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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda paper of Supreme Grand Chapter for Wednesday, the 4th prox. :—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes :—
To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April to the 21st July, 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
To balance, Grand Chapter	1493	14	8
" " Unappropriated account	176	1	1
" " Subsequent receipts	361	1	11
	£2030	17	8
By disbursements during the quarter	£184	1	6
" " Balance	1670	14	1
" " in unappropriated account	176	2	1
	£2030	17	8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions :

1st. From Comps. William Blow Collins, as Z.; John Caleb Mitchell, as H.; David Bennie, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. George's-in-the-East Lodge, No. 1526, Jumalpoore, to be called the Chapter of Faith, and to meet at Jumalpoore, Bengal, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Comps. William Alexander Barrett, as Z.; Charles Goolden, as H.; Wilhelm Ganz, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, London, to be called the Orpheus Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

3rd. From Comp. Sir Charles Bright, as Z.; Edward Brailford Bright, as H.; Frederick William Ramsay, M.D., as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, Hampton Court, to be called the Quadratic Chapter, and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, in the county of Middlesex.

4th. From Comps. Walter Solomon Whitaker, as Z.; Nelson Reed, as H.; Thomas Stacey Hellier, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, London, to be called the Carnarvon Chapter, and to meet at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, in the City of London.

5th. From Comps. Fitz Herbert Wright, as Z.; John Joseph Bingham, as H.; Alfred Schofield, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, Ripley, to be called the Okeover Chapter, and to meet at Private Rooms, High-street, Ripley, Derbyshire.

6th. From Comps. Nathaniel John Fenner, as Z.; John Dennis, as H.; John Kemp Coleman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the All Saints' Lodge, No. 1716, Poplar, to be called the All Saints' Chapter, and to meet at the Vestry Hall, Fairfield-road, Bow, in the county of Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee beg further to report that there now stands to the credit of the Grand Chapter, invested in the £3 per cent. Consols, a sum of £1700, and in the Bank of England, Western Branch, a balance of £1670 14s. 1d.; and they recommend, as no immediate claim is likely to be made on the funds of Grand Chapter beyond the ordinary current expenses, that the following grants be made to

each of the Masonic Charities, and the amounts paid to their respective Trustees, viz. :—

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	£300
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	£300
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons	£300
JOHN CREATON, Treasurer, President.	

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts assembled at Hatfield on Friday, the 23rd inst., under the banner of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Red Lion Hotel at 2.30 by order of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. T. Halsey, supported by Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, D.G.M., and a large number of the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

Amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Rowe, S.G.W.; T. J. Carter, J.G.W.; W. H. W. Caseley, G. Chap.; F. H. Knyvett, G. Treas.; J. E. Dawson, G. Sec.; W. C. Maddever, S.G.D.; J. Terry, 1680, P.G.J.W., G.D. Cer.; J. C. Mather, Asst. G.D.C.; J. Parrott, G.S.B.; W. Bauson, G. Purst.; H. C. Lambert, Asst. G. Purst.; Charles Bullock, Grand Steward; J. R. Webster, P.M. 1479; Geo. Finch, P.M. 404; E. T. Foord, P.M. 404; R. Shillitoe, P.M. 449; H. Hollis, P.M. 504; H. Martin, P.M. 404; H. C. Finch, P.M. 404; Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1580; W. Gilbert, 1327; T. Kent, 1479; W. Wilson, P.M. 504; Rev. C. E. Mayo, P.G.C., 169; G. Meekly, P.M. 449; J. G. Volland, 1385; R. Fisher Young, 1385; John J. Berry, P.M. 554; Withom M. Brywater, P.M. 19; E. Baxter, P.M.; T. H. Hill, 504; F. L. Lane, 504; Robert Coombs, 12; George Graveley, 898; F. A. Ford, J. F. Haskine, T. S. Watts, P.M. 916; W. Brisset, P.M. 860; E. Wrigley, P.M. 1364; J. T. Lee, 404; H. T. Foster, 504; John Grey, 504; E. Hawton, 504; E. Swain, W.M. 803; J. Round, 340; S. Harris, 340; W. J. Hunter, W.M. Crusaders; W. Browne Kidder, P.M. 12; George Wilson, P.M. 173; M. E. Wilkin, 1385; J. H. Wilkin, 1385; George Young, 1757; J. G. Hotton, 504; W. Field, 504; R. A. Browne, P.M. 404; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; John Eldridge, P.M. 167; Thos. Hyland, 1580; C. Bullock, 504; S. J. Woolley, W.M. 1327; R. W. Leage, 55; H. G. Amphlett, 1511; A. J. Parkes, P.M. 948; J. G. Middleton, 834; H. C. Strange, 10; James Lord, 1309; W. J. Crutch, 504; Frank Hall, 403; W. Seaman, P.M. 1314; W. H. Norris, 404; R. H. Halford, W.M. 1580; H. Cox, P.M. 1580; R. A. Brooke, P.M. 404; W. Marks, W.M. 1479; Samuel Jacobs, W.M. 1327; Jos. Gaskell, P.M. 1327; John Gibb, 1580; C. H. Reed, 1580; A. Eade, 1580; J. S. W. Webb, 1580; T. Raymond Dare, 1580; C. W. Reynolds, 1479; R. C. Read, 1580; W. J. Thody, 1580; G. F. Cook, P.M. 1580; E. Crutchler, 1385; T. S. Hillier, 1580; Thomas Perry, W.M. 809; W. Webb, 1580; J. Stock, 1580; J. Knight, 1327; W. G. Jennings, 1580; J. T. Rowe, W.M. 504; R. H. Clarke, 403; Robt. Pigg, 449; George Kenning, W.M. 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; W. J. Cruton, 1580; W. A. Sproat, 1327; G. H. Stephens, 1623; Chas. K. Killick, 1693; F. G. Faithfull, 1615 and 1820; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg. (Freemason).

Bro. J. E. Dawson, Prov. G. Sec., read the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge, which were duly confirmed.

The roll of lodges in the province was then called over, when it was found that the lodges were all represented.

Bro. KNYVETT was re-elected Prov. G. Treas., and returned thanks for a renewal of the confidence that the brethren had reposed in him at the previous meeting.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read several letters of apology from members of Prov. G. Lodge for non-attendance, after which the Prov. G. Master proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows :

Bro. Edgar Bowyer	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. Shillitoe	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. H. W. Caseley	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. George Finch	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. S. Knyvett	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. T. Foord	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. E. Dawson	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. H. Halford	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Warener	Prov. G.S. Wks.
" Henry Cox	Prov. G.D.C.
" James Terry, P.G.J.W.	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Thomas Perry	Prov. G.S.B.
" Chas. Gray	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Raymond Daw	Prov. G. Purst.
" Samuel Jacobs	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Reynolds	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bros. E. J. Gibbs, J. Stack, W. F. } Thody, W. H. Norris, and Pigg }	Prov. G. Tylers.
Bro. J. Thomas	
" J. Wright	

The PROV. G. MASTER having acceded to a special request of the brethren of the Cranbourne Lodge to attend church on the occasion, Prov. G. Lodge was called off, and the brethren, having divested themselves of their Masonic clothing, proceeded to church, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, as follows :

Brethren: through the kindness of our Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and with the permission of the vicar of this parish, I am privileged to address you this afternoon. He has kindly acceded to the wishes of my

brethren of the Cranbourne Lodge, and I feel that my thanks are due to him, to my lodge, and to you all, brethren, for your presence here to-day. It is a duty as well as a privilege to thus meet, to acknowledge and worship the Great God and Father of us all. Still I am conscious, as I look at the business paper, that I ought to be as brief as possible, and I have, therefore, contrary to my usual custom, written this sermon, lest carried away by an extempore sermon I should trespass unduly on your time and patience. Without, therefore, entering upon the arguments of the writer, which would be customary in an ordinary sermon, I pass on at once to notice the life of David, and apply the lessons to ourselves. The various translations of our text agree in substance. The text says, "After he had served his own generation by the will of God," the margin reads, "David in his own age served the will of God and fell on sleep." The meaning is clear—God had exalted him from the sheepfold to sit upon the throne of Israel; He had given him a work to do in his own age, amongst his own contemporaries; this work he fulfilled according to the commands and appointment of God, and, when his work was done, he slept the sleep of death, until the day shall dawn when "passed safely under God's protection through the valley of the shadow of Death, he shall finally arise from the tomb of transgression, to shine as the stars for ever and ever." (a) God describes David's character in 1 Kings, xiv., 8: "My servant David, who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in Mine eyes;" and in 1 Kings, xi., 4, his heart is said to have been "perfect with the Lord his God;" whilst in v. 22 of this xiii. Acts we read, "He raised unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said, I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after Mine own heart, which shall fulfil all My will." But God's testimony to his piety does not mean that he was sinless: I am glad for our sakes that he was one of the chief of sinners. But we must never forget that he was a penitent and a forgiven sinner. That God who reads the secret motives of the inmost heart, saw that he was sincere, though compassed about with the ordinary frailties of humanity. In all he could say, "Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee." His chief desire was to learn God's will, and then, to obey. We are not, therefore surprised to learn (Acts vii., 46) from St. Stephen that he "desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob." Solomon said (1 Kings, viii., 17) "It was in the heart of David, my father, to build an house for the name of the Lord God of Israel." This David himself states to have been his heart's desire (1 Chron., xxviii., 2), whilst in Psalm cxxxii., 4-5, he says, "I will not give sleep to mine eyes or slumber to mine eyelids until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob." Although he was not permitted to build that temple, which occupies so high a place in our Masonic symbolism, yet we find that God accepted the will for the deed. 1 Kings, viii., 18, "Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto My name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart." Still we find him, from a spirit of true piety, providing the materials, the gold, silver, brass, iron, and precious stones, to adorn the edifice which Solomon was to build; even giving to him a pattern of that building, with all the vessels and ornaments—"The Lord made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern." We further find him arranging the "courses of the priests and the Levites" to minister in holy things, and composing and arranging his sublime liturgy and hymns to be used to the praise and glory of that God who had so exalted and blessed him. As a public character, a man of influence, he lived for God, His church, His station, yea for His world; that he might use that position in leading men to worship and adore the Great Architect of the Universe. He "served his own generation," and in all it was a service "according to the will of God." He lived not for himself, not to gratify his own vanity, not to gain the praise of man; but with a sincere heart, pure motives, and a desire to do God's will on earth as angels do in heaven. In this sincerity of motive he might well be a pattern to us. No amount of charity, and no one denies that as Masons we are truly charitable—we need not speak of our benevolent Institutions, they tell their own tale—yet no amount of charity or of virtuous deeds will avail us anything if our hearts are not sincere towards God. Brethren, like David we are full of sin and human infirmity; like him let us repent and bow low before the all-searching eye of our great Father, God. If then our own hearts, our motives, and desires are pure, we may go on fearlessly in the name of God, doing good to all His creatures in His name, and then, where that great name is used, no evil will ensue. David was a worker for God. So must we be. We have a fight to wage against our evil hearts, our inclinations and temptations; against vice and ignorance in every form. Foes within and without. We have to build the walls like those of old with swords in our hands, ready to meet each foe, and ready to assist an overwrought brother. We must be up and doing, eager to do our duty "according to the will of God," in this our own age and generation, according to the position and opportunities given us by God. We should carefully study the Volume of the Sacred Law to learn His will, and the posture of our supplication should remind us of our faults and necessities, and the wants of our brother man, that in every way in which the words may be used our motto should be "Thy will be done on earth as angels do in Heaven." If we study the Volume of the Sacred Law, and carefully watch the open door of His Providence, we shall be enabled to serve "our own generation according to the will of God," so that when we fall asleep at the end of the day we shall

gain that rest with our fathers; but the lodge, the brotherhood, our connections, yea, our circle, and the widow, the orphan, the poor and distressed outside our Masonic pale, will mourn the loss of "a just and upright man" as a loss to the community at large. (b) But it is expressly stated of David that "he served his own generation." No doubt his victories, his preparations for the material building of the Temple, and his arrangements for the worship to be therein conducted, was a public boon not only for his own age, but also for generations then unborn. To-day we, as well as his own generation, partake of the fruits of his labours. We sing his Psalms and pray his prayers, which are so suitable to our varied wants and feelings; yet his one object was to "serve his own generation." We cannot faithfully serve our own age without, at the same time, handing down a blessing to those who will succeed us. What object can be so noble as this? How sad to see wasted talent—a misspent, selfish life! I have known men of talent, men whose parents were, as we say, "born before them;" they have had wealth given them by God to use in their own generation, yet I have seen them work harder than a labourer to gratify their own selfish pleasure. Had they been poor they would have made their name by the exercise of their talents; but they live for themselves alone. We owe all to the death of some men, and nothing to their life. They die, and leave their wealth behind them to be often mismanaged and squandered away. Better far be able modestly and thankfully to say like Job (xxix., 11, 12, 13, 15, 16,) "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessings of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not I searched out." But brethren, if we would serve "our own generation according to the will of God," it must be now. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, if taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Neglect the opportunity and "time and tide will wait for no man." John ix., 4: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

"Chisel in hand stood a sculptor boy,
And with marble block before him,
And his face lit up with a smile of joy
As an angel dream passed o'er him.
He carved it, then, on the shapeless stone,
With many a sharp incision,
In heaven's own light the sculptor shone,
He had caught the angel vision!
Sculptors in life are we, as we stand
With our souls uncarved before us;
Waiting an hour, when at God's command
Our life-dream shall pass o'er us,
If we carve it, then, on the yielding stone,
With many a sharp incision,
Its heavenly beauty shall be our own—
Our lives that angel vision!"

In like manner, as the artist seizes the idea floating in his brain, and losing not the impulse, but at once giving to the world the sculpture or painting which makes his name and fortune, which had he delayed would have passed away for ever, so let us seize the inspiration to do good whilst the opportunity is ours. First dedicate thyself to God, and then "serve thine own generation according to the will of God." But some may say, "I can do but little." Then do that little cheerfully. We cannot all be wealthy. We cannot all become a Beaconsfield or a Gladstone, a Howard or a Wilberforce, and yet we can all serve our own generation.

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its fragrance on the desert air."

But the fragrance of our little acts is not wasted; it really "serves our own generation." Many men become historical because they seize those "circumstances which make the man." The defence of Rorke's Drift is a case in point. Many men as good and brave would have fought as stoutly had the opportunity been placed in their way, but although they may not become historical, yet they served their country equally well. So let us use those opportunities placed in our path to serve our own generation. Be content to serve your own age. The generation to come will have their own maxims and their own men. Enough for you to work to-day. Begin with yourself, with your family, in your lodge, with your acquaintances; yea, in your parish, or in the senate. Wherever you are placed "serve your own generation," and, by so doing, transmit to future generations, like David, the virtues and maxims which will encircle a noble life; and, like the ear of wheat in the mummy's hand, it will give bread to generations yet unborn; yea, it shall be seen "after many days," when you shall have long slept with your fathers. One idea more and I have done. At times you may fancy that your work is overlooked and slighted, yet quietly work "according to the will of God." The brook complained to the river that by flowing into it it lost its own individuality, and did not receive its proper praise. The river complained to the sea that it swallowed up the honour which was due to the river. In like manner the sea complained to the ocean that it received the praise which should be distributed amongst those which made it famous. So we may at times be apt to think. But God sees our work, He knows our motives, as explained in one of our symbolical teachings that the eye of God is everywhere present, equally in the chapter and in the closet, in the broad expanse of Heaven, and in the most concealed recesses of the heart. Nor can a virtuous and pious transaction, however secret, escape His omniscient eye, or lose the approbation of the Divine spectator. Be content, therefore, to be but the humble brook, adorning and fructifying, however humbly, the landscape of life. Then, when your are called away, death will be no terror to you. You will find the cemetery or churchyard "God's acre," or, what the word (*koinetion*) really means, "a sleeping place," where you rest from your labours, until He comes to awaken you out of your sleep and to receive you with everlasting honours unto Himself.

