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THE Girls' School Anniversary Festival will have taken place before we again appear, and we trust that we are destined to announce a very successful return, both for the zeal of the Stewards and the labours of the Secretary. All our good wishes go with that excellent Institution, and despite fears and forebodings, doubts and depreciation, we do not for one moment really doubt but that the Festival of 1881 will testify to the unchanged sympathies of our great Order, the persevering efforts of the Stewards, and that still unquenched fire of true charity which burns so happily and brightly in the minds and hearts of Freemasons.

ONE very important question to be decided at the meeting of the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival, on the 16th inst., is the "locus in quo," the place where the gathering shall be held. We publish a communication on the subject elsewhere. The Crystal Palace, the Alexandra Palace, and, last of all, the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, have all and each found favour with some. The "Brighton move" is somewhat of a bold experiment, but we do not say that it may not be a successful one. On the whole, we think the Festival had better be held as near London as possible, as unless Bro. BINCKES can feel that the change will bring about a great increase of Stewards, sufficient of itself and by itself to justify the innovation, we are of opinion that the old adage still holds good, "quieta non movere."

WE are happy in being able to announce that it will be recommended in the annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the Quarterly Court on the 20th inst. to elect five additional male and five additional female candidates. Thus, with deaths, there will, we understand, be twenty-four males and sixteen females to be elected—in all, forty out of the original ninety-eight candidates of both sexes. This number has been, we understand, reduced by about ten, six males and four females, leaving really eighty-eight candidates—forty vacancies to be filled. We congratulate the Governing Body on this wise and befitting decision.

WE are glad to hear that the London Masonic Charity Association have selected as candidates to support for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Bro. RILEY, an old Waterloo soldier, Bro. MATTHEW COOKE, a literary Mason, Bro. ROGERS, an old Preceptor of Masonry, and two others, and four widows. We feel sure that the Association may fairly claim, and will assuredly receive, a large number of votes, in order to make their praiseworthy efforts successful. We rejoice to note that several new members were elected on Monday, and to hear that others will be elected at a meeting on the 16th.

WE observe among the candidates for the benefits of the R.M.B. Institution the name of Bro. MATTHEW COOKE. Remembering his contributions to Masonic literature in days gone by, calling to mind his valuable and interesting publication of the additional MS., the earliest prose "Constitution," we think it only our duty, regretting, as we all must do, to hear of his unfortunate position, to direct the notice of our many readers to the fact, as some may like to assist one who in his day was helpful in various ways to the advancement of Masonic literature and Masonic archaeology.

OUR contemporary the *Cuckoo* repeats the statement of the proposed Masonic Congress at Rome, and adds this explanation of its object. "It is proposed that this re-union shall exclude all discussion of Masonic ritualism, and shall confine itself to the elucidations of problems affecting the general welfare of the Order." These are very "fine words" in themselves, but to our ears they sound vague and meaningless. At any rate, English Freemasons have nothing to do with any such Congress. We have no "problems" to solve. Never was Freemasonry so active or so prosperous; never was the work or the duty of supporting our excellent Charities more fully developed or realized amongst us. As a general rule, foreign jurisdictions have few Masonic Charities worthy of the name, if even any; and until they do give up their minds and energies to a pure spirit of charity, and abandon social problems and semi-political re-unions, their Masonry will always be full of weakness, incongruities, and drawbacks. The question of

"ritualism" at present lies at the bottom of all Masonic progress and prosperity abroad, as, owing to the unfortunate initiative of French Freemasonry, and the "stone" it set "a rolling," much of foreign Freemasonry is permeated with most unwholesome ideas and hurtful teaching, and it is hardly properly Freemasonry at all.

LODGES of Instruction are an "outcome" peculiar to English Masonry, and deserve the support and sympathy of all zealous Masons. For there we best learn—we only learn truly—those oral mysteries of our Order, which now for over one hundred and fifty years have claimed the assent of the intelligent and drawn forth the encomiums of the educated amongst us. Nothing is so effective, so good for us all, so conducive to the spread of true Freemasonry, as a comely and careful rendering of our beautiful ceremonial, and that we shall best learn in a lodge of instruction; there we shall most conform to the traditions and habits of Masons for now nearly two centuries. We wish, therefore, all prosperity to our lodges of instruction, as we feel sure, from some little experience, that on their vitality, their effectiveness, and their maintenance is based much of the present and all of the future prosperity of English Freemasonry.

MASONIC researches still exercise the thoughts and researches of many amongst us. We are always willing to open the columns of the *Freemason* to thoughtful disquisitions on Masonic subjects. One of the greatest drawbacks of a Masonic press has been the want of seasonable and interesting topics of discussion. To make "padding," or to "fill a column," sometimes the most trivial subjects have formed the "staple" of long lucubrations, the weakness of which was apparent on the surface—their utter impossibility of pleasing, attracting, or edifying readers—was patent to all; and amid much that was unseasonable, and more that was inappropriate, the most charitable interpretation of "conclusions in which nothing was concluded," was to attribute them to the "idiosyncrasies" of a writer who was so little in "accord" with the tastes of his readers or the requirements of a Masonic journal. How many articles have we read which, according to our view, ought never to have appeared in a Masonic journal at all, which had neither originality of thought, nor correctness of grammar, "Attic salt" or sound sense; the meaning of which was so hard to discover, if they had any, and the end and moral of which were marked by the character of an "unknown quantity." Need we wonder at the difficulties and losses of the Masonic press in past years?—Nay, even at its struggles and drawbacks to-day? No doubt a Masonic journal is placed in a very peculiar and exceptional position, but still, we venture to believe, judging from the experience of the *Freemason*, and looking also at the "even tenour" of the *Philadelphia Keystone* for instance, that purely Masonic papers may yet command a hearing, and enjoy the confidence and approval of a numerous and affectionate "clientele."

WE call attention to a short article by "Maskelyne" elsewhere on French Freemasonry, which asks a very pertinent question, and touches upon a weak point, a "running sore," so to say, in French Freemasonry to-day, and on the proceedings of all jurisdictions which in any way follow the unwise leading of those who have practically brought about a revolutionary "coup d'etat" in French and some portions of foreign Freemasonry.

BRO. "MASONIC STUDENT" writes to us with reference to an extraordinary statement in the "Proceedings" of the recently formed and alleged Grand Lodge in New South Wales, relative to the history of the English Grand Lodge, but owing to other matter we cannot find room for his paper this week. We hope to do so next.

WE are glad to be assured by our contemporary, the *Masonic Review*, that the amount of votes recorded for the anti-Masonic candidate is incorrect, in that the "votes cast" for the hero of this episode (PHELPS) in the last Presidential Election were not 76,000—but not even 1700. This assertion we took "bona fide" from an American paper, and we are glad to find, therefore, that our estimate of the good sense of the American people proves to be the true one, and that the "fact" is not a "fact" at all, but a "myth."

A GOOD deal may be said as to whether Shakespeare was a Freemason or not, and we call attention to an amusing extract from an Antipodean journal elsewhere. We agree fully with our contemporary, the *Masonic Review*, in the following little "note." "It will be hard to find even in Shakespeare a finer description of what we understand by a good Mason than the following:

"His words are bonds, his oaths are oracles,
His love sincere, his thoughts immaculate,
His tears pure messengers sent from the heart,
His heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth."

SERVICES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Justice CAVE was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, at Oxford, in 1851, and was M.M. in 1852, but never held any office in his mother lodge. He was one of the founders of the Northern Star Lodge, and was in successive years Treasurer, Senior Warden, W.M., I. P.M., and Treasurer, but resigned the latter office on being appointed one of the judges of the High Court of Justice.

GRAND SENIOR DEACON.

Bro. Sir JAMES RAMSDEN, well-known as the founder and first Mayor of the important town of Barrow-in-Furness, to which office he was elected six successive years, was initiated in the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness, in November, 1864; was Senior Warden 1868, and elected to the Worshipful Master's chair in 1873, and again in 1874. Appointed Grand Senior Warden for the Province of West Lancashire October, 1873. Sir James is a liberal supporter of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Sir James Ramsden received the honour of Knighthood at the hands of Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor Castle, on the 25th June, 1872, and was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1873; he is also a Deputy Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, and in the Commission of the Peace for Lancashire, and for the county of Cumberland, and Vice-Commodore of the Royal Barrow Yacht Club.

GRAND SENIOR DEACON.

Bro. Major-General HENRY CLERK, R. Artillery, F.R.S., Senior Grand Deacon, was initiated in the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich, on the 11th February, 1852. After passing through all the offices, he served as W. Master in the year 1857. In the same year he became one of the original members of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706, Woolwich, and held the chair of W. Master in it the ensuing year. In the year 1872, he was one of the founders of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, London, and served as Master in the year 1875. Bro. General Clerk was exalted in Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, Woolwich, on the 29th April, 1853, and in the year 1860 he served as its First Principal. He is at present a member of Chapter 1383, London, and on the 4th inst. was appointed Principal G. Sojourner of England. He was for ten years one of the heads of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and during all the time he was the moving spirit of Masonry in that town. He has largely contributed to the Masonic Charities, and is a Vice-President of all the Institutions.

GRAND ASSISTANT PURSUIVANT.

Bro. W. R. WOOD was initiated in St. Mary's Lodge, No. 76—now 63—in 1849, was W.M. in 1853, and is now father of the lodge; and one of the founders, as well as the P.Z., of St. Mary's Chapter. He joined York Lodge, Brighton, and was its W.M. in 1856, having resuscitated the lodge, and initiated several eminent Sussex Masons who have done great service to the Craft; he is now almost its oldest member. Bro. Wood joined Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, and was two years its W.M. He served as Grand Steward in 1861, and is also the father of Castle Lodge of Harmony. He was exalted in St. James's Chapter, No. 2, was P.Z. in 1861, and is next oldest member to the esteemed Comp. Col. Stewart, father of the chapter. He was one of the founders and a Past Master of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 811, Brighton; also one of the founders of the Yarborough Chapter and P.Z. Bro. Wood resuscitated the Rye Lodge with the late Bro. Pocock, and is a subscribing member. He also resuscitated the South Saxon, Lewes, and is still a member. Served Stewardships of Girls', Boys', and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, is a Governor of each of them, and took up to the Festivals in 1857, 1859, and 1860, the largest collections then known. Bro. Wood some time since generously invited and defrayed the expenses of the visit of the girls and Committee of the Girls' School to Brighton. His provincial services consist of Deacon for two years, Senior Warden of the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex, and Scribe of the recently established Prov. Grand Chapter of Sussex.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

THE ROYAL ARCH AND RAMSAY.

