MARCHISIO.—On the 10th inst., at St. Mary's, Bryaston-square, by the Rev. G. V. Reed, Rector of Hayes, and Rural Dean, and cousin of the bride, assisted by the Hon. and Rev. W. H. Freemantle, Rector, the Rev. Frederick George Kleinhenn, of Bucharest, to Rebecca Rachel, daughter of the late Mr. W. Merville, of Baker-street, Portman-square, and widow of the late Dr. Edward Marchisio.
MAGNUS—CROWE.—On the 10th inst., at Schloss Amalienberg, near Baden Baden, Paul Magnus, of 46, Behrenstrasse, Berlin, to Catherine (Kate), daughter of Mr. Arthur De Capel Crowe, H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Havana.
SAWREY—SEATTLE.—On the 8th inst., at the parish church, Lytham, by the Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Vicar, Joseph H. Sawrey, son of the late Mr. John Sawrey, C.E., to Mary Edith, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Seattle, of Ulverston, surgeon.

RUSHWORTH—STOTT.—On the 12th ult., at the parish church of Whitley, near York, by the Rev. T. N. Jackson, of Acomb, late Vicar of Filey, father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. W. Valentine, vicar, Charles George Golden Rushworth, of 15, Bedford Row London, to Sara Kilvington Llewellyn, widow of the late Watson Stott, Esq., Rifle Brigade.

TOWNSHEND—MORGAN.—On the 10th inst., at the parish church, Wimbledon, Alicia Hewitt, daughter of the late Rev. Chambre C. Townshend, of Derry, county Cork, to Edward Strachan, son of the late Rev. D. Morgan, Chaplain at Mentone.

VAUGHAN—BROWN.—On the 6th inst., at Hadley, near Wellington, Bro. John Augustus Vaughan, station-master, Nantwich, to Selina Elizabeth Brown, of Hadley.

DEATHS.

BROOKER.—On the 10th inst., at Brockley-park, Forest-hill, Kent, Ann, widow of the late Mr. James Brooker, aged 77.
HEAD.—On the 11th inst., at Axminster, Mr. Thomas Howard, late of Stockton-on-Tees, aged 47 years.
HESSE.—On the 6th inst., at The Lodge, Haslemere, the Rev. George J. Hesse.
PATTISON.—On the 13 inst., at 59, Eaton-rise, Ealing, John, aged 29, son of Mr. William Pattison, of 76, Cheapside, and Ealing.
SEAGRIM.—On the 11th inst., at Winchester, Mary, widow of Mr. Charles Seagrims.
RICHARDSON.—On the 3rd inst., at 60 Acklam-road, Notting-hill, Mr. Henry Richardson, formerly of Taunton, aged 77 years.
TAYLOR.—On the 8th inst., at 46, Churton-street, London, Captain Edward James Taylor, formerly of Her Majesty's 59th and 51st Regiments of Foot, in his 85th year.
TREFFRY.—On the 19th inst., at Fowey, Cornwall, Bro. Edward Treffry.