After the service the Prov. G. Lodge was "called on," and the brethren proceeded with the remainder of the business.

The Board of Finance presented their report, which was received and adopted; and the usual satisfactory balance presenting itself, the following votes were unanimously agreed to:

Proposed by Bro. T. S. CARTER, P. Prov. G. J. Warden, "That a sum of twenty guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that that amount be placed on Bro. J. E. Dawson's list."

Proposed by HENRY C. FINCH, P.P.G. Reg., "That the sum of £10 be voted to the Cranbourne Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Prov. G. Lodge."

Proposed by Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.P.G. J.W., "That the sum of ten guineas be voted to the National Schools at Hatfield."

Proposed by the PROV. G. TREASURER, "That the sum of £10 be invested in Consols."

Proposed by Bro. JOHN E. DAWSON, Prov. G. Sec., "That the publication of the Prov. G. Calendar be continued."

An additional notice of motion was also submitted, to the effect "That a sum of ten guineas be voted to the Building Fund of the Hertfordshire Seaside Convalescent Home (St. Leonard's-on-Sea)," and unanimously agreed to. It was explained that this Institution, although not a Masonic one, appealed to the sympathies of Hertfordshire people.

Immediately before the investment of the Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Bro. James Terry presented to the Prov. G. Lodge for their acceptance, a handsome sword.

The P.G.M., on behalf of the Prov. G. Lodge, tendered to Bro. Terry his warmest thanks.

The business being concluded, the Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in ample form, and with solemn prayer.

A banquet was provided in the National School Room, which was very tastefully decorated with flowers, mottoes, and bannerettes, proving that the ladies of the Cranbourne Lodge had seconded the efforts of the members with much spirit.

The R.W. the PROV. G. MASTER presided, and after the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been proposed, and duly honoured, said, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," that the promise of efficiency and usefulness given at the installation of the Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall five years ago had been more than fulfilled. Freemasonry under his rule had flourished beyond their utmost hopes—indeed, the great thing to be feared was that it might become too popular, and he, for one, did not desire that they should increase in numbers at the expense of quality. Up to the present he believed that to the credit of the Craft it might be said, the quality was equal to the quantity, and that while increasing in numbers they would also increase in their perception of duty.

The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," was next given, and the PROV. G. MASTER said that he regretted that Bro. Wilson, who a short time ago received Grand office, was not there to respond, but they had present two Past Grand Stewards, Bro. Binckes and Bro. Knyvett.

Bro. BINCKES briefly returned thanks, and left Bro. Knyvett to respond more fully.

Bro. KNYVETT, in reply, said that he had hoped when the eloquent Bro. Binckes responded he should only have to say ditto, and he would content himself by also briefly expressing his thanks.

The DEP. P.G. MASTER then proposed "The Health of the R.W. the Prov. G. Master," and said that in doing so he never had an easier task—the toast spoke for itself. The presence of the P.G.M. at these meetings, and his frequent visits to lodges, was an evidence of his interest in the province.

The P.G.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind reception they had given to the toast; it told him that his efforts to keep Masonry what it was in this province had been successful, and this meeting proved that he himself was not unacceptable to the province, and he was bold enough to hope that the time to lay down his insignia of office had not come yet. Cheers. He hoped that they were at the beginning of a successful year with regard to the Charities; they could not vie with such provinces as Yorkshire and Lancashire, but for a small province they need not be ashamed of their position; if they could not muster thousands, they could hundreds in support of the Charities. The mottoes around the room reminded them that they not only met to eat a dinner, but to carry out Masonry in its integrity; and he assured the brethren that he would spare no effort to keep up the prestige of the province, and of English Freemasonry in general.

The toast of "The Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was next given, and the P.G.M. said that the promotion of Bro. Iles, P.G. Sec., to Deputy G. Master had been worthily earned. It was a comfort to him to know that he had a Deputy who at all times was enabled to fulfil the duties. Of Bro. Bowyer, S.G.W., he would not like to say all he could; they all knew his worth, and looking to the way the P.G. Lodge had been entertained that day by the lodge of which Bro. Bowyer is a P.M., they could not be otherwise that grateful. The P.G. Secretary, Bro. Dawson, was a brother who was not afraid of work, and he was glad to take that opportunity of congratulating him on the happy thought of copying the procedure of Grand Lodge by placing in the hands of the members a complete agenda of the day's proceedings.

The D.G. MASTER, in reply, said that he had had the good fortune to visit nine out of the eleven lodges in the province. He hoped never to be found wanting in any duties pertaining to his office.

Bro. DAWSON, Prov. G. Sec., returned thanks on behalf of the Prov. G. Officers. He thanked the Prov. G.M. for his flattering remarks. It was true he never shirked work, and always performed his duties with a will. He hoped to receive the support of the Secretaries of lodges. All the returns should be promptly sent in, to enable him to have a record, when asked by the Prov. G.M. for any information. Some lodges were lax in this respect—not the Cranbourne, however; he had never occasion to ask Bro. Terry a single question. He thanked the brethren most sincerely, and his best services were always at their command.

The PROV. G.M. then said that the one duty next to charity was hospitality; and, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," he hoped that they would be always favoured with the presence of members of neighbouring provinces. Several of the members had signed as visitors, but they did not look upon them as visitors if they belonged to the province. He would couple with this toast the name of a brother who was well-known, he might say, to the Craft universally, viz., Bro. George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx., who was there that day on the invitation of the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Edgar Bowyer; also that of a young Mason, the Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company and honorary

Secretary of the Convalescent Home to which they had voted a donation, viz., Bro. Faithful, of the Bayard Lodge, and honorary member of the Sir Thomas White Lodge.

Bro. KENNING, in response, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given to this toast, and for the kind way in which he, as a member of the Grand Lodge of Middlesex, had been received among them. He should look forward to paying them another visit with much pleasure.

Bro. FAITHFUL said that there was a peculiar aptness in associating his name with the toast of the visitors. His father had held the rectory of the parish in which they were met for a number of years, and he, himself, had been born near that spot, and he attended for the first time in his native parish a Provincial Grand Lodge. His sister had built the school in which they were assembled, and it was particularly gratifying to him that the renewal of these old associations should be in connection with the sacred cause of charity.

The next toast was that of "The W.M.'s of Lodges;" responded to by Bro. JACOBS, W.M. of King Harold Lodge.

The PROV. G.M. then gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities." The institutions were well represented there by Bros. Binckes and Terry. He did not wish to speak in any spirit of boasting, but the small Province of Herts had endeavoured to do its duty. The Prov. D.G.M. had taken up one of the largest sums ever contributed—no less a sum than £250—and another brother nearly £70.

Bro. BINCKES, in reply, said that all he claimed was to discharge all his duties and to stimulate the brethren to a legitimate exercise of Masonic charity. He regretted that he had been prevented by official duties from attending the lodge, but he hastened to be present at the first possible moment. Thanks to Bros. Iles and Cox, not less than £300 had been sent from the Province of Herts to the late Boys' School Festival—a contribution of which they might well feel proud. Hertfordshire was always doing something for the Charities, and no one could throw more heartiness into the work than they had done. He desired to mention a matter which was often of great importance to candidates for the Masonic Institutions, it was often the case that when a member died the Secretary of his lodge struck his name off, and many urgent and worthy cases had been rejected on account of the non-payment of the last quarter's dues. It had pained him much that in two recent cases the non-payment of that last paltry quarter's dues had caused them to be rejected. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the support they had always given to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. TERRY also replied, and, in the course of his speech, expressed a desire that the Prov. G.M. for Hertfordshire would preside at a festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He was quite sure that when that event took place Hertfordshire would come out as one man to show their respect for Bro. Halsey.

The toast of "The W.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge" was proposed in felicitous terms, and responded to by Bro. R. H. Halford S.G.D., and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

We may mention that the decorations, which were very elaborate, were carried out under the supervision of Bro. Terry. The banners and wreaths were contributed by Bros. Drummond, J. S. Webb, and W. J. Thody. Bro. Dare, Organist of the Cranbourne Lodge, officiated at the organ during the service at the church.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey was held at Sutton, on Saturday, the 24th inst., on the invitation of the Lorné Lodge, No. 1347, under the presidency of the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., supported by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; S. C. Perkins, P.G.M. G.L. Penn., U.S.; G. B. Brodie, P.S.G.W.; J. Amos, G. Chap.; G. Trice, G. Treas.; W. G. Greenwood, G. Sec.; Horatio T. Taylor, S.G.D.; H. Browse, J.G.D.; G. Yaxley, G.S. of Wks.; S. T. Turquand, G.D. of Cers.; Francis Buckland, A.G.D. of Cers.; Jas. Officer, P.G. Stwd.; and C. T. Speight, P.G. Tyler; A. Woodward, P.P.G. J.W.; R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C.; M. J. Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; Magnus Ohren, G.A.D.C. P.P.G.W.; J. D. Lyam, P.P.C.S.B.; T. Long, P.P.G.D.; R. Price, P.G.D.W.; G. F. Ormsby, P.P.G.S.; E. Baker, P.G.D.; F. B. Woodward, P.P.G. Purst.; Thos. Wood, P.P.G.D.W.; J. Hamner, P.P.G.D.; George White, P.P.G.S.W.; Ambrose M. Hall, P.P.G.C.; J. J. Brinton, 1329; R. H. Groombridge, P.M. 1347; Henry W. Linton, W.M. 1638; C. Oldridge, J.W. 1638; Charles T. Tyler, W.M. 1395; Thos. Gundre, 1362; Thos. Vincent, W.M. 1861; F. A. Manning, S.W. 1861; W. E. Potter, 410; J. J. Slade, 1347; Thos. Hales, 1347; H. Potter, S.W. 1347; W. R. Church, J.D. 1347; G. C. Burry, 1347; G. Leaver, 548; E. Lowther, 1347; R. Jennings, I.P.M. 907; T. L. Locke, I.G. 1347; J. Steele, 452; J. K. Ewell, 1851; T. Bartlett, 1347; Herbert Potter, 1347; Henry Sibley, 201; G. Elcock, J.W. 1149; Chas. Pawley, P.M. 452; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; A. E. Taylor, W.M. 1851; Chas. Gale, 1347; W. T. Sugg, 452; Geo. H. Stayton, 33; Fdwd. Hewhens, 1149; J. Webster, P.M. 153; W. C. Beaumont, W.M. 1826; George Benson, H. C. Leigh Bennett, 370; Rev. F. Foakes Jackson, Chap. 1616, P.M. 859; S. W. Lambert, W.M. 1550; W. Weller, W.M. 1564; H. W. Turner, 1347; H. G. Colvill, P.M. 336; P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall; G. K. Paxton, P.M. 416; J. H. Asham, S.W. 1564; Joseph Stawes, P.M. 1826; A. H. Titwell, 157; C. Greenwood, jun., J.W. 410; S. Walter Stephens, 410; R. G. Howson, I.G. 1564; F. F. Muller, P.M. 1556; Joseph Ball, 1564; R. H. Rogers, 463; F. G. Frost, S.D. 463; W. Wilson, Fred. C. Sawyer, P.M. 1619; Byron H. Ridge, 1347; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg. (*Freemason*).

Letters of apology from several brethren unable to be present, including the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Rev. W. C. Arnold, P.G.C., were read.

The roll of lodges in the province was then called, after which the report of the Finance and Audit Committee was presented, and adopted.

The minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts showed a satisfactory balance, and the following sums were voted: To Croydon Hospital, £5 5s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s.; and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £10 10s.

The PROV. G. MASTER then addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the position of Masonry in the province compared with what it was even when he became

Prov. G. M., nine years ago. From commencing then with nine lodges they had now increased to twenty-one, almost too fast for it made the task of appointing Prov. G. Officers every year a more difficult one. He regretted the absence of the Prov. D.G. Master through an accident at cricket; but he thought it was a matter for congratulation that he was possessed of sufficient vigour to make such an accident possible. He then said that he wished to offer some remarks on the duties of Masters of lodges. He wished it to be clearly understood that the minimum of work he required from Masters of lodges was that they should not only be able to open and close their lodge in the Three Degrees, but that they should, without prompting or any assistance whatever, be able to confer the Three Degrees and install their successors. He had been greatly surprised to find that in one or two lodges this was not carried out; but he desired that it should now be considered imperative. Some of the younger lodges were admirably worked, and he could not conceive how any Worshipful Master could take the obligation to preserve the landmarks of the Order who could not work the ceremonies of his lodge. He did not wish to offer these remarks in any spirit of fault-finding; but he felt very strongly on the point, which he considered of great importance.

The investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers then took place as follows:—

- The V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, P.M. 1395, continued in his office of Deputy P.G. Master.
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| Bro. Samuel G. Kirchhoffer, 1714 | Prov. G.S.W. |
| „ Geo. K. Paxton, 416 | Prov. G.J.W. |
| „ Rev. F. Foakes Jackson, M.A., 1616 | Prov. G. Chap. |
| „ Charles Greenwood, jun., 410 | Prov. G. Reg. |
| „ Charles Greenwood, 410 | Prov. G. Sec. |
| „ Francis Buckland, 889 | Prov. G.S.D. |
| „ E. D. Frost, 1347 | Prov. G.J.D. |
| „ Wm. T. Sugg, 452 | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| „ H. E. Frances, 1556 | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| „ Patrick S. J. Officer, 1362 | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| „ G. C. Barry, 1347 | Prov. G. Org. |
| „ J. S. Lavies, 1826 | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| „ H. W. Linton, 1638 | Prov. G. Purs. |

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| Bros. F. G. Frost, 463; Thomas L. Locke, 1347; C. T. Tyler, 1395; S. W. Lambert, 1556; W. Weller, 1564; and Thomas Vincent, 1851 | Prov. G. Stewds. |
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A notice of motion by the V.W. Bro. C. W. Arnold, M.A., D.P.G.M., with reference to the presentation of a Charity jewel was postponed on account of the proposer's absence.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to church. A very thoughtful and appropriate sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. F. Foakes Jackson, M.A. He pointed out in earnest and forcible language the importance of adhering to the one guiding principle of Freemasonry—the belief and trust in a personal God, and trusted the day would be far distant when such a departure as we had unfortunately witnessed in neighbouring jurisdictions would even suggest itself to English Freemasons. The service was intoned and the music was rendered in a manner that would have done no discredit to a cathedral service, the choir being composed of upwards of sixty voices.

The banquet was held at the Greyhound Hotel, the chair being occupied, in the absence of the Prov. G.M., through indisposition, by the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. G. Trice.

The CHAIRMAN in introducing the toasts said that he had been unexpectedly called upon to occupy that position, and he would be brief in his remarks. He gave "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were received, as they always are in Masonic assemblies, right loyally.

The next toast was that of "The Grand Officers," which was responded to by Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., who said that the Grand Officers always tried to do their duty, and the cordial way in which this toast was always received at Masonic meetings was a proof that their efforts were appreciated. He congratulated the Province of Surrey on the honour that had been conferred on it by the appointment of Bro. Greenwood to Grand office.

In presenting the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., General Studholme Brownrigg," the CHAIRMAN said that the Prov. G. Master had presided over them for nine years. His influence had, to a large extent, raised them to that state of prosperity which they now experienced.

This toast was very heartily received.

The next toast was that of "The Deputy Prov. G. Master." The CHAIRMAN said that the D.G.M. had always been a great favourite. He considered it a duty to visit as often as possible the lodges of the province, where he was always well received and accorded a hearty welcome.