As we are now looking into all old corners, and turning up all forgotten documents, it seems to me that we should set to work and try to obtain a little more certain and clear information relative to the Royal Arch. At present all seems doubt and confusion. Foreign writers, as a general rule, certainly undervalue and mostly ignore the Royal Arch, and though we properly hold to it and esteem it highly in England, we know little of its early history. Hence the ground wants clearing away, and so let us go to work.

1. It is quite clear that Ramsay had nothing to do with our Royal Arch; indeed Ramsay's connection with any High Grades at all becomes more and more problematical. Ramsay was himself dead before the earliest mention of it is made in England—1744; and there is no more reason to believe that he knew Dermott than there is to accept the "sheepwalking" story that he—a Jacobite—came over to England and saw the authorities of our Grand Lodge. The only facts that seem clear are (a) that Ramsay was a Freemason; (b) that he was an adherent of the Stuarts; (c) that he delivered the famous address commonly ascribed to 1740, but, in truth,

spoken in 1737; and (d) that he died in 1743. Indeed, the more we look into the matter the more hazy everything appears. If you look into Ragon, or Findel, or any other Masonic writer, for the most part you find the old story repeated—that he was the originator of the High Grades, the Royal Arch, Jacobite Masonry, and so forth; but when you ask for proof not a scintilla of evidence is forthcoming to establish these various apparently authoritative assertions. For instance, he is said in 1728 to have submitted to the English Masonic authorities what has since been called the Rite de Bouillon, though the names are given differently; in one the Royal Arch being mentioned, in the other Knight of the Temple, as the last grade. Ramsay seems to have been in England in 1730, but there is no evidence of any connection with our Grand Lodge, which, from the nature of things, is impossible, and, of course, no record exists of it in our Grand Lodge archives. The "Handbuch" states that Ramsay was admitted into Masonry in 1730, and seems to endorse the oft-repeated statement put forth contentedly and deliberately by Thory, Besuchet, Clavel, Laurie, Oliver, Kloss, Ragon, Findel, &c., that he was the originator alike of the High Grades and of Jacobitical Masonry. But, still, of this no proof is vouchsafed. As far as we can now trace his Masonic career he was initiated in 1730; he delivered his "discourse," &c., in 1737, not in 1740; and in 1738 his "Relation Apologique et Historique" appeared, published at Dublin, (which is said to have been publicly burned at Rome in 1739); and in 1743 he died at St. Germain. We may then dismiss the theory that he had anything to do with the Royal Arch.

2. There is, however, one point to which Bro. Gould has alluded which I cannot overlook, as it is of much importance. If the "Relation Apologique" was really written by Ramsay, and was published at Dublin, and the first allusion to Royal Arch Masonry occurs in a Dublin work too, there is just a possibility of Ramsay and Dermott, if not brought into personal contact, of having this in common, that Dermott obtained at Dublin his ideas of the Royal Arch. Dermott was made a Mason, I believe, in 1740, and a R.A. in 1746. It seems from Bro. Gould's researches that he was made a R.A. in No. 26, Dublin, 1746. This would take the R.A. to Dublin before it is known to have been worked in England, and yet, according to the same authorities, the grade was repudiated by the Irish Grand Lodge in 1813. How is this? Here is a most important point to be carefully noted and considered, remembering Fifield Dassigny's pamphlet of 1744.

3. Neither can the Royal Arch be in any way identified with the High Grade "Arch of Enoch," except by the use of the name. Oliver originally said that the Royal Arch was composed of two foreign grades—the Arch of Enoch and the Red Cross of Babylon—though why he made so incorrect and absurd a statement has always ever passed my powers of understanding to conceive even.

4. As I said before, the first mention of the Royal Arch in England is in 1744, and then it seems "to hail" from York, not London, and was thus anterior to Dermott and the Antients. The official remains of it at York are not much before the foundation of it under the wing of the Grand Lodge in London.

5. We have then, it appears to me, to find out something more about it, and two facts have lately seemed clear to me—(1.) That such as it is—it is purely English; (2.) and is after all—under a somewhat taking name perhaps, the development of a common ritual—identical and well-known both to "Moderns" and "Antients."

6. I wish some one could help me to find out where Bro. Shuttleworth's books are. Among them, published about 1730, if I remember rightly, is a book containing essays and accounts of Ancient Chivalry. I searched for the book in vain in the British Museum and the Grande Librairie at Paris. Among the books are the regulations of "La Confraternite de l'Arche Royale," which professed to be the copy of regulations for the protection of pilgrims to the Holy Land, by a Confraternity in the middle ages.

7. Ragon says that Ashmole first used the words "Royal Arch" as emblematic of the Temple of Solomon. It is just possible that the words may have been Hermetic and Rosicrucian words, and, if so, we have another point of interest to consider.

But I think I have said enough to show how much ground is covered, and how much of importance to the true history of Masonry is evolved, in researches as to the actual history of the Royal Arch.

MODERN FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

BY MASKELYNE.

Having read either in a recent "Bulletin du G. Orient," or in the "Chaîne d'Union," I forget which, the account of a consecration of a French lodge quite recently by Bro. "Le Ple," I noted that there is in it no notice whatever of the slightest use of prayer, or of any recognition of T.G.A.O.T.U. But I have in my possession a curious little French pamphlet, called "Manuel Pratique du Franc Maçon," published at Angers, France, in 1845, which, under the head "Des Installations d'Ateliers," gives the following "prayer," and affords frequent recognition of T.G.A.O.T.U. What I want to know is—how long has this great severance and departure from old French Freemasonry been usual in France? The prayer is as follows, p. 60:

"Reçois, O Grand Architecte de l'Univers, l'hommage que Te fait dans ce nouveau temple, les ouvriers réunis dans son enceinte. Ne permets pas qu'il soit jamais profané par l'inimitié ou par la discorde. Fais au contraire que la tendresse fraternelle, le dévouement, la charité, la paix, et le bonheur y regnent constamment, et qu'unis pour le bien les travaux des Freres aient ce resultat."

"Receive, O Great Architect of the Universe, the homage which the workmen assembled within this lodge room offer to Thee in this new Temple. Suffer not that it be ever profaned by enmity or discord. Cause, on the contrary, that fraternal tenderness, devotion, charity, peace, and happiness shall constantly there abide, and that, united together for what is good, the labour of the brethren shall always bring about this result."

Why, I ask, is this prayer not still used?

The recognition of T.G.A.O.T.U. more than once is very striking, p. 58.

1. The President says, "Mes Freres le premier vœu que nous ayons à former dans ce temple, c'est qu'il soit agréé par le Grand Architecte de l'Univers, à qui nos Freres l'ont dédié. Puissent tous les Maçons qui viendront y travailler être animés comme nous le sommes tous de sentiments de fraternité, d'union, de paix, et d'humanité."

"My brethren, the first aspiration that we should form in this temple is that it will be approved of by the G.A.O.T.U., to whom our brethren have dedicated it. May all the Masons who come hither to work be animated, as we all are, by the sentiments of fraternity, of union, of peace, and the care of humanity."

Again at p. 59 we read

"Que le feu sacré purifie nos ames, que la lumiere celeste vous eclaire, et que les travaux de cet Atelier, soient agreeables au G. Architecte de l'Univers."

"May the Sacred Fire purify our souls; may the heavenly light enlighten us; and may the labours of the lodge be approved of by T.G.A.O.T.U."

The lodge is lastly dedicated, in the name of the G. Orient of France, to the glory of T.G.A.O.T.U.

Now what I want to know is, by whose order did these forms cease? When were they put an end to? And how can any one get up in the G. Orient of France and boldly declare that their present usages are of olden time?

I should be glad if Bro. Hubert would turn his attention to these points, and kindly enlighten your readers and the humble brother who pens these lines.

THE GRAND LODGE SOUTH OF THE TRENT.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

Some time ago I referred to an article published in the ninth number of the "St. Andreas Grade of the Grand Lodge of Germany," published this year at Berlin, and edited by Bro. F. Possart. The article is from the pen of a foreign brother residing in England who has made Freemasonry a life study, and I have not his permission to send you a translation of the article. I may, however, very briefly refer to it, in order that Masonic students may, if they choose, procure and read the original for themselves. The editor introduces the paper with a few remarks of his own, from which I gather his theory of the 1717 episode to be that it was the result of a split between the Jacobites and Hanoverians, the latter expunging all the High Grade Masonry as intended to perpetuate Jacobite ideas and hopes.

The article purports to be a contribution towards elucidating the development of the Scottish Rite and the age of Freemasonry, and begins by asking, Whence have been derived the Scottish Rite Lodges in Europe, whilst in England and Scotland all traces of that Rite have disappeared from the Craft Lodges? The author thinks that the history of the Royal Order of Scotland should throw some light upon this question; and he has been investigating some of the archives of that body in Edinburgh and discovered some correspondence which he thinks is of value. This is a series of letters from Bro. Lambert de Lintot written to the Grand Secretary of the Royal Order in Edinburgh in 1782, asking for Masonic teaching of a reliable character, and regretting the "chaos existing in the symbolical degrees."

Then comes another letter from the "Lodge of Perfect Observance of all the Seven Degrees, No. 1," addressed to the "National Grand Lodge of Scotland," and containing a petition from Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Masters, Knights of the Royal Arch, of the Sword, of the Eagle, and of the Temple, working under a constitution from the highly-esteemed Grand Lodge of York of All Antiquity, in conjunction with the brethren of Lodge Union, No. 270, working under a constitution from the Grand Lodge of London, asking for "a complete constitution." This letter is signed by P. Lambert de Lintot, Master, his two Wardens, and Secretary.

This Lodge of Perfect Observance, No. 1, was one of the two lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge South of the Trent, under the authority of York, and in a letter from Sealy, the Grand Secretary, preserved amongst the papers at York, announcing its constitution, the name of Lintot is returned as its first Master. The names of the Wardens, however, are not the same as those given in the last-named letter from Lintot.