The toast of "The Treasurer," who was also their Chairman that evening, was next proposed by Bro. WHITE, who said that he had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Trice for upwards of half-a-century, and had been associated with him in Prov. G. Lodge for more than twenty-five years. He performed his onerous and responsible duties during this long period to the complete satisfaction of the Craft.

Bro. TRICE, in response, said that he was glad to have this toast proposed by his old friend, Bro. White; they had it true met together at Grand Lodge for a large number of years, and he trusted that they should be spared for many more. With reference to his occupying the post of Chairman that evening it was unfortunate that both the P.G.M. and D.G.M. were prevented from being present. Called, as he was, unexpectedly to perform the duties, he had to be coached, notwithstanding the P.G.M. objected to coaching. In his office of P.G. Treasurer he always endeavoured to take care of the funds, and to have a balance in hand.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Secretary" was next given, and was received most enthusiastically. The CHAIRMAN said Bro. Greenwood, too, had been associated with him during his long Masonic career, and the position held by the Province of Surrey was greatly due to their indefatigable and painstaking Secretary.

Bro. GREENWOOD, in response, said that when he became P.G. Secretary there were only three or four lodges in the province, and his first duty was to make application to these few lodges for about six years of arrears of dues. Since then Masonry had flourished, and there were now twenty-one lodges forming the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. It was very gratifying to know that all the permanent officers appointed so long ago were still alive, which

was a proof that Masonry did not kill. He had recently met Bro. Harcourt, who was upwards of eighty years of age, bearing his years well, and as active as a lad. The P.G.S. Treasurer and himself had been appointed to office on the same day, and he thought the brethren would agree with him that they were proofs that Masonry does one good. Surrey had this year the honour of possessing three Grand Officers—the S.G.W., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Onslow; the A.G.D.C., Bro. Magnus Ohren; and the G. Sword Bearer in the person of himself. He concluded by assuring the brethren it always gave him great pleasure to act as Prov. G. Sec.

In introducing the next toast, that of "The Visitors," the CHAIRMAN said that their presence always scattered a charm around their board. They had a very distinguished visitor present, viz., the R.W. Bro. S. C. Perkins, Past G. Master of Pennsylvania, whom they were delighted to see and to welcome as the representative of one of the largest and most influential Grand Lodges in the world.

The toast was most cordially received.

The R.W. Bro. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Past Grand Master of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in reply, said: R.W. acting Provincial Grand Master in the chair, Provincial Grand Wardens, and brethren of the Province of Surrey, if I were to say, on rising to respond to the toast which has just been proposed with such very kind mention by you, R.W. Sir, of my presence among you, that I felt as a stranger, I should do violence to the strong and deep emotions of my own heart. I shall speak as a brother to brethren, not alone in name; for after the extremely warm and enthusiastic manner in which you have received me, and the courtesy and attention I have experienced at your hands during the interesting proceedings of this day, you are, one and all, my brethren indeed. Though an American, a thorough American, with a strong and deep love for my own country—and certainly no Englishman can find fault with me for that trait—it has been with most unfeigned satisfaction that I have joined with a hearty sincerity in all the festivities of this, to me, most delightful occasion.

In uniting in drinking with you the healths of Her Most Gracious Majesty your beloved Queen and of your M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (of whom I desire presently to say, more particularly, a few words), it has not been a mere lip service. But, my brethren, will you pardon me if I say that of all that I have been permitted to hear and witness this day, nothing has given me a deeper respect for the M.W. Grand Lodge of England, and confidence in her stability and unswerving faith to the ancient landmarks, than the sermon of your W. Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. F. Jackson. I did hope for the satisfaction of meeting him personally, and assuring him of the extreme gratification which his noble, fearless, plain, strong, and earnest presentation and exposition of a truth which is, indeed, the very corner stone of all that is good and valuable in our ancient Institution, afforded me. My very heart went out in warmest response to every utterance from his lips; as he set before us the necessity to humanity of a belief in a personal God, the one Father Almighty, who is above all, and for all, and in all. I regret that he is not present; but through you, R.W. Sir, and in the presence of his brethren, I do here, and now, most heartily and sincerely thank him not only for his service to the cause of fundamental truth, on which is erected the whole structure of the morality inculcated by Freemasonry, but for the benefit and instruction which I have personally derived from his most practical and eloquent discourse. I do not desire to speak rashly of what has taken place among Freemasons on the other side of the English Channel within a comparatively recent period, but I cannot refrain from saying, that my respect and admiration for the fraternity in old England, from whom we in Pennsylvania take special pride in claiming a direct descent, were greatly increased and strengthened by the prompt, emphatic, and unmistakeably pronounced action of your M.W. Grand Lodge, when a blow was aimed at our fundamental truth. I honour her for it, and I have no hesitation in saying that I express the unqualified sentiment, not only of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but of all the Grand Lodges of the United States. More especially did I respect and honour your W.G. Chaplain, as a Christian minister, speaking to his brethren from a Christian pulpit, for his earnest, plain, and direct setting forth of Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, as the way of approach. In this too did I feel that my faith was one with his, although my particular creed, or I might better say, the outward profession of my faith as respects ecclesiastical relations, differs. But the Apostle's Creed is part of the teachings of my own church. And with him I cordially agree, that with charity towards all, and holding to the doctrine of the one only living and true God, the Father of all, as a personal Divine and Supreme Being, as essential, and the only essential faith so far as Freemasonry is concerned, there is nothing to hinder or interfere with a love for, and a living faith in, our Christianity. Again I thank him, and thank you, my brethren, for the privilege which your kind courtesy has afforded me of hearing him. To advert briefly to another topic. When, my brethren, we of the Craft in America heard of—and I hardly know how to designate it, but I will say—most extraordinary step of your late M.W. Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, in resigning his high office, we could not understand it; but we felt with you, deeply pained, and you had our warmest sympathy. When again we heard that you had called as his successor H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, I think I am not mistaken in saying, that we were under the impression that it was in great measure a formal tribute to his rank and station; and that in the practical government of the Craft he would not be expected to manifest any very great interest, or take any active part. It has been my good fortune to meet here, in Provincial Grand Lodge, the R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Clerke, whose courteous attention I beg leave most heartily to acknowledge. With great satisfaction I have learned from him, that H.R.H. takes a personal, active, business-like, and intelligent interest and participation in all the concerns of the Craft; that he is Grand Master in fact, as well as in name—*de facto* as well as *de jure*. And when I further learned that two of his Royal brothers were bright, active, working Masons, well posted in the mysteries of the fraternity, I felt that the Grand Lodge of England had just reason to congratulate herself. And now, my brethren, I must crave your pardon for having trespassed so long upon your time, and I thank you again one and all for the courtesy and attention received. I shall ever cherish with grateful recollection the memories of this day. Cordially and most warmly from the depths of my Masonic heart, which beats with the pulses of hereditary as well as personal attachment to our ancient, noble, and

beloved fraternity, can I assure you that an English Freemason will always receive a hearty and fraternal welcome from his brethren in America. Come over and see for yourselves.

The toast of "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province" was responded to by the W.M. of the Lorne Lodge, who said it had given the brethren great pleasure to receive the Prov. Grand Lodge at Sutton, and he trusted they had been gratified.

The toast of "The Press" and the Tyler's toast closed the day's proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Town Hall, Sudbury, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waverley, R.W.P.G.M., supported by V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. of England, D. Prov. G.M., and the following brethren:—Bros. W. H. Lucia, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; N. Garrett, Prov. G.S.W.; A. C. Casley, Prov. G.J.W.; T. J. Wentworth, Prov. G.S.D.; R. W. Flick, Prov. G.J.D.; Rev. J. W. Collins, Prov. G. Chap.; F. Grimwood, Prov. G. Reg.; W. B. Jeffries, Prov. G.S. Wks.; W. Clarke, Prov. G.D.C.; A. Cracknell, Prov. G.S.B.; J. M. Harvey, Prov. G. Purs.; W. Hart, P.M. 332, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Garrett, P.P.S.W. 936; J. Miller, 388; W. J. Girling, Eboracum, 1611; T. B. Ardley, I.G. 1224; D. Alston, 1224; C. C. Turnour, 1224; A. Loughton, W.M. 1592; C. J. Wilson, 1224; W. Nunn, I.P.M. 1592; W. H. Smith, D.C. 1224; W. Daking, P.M. 225; T. F. Lucia, I.P.M. 1008; T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, P.G. Secretary Essex; T. Rix, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. H. Johnson, 697; H. M. Sholl, 1224; J. B. King, I.G. 27; G. Spalding, 225; R. Barker, W.M. 388; H. Harcourt, 74; J. Taylor, W.M. 936; H. E. Roe, J.W. 555; J. Margoram, P.M. 555; S. R. Anness, W.M. 376; A. Cowlan, J.W. 376; F. W. Tewson, P.M. 929; Charles Kent, I.G. 959; C. D. Girling, S.W. 81; E. Smith, J.W. 81; G. Hall, 81; W. Ray, 1823; B. Gall, P.M. 81; A. Boggis, W. Mackney, W.M. 332; S. Cooper, S.W. 332; A. Lord, 225; W. Lothers, 225; J. W. B. Johnson, W.M. 305; D. W. Bellamy, S.W. 305; H. C. Canham, S.W. 1224; W. G. Cunnold, W.M. 225; A. Webb, J.W. 1592; F. A. Mann, W.M. 1452; E. R. Boulter, S.D. 1224; F. Wheeler, P.M. and Sec. 1224, P.P.G.R.; W. L. Fenner, 1823; G. F. Crane, W.M. 1631; G. Fish, 1823; S. G. Casley, W.M. 555; W. P. T. Phillips, P.M. 81; C. Oakes, P.M. 1008; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Tyler Gregory, P.P.G. Chaplain, 81; E. M. Beveridge, W.M. 516; R. J. Gedney, 1663; P. R. Crawler, 225; G. E. Jeaffreson, P.M. 555; R. Garrod, P.M. 555; J. Martin, 1224; D. Glazin, 1823; A. J. Collins, 1823; H. Welham, P.M. 1224; J. Jordan, 1224; C. E. Mauldon, 1224; W. T. Westgate, P.M., P.P. G.D.C., 225; A. A. Bennett, P.M. 959; C. A. Vincent, I.G. 1823; L. Klambrowski, J.W. 1224; W. Dodds, 1631; F. W. Gee, J.D. 1224; G. Thompson, P.M. 1008; G. Twain, 1224; J. E. Barnes, 1823; C. Cooke, W.M. 1823; A. Barber, P.M. and Sec. 225; C. F. Browne, P.G. Stwd. 81; J. King, J.D. 332; T. Cook, 332; W. Buckingham, 225; J. Wright, 1552; C. Emmerson, P.M. 1254; H. Goulden, 1224; J. Sheppard, S.W. 1008; E. Buckham, J.D. 376; J. G. Oliver, S.W. 1008; J. H. Chambers, P.S.W., 1224; E. H. Inman, P.J.W. 1312; G. Murrells, J.D. 1224; T. Stokoe, Sec. 1823; G. J. Paine, J.D. 1008; H. S. Oliver, 1224; C. J. Rowe, 1224; W. L. Lewis, 1224; F. E. Dunn, 1224; T. E. Morris, 697; R. E. Jones, W.M. 1224; S. Spurgin, J.W. 1224; James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, P.P.G.J.W. Herts; G. Gould, 114; G. H. Grimwood, 1224; W. Boby, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 114; Garrod Bennett, 114; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211, and many others.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened soon after two o'clock and the minutes of the last Grand Meeting were taken as read. The reports as to the condition of Freemasonry in the province were very satisfactory. The minutes of the P.G. Lodge, having been printed and extensively circulated, were taken as read. They contain a succinct account of the progress of Freemasonry in the province, the most salient features mentioned during the past year being as follows: at the meeting held on the 28th of June, the audit of the Provincial Grand Treasurer was considered, but that officer being absent through ill-health, it was impossible to deal with it finally; however, the Prov. Grand Secretary gave all the useful information, which was most satisfactory. The balance of last year amounted to £57 16s. 8d., the receipts £134 12s. 6d., total £192 9s. 2d. The expenditure was £102 15s. 10d., leaving a sum of nearly £90 in the Prov. Grand Treasurer's hands.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, on enquiry, explained that the £102 15s. 10d. was expended in printing, postage, advertising, and other minor items. Ten guineas each were given to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and twenty guineas to the R.M.B.I., and the expenses of the meeting at Halesworth were £13 15s.

The next matter considered was the support accorded to our central Charitable Institutions, and the Secretary stated that at the present time the voting power of the Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by sixteen votes to the Girls' School, fourteen to the Boys' School, and thirty-six to the Benevolent Institution. He also stated that the total paid to the Institutions amounted to £326, of which £249 had been paid during his Secretaryship.

It was then proposed, seconded, and carried that ten guineas be paid to each of the Institutions, and ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. It was determined to convert the terminable votes they held for the R.M.B.I. into permanent ones.

Ten guineas were voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and Bro. Newson Garrett very handsomely supplemented that sum (by permission of Prov. G. Lodge) with five guineas. Several other cases of distress were submitted, but, there being obstacles in the way of dealing with them, they fell through.

The R.W. PROV. G.M. called the attention of the brethren to the several items we have noticed. He said that he was highly pleased with the resolution the Provincial Board had adopted in respect of the conversion of the terminable into permanent votes for the R.M.B.I. In regard to the future meetings of Prov. G. Lodge, he proposed

"That in future years their annual gatherings should be held on the second Friday in July." On his putting the minutes for adoption, they were unanimously confirmed.

The following officers were then appointed and invested for the year ensuing:

Bro. R. D. Jones, W.M. 1224	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. F. Lucia, P.M.	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. J. Nunn	Prov. S.G.D.
" George Jefferson	Prov. J.G.D.
" Rev. J. J. Burton	Prov. G. Chap.
" A. A. Bennett	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. G. Cunnold	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. W. Tewson	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" C. F. Brown	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" G. F. Crane	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. M. Mann	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Welham, P.M.; Bro. B. Gall,	Prov. G. Stwds.
and Bro. C. Cooke, W.M.	

The vote for Prov. G. Treasurer resulted in the re-election of the W. Bro. T. J. Huddleston, while Bro. W. H. Lucia was re-appointed Prov. G. Secretary, and Bro. Syer, 936, Prov. G. Tyler.

Prov. G. Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren attended Divine service at St. Peter's Church, Sudbury. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, officiated, and very impressively intoned the service. The collection after the service resulted in the sum of £6 10s. 8d., which is to be presented to the St. Leonard's Hospital.

The brethren afterwards returned to the lodge room, and Prov. G. Lodge was resumed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Rose and Crown, where an ample banquet was supplied. On the removal of the cloth, the Prov. G.M. proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," and afterwards that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which were most heartily received.

The Prov. G.M. next called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled the name of Bro. William Clarke, Asst. G. Purst., with the toast.

Bro. CLARKE having responded, Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.D.G.M., proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Waveney." He referred in sympathetic terms to the accident that had lately befallen Bro. Lord Waveney. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord WAVENEY tendered his thanks for the way in which the Deputy G. Master had introduced the toast, and for the manner in which the brethren had received it. He assured them that the sympathy invoked on his behalf was fully appreciated by him.

The P.G.M. next proposed "The Health of the Deputy G.M.," to which a hearty response was given.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN responded in suitable terms.

The remaining toasts comprised "The Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," to which Bros. Jones, P.S.G.W., and Lucia, P.G. Sec., replied; "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province," replied to by Bro. Cooke, W.M. 1823; "The Masonic Charities," responded to by Bro. Terry; "The Visitors," to which Bro. Higgs replied; "The Ladies," responded to by Bro. Ardley; and "The Masonic Press."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. Ashton, assisted by Bros. Cozens, Musgrave, and Hubbard.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Col. James Peters, Robert B. Webster, A. H. Tattershall, C. H. Webb, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, E. Letchworth, S. G. Foxall, J. A. Rucker, Arthur E. Gladwell, R. Spooner, G. Faulkner, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, and of the minutes of other committees for information, one petition was read, and the candidate placed on the list for election in October.

On the motion of Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, the salary of the drawing mistress, Mrs. Walker, was increased from £30 to £60 a year.

The Chairman was then authorised to sign cheques. On the recommendation of the House Committee £20 was voted to apprentice one of the ex-pupils, Louisa Surr.

PICNIC OF THE CHILTERN LODGE, No. 1470, DUNSTABLE.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., this lodge held a picnic in the beautiful grounds at Ashridge Park, when about eighty ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity of being present. A party from London accompanied the W.M. (Bro. John Wood) to Tring, and were conveyed from thence to the park in breaks. For the amusement of the party a quadrille band had been engaged, and dancing commenced early and was continued until the shades of evening had begun to close; there were also lawn tennis, cricket, bowls, &c.

At two o'clock an excellent luncheon was served, the gay colours of the ladies' costumes adding very much to the pretty effect of an open air repast.

Among those present were Bro. John Wood, W.M., and Mrs. Wood; Bro. McLean, S.W., and Mrs. McLean; Bro. Crewe, J.W., and Mrs. Crewe; Bro. Farley, S.D.; Bro. Gladwell, J.D., and Mrs. Gladwell; Bro. Howell, P.M.; Bro. Randall, P.M. and Secretary; Bro. Saunders; Bro. Major Benning and the Misses Benning; Bro. Capt. Gillies and Mrs. Gillies; Bro. Dr. Spokes and Miss Spokes; Bro. Dr. Morcombe and Mrs. Morcombe; Mr. and Mrs. Crichton Benning; Mr. Laurie, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Hunt; Bro. T. M. Denne and the Misses Denne; Mr. and the Misses Chester; Bro. King, P.M. St. Barnabas; Bro. Willis, W.M. St. Barnabas; Bro. Poynter, P.M. St. Barnabas, P.P.G.J.W. Bucks and Berks; Bro. R. Cutler and Mrs. Cutler; the Rev. Mr. Cutler; Bro. Coleman and Mrs. Coleman, and Miss Burton; Bro. Walter Howard, and others.

The day was very fine, and the whole of the arrange-

ments were capably carried out, and a most enjoyable day was spent, the general desire being that the picnic should be held annually.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507, AND THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1774.

The summer festival of these lodges was held on Wednesday, the 28th inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Scales, W.M. of the former, and Bro. John Douglass, W.M. of the Royal Savoy, at Skinner's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge.

The Stewards on the occasion were Bros. F. H. Clemow, S.W.; J. L. Jones, J.W.; J. Willing, I.P.M., Treas.; T. J. Hyland, S.D.; W. Cook, J.D.; G. H. Deller, I.G.; A. Holt, D.C.; J. W. Smith, A.D.C.; W. Jaques, W.S.; W. Read, A.W.S.; F. W. Sillis, Org.; W. R. A. Cole, H. Dickey, J. C. Smith, F. Dovey, A. Verdin, H. Hoare, J. Hone, F. Johnson, W. Ponton, and W. M. Stiles, Hon. Secretary.

Among those present as visitors we noticed Bros. Gilbert, P.M. 1326; R. Turner, P.M. 705; Chas. Harcourt, 1319; Hyland, W.M. 201, P.G.S. Herts.; Peagrim, New South Wales; Seymour, Domestic Lodge; Walker, Sec. 733; Durville, W. Clarke, Asst. G. Purs. England, and P.G.D.C. Suffolk; H. Levy, E. C. Massey (*Freemason*); and others.

There are few, if any, of the hard worked inhabitants of our "little village" who do not enjoy a summer's day in the country, when carking care is thrown aside and the mind is made up to take in the delights of fresh air and beautiful scenery; and it will, therefore be readily imagined that it was not without pleasure that we received the W.M.'s invitation, in the kindest of notes from the courteous Secretary, Bro. Stiles, to journey with the brethren to Maidenhead, or Cookham, by an early train, to spend a day in viewing the beauties of Cliveden, or in driving about the charming neighbourhood, or enjoying the lazy luxury of being taken for a row on the river. Such was the programme of the active amusements of the day, to be brought to a culminating point in a pleasant dinner at four o'clock at Skinner's Hotel, Maidenhead Bridge. The weather having been satisfactory until the evening this arrangement was carried out, and at a little after four the company, to the number of ninety-three, sat down to dinner in a large tent erected on the lawn at the rear of the hotel.

The chair was taken by Bro. Douglass, W.M. of the Royal Savoy, who was supported on his right hand by Bro. Scales, W.M. of the Metropolitan, and on the left by Bro. Willing, I.P.M. of the Savoy and P.M. of the Metropolitan; the vice-chairs being occupied by Bro. Side and Bro. Stiles.

The menu was good, but the larger gathering than was expected appeared to be a strain on the host's resources, as the waiters were certainly too few for the number of guests.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the two Worshipful Masters presiding.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," were proposed by Bro. DOUGLASS, and, as usual, were cordially received.

Bro. SCALES then proposed "The Health of the Pro G.M., Earl of Carnarvon; the Dep. G.M., Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Clark, Asst. G. Purst., who responded.

"The Health of Bro. Douglass, W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and that of Bro. Scales, W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge," was proposed by Bro. WILLING, and responded to by the respective Masters.

Bro. DOUGLASS then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary of the two Lodges;" and Bros. WILLING, MICHAEL, and STILES returned thanks.

Bro. SCALES then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and Bros. HARCOURT and PEAGRIM responded.

Bro. DOUGLASS proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. STILES, "as the youngest bachelor present," replied.

"The Press" was proposed by Bro. WILLING, and Bro. MASSEY was heard in reply; the proceedings being brought to a close by Bro. MICHAEL proposing "The Health of the Officers and Stewards."

During the dinner a selection of music was performed by a military band on the lawn.

COMMUNIQUE.

We have elsewhere alluded to the "memorial" of the lamented Prince Imperial, which his admirers naturally wish to erect in England. Had any facts been needed to strengthen our arguments, they would be found in the deeply-touching and moving recital, sent by Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood to the *Times* of Wednesday last, and which no one can read without the deepest emotion. We leave it to tell its own story to our readers, and will only remark that it offers a very melancholy commentary on an episode almost without its parallel in the history of the British army, but about which we think "the least said, the soonest mended."

"The attacking party numbered about 40, of whom 12 followed the Prince, and either seven or eight were concerned immediately in his death. The Zulus, having nearly surrounded the party, fired and rushed on them as they were in the act of mounting. The Prince, not having succeeded in mounting, ran alongside of his horse until it broke away from him on the hither bank of the donga about 220 yards from the kraal where the party had off-saddled. The Prince followed his horse into the donga until closely pressed by his pursuers. He turned upon them, in the words of the Zulus themselves, 'like a lion at bay.' Struck down by an assegai inside the left shoulder, he rushed at his nearest opponent, who fled out of the donga and got behind another Zulu, who coming up fired at the Prince when only ten yards from him. The Prince returned the fire with his pistol and faced his now rapidly-increasing foes until menaced from his right rear and struck by another assegai. He regained the level spot on which he had first stood in the donga, where he was speedily surrounded. He then seized an assegai which had been thrown at him, for in struggling with his terrified

horse his sword had fallen from its scabbard. He thus defended himself against seven or eight Zulus, who state they did not dare to close on him until, exhausted, he sank down on his hips.

"N.B.—The above facts were elicited from the Zulus, who were examined separately on the scene of the attack, and out of sight of one another."

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, when there were present Bros. Robt. H. Crowden, W.M.; W. F. Gardner, J.W.; H. D. Stead, Treasurer; J. C. Woodrow, Secretary; Thomas Perrin, S.D.; M. Vizzitelli, J.D.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; J. B. Crump and James Crowden, Stewards; J. Beckett, Tyler; C. Crouch, P.M.; P. G. Philips, W. Lomas, J. Hicks, S. Johnson, A. Bellis, and Arthur J. Druce. Bro. Stephen Johnson having proved himself in a very satisfactory manner worthy, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. R. H. Crowden, after which ceremony Bro. A. Bellis was passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was duly closed and adjourned to the fourth Saturday in October, giving the brethren an opportunity of enjoying their holidays without interfering with their Masonic duties. There was no banquet.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the Prince George Hotel, Parkholme-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. James Lorkin, W.M.; Henry John, S.W.; Henry Leah, Sec.; Arnold (acting), S.D.; Dyer, I.G.; Marsh, Tyler; E. F. Storr, P.M.; Croger, Hardroot, Foster, Stampfer, Arnold, Penney, Brown, Sandland, Clark, Crisp, Haines, and Street. Visitor: Bro. Charles Lorkin, 1524.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Penney was ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and the ballot being unanimous in favour of Mr. Fitz John Crisp, he was duly initiated in the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. John, S.W., proposed, and Bro. Storr, I.P.M., seconded, in accordance with notice of motion, "That the lodge be removed to Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., subject to the permission of the M.W.G.M.," which was carried unanimously. The brethren then adjourned to Masons' Hall to dine, presided over by the W.M. The banquet did great credit to the host, Bro. Wood, and the brethren passed a most pleasant evening. After the usual loyal toasts the enjoyment was considerably enhanced by the vocal and instrumental abilities of Bros. Hardroot and Croger, the latter of whom is the author of the "Masonic Muse." This lodge, which was consecrated in 1877, has made rapid strides, and bids fair to become one of the leading lodges. Having such able Masonic magnates as Bros. Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; J. B. Scriven, P.M.; E. F. Storr, P.M.; Henry Leah, P.M.; and A. H. Diaper, P.M., among its members augurs a prosperous working future.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).

—This excellent and prosperous lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and notwithstanding the fact that there had been a quick succession of installations in the district, it was one of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable of the whole. Not only was it well attended, but the eclat with which the proceedings were invested made it one that will long be remembered with pride and pleasure by both the members of the lodge and those who had the privilege of assisting at its consummation. The lodge was opened at half-past one p.m. precisely by the W.M., Bro. John Warren, and even then a goodly array of Past Masters, brethren of the lodge, and visitors were present, for fame had been busy, and it was whispered abroad that a treat was in store in the working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Warren, who, at the lodges of instruction in the neighbourhood, had shown unmistakable evidence of a Master's art, in that most important ceremonial. The only business before the lodge prior to the installation was the confirming of the minutes of the last meeting, and that having been successfully accomplished, Bro. John Wilkins, W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Warren for the benefit of installation, and the usual ceremonies having been strictly adhered to, he was placed in the chair of K.S. After being saluted he invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. B. Hobson, S.W.; G. Beaver, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treasurer; C. Norman, P.M., Secretary; J. H. Roberts, S.D.; T. Ovenden, J.D.; Ross, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Organist; C. Sweeting, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. This important business having been accomplished, the Installing Officer, Bro. Warren, proceeded to deliver the three addresses, and although we are rather familiar with the many excellent workings of the Craft in this district, we may safely say that the eloquent and careful delivery of Bro. Warren has, in our experience, been seldom surpassed, a simultaneous burst of applause greeting the finish of the third address. Bro. Crawford, P.M., then proposed that a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. Warren, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer that day. Bro. F. Dawson, P.M., seconded; both brethren bearing testimony to the excellence of Bro. Warren's work. After a brief reply from Bro. Warren, the W.M. proceeded to present Bro. Warren with a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, voted him by the unanimous voice of the lodge as a token of the respect and regard in which he is held, and to mark the many valuable services he had rendered the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Warren briefly returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet was partaken of at Bro. Hubbard's, the New Falcon, Gravesend, and it was one of those superb efforts of the cuisine for which the worthy host is so celebrated. The choice edibles of the season were plentifully served, the wines giving universal satisfaction.

Among the company present besides those above mentioned were Bros. S. Goddard, P.M. 700; E. Bowles, P.M. 700; T. Ward, P.M. 700; N. Brown, W.M. 13; W. Moulder, W.M. 829; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; W. Cattle, P.M. 1441; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; H. G. Picken,

P.M. 1536; W. J. Burgess, S.W. 1472; W. Waring, P.M. Lion and Lamb Lodge; T. Hosgood, J.W. 13; J. A. Elder, J.W. 1472; T. Holleyman, J.W. 1536; W. Rees, I.G. 913; R. Turrell, 913; W. Canty, 913; H. J. Ansell, 1305; J. A. Mason, 1789; G. H. Letton, 913; T. Hayward, 913; W. A. Watkins, I.G. 1536; W. Mackincott, 554; C. Jolly, 913, 13, 1076, 1536 (*Freemason*); and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Warren, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said the W.M. had intrusted him with the gavel for a short time, and they all knew for what purpose he rose; it was to propose "The Health of the W.M." It was a toast that gave him a very great of pleasure to propose, knowing that the W.M. had throughout his several junior offices followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, up to the proud position he now occupied, zealously, carefully, and with a full desire to do honour to the trust reposed in him. The interest he had always taken in the welfare of the lodge was such as would of itself commend him, and now that the result of that interest and work had culminated in his occupying the chair of K.S., he felt that he was only expressing the thoughts of every one of the brethren when he said that no one had more deserved it than he had. Their W.M. was a thorough good Mason, and carried out the true spirit of Masonry to the letter, and under his guidance the Nelson Lodge would lose nothing from the high position it occupied among the lodges of the district. He felt sure that that time twelve months they would come to this conclusion, that Bro. Wilkins had done his duty well, and fully maintained the honour and prestige of the lodge of which he had that day been installed as W.M. Bro. Wilkins, in response, said they had heard the very handsome terms in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health. He could only thank both him for his kindness, and them for the cordial manner in which they had responded to it. The I.P.M. had been kind enough to say, that through the offices which he had held in the lodge he had followed in the footsteps of his predecessors. He trusted he had, ever since he first was placed in office five years ago, tried to imitate the good example shown him by the Master and officers who had preceded him, and they might depend upon it that he would continue, during his year of office, to imitate them. If he should fail, and it was only human to fail, it would not be through any fault of his own. He was exceedingly pleased to see among them that night Bro. Past Master Ward, who five years ago gave him his first step as I.G. He then told them and him, that he would do his best to please them, and prove himself worthy of the trust reposed in him, and now that he had arrived at the position of W.M., he was proud to hear them say, that that promise had not been broken. He thanked them for the toast. The next toast was that of "The Visiting Brethren," and after Bro. Brown had briefly responded on behalf of the Union Waterloo, No. 13, and Bro. Burgess for the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, Bro. Holleyman, on behalf of the United Military Lodge, No. 1836, said he always felt a great deal of pleasure in visiting the Nelson Lodge, because the lodge to which he had the honour to belong sprung from it, and it was always spoken of in his lodge with reverence and respect. He wished it many years of success and prosperity. Bro. Picken, P.M. 1536, said he could not let the occasion pass without congratulating the W.M. of such a distinguished lodge as the Nelson at having arrived at the position he now occupied, more especially as he had the honour of taking him round his mother lodge, as a Craftsman, at Devonport many years ago. That was at a time when they were employed together in H.M. service as Royal Engineers, and when he saw Bro. P.M. Ward place Bro. Wilkins in office, five years ago, in the Nelson, he said to himself, "The time will come when Bro. Wilkins will be the Master and an honour to the lodge." As there were other visitors to speak, he would only say that he felt proud of being present to see such a good Mason installed into the chair of the Nelson Lodge, and so good a Mason installed him. Bro. Hayes, P.M. 913, as an old Mason, said it was to him a pride and a pleasure to find, year after year, that such good Masons came to the chair of the Nelson Lodge. For many years he had seen the Masters of the lodge follow one another, each and all excellent in every respect. The work was done well and the ritual admirably rendered, and he had thought to himself, will this splendid service continue? That day he had seen the beautiful ceremony of installation performed in a manner which had never been surpassed; a manner that was not only a credit, but a pattern to any lodge, either in or out of the district, and now, he felt sure, such was the good example shown by the Masters and Past Masters of the Nelson Lodge, that it must succeed, and ever be as it was now—a credit to the Craft and an honour to the district. Bro. Wrigglesworth made an amusing speech, in which he paid a high compliment to the lodge for the excellence of its "Fourth Degree," and kept the table in a roar by his keen and voluble witticisms. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and after Bro. Warren had replied, Bro. Crawford, P.M., said he had seen twenty W.M.'s installed in that lodge. It was the only lodge he had ever belonged to, and in it he had spent some of the most pleasant hours of his life. He sincerely trusted that it would continue in the future as it had in the past—a brotherly and united lodge, and work together harmoniously, and support the W.M. in the arduous duties that he had that day undertaken. Bro. Dawson, P.M., could not let this occasion pass without saying a few words, especially as he had the pleasure, some fourteen or fifteen years ago, when he was in the chair of the lodge, of raising their esteemed W.M. to the Degree of Master Mason. If it had not been for that fact he should not have spoken to the toast. With the working of the lodge he was pleased, and felt sure that under the guidance of their W.M. the high standard of the Nelson Lodge would be fully sustained, and they would have nothing to fear. The Nelson Lodge was jealous of its prestige as a good working lodge. What he meant by jealousy was, that there was a spirit of emulation in it that would not allow it to become second to any in the district. He trusted they would all work together with but one end in view, and that was the prosperity of the Nelson Lodge. Bro. Ward, P.M., said it was some considerable time since he had been with them, and he came especially to do honour to the W.M., who, as he said, had received, some five years ago, the first step at his hands. He had had bad health; but, as a military man, had been sent to a good station. It afforded him much gratification to think that Bro. Wilkins had received the first step at his hands, and he wished him every success. The toast of "The Officers" followed, to which Bro. Hobson responded. "The Masonic Press" was coupled with the name of our representative, who responded, and then