At the end of the letter is a list of the brethren and their offices, and amongst them are the names of the Duke of Brunswick and the Prince von Hesse.

The correspondence is continued between the Royal Order and the Grand Lodge, on one side, and the Perfect Observance Lodge on the other, for some time, and in its course the latter gives a "compendium" of the Seven Degrees received from its last Grand Master, Lord MacMahon.

The divisions of the "compendium" are three: The Light of the Law of Moses, the Light of the Law of Christ, and the Light of Nature, and these are again treated physically, philosophically, and morally. The history goes far back, and is connected with the Templars of the Middle Ages, and we are told that the three hieroglyphic keys are kept by the lodge.

In a later letter Lintot writes that the Lodge of "Antiquity," London, had made a proposition to unite with his lodge to affiliate all the lodges abroad.

Soon after a warrant was issued to Lintot, empowering him, Don Michel, Baron Ghilini, and A. Bayton, to admit brethren to the Royal Order of Scotland, and in 1783 Lintot says he has received a warrant from the Duke of Cumberland for a lodge, No. 53, under the name of "St. George de l'Observance."

In a letter from the Secretary of the Lodge of Perfect Observance, written in 1787, he asks again for a complete charter of constitution, and adds that they believed the lodge had received all from Lord MacMahon, in 1765, after him from John Baptist Bertrand, and later from C. de Lintot, but they feared errors. They knew the Kings of Scotland were the true Grand Masters, and that Prince Stuart, in Rome, granted constitutions for Scotch Templars. He (the writer) had seen one in Paris, under which a Bro. Ritter had founded their Grand Lodge, under the title of "Scottish."

The author goes on to describe some curious Masonic designs or diagrams by Lintot, several of which are in existence—French lithographs. One I saw myself, not long since, in the Hall of the Humber Lodge, at Hull.

He then gives a sort of resumé of the history of the four Grand Lodges, which has been so well and elaborately done by Bro. Gould.

It seems that this same Lintot was "Administrator General" under Prince Charles Edward, according to a fragmentary document preserved at Copenhagen, and the author thinks that he thus forms an obvious link between the Jacobites and a section of last century Masonry.

It is worth remark that the Lodge of Perfect Observance claims to have had its rite from Lord MacMahon in 1765, whereas the brethren who formed it did not petition York for a charter until 1778, and were not constituted into a lodge until the end of 1779.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

What promises to be a red letter day in the annals of Freemasonry at Portsmouth will take place on the 25th inst., in that town. Various circumstances have combined to invest the inauguration of the new lodge with peculiar interest, not the least being that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, Commander of the Royal Yacht *Osborne*, has, upon a cordial invitation, accepted to be the first W.M., and also of the intended presence of Bros. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; Lord Lathom, D.G.M. of England; the Earl of March, M.P., G.S.W. of England, and several other officers of the Grand Lodge of England. The name of the new lodge is named after an illustrious Prince, who is now the Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, No. 1903. His Lordship, Bro. Beresford, who is a P.M. of the Metham Lodge, Stonehouse, is anxious to do all in his power to promote the success of the lodge, and has expressed his intention of devoting as much time and attention as possible to its efficient working. The constitution of the lodge will take place at eleven o'clock a.m., at which time the lodge will be close tyled, at the Lecture Hall, Penny-street, and the ceremony will be performed by the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P. There will, it is anticipated, be a very large gathering of members of the Craft to witness the inauguration, in fact, no doubt is entertained that the assembly will be one of the largest that has taken place in the province for many years. Admission is to be by tickets, with which brethren can be supplied through the W.M.'s of their respective lodges, but brethren who do not belong to local lodges may obtain them upon application to the Hon. Secretary or any of the Committee.

After the constitution the brethren will adjourn to the head-quarters of the Hants and Dorset Artillery Volunteers, a very large and spacious drill shed, kindly placed at the lodge's disposal by Bro. Colonel C. Lanyon Owen, where H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar will honour the company by his presence, as well as several other distinguished visitors. The conductor, will be in attendance, and play several choice selections during the afternoon. We might mention that it has been requested that all brethren attend in evening dress, *i.e.*, black dress coat, white tie and gloves. The officers of the lodge have been appointed as follows: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, W.M.; H. W. Townsend, I.P.M.; T. Page, S.W.; Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R.N., J.W.; H. Thredingham, Hon. Treas.; A. S. Emanuel, Hon. Sec.; the Rev. Good, Chap.; Winterbottom, Org.; Lieutenant G. Knowles, R.N., S.D.; J. S. Martyr, R.N., J.D.; G. Lind, D.C.; J. McLeod, R.E., I.G.; H. Long and Sam Knight, Stewards; Mansell and Carter, Tylers. In the I.P.M. and Hon. Sec. his lordship will have the support of two most enthusiastic, hardworking Masons, and the other officers are cordially co-operating hand in hand, in order that the lodge will gain the expectations of the founders, and that it may gain high standing, not only in the province, but in Masonry in general.

A CANADIAN MASON'S REMINISCENCES.

I am almost going to let the ladies into some of the secrets of Freemasonry. The Masons claim that father Adam was the first Freemason, and whether he initiated Eve into the mysteries of the Society is not certain, but it can be proved from Holy Writ that she had a hand in making from fig-leaves the first emblems of Masonry, for no man can enter a tyled lodge without wearing an apron as a badge of the Order. There were in 1818, when I joined the Society, only three lodges in Montreal—Union Lodge, No. 8; St. Paul's Lodge, No. 12; and Wellington Lodge, No. 20, under the registry of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada. The charter of Union Lodge, to which I belonged, had been granted by the Duke of Kent, when in this country in 1798. In 1823 the Provincial Grand Lodge was divided, and the Hon. William McGillivray became Grand Master of the District of Montreal and borough of William Henry, and Claude Denechaud of that of Quebec. The former gentleman in the same year called in the charters of all the lodges in his district and issued new ones, and Union Lodge being the oldest in the district became No. 1 Lodge, and St. Paul's Lodge No. 3. The members of Union Lodge very much regretted the giving up of the charter granted by the Duke of Kent, all the more so when it, together with all the other old charters which had been deposited in the old Masonic Hall, on St. Paul's-street, was destroyed at the burning of that building, April 24th, 1833. This hall, the finest building in the city at that time, was erected by the Hon. John Molson, himself a strong Freemason. Its foundation was laid in 1823, and it was dedicated May 13th, 1825, by the Hon. William McGillivray, with full Masonic honours, most of the Masons in the city being present. All the house, except the lodge room in the upper storey, was a hotel kept by Rasco. When I joined the Order in 1818 there was in the Masonic box of Union Lodge a most elaborate sabre, inlaid with gold, which tradition said had been presented to the lodge by the Duke of Kent in 1799. I always kept it in my possession, so fortunately it was not destroyed with many other relics and documents at the burning of the Masonic Hall. I presented it to the Grand Lodge of Canada at its sixteenth annual communication, held at Ottawa in July, 1871, and a vote of thanks was then passed, expressing great pleasure in receiving such an interesting *souvenir* of the past, which would be preserved as a memento of the kind and fraternal feelings long subsisting between the House of Guelph and the time-honoured Order of Freemasons.

INVERSION OF LETTERS.—In many of the French Masonic documents, especially, as Mackey reminds us, from Thory, and above all in the high grades, a system was adopted of inverting letters, either to conceal the word from the profane, or as Thory says, "Inversions infantines"—infantine inversions, childish, meaningless. Thus "Rosæ Crucis" was written, ϩοσεα κρυσις, Nomolos for Solomon, Marih for Hiram. It will be seen that there is a difference between these two systems, and it is not necessary to endorse Thory's opinion that it was caprice or folly which dictated such an arrangement; it was part of an earlier desire to restrict the knowledge of certain things to the Initiated. The system is based, no doubt, on that of the Cabalists and the Hermetic School. Many other examples might be cited of this system if space permitted.—*Kenning's Cyclopadia.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
M.W.G.M., &c.

PATRONESS:
H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

NINETY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

W. BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D.,
President of the Board of Stewards.
W. BRO. WM. ROEBUCK, Grand Steward,
Treasurer.

The Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of this Institution will take place on WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY next, on which occasion the Right Hon.

SIR MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart.,
M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire,
in the Chair.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are urgently needed, and will greatly oblige by forwarding their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.
Office—5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, London, E.C.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

MAY ELECTION, 1881.

The Committee have selected the following Candidates, and request the Votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

AGED FREEMASONS.

- No. 9, Henry Hart Spratt.
,, 36, Chas. Jas. Hogg.
,, 29, Thomas Riley.
,, 26, Mathew Cooke.
,, 16, Chas. Jas. Woods.
,, 10, Solomon Marks.

WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

- No. 14, Rebecca Martin.
,, 61, Charlotte Diver.
,, 43, Phæbe Ann Rumsey.
,, 59, Eleanor Elizabeth Dover.

Proxies to be sent to Bro. A. TISLEY, Hon. Secretary
L.M.C.A., No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, London,
E.C.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Publishing and Printing Offices

OF

"THE FREEMASON"

HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO

16, GREAT QUEEN STREET,

(Opposite Freemasons' Hall).

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sunday Times," "The Broad Arrow," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Architect," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Freemasons' Repository," "Hull Packet," "The Dietetic Reformer," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Masonic Review," "Keystone," "The Citizen."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1881.

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 R.M.B. INSTITUTION ELECTION.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

So many kind friends have assisted me with votes at the Boys' and Girls' Schools elections, that I venture to ask them to repeat their favours at the approaching Election, May 20.

The London Association has six male and four female candidates.

Among the males are an old Waterloo soldier, a literary brother, an old Preceptor, a very worthy and well known Mason, Bro. Hogg; and amongst the widows—all good cases—are the widow of a medical man, and of one who did a good deal for Masonry, both in Craft and Templary. I trust that I may receive some votes from my brethren. Any sent to Bro. Tisley, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, E.C., will be gratefully acknowledged by him, or,
Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.
May 9, 1881.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE AND BRO. WADE, NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to Bro. W. R. Woodman's letter in your publication of to-day, permit me to say that there is some mistake in supposing that any letters for Bro. Woodman were ever received from Bro. Wade by me. I remember some time ago, in a letter from Bro. Wade, he mentioned that he had been unable to get any reply to some communications in the matter of the Red Cross of Constantine, and asked if I could rouse the matter up in some way for him. But as I did not see how I could be of much service to him in such a case, I let it pass, and that is all I know of the matter.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A. LEWIS.