the Tyler's toast and "God Save the Queen" concluded a most enjoyable day.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The annual installation meeting of the members of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday afternoon, the 21st inst. The W.M. (Bro. T. Webster) opened the lodge in due form, the following officers supporting him: Bro. J. Houlding, P.M., P.G.S.; H. Ashmore, I.P.M.; J. Boyle, S.W. (W.M. elect); T. H. Carefull, J.W.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, Treas.; J. Beesley, Sec.; W. Brassey, S.D.; J. King, J.D.; R. H. Webster, I.G.; and others. A great number of visitors were present, amongst them being Bro. G. Musker, W.M. 1182; R. Washington, P.M. 1094; H. Trevitt, W.M. 724; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Ballard, P.G.P.W.L., 1576; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; R. R. Forshaw, P.M. 1035; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; H. Hindle, P.M. 1620; C. Birch, W.M. 203; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; R. C. Yelland, P.M. 1094; Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bros. Houlding, P.M., P.G.S., and W. Cotterell, P.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph J. Boyle, and he was afterwards installed in due form by Bro. T. Webster, P.M. Bro. Cotterell, P.M., concluded the ceremony of installation, the following officers being invested: Bros. Webster, I.P.M.; T. H. Carefull, S.W.; J. Beesley, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, Treas. (re-elected); W. Brassey, Sec.; J. M. King, S.D.; R. Webster, J.D.; J. Galley, I.G.; J. Hunter, S.S.; G. Hassell, J.S.; R. G. Gow, A.S.; W. Maddox, A.S.; and Shaw, P.M., D.C. Bro. Webster was afterwards presented by the W.M. with a costly Past Master's jewel, voted out of the funds of the lodge, and a handsome timepiece and two ornaments to match for Mrs. Webster, subscribed to by the officers and friends. Bro. Webster suitably acknowledged the gifts. A banquet was subsequently held, the W.M. presiding, when a long and interesting toast list was gone through. Bro. J. W. Ballard responded to the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M., and other Grand Officers," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M.; the Hon. F. A. Stanley, R.W.D. Prov. G.M.; and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present." Bro. Broadbridge replied to the toast of "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and other Charities." Bro. Webster Williams and Bro. J. Busfield and others contributed largely to the harmony of the evening, while Bro. J. Skeaf and Bro. Bryan efficiently discharged the duties of accompanists.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting in the Masonic Rooms, at the Athenæum, on the 21st inst. Present: Bros. W. Barker, W.M.; H. Hartley, S.W.; R. Cleminson, J.W.; F. G. Dale, P.M., Treasurer; J. Acton, P.M., Secretary; C. J. W. Stork, S.D.; R. Woods, J.D.; W. King, I.G.; G. W. Smelt, Organist; P. Dutton, J.S.; James Ellershaw, I.P.M.; R. Wolfenden, P.M.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer by the W.M., Bro. W. Parker. The minutes of the last regular meeting and the audit and installation meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Isaac Brash answered the usual questions, and was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. After other lodge business had been transacted, Bro. F. G. Dale, P.M., introduced Bro. J. Acton, P.M., Secretary, to the W.M., and the W.M. in very eulogising terms presented to him a beautiful, neat and handsome jewel, with the following inscription on the back: "Presented to Bro. J. Acton, P.M., by the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1353, as a small token of appreciation for past services as Secretary for upwards of seven years. July 21st, 1880." After the usual proclamation of the W.M., and "Hearty good wishes" from several brethren, the lodge was closed, the choir and brethren singing the closing hymn.

TWICKENHAM.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 24th inst., when there were present Bros. Henry Lovegrove, W.M.; G. Clark, S.W.; H. Clark, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D.; F. J. Perks, J.D.; W. S. Dunkley, I.G.; T. G. W. Wood, W.S.; G. J. Dunkley, Org.; J. Daly, Tyler; R. Thorn, C. A. White, F. H. Parker, J. A. Elliott, M. S. Larham, P.M., &c.; J. Johnson, R. Johnston, and A. H. St. Leger. Visitors: Bros. A. Mullord, H. Baldwin, and G. Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. H. H. Room for initiation and Bro. A. Lister for joining, in both cases being favourable. Mr. Room was admitted, and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Green having answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the candidate was duly passed. Bros. Johnson, St. Leger, and Johnston were examined, and, in due course, raised to the Sublime Degree. The ballot was taken for W.M., when Bro. Geo. Clark, S.W., was unanimously elected, and briefly returned thanks. Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., who has made himself a name in connection with the Charities, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Daly was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Axford, Cruikshanks, and Perks were appointed to act as the Audit Committee. Bro. H. Lovegrove, W.M., informed the brethren that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Teddington on the following Saturday, under the presidency of Sir Francis Burdett, who had appointed him (the W.M.) to provincial honours, and their Organist as Provincial Grand Organist. At the close of the proceedings the brethren proceeded to refreshment, which was in Bro. Baylis's best style, and gave great satisfaction. The toasts were given in due course, and the proceedings were enlivened by music and recitations.

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.]

Mark Masonry.

HAYWARD'S HEATH.—Southdown Lodge (No. 164).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Station Hotel, on Friday, the 23rd inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.G. Stwd., Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Oxon, took the chair, and was supported by W. Bros. F. W. Adams, G. Stwd., W.M. 223, S.W.; Fred. H. Cozens, P. G. Org., W.M. 104, J.W.; Bros. Pearson, P.M.; Golding, J.O.; Paige, S.D.; and W. J. Bayliss, Secretary.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. J. T. Freeman was advanced in a most able manner by Bro. Pulley. Apologies were read from the W.M., W. Bros. C. J. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; Lord Arthur Hill, W. Hudson, and others. The lodge was closed, and the brethren joined the ladies at the annual garden party, which took place in the beautiful grounds adjoining the hotel. Thanks to Bro. Pulley a large marquee was erected, and a quadrille band engaged. There were also present Bros. Willard, Treas. 164; C. W. Hudson, W. Hopewell, C. J. Carter, 75; J. Legg, P.M. 168, Charrington; Rev. Rose Johnson, Chapter 164; and many Craft brethren and ladies, numbering altogether about 100. At refreshment only one toast was proposed, that of "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. C. W. Hudson. The company then adjourned to the grounds, where dancing was kept up until a late hour. Songs were sung at intervals by Bros. F. A. Cozens, Pulley, and others. Votes of thanks were proposed to the several brethren who had taken so much trouble to make the gathering a success, and the company "went their several ways" highly pleased with the day's amusements, as one and all vied with each other to promote the general happiness.

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

Two large gold dishes, of great interest to antiquaries, have been temporarily lent to the Science and Art Museum, Dublin, by Mr. Charles Kennedy, of Mullantine. The larger one, measuring 2ft. 6in. in diameter, is said to be the wedding present of the Dauphin of France to Mary Queen of Scots, and to have been given by the latter to Gilbert Kennedy, Earl of Cassilis, a title now held by the Marquis of Ailsa. The smaller dish is 2ft. in diameter, and contains in the centre a representation of the Adoration of the Magi in high relief. The larger dish contains in the centre a full-faced portrait in relief.

It was reported some time ago that the Italian explorers, Chiarini and Cecchi, had not only reached Kafa, but had gone beyond, in the direction of the Victoria Nyanza. This information turns out to have been erroneous. Cecchi has succeeded in forwarding a letter to his compatriots now in Shoa. He is kept a close prisoner by the Queen of Ghera, a small country nominally dependent on Shoa. His companion died on October 8, 1879, in consequence of the ill-treatment to which he had been subjected. Cecchi's position is a very precarious one, and it is to be hoped that King Menelik will be able to respond to his appeal for help.

"The Galleries of the Palais-Royal," the *Parisian* states, "have long been deserted by the public; almost the only people that you see there are the wandering tourists, who are attracted by the old fame of the galleries. The shopkeepers have already formed a syndicate to decide on some means of attracting the crowds, and now it is stated that a company, with a capital of twelve millions, is to be formed, the object of which will be to erect in the gardens a vast establishment in the style of the London Alhambra, only more complete and more luxurious, and perhaps more closely resembling the Folies-Bergères. In Louis Philippe's time a circus existed in the gardens, and brought profit to its managers."

LOOK TO YOUR DRAINS.—At the Duke of Portland's sale at Welbeck, on the 16th ult., some hand-sandwiches were served amongst other refreshments. About sixty or seventy people who partook of them became seriously ill, and four of them died within a few days. The cause of their death was a mystery, there being none of the ordinary symptoms of poisoning, and no traces of trichinae. At last, however, it was proved that the meat had been kept, during the night before the sale, in a room through which ran "a long open drainage-channel, covered by a grating," connected by a pipe with the "system of sewers" on the estate. This to most minds would have been a sufficiently strong hint; but the coroner's jury were cautious, and returned a verdict stating that "there was no positive evidence to show how the meat became contaminated."

According to the *Athenæum*, Mr. Clement L. Wragge is establishing, with the permission of Colonel Bromley Davenport, a meteorological station on the Beacon Stoop, Weaver Hills, the highest point in Staffordshire.

According to the *Academy*, the promised work on Japan, by Mr. E. J. Reed, M.P., will be published in the ensuing autumn by Mr. Murray. It is to be carefully and plentifully illustrated.

Mr. George Bancroft, who is eighty years of age, hopes to complete in October his "History of the United States" begun in 1825.

The Queen has graciously accepted copies of the special editions of the Oxford Bible for Teachers, which have been printed to commemorate the centenary of Sunday-schools.

The triennial meeting of the choirs of Worcester, Hereford, and Gloucester, will be held this year at Gloucester, in the week commencing Sept. 6, and the order of oratorios has been fixed—viz., first day, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*; second, Wednesday morning, Mozart's *Requiem* and Spohr's *Last Judgment*; evening, Mendelssohn's *St. Paul*; Thursday, Leonardo Leo's *Dixit Dominus*, Palestrina's *Stabat Mater*, Holmes's *Christmas Day*, and Beethoven's *Messa Solennis*; Friday, Handel's *Messiah*. There will be two secular concerts at the Shire Hall on Tuesday and Thursday night. There will be an opening service on Tuesday, with sermon by Lord Alwyne Compton, Dean of Worcester; and a closing full service on Friday night, with new *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by Mr. Lloyd, organist of Gloucester Cathedral, and anthem by Dr. Stainer.

GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE R.W. BRO. W. W. BEACH, M.P.,
PROV. G. MASTER,
THE W. BRO. W. HICKMAN,
D. PROV. G. MASTER.

The GRAND LODGE of this PROVINCE will assemble by command of the R.W. PROV. G. MASTER at ANDOVER, on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of AUGUST, at 1.30 p.m., and be closed tyed punctually at two o'clock p.m. The Brethren will meet at the TOWN HALL, where the Provincial business will be transacted.

The Banquet will take place at 3.30 p.m. precisely, at the FORESTERS' HALL. The Tickets will be Five Shillings each, exclusive of Wine.

In order to insure the comfort of every one who attends, the W.M.'s of Lodges are earnestly requested to send (addressed to the Prov. G. Sec., Southampton) the names of all who propose to join the Banquet, not later than Saturday morning, the 31st July.

The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,
J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.M.,
Prov. G. Sec.

Southampton, 17th July, 5880.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

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

CHAPTER HOUSE, 77¹/₂, 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^d, Sec.

To Correspondents.

SECRETARY.—The date will shortly be announced.

The following stand over:—

Lodge of Industry, No. 48.
Berkhampstead Lodge, No. 504.
West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Hebrew Leader," "Keystone," "Masonic Age," "The Egyptian Gazette," "Rules, Regulations, and List of Members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite," "Sunday Times," "Der Long Islaender," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Egyptian Gazette," "Croydon Guardian," "La Chaine D'Union," "Broad Arrow," "Baletin Oficial," "Jewish Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "The Empire," "The New York Dispatch," "Voice of Masonry," "Die Baühütte."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1880.

IT will be seen by a paragraph in the *Freemason* last week that our distinguished brother the Marquis of LONDONDERRY will be installed Provincial Grand Master of Durham in October next. H.R.H. the Grand Master will, we understand, be present, with the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters. We believe also that on the day following his installation as Provincial Grand Master our noble brother will be installed Grand Superintendent of Durham by the Grand S. Ezra. Whenever it is arranged to hold the meeting, we doubt not but that there will be a most numerous attendance, to pay respect to that very esteemed and well known member of our Order.

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ONE of the greatest charms connected with Freemasonry is the pleasant Friendship it often interweaves between men of different feelings, views, ideas, and which remains an agreeable and unchanged companion to the closing hours of life's little scene. How many of us to-day can recall the old lodge and the old friend; memories which never leave us, which ever supervene, of pleasant hours and comely associations, and all those things which have coloured our waking hours, and controlled our normal and even abnormal existence! Now, when for a time our lodge life is in repose, when we have taken off our "paraphernalia," and put on our seaside or mountain free and easy dress, and for us Freemasonry is in abeyance for the

nonce, let us duly recall what we owe to that friendship which the lodge has cemented, to that kindness which has never failed us, to that interest which has not wavered, to that sympathy which still is ours, amid the daily cares and crosses of this our mortal state of existence. And thus it is wise to make this little pause and break in our lodge life, lest uniformity should tire, or repetition should pall. Besides, what a good thing it is for us all to get away from our own "dear little village" for a time, and to forget drains and rates, smells and worries, and English politics, and German bands. What a contrast does sweet smelling clover, or the walk amid the woodbine or pine woods, or shrimps and tea in a seaside village, give to us poor mortals here. To stand on fell, on mountain top, mid Druid remains or Briton's camp; to lift up our eye in wonder at the beauties of wood, and vale, and lake, or the "everlasting hills" is, indeed, a good thing for us all. So let us take holidays when we can get them, and give holidays to others when we can. In the wear and tear and ruck of life nothing so soothes, softens, gladdens, benefits our often weary lot, as a few pleasant days of rest and refreshment for body and mind. Home seems invested with double charms, and nature in her boundless store can invigorate and improve us all.

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WE call attention to the interesting accounts of the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Hertfordshire, Surrey, and Suffolk, which will be found in our columns this week. We rejoice heartily to note the very energetic condition of these distinguished bodies, which make the "life and heart" of our provincial Freemasonry, and which are now very flourishing, very active, and very much in earnest.

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THERE is, as a correspondent tells us last week, who signs himself "A," in the Guildhall Library a broadside squib about Freemasonry, of date 1730, hitherto unknown (as far as we are aware) to Masonic students. For it agrees with no known form so far of the "Grand Mystery," or any other similar work. It illustrates one or two points of Masonic archeology curiously and peculiarly enough. For we have a right to draw even from the childish and senseless attacks of our opponents any points which suit our own purpose, or throw light on our own history. The first point is that, even in 1730, according to this assailant of Masonry, probably Prichard, the operative connexion is still sustained. Secondly—the three Degrees are in full operation, and words are used, and expressions employed, which serve to convince us Masonic students of the past of the veracity after all of ANDERSON'S statements generally in 1723. Some of us can, no doubt, recall to mind DERMOTT'S assertions, which though exaggerated and contested as all such partizan assertions are, and always will be in like circumstances, yet have some little truth in them, though everything, we beg to remark, so far makes for the antiquity, not the modernity, of our present system.

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WE rejoice to note that H.M. the QUEEN has granted a site in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, for a memorial to the late lamented PRINCE IMPERIAL. It is not, indeed, for the *Freemason* to allude to passing topics of political or polemical controversy, much less to discuss or criticize the progress of public affairs; but many of our readers will agree with us, we know, in thinking that no one ever died more nobly, "in harness right knightly," in the field than did that gallant boy, and that no one more deserves a living and loyal memorial on English soil.

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SOME one has said that an age of controversy is not the most favourable one for the "growth" of the "religious life," and the same, we think, may also be fairly said of Freemasonry. For Freemasonry does not, and cannot, truly flourish amid the heats and excitement of party warfare. It wants no such turbid scenes, none such injudicious friends to assert its principles, or commend its many and undoubted

claims to the confidence and admiration of mankind. It is impossible in the eagerness of controversy, (for none are so little wise as controversialists in the means they employ, the weapons they use), either to affix the limits of "free discussion" or the probable end of a special movement. Neither can we control the animus of hot partizans or the possible and probable "outcome" of even "pure personality" in all such "vexatas questiones." We may ourselves believe, as was said of old—*sunt certi denique fines* to everything here; but then, on the contrary, that older adage is truer still. The "beginning of strife is as the letting out of water," and no one can affect to control the overflow, or direct the course of the stream. What good, may we ask, have the controversial questions raised by the French Grand Orient done French or cosmopolitan Masonry? So whether it is the hot weather, or the prospect of mountain breezes, or any other cause, we give notice that the *Freemason* is just now of most peaceful humour, specially objecting to any of those too often petty controversies, whose only object seems to be personal self-assertion, and which do good, as Baillie NICOL JARVIS liked to say, to "naething and naebody."

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WE note with regret, according to the *Chaine d'Union*, that an attack has commenced in the Rite Ecosais, both against the phrase "Principe Createur," and the still older "formula," *Le Grand Architecte de l'Univers*. As regards the "Principe Createur" we have never approved, and can never approve of it, in itself. But we fear that if the authorities do not mind, even the Rite Ecosais in France will, as it were, go on "pari passu" with the Grand Orient, in renunciation of the name of God. This would be a great blow to English members of the A. and A. Rite, and we know will not be approved of by them. We trust that there may be some little mistake, or possibility of a reconsideration of the matter, but the words we read as the report of the "Commission" are to our minds very ominous, because entirely "on all fours" with the similar movement and verbiage in the Grand Orient of France. We trust that the Grand Conseil will stand firm and do their duty, as they have done it recently, very gallantly, both to the Rite Ecosais in France, and for the true interests of the A. and A. Rite everywhere.

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AFTER some recent remarks of some of our contemporaries, not flattering to the Metropolitan Police, our readers will have rejoiced with us to have read of that "coup de police" which Inspector BANNISTER recently gave to some well-known "magsmen," "gentlemen" that is, of the "road and rail," who rejoice to do the "confidence trick," in this case, happily, "once too often." Philosophically we are tempted to exclaim, "What is the world, after all, just now, but a great amphitheatre in which the confidence trick is played by many of all classes daily, for whom there is, let us hope, somewhere an Inspector BANNISTER in store?" "Guys" and "marks" still abound among us, and we can only wish to the "Inspector BANNISTERS" of society "more power to their arrums."

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OUR readers have often read our remarks, though we never pen them without pain, in respect of Roman Catholic bigotry and intolerance towards us poor Freemasons, here, there, and everywhere. One of the most shocking proofs of the same we have for some time realized is contained in the *Chaine d'Union* for July, where at pages 187-188 "La Semaine Religieuse," of Versailles, for June 20th, 1880, reproduces a passage from the "Semaine de Grenoble," in which a certain Pere JANDEL, a Dominican, declares solemnly before several witnesses that he expelled the "demon" who was presiding over a Masonic lodge by the sign of the cross. The story is too ridiculous, nay, too blasphemous, to transfer to our pages, and we can only pity any one who can seriously state such a wicked and diabolical untruth. The probability is that the poor Dominican is out of his mind. Bro. HUBERT, who relates the story, adds, "Risum

tenentis amici." We really cannot smile: we feel much for any poor mortal in such a condition of mind.

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THE proposal made by the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter, to give £300 to each of the Masonic Charities, will be heartily approved of by Royal Arch Masons.

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MANY of our readers who are interested in the army in Afghanistan, and have "near and dear ones" at the front, will read with much anxiety the telegraphic reports of the disaster which has fallen on Major-General BURROWS' brigade. Let us hope for better accounts.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE LORD MAYOR'S STATE VISIT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is "One Who Was Present" quite correct in his "ologies" in respect of his criticism of Sir J. B. Monckton's speech at the Alliance Lodge meeting? The visit of Bro. David Stone, when Lord Mayor, was hardly, though a visit, a visit in State—was it? Had Bro. Stone a "guard of honour," &c? And, therefore, terminologically and historically, I, for one, think Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton correct in his description of the visit of Sir F. Truscott.

Yours fraternally,

HISTORICUS.

SILLY SPEECHES AT MASONIC DINNERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have often thought, I fancy with many more like myself, how much it were to be wished, in the interest both of our patience and digestions, to say nothing of our tempers and our intellects, if something could be done by any true Masonic reformer to restrain the exuberance of diction of certain good brethren of ours within certain reasonable limits. There has been a motion to limit speeches to seven minutes in the House of Commons, can we not have some similar law, *in hoc nos*? There are certain worthy Masons who will speak, who must speak, who do speak, on every possible occasion, and whom we have "perforce" to listen to, though they too often favour us with little or anything but "ineffable nonsense."

Sometimes, as all of us know, at large public gatherings where, as our old Latin grammar taught us, to say nothing of pleasant Virgil, years upon years ago, implentur veteris Bacchi, pinguisque ferinae, people are "chartered libertines" in speech, indulge themselves and us in hazy flights of fancy, or still more painful rhapsodies. We make allowances for such scenes and offenders in the large law of human kindness and consideration, which, recognizing our own weakness, makes allowance for the patent infirmities of others. But what are we to say of that dreadful bore and nuisance, the silly, or the spiteful, or the personal speaker, who, greedily seizing an opportunity which ought not really to be his, eagerly proceeds to treat his hapless and helpless listeners to a mingled yarn of egotistical pomposity or malicious personality? I wish, as I pen these words to-day, they fell from an idle pen, so to say; but, alas! I have suffered, in common with many fellow victims, over and over again, from such remorseless inflictions and afflictions, and, therefore, it is, dear Sir and Brother, I need your aid and use your pages to-day, to ask your readers, (especially as we are in the dog days), if any of them are called upon to speak, to "cut it short." I venture to add that if any speaker would make his point and sit down, he would, indeed, do enough and well; but as it is, how often have we to suffer the *peine forte et dure* of listening to the man who will speak when he has nothing upon earth to say, when all his sentences are "leather and punella," stuffing, and padding, and nothing, and nothing more.

How often do speakers fall at once into the category of those awful bores who talk merely for talking's sake, those remorseless wind-bags, who, whether from their very "idiosyncrasies" or peculiar temper of mind and taste, become either "dreadful Dryasdusts" or "bombastic egotists," "childishly silly," or "spitefully personal."

Pity, dear Sir and Brother, any such suffering brothers and readers of yours who have to "sit" under such orators and orations, and extend your warm-hearted sympathy especially to

A SUFFERING VICTIM OF TWADDLE.

BRO. JOHN HERVEY, P.G.D., LATE G.S.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am truly obliged to our Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M. Lodge of Unions, No. 256, for the carefully extracted and copious notes he furnishes us with in reference to my late uncle's connection with that lodge. As it is my intention, as my uncle's nearest Masonic representative and relation, to publish, as soon as it can reasonably be expected, something in the form of a memoir of a more permanent and useful nature than the hasty notes I was able to throw together in a recent number, may I ask, through your columns, for supplementary facts and incidents of a character analogous to those furnished by Bro. Davis? It would not be pleasing to the survivors of the family of our lost chief to find his Masonic life in any way misrepresented; and, therefore, no biography, without our sanction, could carry with it the stamp of authenticity. But in the relation which I hold to him and his memory, I shall be only too glad to suitably incorporate, with due acknowledgment, what I may receive from the many brethren who knew him. Knowing my uncle as I did he would have been the last person to admit of an unauthorised biography, nor would he have allowed it to be turned into a source of individual profit. I may, therefore, at once state that the memoir I am preparing may be regarded as the official one, and that

the profits ensuing upon its publication will be devoted to the development of education, and the purposes of the Masonic Charities.

I shall gladly receive and thankfully recognise all items of information sent to me, either through Bro. Kenning, or directly to myself at my residence at Hounslow.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, ever sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

Hounslow, July 24th.

A MODEST LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was much amused on reading the report of a meeting of a Middlesex lodge in your last issue to notice that no less than three members were to be brought under the notice of the R.W. Prov. G.M. for honours—to be exact, one for honours, one for promotion, and another for Stewardship.

Now, as there are thirty lodges in Middlesex and only seventeen appointments, (including Stewards, who are usually promoted the next year), it follows that with eleven "purple" officers rather more than one every three years is the average for each lodge, so that one lodge obtaining three appointments would be getting a good share of favours.

Yours truly,

OBSERVER.

ASHMOLE'S HOUSE, SOUTH LAMBETH.

This historical house in the South Lambeth-road is about to be pulled down, though the officers of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings have not been wanting to stay the demolition. It was once the residence of the Tradescants, distinguished naturalists, whose collection formed the foundation of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. At the death of Mr. Tradescant, in 1653, the house came into possession of the Ashmole family. In a short time it will be a thing of the past, and known only in history.—*The Builder*.

T. F.

Reviews.

THE MONDE MACONNIQUE FOR JULY. Paris.

This is a number solely interesting for French readers. It contains, "inter alia," an animated oration by Frere Biot at Fecamp, and a characteristic communication of Professor Littré.

WHO ARE THE SCOTCH? By JAMES BORWICK, F.R.G.S. David Bogue.

This little "brochure" really almost takes away one's breath. It is enough to startle the most placid and prosaic. If the writer is correct the Scotch are Irish, sons of Finn, and, indeed, the whole nationality of Scotland seems to depend on no less than twelve distinct and different families or tribes of men. The book is very well written, and is clearly worth perusal and thought, but, to say the truth, these various "ologies" of one kind or another make one almost sigh for days of less "deep research," and "profound investigation," when a "fellar" did to a great extent know and master the things a "fellar" ought to know, which we will defy him to do now. Hence, we fear, arises that intense amount of "smattering" and "part knowledge," the "disjecta membra" of "cram" which render conversation for the most part at this moment so rapid, uninteresting, and unintellectual. But we have been led away from our subject, and return to it only to say that we have read the little book ourselves, and recommend our readers to do the same.

THE ROYAL NAVY LIST. Witherby and Co.

This useful work has reached its eleventh issue. It contains the dates of all commissions, and a statement of the war and meritorious services, medals, decorations, and honours of the officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines on the active and retired lists. Mr. Warren, R.N., and Lieutenant-Colonel F. Lean, the editors, are to be congratulated on the completeness of their work. A special feature in the book is the long and full list of war and meritorious services of active and retired naval officers, which occupies nearly 100 pages. The type, though necessarily small, is remarkably clear, and we are not surprised to learn that the Admiralty have ordered a number of copies for issue to the libraries of the ships of the fleet.

ADVICE TO SINGERS. Warne and Co.

This little book, by a "Singer," ought to be in the hands of all singers.

LITTLE FOLKS. Cassel, Petter, and Co.

This fresh volume will be much welcomed by our young.

THE WAIF. By FRANCIS COPPEE. Translated by T. L. OXLEY. Kerby and Edean, 190, Oxford-street.

This poem, which was recited by the well known Mounet Sully, of the Theatre Francais, before the Society for Saving the Shipwrecked, May 19, 1880, has been translated by Mr. T. L. Oxley, well and ably. It is well worth perusal and deserves the patronage of our readers.

THE REGENERATION OF ROUMANIA. T. LOUIS OXLEY. Kerby and Edean.

This undoubtedly lucid and forcible translation is beyond the reviewing power of the *Freemason*, inasmuch as it lands us on that "debateable land" of political discussion which is "forbidden country" to Freemasons.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONS' COMPANY.

"Masonic Student" scarcely indicates with sufficient precision the "oft-quoted passage" in Stow, which he cannot find. The numerous editions of this work differ very much from one another, and in the earliest I have examined [1598]—the original or black-letter edition—many entries appear which are omitted in those of later years. If my surmise as to the identity of the "oft-quoted passage" be correct, I think it will be found in more than one of the copies of "Stow's Survey," which are available for reference in the British Museum library. In Strype's edition of 1720, Book v., at p. 215 there appears:—"The

company of Masons, being otherwise termed Freemasons, of ancient standing and good reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetings divers times, and as a loving brotherhood should use to do, did frequent this mutual assembly in the time of King Henry IV., in the 12th year of his most gracious reign." Consulting this work for its allusions to the "Masons," and the absorption by the company bearing that name of the "Freemasons," I discovered that the "Marblers" had experienced a similar fate. The "Arms," "Mottoes," &c., of many subsisting companies present a close analogy to those of the "Masons," and I have often wondered whether the "Masons," "Blacksmiths," and "Carpenters," who figure as Grand Wardens in the early records of Grand Lodge, were actual handicraftsmen, or members of the City Companies bearing those titles? Perhaps some reader of this note may be more fortunate in eliciting a reply from the clerks of these companies than I have been myself? The inquiry is worth prosecuting, and it could be easily ascertained whether Joshua Timson, *blacksmith*, and William Hawkins, *mason*, 1722; Jacob Lamball, *carpenter*, and John Cordwell, *city carpenter*, 1717-18, were or were not members of the "Blacksmiths," "Masons," and "Carpenters' Companies respectively?