May 7th, 1881.

JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 30th of April I availed myself of your kindness to acknowledge subscriptions received to that date, amounting to £474 16s. I then left London for a few days. On the 3rd inst., Sir John Monckton, who was aware of my absence, asked you to add two sums, amounting to £54 14s., which had just been received. Those amounts were included in the list, but, by an oversight, the total was not altered, which should have been £529 10s. instead of £474 16s.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256,

Hon. Sec. "John Hervey Memorial Fund."

May 9th, 1881.

Reviews.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN OXFORD-SHIRE. By Bro. E. L. HAWKINS. W. E. Bowden, 59, High-street, Oxford.

This is a very useful little "compendium" of the history of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire, which we were glad to receive and to peruse. By a little "contretemps" these few lines of praise and thanks ought to have appeared in last week's *Freemason*, but silently and suddenly disappeared.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SATAN. By STAN-
DISH GREY, M.A. Kerby and Endean, Oxford-street.
It is some time since we have been so much struck with a book as with the one the name of which precedes our present review. We have read it with much interest, and feel bound to call the attention of many of our readers to it, who, thoughtful and intelligent themselves, like to hear of books which are either striking or remarkable, and which throw a light on the literature and temper and tone of the day in which we live. There is, we fear, a great deal of simple materialistic infidelity afloat just now, as well of baneful agnosticism, so much so, that the fact did not escape the notice of that remarkable man who has just passed away, and who in "Endymion" placed before us so lucidly and so eloquently his realization of the present, his fears for the future. It is with this, alas! prevailing tendency of the hour to reject the abstract principles and concrete facts of true religion that we have to contend, and with that alarming laxity in respect of vital realities which marks so sadly the theories and the dogmatic assertions of many would-be teachers of their fellow mortals. The personality of the Spirit of All Evil has long been a favourite subject of sceptical and neological assault. In Mr. Mansfield's always amusing "Log of the Water Lily" we may remember how once upon a time those "ancient mariners" were informed categorically by an excited Teuton, "In Deutschland haben wir gar Keinen Teufel," "In Germany we have no Devil," and this, the amusing outcome "of the dear, hazy Teutonic mind seems to be somewhat popular with the present age, which has witnessed a considerable and most mistaken effort on the part of some writers to discountenance any idea of the existence of a personal Spirit of Evil, of this ever abiding "spiritual wickedness in high places." Mr. Standish Grey's book is a protest against such unsound propositions; a " caveat " against this frailty of belief of the passing generation, a reprobation of the revival of the "weak inventions" of the common enemy in delusive dreams and idlest doubts; a powerful and masterly exposure of the hurtful tactics of a valueless rationalism; in fact a complete answer to the fallacies of a questioning, an empirical, and a Sadducean age, which would apparently exult in, if the more polished yet not the less dangerous, forces of actual unbelief. None, it appears to us, can be insensible to the existence of "spiritual evil" in its multifarious and awful forms in this world of ours, and which sometimes even constitute a stumbling-block for faith, a heavy and serious trial in our way as we move on through mists and shadows here, humble, if often startled, believers in the great, the wondrous, the overruling Providence of the Most High. Curiously enough, the belief of all so-called "religions," even in the earliest epoch of the world's life and struggles, has been in a "spirit of evil," but it seems reserved for our own time, reproducing the childish speculations of defunct sciolists and sceptics, aided

by some contribution from the more modern foreign school of neology, to prove the truth of the adage, "La credulité des incroyables," the "credulity of the incredulous," in that they are ready to accept and greedily grasp at the awful absurdities of so-called "spiritualism," &c., though they affect indignantly to reject the clear and simple words of Holy Writ. As "Freemasons" we are wisely bidden to "eschew" all religious controversies, and none such ever find space or approval in our honest pages. But it seems only fair for a Masonic reviewer, remembering nevertheless that as Freemasons we openly concede and constantly use the holy and inspired Word of God, to uphold calmly and yet tolerantly as before our readers the truth and declaration which none can deny the Sacred Volume itself distinctly contains. At the same time we say this for ourselves, we do not presume to question or to judge the opinions and belief of others. We have stated our own opinions as clearly and as fully as we possibly could do in such limited space, but we fully concede to others who read them the same liberty of private judgment we claim for ourselves, as well as the right of approval or even disapproval of our words. Considering Mr. Standish Grey's book a good book, we have honestly said so; looking at it as a reasonable book, we have here deliberately called attention to it; treating it as a truthful book, we give it prominence in our pages, deeming it, as we do, calculated to be of great and important service amid the rash and often injurious speculations of the hour, and most helpful to many in the ever absorbing warfare of our weak and fallen suffering humanity, as between right and wrong, faith and unbelief, truth and error, we should be the greatest of moral cowards if we refused to notice what we hold to be worthy of special attention, or to praise what we consider deserving of great and honest encomium.

MASONIC REVIEW. Cincinnati.

Our new cotemporary, the *Mystic Tie*, says:—

"The 'Masonic Review,' of Cincinnati, commences its 55th volume with the February number, which has been duly received. The 'Review' is enjoying a marked degree of prosperity, and well it may, for it is the Nestor of all Masonic publications. May its future be as profitable as its past has been brilliant and eventful." This is so well said, that we can only add our entire agreement with such pertinent remarks.

THE MASONIC ECLECTIC.

"Our esteemed cotemporary the 'Masonic Eclectic,' of which Bro. G. H. Ramey is editor, has completed its fourth year, and commences a new volume. We regret to learn that Bro. Ramey is in poor health. He has engaged Bro. Wm. R. Singleton, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Dist. of Col., to help him in the editorial work the coming year." We beg to reproduce, with all good wishes for our esteemed Bro. Ramey, the reasonable observations of the editor of the "Masonic Review."

THE KNEPH. No. 5, Vol. I.

We have received the number, and perceive that the editor is very angry both with the *Freemason* and the "Masonic Magazine." Like the enquiring Frenchman, we shrug our shoulders, and say, "A quoi bon?" And, then, we remember Talleyrand's amusing reply to an inconvenient query—"Ma foi, Monsieur, vont etes bien curieux."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

STUART MASONRY.

There is a point connected with Masonic history which wants clearing up, and in which, perhaps, Bro. D. M. Lyon can help us better than any one else. What is the connexion of any of the Stuarts with Freemasonry? Many foreign writers—some German writers especially—seem to wish to connect James II. and the Jesuits with the Chapter of Clermont, and his son and grandson with Freemasonry. But is there really any proof of such theories? I have never been able, though I have sought diligently, to find any. The grandson of James II. is said to have been made a Templar at Holyrood, in 1745, and to have granted a charter to a Rose Croix Chapter at Arras, in 1745 also. But both these statements rest upon isolated assertions, and, so far as I am aware, no reliable proof of either statement is forthcoming. Ragon says, "au contraire," that the "Young Pretender" was made a Templar by Von Hand, in Germany. Can any light be thrown on these assertions, or on the so-called Stuart and Jacobite Masonry, about which I have, for one, grave doubts? It only requires to read "Ragon" to note the utter absurdity and irreconcilability of his bold assertions relative both to Caroline and Jacobite Masonry. One of them is a pure myth, and so, in my humble opinion, is the other.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Dr. F. W. Ramsay, S. Rosenthal, R. B. Webster, John J. Berry, J. Joyce Murray, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D., Donald M. Dewar, Abner Torkington, Henry Venn, Herbert Dicketts, C. F. Matier, F. Adlard, Alfred Williams, Richard Tyrrell, W. Maple, Leopold Ruf, George Plucknett, George J. Gillard, J. B. Lemaitre, W. H. Perryman, John Palmer, George Motion, W. Paas, S. V. Cooper, H. S. Goodall, F. Binckes, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The question of the preparatory school was mentioned by the SECRETARY, who stated that advertisements were being prepared in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee.

One petition was received and one outfit to a former pupil was granted.

The SECRETARY informed the Committee that he had received from Bro. J. Derby Allcroft a communication with respect to the Lord Chancellor's Charitable Trusts Acts Amendment Bill, and requesting that this Institution would petition against it.

Bro. BINCKES then read the following extract from the *Citizen* of a report of proceedings which took place in the Court of Common Council on this subject:—

"The Local Government and Taxation Committee reported as follows:—We have considered the clauses of the Charitable Trusts Acts Amendment Bill which has been introduced into the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor. They are of so alarming a character that we thought it right at once to bring the contents of the Bill to the notice of all the principal Charities in this country, and for that purpose we directed the Town Clerk to address the Town Clerks of all municipal boroughs in England and Wales, and also the clerks of all urban sanitary authorities, in the hope that strong opposition will be raised all over the country to the Bill, by which the Charity Commissioners may call for a transfer of all charitable property, both real and personal, to the official trustees of charitable funds, and by which the Charity Commissioners might, notwithstanding any Acts of Parliament or any orders of the High Court of Justice, frame practically without appeal any new schemes for Charities, so that all existing foundations might be set aside and the endowments applied to other purposes which to the Charity Commissioners might seem expedient, notwithstanding the foundation or the wishes of the trustees, and persons of the locality interested in the Charity, and this might happen even in the life-time of the founder; for no Charity that is twenty years old is exempted from the operation of the Bill. A meeting of the London Charities was convened at Christ's Hospital for the 2nd inst., which we requested our Chairman and Mr. Solicitor to attend, and they report to us that an energetic resistance to the Bill has already been organised as the result of that meeting, and a Committee formed to oppose the further progress of the Bill. It seems to us that our honourable Court should at once present a petition against the Bill, and we have directed Mr. Acting Remembrancer to prepare a petition, and we recommend that he should be instructed to wait upon a Lord in Parliament to present the petition accordingly.—Mr. Lawley moved the adoption of the report, and said that the Bill sought to obtain the control of at least £100,000,000. At present, if an alteration was desired in the arrangements of any Charity, application could be made to the Charity Commissioners, who would draw up a scheme, which, if agreed to, became law. Under the new Bill, the trustees would not even be asked their consent, and contributors to a fund would have no voice in its distribution, if it was more than twenty years since they had subscribed. In fact, they came down at once, in one fell swoop, upon all the Charities in England and Wales, and would even touch the Bridge House Estates. It was clear it must be vigorously opposed. (Cheers.)—Mr. Deputy McGeorge asked that the report might be printed. He had been at the Clothworkers' Hall the previous evening, and heard Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald speak on the question, who said that there was no part of the country where the mismanagement of the Charities was so rampant as in the City. He (Mr. Deputy McGeorge) was persuaded that for a long period the Charities of the City had been well and faithfully administered. (Applause.)—The Town Clerk stated that he had already received replies from all parts of the country, warmly thanking the Corporation for the action they were taking. (Applause.)—The report was adopted, and a petition, which had been prepared by the Acting Remembrancer against the Bill, was ordered to be sealed. It was also ordered that the report should be printed and circulated amongst the members, and the Committee were instructed to prosecute the petition."