R. F. GOULD.

LONG LIVERS.

It has just occurred to me—could Desaguliers be the writer, and an F.R.S., because, if so, I need hardly point out what a new field of Masonic Archaeology must be opened out to us. I am trying to find out by whom the "Treatise on the Plague" was written.

ED. M.M.

J. AND B.

By the great kindness of an unknown brother, to whom I return my very sincere thanks, I have been put in possession of an edition of 1765—the *sixth edition*. In the second preface allusion is made to a former edition, but no other date is given. This fact is, I think, conclusive as to the unreliability of title pages, and rather confirms Bro. Walter Spencer's suggestion of the possibility of spurious editions. The 1765 edition is notable for this other special fact—that it bears witness even then to the antiquity of the actual ceremonial of the installation ceremonial of a W.M.

EDITOR F.M.

By a little perversity of type 1762 was printed for 1760, in respect of the edition seen by Bro. Walter Spencer. I am still hoping to hear of some researches for early copies of J. and B. being successful.

ED. F.M.

THE FIND IN THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY.

"A's" find at the Guildhall Library is a find, and I congratulate him sincerely thereon. There are several "points" in his statement alike interesting and curious. The connection with the "Operative Guilds" still adverted to in 1730, is in itself somewhat startling, while the allusions to the Third Degree, and the peculiar use of the technical word "passing" all carry us back to the "fons et origo" of all Masonic history, the combination of the operative and speculative system. We have here another proof of the use of terminology upon which, I think, too much stress is often laid by some of us to-day, and I, for one, think I can clearly trace therein fair, legal, historical evidence of the existence of a pre 1717 Masonry, entirely akin to our present system. The theory of the very late development of the "Degrees," (however modern the Degree itself may be), is utterly untenable, on the face of this and other documents which could be mentioned. I repeat, I heartily congratulate "A" on his find, and hope he will persevere in his researches; he may stumble across something else.

MASONIC STUDENT.

AN INTERESTING FIND, &c., &c.

The discovery by Bro. "A." in the Guildhall library is certainly interesting, and worth chronicling. May it prove the herald of many others. The sheet, however, of 1730 is not unique, as I remember seeing one owned by a friend of mine a few years since. It is one of the rarest of the 1730 "Exposures." As the editor says, it is mainly Prichard, and partakes somewhat of the "Grand Mystery." Both the latter and the 1730 of Prichard have been reproduced by Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, U.S.A. Respecting the "Jachin and Boaz" discussion I merely used the word "original" as synonymous with *first edition*. My friend Bro. Spencer's remarks on this subject are to the point, and very correct. The term "original" would not be on *first edition*; neither is it as a matter of fact on the edition of 1762, which I claim to be the *FIRST*. I have the title page in full, and have carefully examined the edition of 1762 (claimed to be the first by Bros. Carson, Bower, and myself), so that I really speak from actual knowledge of the work itself. I find that *four* editions of "The Freemasons' Accusation and Defence" were issued in the first year of its publication, viz., 1726, so that the fifth edition of J. and B. in 1764, and the sixth in 1767, is no evidence that the first was not issued in 1762, seeing that *four* editions of another work, not so popular, were published in 1726.

W. J. HUGHAN.

OUR EARLIEST CRAFT LODGES.

I have received from our indefatigable Bro. the Rev W. C. Lukis, P.M., F.S.A., some more jottings from his investigations of the Stukeley papers, and this time they are of unusual interest. They are extracts from Dr. Stukeley's diary, and are valuable as being very early references to Masonic work in London. The question of where the Doctor was made a Mason is settled by the first entry as follows:

"Jan. 6th, 1721. I was made a Freemason at the Salvation Tavern, Tavistock-street (London), with Mr. Collins and Capt. Rowe, who made the famous diving engine.

"[I was the first person made a Freemason in London for many years. We had great difficulty to find members enough to perform the ceremony. Immediately upon that it took a run, and ran itself out of breath thro' the folly of the members.]"

It would have been interesting if the writer had told us how many members were required in those days to perform the ceremony. It is evident that a strict form was observed "June 24th, 1721. The Masons had a dinner at Station

ers' Hall. Present: Duke of Montague, Lord Herbert, Lord Stanhope, Sir Andrew Fountaine, &c.

"Dr. Desaguliers pronounced an oration. The Grand Master, Pain, produced an old MS. of the Constitutions, which he got in the West of England, 500 years ago. He read over a new sett of articles to be observed. The Duke of Montague chose Grand Master next year; Bro. Beal, Deputy."

Beal is mentioned in the list of lodges appended to the first Book of Constitutions as W.M. of Lodge No. 12. Pain (or Payne) had been re-elected Grand Master in 1820, and Dr. Desaguliers was the Immediate Past Grand Master—a brilliant meeting.

"Dec. 27th, 1721. We met at the Fountain Tavern, Strand, and by consent of the Grand Master present, Dr. Beal, constituted a new lodge there, where I was chose Master."

Nothing is named about the qualification for the chair, and as Bro. Stukeley had not been twelve months a Mason, it is manifest that any brother could be chosen to preside, as also that the verbal consent of the Grand Master or his Deputy was sufficient to authorise the formation of a lodge.

"May 25th, 1722. Met the Duke of Queensboro, Lord Dumbarton, Hinchinbroke, &c., at Fountain Tavern Lodge, to consider of Feast on St. John's."

The Fountain must have been one of the leading lodges to have been made the rendezvous of these distinguished brethren.

"Nov. 3rd, 1722. The Duke of Wharton and Lord Dalkeith visited our lodge at the Fountain."

The Duke was Grand Master in that same year, and was followed in the chair by Lord Dalkeith.

"Oct. 4th, 1723. I read my discourse of the Dorchester Amphitheatre at the lodg, and delivered to every brother a copy."

Stukeley was a great antiquarian, and one of the best classics of his day, and, although his theories on various archaeological subjects are now known to be erroneous, he was a leader of thought in his time, and even yet his correspondence and close observations are of great value. Bro. Lukis is at present engaged on a volume of his writings for the Surtees Society.

"June, 1726. Being sadly plagu'd with the gout, I retired to Grantham, &c. Here I set up a lodg of Freemasons, which lasted all the time I lived there."

To this lodge at Grantham I referred in a note a few weeks ago.

"1728. Died, my landlord, Lambert, of the Fountain Tavern, Strand, where I was Master of a new lodg of Masons."

In his autobiography, Dr. Stukeley gives his reasons for becoming a Freemason. He says—

"His curiosity led him to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, suspecting it to be the remains of the mysteries of the antients; when, with difficulty, a number sufficient was to be found in all London. After this it became a public fashion not only spread over Britain and Ireland, but all of Europe."

It will be observed that for some three or four years after the "revival" of Masonry very little progress, if any, was made in the Craft, which seems to have carried on a very feeble existence until the year of the Duke of Montague's Grand Mastership.

There are two entries in the diary which are still more remarkable. They are as follows:

"Nov. 7th, 1722. Order of the Book instituted."

"Dec. 25th, 1722. I din'd with Lord Hertford, introduced by Lord Winchelsea. I made them both members of the Order of the Book, or Roman Knighthood."

Does any one know anything of this Order? Was it Masonic or simply a literary brotherhood? If Masonic, it shows how very soon our brethren began to hanker after more Degrees, and also what a very respectable amount of antiquity such extra Degrees can claim.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—The monthly meeting of the members of this chapter was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and the gathering was especially interesting because of the fact that the opportunity was taken of presenting a well-deserved testimonial to a companion who by long, faithful, and self-sacrificing honorary and honourable labours had well earned the esteem and admiration of all connected with the Mariners. Comp. Alexander Cotter, M.E.Z., occupied the place of honour, and there were also present Comps. John Ellis, H.; J. E. Jackson, P.Z., as J.; Peter B. Gee, P.Z.; Joseph Korn, P.S.; Jackson, Treasurer; W. H. Ball, Janitor; Richard Edwards, J. H. Gregory, J. Tickle, William Fish, J. Turner, Joseph Croxton, Edward Carter, R. R. Morris, A. Bucknall, and Joseph Wood (Freemason). Bro. Thomas Cowell was exalted in an effective manner to the Royal Arch Degree.

The companions subsequently adjourned to banquet, after which Comp. A. Cotter, Z., in the name of the members of the chapter who had subscribed, presented Comp. Joseph Wood with a very chaste and beautiful gold Past Treasurer's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Mariners Chapter, No. 249, to Comp. Joseph Wood, as a slight acknowledgment of his valuable services as Treasurer for upwards of ten years." Comp. Cotter, Z., in the course of a long and highly eulogistic speech, enlarged upon the kindly feeling, good fellowship, and the earnest Masonic spirit which had invariably characterised Comp. Wood during so many years. Comp. P. B. Gee, P.Z., and Comp. J. E. Jackson, P.Z., Treasurer, also spoke in very feeling terms of Comp. Wood's many excellent qualities, and trusted he would long be spared to wear the jewel which had been so spontaneously given that day. Comp. Wood, who was evidently much touched by the evidence given by the testimonial of the members' kindness, acknowledged the gift in feeling and appropriate terms, and gave some sound and practical advice to the younger companions in the chapter. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the companions adjourned at an early hour.

PLUMSTEAD.—The Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above influential chapter of Royal Arch Masons took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Lord Raglan Lodge, Burrage-road, when Ex. Comps. H. J. Butter, T. D. Hayes, and W. B. Lloyd

were installed into the Principals' chairs, and in the order named. Comp. Butter, M.E.Z., then installed his officers as follows: Comps. H. Pryce, Scribe E.; Captain Eugene Sweney, Scribe N.; H. Mason, P.S.; W. T. Vincent, 1st Asst. S.; R. Edmonds, 2nd Asst. S.; A. Penfold, P.Z., Treasurer; W. Myers, P.Z., D.C.; W. Musto, P.Z., Wine Steward; and H. Mabbett, Janitor. M.E.C. Penfold then concluded his important duty by reciting the addresses grandly, not a single hitch or hesitation marring a really excellent service. The M.E.Z. then proposed that a vote of thanks should be presented to Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer that day, and that the same should be inscribed upon the minutes of the chapter. He then, in the name of the companions, presented and pinned upon the breast of Comp. Penfold a valuable Past Principal's jewel, saying that it was only another honour added to the many their esteemed companion had earned for himself, both in Craft and Arch Masonry, but higher honours were, he trusted, yet in store for him in the province—honours that he had by his excellent services and great charity richly deserved. Comp. Penfold, P.Z., said the good feeling with which the companions had awarded him the jewel, and the kind observations of their M.E.Z., would make him prize the jewel most highly. To receive it, accompanied with such evident cordiality, made it very gratifying to him, and he could only thank them for their handsome present. The M.E.Z. then alluded to the great loss the chapter had sustained by the death of their late esteemed Treasurer, Comp. A. Jessup, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence, expressing the feelings of the companions, should be sent to the widow of the deceased. There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the companions wended their devious ways to the Pier Hotel at Erith, where Bro. Wain had prepared for them one of those excellent and *recherché* banquets for which he is so famous. Among the companions present, besides those mentioned above, were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z. and P.G.S. Kent; J. McDougall, P.Z., and P.G. Standard Bearer Kent; J. Chapman, W. Busbridge, W. Keeble, A. Randall, O. Weis, C. Russell, G. Frost, D. C. Capon, H. Shaw, W. Hillyers, J. W. Roberts, G. Beaver, G. Nichols, W. Rees, R. J. Cook, G. H. Letton, W. A. Tucker, Gibson, H. Bickerstaff, P.Z. 13; H. De Grey, 13; F. Supell, P.S. 829; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The first toast was that of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry." The M.E.Z., in giving it, said the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen was a very common toast, and one that was drunk oftener than any other. It was as common as the air they breathed, and just as invaluable, for as the air sustained material life, so was their reverence and regard for the Queen the basis of the social life of all Englishmen. The toasts of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Z. of England," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.Z., and the Right Hon. Lord Lathom, G.H., and the rest of the Grand Officers," were then honoured. "The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent Kent, Capt. J. S. Eastes, P.G.H., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed. In putting the toast the M.E.Z. said they had all seen Lord Holmesdale fulfilling his high position as Grand Superintendent when presiding over Grand Chapter at Plumstead last year. There they saw that he not only knew how to rule and govern them as Royal Arch Masons, but also how to take care of the ladies, who by their presence graced their assembly. He remembered that many of them were anxious to indulge in a cigar, which was a very enjoyable thing after a good dinner, but often obnoxious to the ladies, and his lordship, knowing this, would not allow a cigar to be lit while he was present, so that the ladies in the gallery on that occasion might not be annoyed. This would show them that their noble Grand Superintendent not only was a good Mason and ruler over them, but was also a perfect gentleman. They had also seen M.E. Comp. Eastes, P.G.H., and knew his genial manner among them, both in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and as they had officers, present and past, with them that evening, he asked the companions to drink the toast heartily. Comp. Denton, P.G.S., responded, and after thanking them for the flattering reception of the toast, said he felt it a great compliment to the chapter and honour to himself to hold office in Prov. Grand Chapter under their Prov. G. Supt., Viscount Holmesdale, also M.E. Comps. Eastes and Bird, and to have his name associated with such good Masons and others who took such a great interest in Prov. Grand Chapter. Last year they gave ten guineas to the Charities and entertained Grand Chapter, and he felt proud to say that they were, as a chapter, occupying an excellent position among the chapters of the province, and it was through their occupying that position that Comp. McDougall and himself were honoured with positions in Prov. Grand Chapter rather than through any merits of their own. After expressing his pleasure at their having so talented a M.E.Z. to preside over them and P.Z.'s to assist them in their deliberations in the chapter, he concluded by thanking them for the toast. Comp. Coupland, P.P.G.S., also thanked the companions, and congratulated the chapter upon having such a M.E.Z. After a few words from Comp. McDougall, Comp. Penfold rose to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z." He said that Freemasonry was a very grand institution; its principles were grand, its Charities were grand, its rules and regulations were founded on equity and justice, so as to give to all who came within its pale the least amount of pain and the greatest amount of pleasure. That was particularly exemplified in the case of the I.P.M. of a lodge or the I.P.Z. of a chapter, who, after twelve months of almost autocratic and even kingly power, were at last relegated to the ranks of obscurity. The gradation was, however, an easy one, and the kindness of the brethren or companions made it a light one. That was the position he was now in. It was his privilege that night to say a few words before he went into this obscurity, and the few words he intended to say were to propose the health of their esteemed M.E.Z. He felt great pleasure in so doing, because he was sure that under the sway of Comp. Butter their number and the prosperity of the chapter would sensibly increase, and the bond of unity and good feeling which now existed would, if possible, be drawn even tighter; he, therefore, asked them to be up standing and drink the toast as it deserved. Comp. Butter, who on rising to respond was received with applause, said he was afraid they must regard him with some very queer sensation, and must think that he was continually upon his legs addressing them. He knew that they were extremely kind, and had been so

for all the many years past that he had been with them. During the time he had been a Mason he had worked through every step, from the door to the chair, both of lodge and chapter, and he trusted that while on the road he had not rudely brushed against any one or offended any one. He felt extremely proud of the position he occupied that day, but not nearly so proud as he did of their evident esteem and brotherly feelings towards him. Their kindness to him was as if a current of electricity passed between them and bound them in the chair of unity and concord. He had been told that day, although some of them were not present to hear it, that he occupied a kingly position with kingly powers. Kings and rulers ruled their subjects by virtue of the power and authority of the law; he hoped to rule as king over their hearts during the ensuing year by the interchange of kindness, courtesy, and brotherly love. "The Second and Third Principals" were then toasted, and Comp. Hayes, in reply, said he was proud of his position, and had tried hard to serve both the Pattison Lodge and Chapter. He thanked the companions for their generous aid when he last stood Steward for the Girls' School Festival. Comp. Lloyd briefly returned thanks. "The Past Principals" was the next toast, and then "The Officers" concluded the business of the evening. The companions then returned to Plumstead, after having spent a pleasant and profitable day together.

ACCRINGTON.—Equality Chapter (No. 1145).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel. The chapter was opened by Comps. Edmund Heywood, M.E.Z.; John Tennant, H.; and J. Royston, J.; at 11 o'clock a.m. There were present Comps. R. Rushton, S.E.; B. T. Gosling, S.N.; G. Furness, P.S.; and others. Visitors: Comps. Jno. Chadwick, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; T. Entwistle, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; and J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed the following Principals viz.: Comps. Tennant, Z.; Royston, H.; and Gosling, J. He also invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. Rushton, S.E. (re-elected); Furness, S.N.; and Capt. Barlow, P.S.; the remainder of the officers elect being unable to attend, their investiture was postponed until the next meeting. The M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for having so ably performed the ceremony of installation, and to the other companions for their attendance, which was unanimously carried. The chapter was closed with due solemnity at 12.30, and the companions adjourned for light refreshments. At one o'clock prompt, a splendid team of greys was in readiness to convey the companions to Sawley Abbey, a drive of about eighteen miles. With little delay a start was made, the weather being all that could be desired. At Clayton-le-Moors the party was reinforced, and the amiable spouse of one of the companions resident there sent round the "foaming tankard," which proved acceptable to the sun-and-dust-dried thirsty souls. The scenery en route was charming. On Whalley Brow the pace was slackened; looking across the magnificent valley stands Moreton Hall on one side; the ruins of Whalley Abbey, also Stonyhurst College, on the other, with Longridge Fell in the background, forming a beautiful panoramic view. On arriving at the village of Whalley, a halt was made. Some of the party explored the ruins of the old Abbey, which was originally founded at Stanlowe in Cheshire, but removed to Whalley by the De Lacy family in the year 1296. Others strolled through the ancient church, built in 1283, and the adjacent churchyard, which contains many Runic, and other interesting monuments. The greys were again set in motion along the Clitheroe road, on the right of which rises Pendle Hill, where is placed the Malkin Tower, historically famous as the rendezvous of Dame Demdike, and other Lancashire witches; right ahead in the distance loomed Clitheroe Castle, built in the eleventh century by the De Lacy's, and now the property of the Buccleuch family. Approaching the ancient borough of Clitheroe a solitary pedestrian, puffing away at his cigar, was seen wending his way up the hill, "Why, here's George," exclaimed the companion on the box seat, and the pedestrian proved to be Comp. G. P. Brockbank, whose absence had several times been regretted on the way, "I thou't I should meet with you at Lofthouses," said the new comer, who afterwards explained that being unable to get to Accrington in time he had booked on to Clitheroe. It would be almost as easy for the proverbial camel to pass through the needle's eye as for a party of Freemasons to pass through Clitheroe without calling at the hostelry of Bro. Lofthouse, accordingly there was another "pull up." The burly form of the worthy Boniface soon filled the doorway, hearty greetings were exchanged, and, notwithstanding the bustle and confusion attendant upon the preparation of dinner for 100 bicyclists, who were momentarily expected to arrive on their iron steeds, mine host, whose good intentions towards Freemasons in general, but Accrington Freemasons in particular, are well known, was assiduous in ministering to the wants of his Masonic guests. The chich-chich of Jehu sent the greys rattling over Bunterley Bridge across the Ribble into Yorkshire, then through the village of Waddington up a steep hill to Grindleton. From this latter place the scenery is almost beyond description; looking down the verdant Ribble valley, where hundreds of cattle were grazing and field after field of grain just commencing to ripen, the eye rests upon the Ingleborough and Pennygent hills, which an old Yorkshire rhyme thus describes:—

"Ingleborough, Pendlehill and Pennygent,
Are the highest hills between Scotland and Trent,"
while on the other side Waddington Fell, at the foot of which stretches Slaidburn Forest, are most picturesque. On the fell is an inn bearing the sign of a man beating a woman, under which is written "Wollop her well," by which name the inn is known, and is supposed to have some reference to the punishment of the followers of Dame Demdike. Along the wayside the haymakers were busily at work, and now and again modern Lancashire witches were lending their aid with tiny hayrakes; their bonny faces, rounded arms, and well-formed figures, encased in Pompadour prints with gaily trimmed straw hats, were indeed sufficient to turn the head of the gayest swain, and enamour the most confirmed old bachelor. Recrossing the Ribble into Lancashire the Spread Eagle at Sawley was soon in view. The brother who had been sent on from Clitheroe by a shorter route to "push on the dinner," was discovered sitting disconsolately on a stump by the river's side; on nearing him he announced the unpleasant fact that

the meal would not be served for about forty minutes, some mistake having been made in giving the order; however, the appetites, which had been sharpened by the fresh air and long drive, were in a slight measure appeased, after which some of the party strolled along the river banks, and others visited the ruins of the old Cisterian abbey, founded in 1147, by William de Percy.

The welcome summons to dinner was promptly responded to, and truly the hostess had done wonders in the way of providing for the inner man. A repast sufficient to tempt the daintiest appetite, and to satisfy the most critical epicure, was placed before twenty-one hungry mortals, and, under the presidency of Comp. Barlow, due justice was done to the good things of this world.

During the evening the vocal attainments of Comps. Towers and Heywood and the instrumental skill of Bro. C. Fielding were called into requisition, a "merry time" passed quickly by, and at eight o'clock the Manchester and Bolton contingent were sent on to Chatburn, from whence they reached their destinations by rail, and at nine o'clock the Accrington companions started on their homeward drive, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

Ireland.

YORK.—St. Patrick's Lodge (No. 295, I.C.)—A meeting of this lodge (attached to the 4th Dragoon Guards) was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Captain L. Murphy, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Hanly, I.P.M.; Serjt.-Major Harris, S.W.; Or.-Master Serjt. Somerset, J.W.; Edmunds, Sec.; and a number of other officers and members. This being expected to be the last meeting in York, as the regiment is under orders for Aldershot, there was an unusually large assemblage of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. R. W. Hollon, P.M. 236, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Gainforth, W.M. 236; C. G. Padel, W.M. 1611; H. Whalley, P.M. 163; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Rymer, G. Kirby, O. Marshall, J. E. Wilkinson, W. Sampson, Cattell, Lissiman, and others. Bros. J. Todd, P.M., and T. S. Camidge, honorary members of the St. Patrick's Lodge, were also present. Letters of apology for absence were read from Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; and other brethren who were unable to be present. The business transacted was brief and of a formal character, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren and their visitors retired to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, after which Bro. Hanly, P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M., Capt. Murphy," which was drunk with enthusiasm. The toast of "The Grand Lodge of England" was responded to by Bro. R. W. Hollon. The W.M. then gave successively the toasts of "Success to the York Lodge, 236," and "Success to the Eboracum Lodge, 1611," which were responded to by the W.M.'s, Bros. W. H. Gainforth and C. G. Padel. Both brethren expressed the regret which they would feel, both as Masons and citizens, in the departure of a regiment which had in every way made itself so popular in York, and the hope that they would flourish, and find comfortable quarters, and a fraternal greeting wherever they went. Other toasts followed, and several of the military brethren took the opportunity of thanking their brethren of York for the great hospitality they had experienced. The singing of Bros. O. Marshall, Wilkinson, J. Todd, and others greatly tended to the pleasure of the evening.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).—The annual assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. Em. Sir Knight T. Mandie, M.P.S., was on the throne, supported by Em. Sir Knights W. F. Lamonby, P.S., as V.E.; R. Robinson, P.S.; W. Shilton, P.S., Pref.; Sir Knights J. R. Banks, S.G.; M.P.S. elect; T. Bird, J.G.; H. Peacock, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas., Rec., and Org.; G. Dalrymple, H.; I. Evening, Steward; J. Hewson, Sentinel; W. Armstrong, V.E. elect; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., and D. Bell.

The conclave having been opened [the roll was called, when it was found that upwards of twenty were absent. The muster, however, was much better than has been the case for some time past. The minutes of the assembly held at Maryport, in May last, were then read and confirmed, after which the Treasurer's statement of accounts was read and adopted, there being a balance in hand, with all the year's subscriptions to come in and a considerable amount of arrears. Sir Knights Rev. E. M. Rice, G. Dalrymple, and D. Bell were appointed to serve on the Permanent Council for the next year. The next business was the consecration and enthronement of V.E. and M.P.S., Sir Knights W. Armstrong and J. R. Banks, and as the latter had not been admitted to the priestly grade, they were presented together to Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, P.S., who performed the whole of the ceremonies. After the Senate and College had been closed, and the rest of the Sir Knights re-admitted, the following officers were appointed and invested: Sir Knights T. Bird, S.G.; P. de E. Collin, J.G.; H. Peacock, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas., Rec., and Org.; G. Dalrymple, Pref.; D. Bell, St. Br.; Rev. E. M. Rice, Orator; I. Evening, H.; and J. Hewson, Sentinel. Grand Council certificates having been presented to Sir Knights Rev. E. M. Rice, G. Dalrymple, and D. Bell, the conclave was closed in F.U.Z.

The Sir Knights then adjourned to the Rampant Bull, where an elegant repast was placed before them by Sir Knight H. Peacock, whose catering on similar occasions is worthy of all praise. The M.P.S. and V.E. occupied the seats of honour, and, though the company was small, the entertainment proved the most enjoyable since the opening of the conclave. Suffice it to say, that new life has evidently been infused into Dyke's Conclave, and we shall be delighted to hail a return to the prosperity which characterised the north country conclave in the old days. "To your posts—march!"

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Masonic and General Tidings.

The Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, has fixed the 26th October for the installation of the Marquis of Londonderry as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham. The ceremony will take place in the city of Durham, and will be performed by the Earl of Carnarvon, Provincial Grand Master of England, or Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England. It is probable that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will honour the gathering by his presence. The Marquis of Londonderry will be installed to the office resigned by Bro. John Fawcett, who, as the oldest Provincial Grand Master in England, had the honour of installing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the high office in the fraternity which he now holds.

On Monday afternoon, deputations from all the lodges of Freemasons in the Province of Durham attended a meeting of the Granby Lodge, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, to consider the advisability of presenting some mark of recognition to R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, one of the oldest Freemasons in England, on his retirement from the post of Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham, the duties of which he has discharged for many years past. The strongest regret was expressed at Bro. Fawcett's retirement, and eventually it was decided to present a suitable testimonial to that brother, the character of which will be selected at a subsequent meeting.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.—This being the anniversary of the City Branch of the Church Defence Institution, the Earl of Mulgrave preached on Tuesday afternoon at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in aid of the Mansion House Fund for Truro Cathedral. The noble and reverend preacher, who selected for his text the passage in Isaiah, "Call yourselves men," impressed upon the audience the necessity of acquitting themselves like men in all matters relating to religion, and concluded his sermon with an earnest appeal on behalf of the Truro fund for the purpose of extending the benefits of Christianity. The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr. Sheriff Bayley and Mr. Alderman Fowler, attended in state, and the Rev. W. Hunt, rector of St. Michael's, took part in the service.

The City Press says that it is in contemplation to start an exhibition in the interest of the leather trades some time during the month of September.

In the handsome Masonic Hall, Longton, has recently been erected, to the memory of the late Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, a memorial tablet in Minton's tiles, upon which is richly painted by hand, in correct colours, the coat of arms of the Talbot family, surrounded by the chain of office of Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, to which are appended the various jewels it was the custom of the late Earl to wear. These include, in addition to the usual Provincial Grand Master's jewel, the Past Master's jewel, the Royal Arch jewel, Charity jewel, and the Steward's badge, which his lordship wore for the first time on the occasion of his presiding as Chairman in the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, at the 86th anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 23rd of May, 1874. The following is the inscription: "Charles John, 19th Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, installed at Stafford, Oct. 5th 1871. Died May 11th, 1877." The tablet was manufactured by Messrs. Minton, Hollins, and Co., of Stoke-on-Trent, under the supervision of Bro. John Webberley, P.M., P.G.P., and Sec. of the Etruscan Lodge, No. 546.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at the Town Hall, Andover, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, at 1.30 p.m.

On Tuesday next the Court of the Stationers' Company will pay the pensions left by Mr. A. Strahan in 1818 to old printers.

Lord Dunraven presided on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at the annual festival of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution. Subscriptions amounting to nearly £700 were announced during the evening.

The court of the Merchant Tailors' Company have voted a donation of twenty guineas to the building fund of the Convalescent Home for Poor Children, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

The future meetings of the Stability Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, E.C., every Friday evening.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, Aug. 6, 1880.

SATURDAY, JULY 31.
Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, New Assembly Rooms, Teddington, at 2.30.

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

MONDAY, AUG. 2.
BANK HOLIDAY.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.
Colonial Board, at 4.
Prov. Grand Lodge Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Town Hall, Andover, 1.30.

Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.30.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepey, 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 Bds., 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, Jernyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st., rd., at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.
Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Courts, 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, 8.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.
Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.

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, Ponsoby-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.
Copper, 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, AUGUST 6. Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd. " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar. " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley. Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st., E.C.

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. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-st., E.C.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1880. MONDAY, AUGUST 2. Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston. " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham. " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Manchester. " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool. " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo. Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Mosside, Manchr. Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool. Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3. Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool. " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone. " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool. Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool. Mark 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4. Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool. " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan. " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh. " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool. Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool. Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5. Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool. " 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn. St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6. Lodge 1373, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury. Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE. For the Week ending Saturday, August 7, 1880. MONDAY, AUGUST 2. Lodge 381, Harmony and Industry, Shirey Bank Over Darwen. " 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hot., Clayton-le-Moors. " 1798, Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Hulme.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3. Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleboro. " 1134, Newall, M.H., Adelphi-st., Salford.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4. Lodge 298, Harmony, 23, Ann-st., Rochdale. " 645, Humphrey Chetham, M.H., Manchester. " 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hot., Farnworth. " 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hot., Lower Broughton. Chap. 126, Nativity, Cross Keys, Burnley. " 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton. Mark 36, Furness, Hartington Hot., Barrow.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5. Lodge 266, Naphtali, Navigation Inn, Heywood. " 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hot., Blackburn. " 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hot., Ashton-U.-L. " 317, Affability, M.H., Manchester. " 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies' Hot., Padiham. Chap. 581, Rectitude, Corporation Inn, Ardwick.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6. Lodge 219, Prudence, M.H., Todmorden. K.T. Precep., Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms, Ashton-U.-L. SATURDAY, AUGUST 7. Lodge 1458, Truth, Conservative Club, Newton Heath.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BANNING.—On the 26th inst., at 7, Colville-terrace, W., the wife of Mr. H. T. Banning, Barrister-at-law, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES. DALE — SHERREN.—On the 27th inst., at St. Paul's, Beckenham, Kent, by the Rev. R. M. Browne, Vicar of Thornton Heath, Francis G. Dale, of Spring Bank, to Eliza Katherine, fourth daughter of Alfred J. Sherren, West Place, Lancaster.

JENKINSON—BALDWIN.—On the 28th inst., at St. James's, Paddington, G. Jenkinson, Esq., to Eleanor Kate (Nellie), fifth daughter of J. W. Baldwin, Esq., of Tavistock-crescent, Westbourne-park.

DEATHS. FRANCIS.—On the 24th inst., at 1, Allen-street, Lambeth, Mr. William Francis, aged 97.

PILGRIM.—On the 23rd July, at 123, Pether-ton-road, Highbury New-park, Mr. James Pilgrim, aged 80.

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