Bro. BINCKES said he had asked the Treasurer of the Institution, Bro. George Plucknett, to attend at the Committee, and that brother was now in attendance, and would make a statement.

Bro. PLUCKNETT said his attention had been called to this particular subject in connection with another charity. In fact it was a subject which interested all charities in the kingdom. Under this Bill all power as to the disposal of the funds of charities would be taken away and vested in the Charity Commissioners, who would have absolute power over all the charities in the kingdom. The bill, he understood, would be brought in in consequence of some proceedings in Chancery with regard to some Kensington estates, and the Court decided that the Charity Commissioners had no power to bring in a claim. To prevent anything of the kind occurring again this Bill was brought in. The Corporation of the City of London were taking an active part in reference to the matter, and had sent out petitions against the Bill to be sent to all the charities in the kingdom. He understood that twenty-five boxes had been sent out. With regard to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys they were affected by the Bill, and it was important that they should join in a strong petition against the bill.

It was then determined to petition against the Bill, and Bro. Plucknett was authorised to take such steps as might be necessary.

Bro. BINCKES afterwards informed the Committee that, in reference to the subject of requiring more stringent questions to be answered by petitioners for placing boys on the list of candidates for the Institution, he had framed such questions. He then read a proof, and this draft was subsequently approved.

The list of nominations for the House and Audit Committee, for the ensuing year was then given in, and the requisite number only being proposed, the Chairman declared those brethren to constitute those Committees for the year.

The Committee then adjourned.

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following circular has been issued by Bro. BINCKES to the Stewards:

"At the first meeting of the Board of Stewards held on Monday, 2nd inst., amongst the most important subject of consideration was the locality at which the festival should take place.

"Having discussed the accommodation at the Crystal Palace, and at the Alexandra Palace, with provision on the same terms as in former years—a proposal was made and favourably considered: 'That the festival be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton.'

"In the course of the discussion it was ascertained that the cost to each individual, supposing Brighton to be selected, would not exceed the cost at either the Crystal or Alexandra Palace.

"The London and Brighton Railway Company will provide special trains to leave London Bridge or Victoria for Brighton, and to leave Brighton for London Bridge or Victoria, at suitable hours, calling at Croydon in each case, and completing the journey in one hour and a half.

"The question must be decided at the meeting of the Board of Stewards on the 16th inst. Be good enough therefore to be particular, in the event of your being unable to attend, in returning the enclosed form so that the opinions of the Board as a whole may be fairly ascertained. It is hoped that whatever the decision may be, the minority will cheerfully concur with the majority, and that all will unite in an effort to render the festival in every respect a success."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of this Institution took place on Wednesday last, at three o'clock, a goodly number being present—Bro. Col. Creation in the chair. The usual routine business was transacted. The report was read and approved of, suggesting the election of ten additional candidates.

The architect's tender for £1000 for the new buildings at Croydon was accepted.

A petition against the new "Charitable Trusts Bill" was approved of, and ordered to be signed by the Chairman. Bro. TERRY announced that if the report was adopted at the Quarterly Court, there would be £11,000 to be paid in annuities henceforth. This fact is very noteworthy, and constitutes a fresh claim for the R.M.B. Institution on the support and sympathy of the Craft.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A Committee meeting of this Association took place on Monday last at 1, Clifford's Inn, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in the chair, when several new members were elected and notices of others given. The candidates were selected for the May election—ten in number, six males and four females.

We understand that after the May election there will be a general meeting of the Association at Freemasons' Tavern, and a festive gathering will also take place, when the work and objects of the Association will be fully and clearly stated, to remove doubts and confute most mistaken theories in respect of this much needed and very useful Association.

WAS SHAKESPEARE A FREEMASON?

The passages contained in the writings of our great dramatist bearing on or alluding to Freemasonry are neither few nor far between, and though not prepared to say William Shakespeare was a Freemason, the passages quoted below leave no doubt that the author possessed very special Masonic knowledge.

The hidden meanings, veiled teachings, and symbolic illustrations will be sufficiently well understood by the initiated. It would be as easy to prove that Shakespeare, "who played many parts," was a doctor, soldier, sailor, or gravedigger—indeed he has been trotted out in all characters, from a philosopher to a rascal, from a Pagan to a Jew—all deserving high commendation, and so much can be taken for granted, that he was intimately acquainted with, and, moreover, learned in the traditions, forms, and ceremonies which we are accustomed to associate with the brotherhood.

It does not follow because we read in "Love's Labour Lost": "I will visit thee at the lodge," that the great master must have been a Freemason, because these words were spoken by Armado to Jaquenta, and while we are willing to admit a Freemason's lodge might have been intended or thought of, it must be borne in mind the levity is wanting to show that women were admitted in those days any more than in our own. Armado had other intentions perhaps in visiting the lodge than the study of the liberal arts, but Armado resents this interpretation "to enquire too curiously."

A similar passage occurs in "Titus Andronicus." Saturninus, alluding to his brother Bassianus, says: "He and his lady both are at the lodge." Benedick, in "Much Ado about Nothing," alludes to "The Lodge in a Warren;" again, in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Justice Shallow thus accuses Sir John Falstaff—"Knight, you have beaten my men, killed my deer, and broken open my lodge;" and in the same play Mistress Quickly issues her directions. "The several chairs of order look you scour," is by no means an unfair interpretation that she meant the chairs of the Master and Wardens of the lodge.

In "Taming of the Shrew," Biondello, in a conversation with Vincentio, makes use of the expression "My old Worshipful Master," and scattered through other plays we find, "Worthy Masters," "Potent Masters," "Good Masters," "Elder Masters of known honour," and so on.

The allusion "Warden's Pies," in the "Winter's Tale," is suggestive of pleasant intimacy with the Junior Warden, if not during work, at any rate in his call from labour to refreshment. Chaplains are rather hardly dealt with in "Henry VIII." as "Teachers of divers and dangerous opinions which are heresies." The only reference to a "Treasurer" is to be found in "Antony and Cleopatra;" but we find in "Henry VIII." a "Master's Secretary," and an allusion to those "who play scribe" in "Titus Andronicus." Deacons, Masters of Ceremonies, and Organists do not appear to have earned for themselves the privilege of having their names enshrined in any play. We find, however, in "Pericles," mention made of "A Sojourner," and in "Henry VIII." we find "Pursuivants," while in "Twelfth Night," "King Lear," &c., we discover a "Steward." In "Timon of Athens" we not only find a Steward, but also a passage which can only refer to Inner Guards: "Employed to guard sure their Masters." The Tyler must of course be heard of—we read in Othello, Montano says: "Guard the door without."

"You have made good work, you and your apron men." Of the lambskin and working tools, &c., more anon.—*Sydney Freemason.*

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD ROBERTS.

Genuine regret has been felt in Masonic and other circles in Liverpool at the news of the death of Bro. Richard Roberts, a much esteemed Past Master of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, and also a member of the Liverpool Lodge, No. 1547. He was one of the partners in the firm of Messrs. John Duncan and Son, wholesale fishmongers, Great Charlotte-street, Liverpool, and both in his business and Masonic sphere he bore a high reputation as a man of honour and intelligence. Bro. Roberts never seemed to be weary in well-doing, and his zeal in the cause of the Masonic Charities more than once conducted to their advantage. He had for some time been in bad health, but his death came in the nature of a surprise to all who knew him. The funeral of Bro. Roberts took place towards the end of last week from his late residence at Waterloo, near Liverpool, the place of interment being Anfield Cemetery, where there was a very large concourse of mourners and sympathising friends. A strong deputation from the lodges attended—viz., from No. 1473: Bros. Councillor J. P. McArthur, W.M.; Councillor S. E. Ibbs, P.M.; P.P. G.S.B.; Councillor W. H. Clemmey, P.M.; Richard Brown, P.G. Treasurer; R. E. Mitton, Job Clarke, J. Pennington, Durand, J. Greenbales, W. Blake, Lamb, Howe, Platt, Scott, Councillor Harold Wyatt, P.M.; R. Harley, J. P. Bryan, Humphreys, Dr. Sprakeling, H. M. Molyneux, P.M.; R. Hough, Hall, and others. From No. 1547: Bros. J. A. Forrest, P.M.; R. Warriner, P.M.; J. H. Parker, P.M.; S. Haynes, P.M.; C. J. Caddock, W. Ladyman, S. Butterworth, Jonathan Parry, J. Marries, and J. Tweedie. Also from other lodges: Bros. W. L. Lawson, 368; W. Overend, 724; J. W. Kellett, 721; and R. Stirzaker, 1620. Immediately following with the chief mourners were Mr. John Duncan and Bro. John Duncan, jun., and among the general public we noticed Mr. C. J. Henstock, Superintendent Sibbald, Superintendent Hancox, Bro. Superintendent Little, and others. The church was crowded, the service being impressively read by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain 1086.

BRO. SAMUEL JAMES SCARNETT CARMAN.

It is with feelings of regret we have to announce the sudden death of Bro. S. J. S. Carman, of Walpole Lodge, Norwich, No. 1500, which took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., from heart disease. Bro. Carman was originally initiated in the Perseverance Lodge, Norwich, No. 213, and was in office in that lodge when the Walpole Lodge was founded in 1874. He was one of the petitioners and one of the founders of the Walpole Lodge, and upon the appointment of officers was made Treasurer, which office he retained at the time of his decease. He was about sixty years of age, but for several years past had been afflicted with the disease of which he died. He was one of the principal clerks in the Norwich Union Fire Office, and was at the office till the hour of closing the day before his death. His was a genial disposition and a kind heart. He had ever an anxiety in the welfare of his lodge, and an ardent love for Masonry at large. He was a very regular attendant at all meetings of his lodge, and his death is regretted by the Masons of Norwich generally. At the meeting of the lodge held on Thursday, the 5th inst., a report of which will be found in another column, a vote of condolence with his bereaved family was recorded. The funeral of Bro. Carman took place on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Rosary Cemetery, Norwich, when, in addition to the family mourners, a large number of his brethren and friends were present at the ceremony. He was borne to his final resting place by the following Past Masters and brethren of his lodge: Bro. George Britain, P.M., P.P. G.O., the first Master of the Walpole Lodge; Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Isley, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; T. J. Mackley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; D. Mannings, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Harper, S.W.; Geo. B. Jay, J.W.; T. W. Wolveridge, who each wore a sprig of acacia in bloom, which, at the conclusion of the ceremony, they threw into the grave. There were also present Bros. W. H. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. B. Quinton, P.M. 213, 1500, 1808, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.G.R.; A. Bullard, W.M.; M. J. Bailey, I.G.; R. H. Gissing, Secretary; J. Weyer, P.G. Steward; J. Hoberough, E. Ellis, B. G. Woodhouse, R. G. Burton, C. E. Stevens, Everett Howard, J. J. Hosken, R. W. Tidnam, W. W. Warner, C. W. Bacon, A. W. Mann, and John Cox. Among the brethren from other lodges were Bros. S. N. Berry, P.M. 807, P.G.S. of W.; H. Thouless, P.M. 93, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Coates, 213; A. J. N. Chamberlin, 213; and R. J. Perowne. There were also present Mr. Alderman W. Howlett, Mr. Alderman S. Newman, Mr. F. Knights, Mr. W. F. Dunn, Mr. J. Valentine Cox, and Mr. Self, members of the Philharmonic Club, of which the deceased was a member. There were also several of the clerks from the Norwich Union Fire Office. A most impressive service was given by Bro. the Rev. Hobson, and which being concluded, the brethren left the ground with saddened hearts at the loss of one so beloved. Much sympathy is expressed and felt with Bro. Samuel J. Carman, the deceased's son, who is S.D. of the Walpole Lodge.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will honour the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital by their presence at a *conversazione*, to be given on Friday, the 27th inst.

The Licensed Victuallers' annual excursion is fixed to be held at Brighton on July 13th, the railway company and the Town Council of Brighton having again repeated the inducements which they have afforded on previous occasions.

The total receipts of the Royal Naval and Military Bazaar, held at Cannon-street last week, amounted to over £3300. This sum will be devoted to the benefit of the Aldershot Soldiers' Home (North Camp and Grosvenor-road), and the Chatham Soldiers' and Seamen's Institute.

The annual dinner of the officers of the 10th Hussars will take place at Willis's Rooms on June the 2nd, when the Prince of Wales, colonel, will preside.

AN ANCIENT BIBLE.—A Bible containing the Old Testament only, and supposed to be the first book printed with moveable types, was sold in London a short time ago for £790. It was printed by Gutenberg at Metz in 1452.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

VILLIERS LODGE (No. 1194).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at Twickenham, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when all the officers attended punctually, viz.: Bros. Plimsaul, W.M.; Cross, S.W.; Fisher, J.W.; Steel, P.M.; Treas.; Dodd, P.M.; Sec.; Gambull, S.D.; Gilby, J.D.; Vincent, I.G.; Edward Monson, D.C.; Foot, W.S.; and T. L. Green, P.M. There were also present Bros. Thomas, Pearce, Stamp, P. Monson, and Cannon, 1329. Bro. Backhouse was duly admitted into the mysteries of the Order. A donation of one guinea was voted to the Hervey Memorial Fund, and other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined under the presidency of the W.M. A very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by the harmony of the brethren.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—An emergency meeting was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Saturday last, the "call" being for two sharp, when a fair number of members and visitors entered an appearance. The Worshipful Master, Ernest E. Smith, was supported by Bros. W. Cowley, S.W.; George Harrison, P.M. 1260, acting as J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Walter Simmons, P.M., Sec.; T. Grummant, J.W., acting as S.D.; F. Cash, I.G.; Rev. James Sturdee, Chap.; A. B. Church, Tyler; J. Moss, J. D. Graham, J. H. Meyer, H. Hayes, and F. Edmonds, members; Bros. Riechelmann, P.M. 515 (a distinguished brother who has done good Masonic service in Malta); George Harrison, P.M. 1260, (on a visit from New York); Thankfull Sturdee, 147, and A. G. Thiselton, 1599. Lodge was opened, and Bro. Edmonds was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. J. H. Meyer and H. Hayes were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. with due solemnity. Bro. Grummant as Deacon distinguished himself in the office he quitted on promotion, at the last installation meeting. The W.M. then closed the lodge in due form.

Train was then taken to Charing Cross, and a dozen of brethren sat down to a capital dinner at Mons. Philippe's, the Hotel Cavour, Leicester-square, who had been "wired" from the Ship at short notice to prepare for the party. The brethren were unanimous in the expression of a favourable opinion as to M. Philippe's excellent catering, of which some of them had, however, had previous proofs at the last audit dinner which was held at this establishment. The toasts were "cut," but Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." in felicitous terms, and Bro. Smith replied, tacking on to his remarks "The Health of the Visitors," to which Bros. G. Harrison, P.M., Riechelmann, P.M., and Thiselton individually responded. The brethren separated before midnight on excellent terms with themselves.

WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, under the presidency of Bro. Captain E. Sweny, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Qtrmr. Donally, P.M.; J. Black, S.W.; Major G. Gordon, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec.; G. C. Mathams, S.D.; Qtrmr. J. G. Sculley, J.D.; O. Weiss, I.G.; J. Harris, T. Alexander, Dr. H. Bernays, K. Uglan, T. Peake, H. De Grey, E. Riddle, C. Allen, P.M. Berkhamstead Lodge, &c., and C. Jolly, 913 and I.G. 1472 (*Freemason*).

The minutes having been passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. F. Catchside, 1063, and George Busbridge as joining members, and the result was unanimous. Bro. Riddle was then raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. Certain notices of motion were then given relative to the business of the lodge, and several candidates for both initiation and joining were proposed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. De Grey's, the Freemasons' Hotel, where dinner was partaken of, and the rest of the evening (there being no toasts given at this lodge) passed in conversation and harmony.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002). The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., Bro. T. C. Robinson, W.M., in the chair. There was no business on the agenda, and after confirming the minutes of ordinary and emergency meetings, the proclamations were put, when Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., moved a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G.S.W., for his kind efforts in securing the election of the son of the late Bro. H. P. Wicks into the Boys' School. The motion was seconded by the W.M., and unanimously agreed to, after which the lodge was closed.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Britannia Hotel, under the presidency of our worthy Bro. J. Knight, the W.M. There was a fair muster considering the holiday time, the brethren present being Bros. James Knight, W.M.; John Fisher, S.W.; W. Bradstock, J.W.; E. West, P.P.G.D., P.M. and Treas.; J. K. Young, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; J. Robinson, J.D.; W. A. Rogers, I.G.; W. A. Sproat, Org.; Lewis and Holdsworth, W. Stwds; Cocksedge, Cooke, Robin, Sampson, and Davies, visitors; Thomas, Tyler. The principal business was to raise Bro. Cocksedge, who passed the usual examination in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. performed the ceremony of raising this brother in most excellent style, eliciting a high encomium from experienced P.M.'s for the able manner in which he performed the ceremony and also the other duties of the lodge.

Some routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to spend a social hour, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and a pleasant evening came to a close at an early hour, as many of the brethren lived some distance away.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 72).—The last meeting of the members of this lodge

before the summer vacation took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Three Crowns, Bro. E. West's comfortable hostelry, and was well attended, although not so full as we have seen it. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Burgess, was in the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. Dr. W. Vance, I.P.M.; E. West, P.M.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M.; J. A. Elder, S.W.; V. J. Holloway, J.W.; J. Ives, P.M. and Sec.; A. W. Ives, J.D.; Mat Sherwin, Org.; A. W. Page, P.M. Tyler; T. Brightmore, J. Baker, J. Dawsett, J. C. Rudd, J. Paul, J. Brightmore, H. Alnder, P.M. 852, C. Jolly, I.G. (*Freemason*) and others.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Baker and Brightmore were raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bro. J. Arnold was passed to the Second Degree. The cases of two poor and distressed brethren were then taken into consideration, and grants voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge for their immediate necessities.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a neat little cold collation, and on their return to the social board did honour to the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts, which were interspersed with some excellent singing. A great treat was offered the brethren by Bro. Baker, who played one of Bach's "Sonatas" on the violin in a finished and most artistic style, and also a selection afterwards. The whole of the proceedings were most enjoyable, and the highest encomiums were passed from all present on the admirable working of the W.M. in the Second and Third Degrees.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The last regular meeting of this lodge, previous to the summer vacation, took place at the Assembly Rooms on Thursday, the 5th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. J. P. McArthur, W.M., P.M. 1086, P.Z. (ex-Mayor), at 6.30 p.m. There were present Bros. W. H. Clemmey, P.M. (acting as S.W.); W. R. Brewster, J.W.; Robt. Scott, S.D.; Robt. Harley, J.D.; Job Clarke, I.G.; S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Harold Wyatt, P.M., Sec.; J. Platt, Steward; Richard Brown, P.M. 241, P.G.T., Asst. Steward; J. P. Bryan, S.W. 1035, Org.; W. Blake, Tyler; R. E. Mitton, W. C. Fane, Leo W. Hayes, Jas. Purvis, Edward Griffiths, J. E. E. Ainsworth, Jas. Pennington, H. Pennington, Dr. Herbert Taylor, Jos. Musker, Robert A. Hough, P.S.W.; B. Hands, and Jas. Roberts. The visitors present were Bros. R. W. Chatham, 1356; J. Tweedy, 1756; John Wells, P.M. 780, P.P.G.D.C., P.Z., &c.; J. F. Gould, 594; Alfred Waterhouse, 580; John Latta, S.W. 241; A. Bucknall, J.W. 667; J. Grierson, S.W. 1756; and Joseph Buxton, 1756.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a candidate balloted for and accepted. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. Jos. Musker to the Degree of Fellow Craft, which ceremony he performed in worthy Masonic manner. Bro. J. P. Bryan, by request of the W.M., explained the working tools. The W.M. then rose, and, visibly affected, said he had a most painful duty to perform. They had the day before committed to the tomb the mortal remains of one very dear to the brethren of No. 1473, and well and worthily known to all present—their departed Bro. Richard Roberts, P.M. He need not tell them of his fidelity, assiduity, efficiency, and kindness of heart. These, and many other endearing traits, were well known to them all, and anything he could say would be inadequate to express his (the W.M.'s) feelings or those of the brethren. He would, therefore, conclude by proposing a letter of condolence to be sent to the widow of their late brother, as some small assurance of their sympathy in the great loss she had sustained. Bro. Ibbes, P.M., briefly seconded the proposition, which was carried *nem. con.* Bro. Harold Wyatt, P.M., said he had also a sorrowful task to perform. They all knew how steadily and arduously their late brother was wont to work in the cause of the Charities, and particularly in that great Institution the West Lancashire Educational. Bro. Roberts had been their Steward in connection with that Charity; and he would propose that the list he had left behind should be filled up by the brethren, and forwarded in memoriam. This was at once agreed to. Bro. R. Hough proposed a gentleman for initiation, and the W.M. a brother for joining. The sum of four guineas was granted to two deserving cases of distress, brought forward by Bro. R. E. Mitton and Bro. Bucknall (667) respectively. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, after which the lodge was closed in solemn form.

At refreshment the W.M. gave the toast of "The Memory of our departed Brother," which was drunk in silence, and Bro. John Duncan, jun., P.M., W.M. 1547, thanked the brethren. He said Bro. Roberts and himself had been associated in business for years; they were initiated together, and assisted each other in going through the chair. He could not express how keenly he individually felt the loss of Bro. Roberts, and he hoped they would excuse him. He concluded by thanking the brethren on behalf of the bereaved widow and family for their kindness in attending the funeral in such numbers, an unexpected mark of sympathy which had touched them very much. Bro. Duncan, who had only been present a very short time, then retired. The usual toasts and music were dispensed with in deference to the W.M.'s wishes on this occasion, but a very pleasant hour was spent before breaking up. There seems every prospect of 1473 prospering during the current year under the genial guidance of Bro. McArthur.

ANGLESEY.—St. Eleth Lodge (No. 1488).—At the last meeting of this lodge, held at the Castle Hotel, Amlwch, a portrait in oil of Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., the D.P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, was formally presented to the lodge by the artist, Bro. J. D. Mercier, Arcville, Chester. The D.P.G.M., who is in his 85th year, and is as active and energetic as ever in the discharge of his Masonic and public duties, made a suitable acknowledgment of the presentation, and gave an interesting retrospect of his Masonic life and of the progress made by the Craft in North Wales.

At the close of the lodge, a banquet was served, Bro. Hughes being the caterer. Bro. James Smith, W.M., presided, the other Anglesey Lodges being represented by Bro. F. Jones, W.M. Aylesey (Llangefni), Bro. Weston, W.M. St. Cybi (Holyhead), and other members.

NORWICH.—Walpole Lodge (No. 1500).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles'-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst., under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. A. Bullard,

amid much gloom consequent upon the death of Bro. S. J. S. Carman, the respected Treasurer, whose obituary will be found in another column. Bro. Carman had accustomed himself for several years past to seat himself in a certain position of the lodge, and the chair vacated by him was draped in black with his collar of office thrown over it, and the desire seemed universal to show every feeling of regret possible at the loss sustained. The W.M. was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. D. Mannings, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; John Harper, S.W.; George B. Jay, J.W.; Donald G. Gaul (in consequence of the absence of Bro. S. J. Carman, the deceased Treasurer's son), acting S.D.; Charles Barnes, J.D.; M. J. Bailey, I.G.; George Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; and E. Hollidge, Tyler. In addition there were present Bros. F. B. Quinton, P.M., P.P.A.D.C., P.G.R.; Qtrmr. F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. J. Mackley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Isley, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Jesse Weyer, P.G. Steward; E. C. Stevens, J. Hosken, Woodhouse, T. W. Wolveridge, C. W. Bacon, A. N. Mann, Warner, Holland, J. Hobbrough, E. Howard, R. W. Tidnam, H. G. Chalker, Smith, John Cox, E. Ellis, and several others. Among the visitors were Bros. A. F. Mann, P.G.O. Suffolk; S. H. Page, 591; George Green, 807; Jacob Batch, and others.

Bro. George Brittain then rose and proposed in the most feeling terms that the following resolution should be recorded, and a copy thereof forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased brother, which was seconded by the W.M.: "The W.M. (Bro. A. Bullard), officers, and brethren of Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, record with much sorrow the sudden death of their worthy and respected Treasurer, Bro. S. J. S. Carman, who was one of the Trustees of the lodge, and who for the last seven years has held the high honour of holding the important and responsible post of Treasurer thereof. In offering their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Carman, the brethren humbly trust that the G.A. O.T.U. may be graciously pleased to comfort and support the bereaved family in this their hour of great trial and affliction." This was unanimously adopted. Bro. George Brittain was then unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. J. Hosken, D. J. Gaul, and J. Weyer were unanimously elected Auditors for the ensuing year. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in solemn manner. There was no social board.

INSTRUCTION.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual meeting of this young but rising lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Grapes, St. Thomas's-street, Borough, when a large number of the members assembled to hear the ceremonies of consecration and installation worked by Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M., &c. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. C. W. Hudson, W.M. 1540; A. Fajja, I.P.M. 1540; F. Croaker, W.M. Tranquility; C. Graham, S.D. 1540; Stevens, 1540; Eveniss, 1540; Routh, 1540; Eicke, 1540; Duffield, Moorcroft, Harnett, Plummer, Pierpoint, Rhem, Jacobs, Roberts, Milward, J. Abbott, Young, Recknell, J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex; John Mason, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middlesex; Nichols, P.P.G.P. Kent; Harper, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Moore, P.M.; E. Jacobs, P.M.; H. C. Ball, P.M.; and R. Taylor, P.M. The ceremony was rendered in a very impressive manner, Bro. C. W. Hudson being installed, and appointing and investing his officers in the usual manner. On the W.M. resuming the lodge to the First Degree, Bros. James Terry and J. Mason were unanimously voted honorary members. Bro. Terry returned thanks, and said he had great pleasure in coming and assisting the brethren in that young lodge, and anything he could do to further their interest he would. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was well served by Bro. C. W. Cole, the worthy host. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and drank; also "The Health of the W.M.," "Success to the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Masonic Institutions" were cordially received, and duly acknowledged. Some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Milward, Taylor, and Cole, and the brethren separated after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A numerously attended meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant. Bro. Gayton occupied the W.M.'s chair, and Bro. Sudlow acted as Preceptor. After the ceremony of initiation had been rehearsed, Bro. Sudlow called the attention of the lodge to two letters which had appeared in the *Freemason* of April 23rd and 30th, one headed "Young Instructors," and signed a "Past Master," the other headed "A Query," and signed "Observer." After these letters had been read to the lodge by the Secretary, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the lodge desires to record the eminently satisfactory manner in which Bro. Sudlow has discharged his duties as Preceptor of this lodge, and to express their entire satisfaction in the ability he has shown in fulfilling the duties of that office."

Royal Arch.

BRITISH CHAPTER (No. 8).—This chapter met at the Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 6th inst. There were present Comps. William Chubb, M.E.Z.; F. Green, H.; J. Astler Bloxam, J.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.Z., P.E.; Griffiths, P.Z.; Frank Richardson, P.G.S.D., P.Z.; Nettleship, P.G.S.B., P.Z.; Peter de L. Long, P.G.S., P.Z.; John Messent, P.Z.; T. Mullens, P.G. D.C.; and many other members of the chapter. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Rucker, P.G.S.; Levander, P.G.S.; and Fenn, P.G.D.C.

Bro. Herman Curtis was exalted a companion of the Order by the M.E.Z. in the most able manner. The M.E.Z., preparatory to the closing of the chapter, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, by way of supplement to that which he had the honour of performing on a somewhat recent occasion. He referred to the February meeting of their chapter, when he, as the representative of the companions, had the great pleasure of presenting to their excellent and estimable Comp. Sir John B. Monckton his

bust in marble. It had been thought by the Committee who had had the matter in hand that it would be in accordance with the feelings of all, Sir John Monckton included, to have the kind expressions of the companions, which had accompanied their presentation, placed on record. This had been done in what he thought an extremely appropriate form, and he begged to hand it to Sir John Monckton with every good and fraternal wish. Comp. Sir John Monckton said he could hardly plead ignorance of the intention of the Committee, for he heard of one of their number casting about for crests and monograms, &c., but he certainly had no idea he should become the recipient of so beautiful a work of art (for he certainly so considered it) as they had then before them. He begged to tender his sincere acknowledgments to all interested, and to assure them how much he valued and prized their fraternal feeling. The testimonial consisted of a beautifully emblazoned address with the insignia of the various offices held by Sir John Monckton, in shields at the corners and centres, the whole enclosed in a walnut portfolio, with the crest and arms of Sir John cut in brass on the exterior.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 9th inst., when, there being no other business before the chapter, the newly-appointed Principals were installed into their respective chairs with full ceremonial, and addresses by Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E. The Principals for the year are Ex. Comps. Richard N. Field, M.E.Z.; Samuel Poynter, H.; and Thomas Meggy, J. On the completion of the installation ceremony, the officers were invested, viz.: Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E.; Comps. B. R. Bryant, Scribe N.; J. W. Watts, P.S.; J. S. Terry, 1st A.S.; H. Baldwin, 2nd A.S.; Ex. Comp. Henry Smith was invested as Treasurer, and Comp. John Gilbert as Janitor. A vote of congratulation to Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander, Grand Sword Bearer (one of the oldest members of the chapter), on his promotion to Grand Chapter honours was cordially passed, and suitably acknowledged by the distinguished companion. The thanks of the chapter were also voted to the Installing Principal, Comp. Stevens, for his able and effective rendering of the entire ceremony. The Auditor's report and balance sheet were favourably received and adopted. Two members of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, were proposed for exaltation at the ensuing meeting, and nothing further offering, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet. The evening's proceedings were greatly enlivened by the vocal services of Comps. Wilkins, Arnold, Baldwin, Stevens, and Meggy, and the usual harmonious good fellowship which characterises this chapter was fully maintained. Amongst the P.Z.'s present were Ex. Comps. R. H. Harvey and Mark S. Larham. Comp. Edward Harrison, of the Lewes Chapter, 1186, responded to the toast of "The Visitors." After a most agreeable evening, the companions separated, well satisfied with the business of the day and the future prospects of the chapter.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this new but prosperous chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were in attendance Comps. Dalwood, M.E.Z.; J. H. Dodson, H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., J.; W. Wellman, I.P.Z.; A. Tisley, S.E.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg., S.N.; W. Turner, P.S.; Manners, 1st Assistant; Colonel Ratcliffe, P.Z. (hon. member); Gilbert, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Weaver, 19; and Jones, S.N. 91.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the notice of motion as to the alteration of the days of meeting, standing in the name of the I.P.Z., was fully discussed, and subsequently a resolution was unanimously passed, that in future the regular convocations of the chapter should be held on the first Wednesday in the months of October, December, and April, the installation meeting to be held in the first named month. The ceremony of installing the Three Principals into the chairs of Z., H., and J. was then most ably performed by Comp. Col. Ratcliffe. The list of officers for the year ensuing are Comps. J. H. Dodson, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, H.; W. Lake, J.; H. Dalwood, I.P.Z.; A. Tisley, S.E.; H. Turner, S.N.; G. Manners, P.S.; Bristowe and Clemow, Asst. P.S.'s; W. Farrington, Org.; Gilbert, Janitor. Several communications from absent members having been read, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to a most excellent banquet which reflected the highest possible credit upon the caterer, Comp. Clemow. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal Arch toasts were duly proposed and honoured. In giving "The Health of the M.E.Z.," the I.P.Z. spoke of the many excellent qualities, both Masonic and otherwise, which Comp. Dodson possessed. He said that the M.E.Z. had passed through the chair of the St. Dunstan's Chapter with credit to himself and to the general satisfaction of its members, and he believed that his occupancy of the First Principal's chair in the chapter would be equally successful. In conclusion, he wished him a most happy and prosperous year of office. The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, then gave "The Visitors." "The Health of the Past Principals" followed. In giving this toast the M.E.Z. spoke very highly of the services of Comp. Col. Ratcliffe, who upon several occasions had put himself to inconvenience in order to lend his powerful help to the chapter. Many of them had witnessed the able way in which he had assisted in the "working" of the respective chairs, and some of them had seen the admirable manner in which he had carried out the onerous and impressive ceremonial of installation. With regard to Comp. Wellman, their first M.E.Z., no words of his could possibly increase the high reputation which he deservedly bore among his companions in the chapter. (Hear, hear.) In touching upon the services of the I.P.Z., the M.E.Z. hoped that for many years to come he would continue to attend the chapter to give it the benefit of his matured Masonic experience. In conclusion, he said he had very great pleasure in presenting Comp. Dalwood with the very handsome presentation jewel of No. 1589. This toast having been warmly drunk, Comp. Colonel Ratcliffe modestly expressed his acknowledgment to the M.E.Z. for the more than flattering way in which he had proposed his health. It was to him (the speaker) always a pleasant duty to assist the members of any chapter or lodge in their "working," more especially when they had done him—as in the present instance—the

honour of making him an honorary member. In conclusion, he said that he was pleased to see the chapter making such good progress. Comp. Wellman, in the course of an eloquent reply, also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to assist in any Masonic work. It was to him an exceedingly proud moment when he became the First Principal of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, and he hoped to be spared many years to attend its meetings in the dual capacities of a founder and Past Principal. The I.P.Z. also spoke in similar terms, and thanked the companions most heartily for the very handsome way in which they had recognised his poor services to the chapter. "The Second and Third Principals" came next in order. This toast having been most flatteringly proposed, Comps. Walls and Lake responded. The latter said that he had passed the chair of Third Principal twice before, but circumstances had occurred to prevent him going any higher. He again held that position, and this time he trusted to be more fortunate. Shortly after his arrival in London, he was asked to become a member of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, an honour which he was only too pleased to avail himself of. He then went on to speak upon the beauties and value of the Royal Arch Degree, which he was pleased to see working with such steady progress in London and the provinces. "The S.E. and Treasurer" followed. The toast was, as usual, most humorously responded to by Comp. Tisley upon behalf of himself and absent colleague. "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Turner, Manners, and Clemow, brought the proceedings, which were agreeably diversified by the instrumental and vocal selections of Comp. W. Farrington, jun., and others, to a conclusion.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The usual quarterly convocation of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, when a goodly muster of the companions of the chapter and visitors assembled under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Weston, who was supported by the following officers and companions: Comps. E. West, H.; W. West, J.; E. Denton, P.Z.; W. Gamble, P.Z.; G. Kennedy, S.E.; J. Scott Mutch, S.N.; J. Wilkins, P.S.; W. Weiding, 1st Asst. S.; J. Gaskell, W. G. Warry, A. Saunders, T. Wylie, J. D. Tolhurst, J. Purnell, W. Lock, W. G. Batchelor, 79; R. Redfern, 439; D. C. Capon, 913; A. J. Manning, 217; R. Pidcock, P.Z. 916; E. Edmunds, 913; J. Sculley, 582; W. Badstock, 174; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The chapter having been opened and the companions admitted, the minutes and balance sheet were passed, Comp. Bradstock was then admitted as a joining member. Bros. R. Gooding, 1536; R. J. Bailey, 1536; and J. Robinson, 1327, were, after approval exalted to the Supreme Degree. It was fully expected that Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P. for Greenwich, would have been present to take the exalted Degree, but at the last minute a communication was received from him to the effect that, on account of a special meeting of the Conservative party at the Carlton Club, he was unavoidably obliged to postpone his attendance. Great regret was expressed by the companions present at the non-attendance of our distinguished brother, but hopes were held out that he would attend the next meeting of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the house of Comp. De Grey, the Freemasons' Tavern Hotel, where they partook of a pleasant little dinner, after which the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The first toast responded to was that of "The Visitors," and in giving it, the M.E.Z. said they had several distinguished Masons present. He was exceedingly proud to see among them that night Comps. Pidcock, Batchelor, and Manning, all of whom had made their mark in Masonry. Comps. Capon and Jolly were also welcome at their gatherings at any time, and he trusted they would come often. He believed that *et* long the Union Waterloo Chapter would take its place as one of the best in the Metropolitan district. They ought all to be proud of its good old number, and he heartily welcomed at its meetings such excellent Masons and companions as they had with them that night. Comp. Pidcock thanked them for allowing him the opportunity of visiting them, and seeing for himself the excellent working for which the chapter was so well and worthily renowned. It had afforded him the greatest satisfaction, and he trusted that this would not be the last time he should have the same honour and opportunity. Comp. Batchelor spoke highly of the manner in which the ceremony of that evening had been carried out. He had been in a great many chapters, but had never seen the work done better than he had in the Waterloo Chapter that night. Comp. Manning endorsed all that had been said by the previous speakers, and tendered his thanks especially to the H. for the eloquent rendering of his part of the ceremony. Comp. Edwards said it was the first time he had had an opportunity of seeing the working of the Union Waterloo Chapter, and he liked it very much. Their M.E.Z. had said how proud he was of the good old number of the chapter—No. 13—and so he ought to be. No. 13 was the magic number, and he trusted it would be a lucky number for Arch Masonry in that district, and that No. 13 would go on and prosper, and fulfil its evident destiny as the best, as well as the oldest, chapter in Woolwich and the surrounding district. Comp. Jolly also briefly responded. "The New Exaltees" were then toasted, and suitably responded. Comp. Gamble then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." They had seen the excellent, and almost inimitable, way in which Comp. Weston had carried on his duties that night, and his name would be handed down to posterity as one worthy of the honoured prestige that was attached to those who had preceded him in his exalted position. Masonry was now upon its trial, and outsiders said, "What good does it do?" Why, it elevated the mind of man by its sublime teachings, and when the lessons it taught were impressed upon the minds of its initiates, by the eloquent rendering of its expounders, those lessons were never forgotten, and never erased from the tables of the mind, but rather shone fresher and clearer as time rolled on, and proved their truth and beauty. "What good was it doing?" Why, it was pouring out its fullness in the divine cause of charity. It aided the distressed and succoured the fatherless. It made rich and poor as brothers when they stood within the sacred walls consecrated to brotherly love, and broke down all barriers of unworthy pride and station. So long as a brother was moral, honest, and true to his God and Queen he was the equal in Masonry with the highest in the realm, and welcomed as such. Thus, he said, Masonry

was on its trial; for if it could not answer by its action, the question of the people, "What good does it do?" proudly by its acts and by its results, then would the verdict be against it; but he could safely say that while they had so good a M.E.Z. at the head of their chapter, and such an introduction of good, new blood in the chapter as they had that night—the one to eloquently teach and the other to learn and do—they might have no fear, but work on steadily, with a full and sure conviction that they were carrying out the teaching of their Order, and showing the world at large "what good they were doing." Comp. Weston, after a few words of thanks to Comp. Gamble for his eloquent address, said he took a great interest in No. 13 Chapter, and should leave no stone unturned to secure its success and prosperity. As far as the introduction of fresh blood was concerned, he was in hopes that a distinguished brother would have been present that night to be exalted, but great and important duties of State prevented his attendance that night. Of those who were admitted, he felt that they were a credit to the chapter, and he trusted before the end of his year of office to materially increase both the strength and efficiency of the chapter. After the First and Second Principals had replied to a flattering reception of their names, Comps. Warren and Kennedy replied for "The Officers;" and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Friday evening, the 6th inst. The following were present: Comps. E. Tyson, M.E.Z.; T. Atkinson, H.; G. Dalrymple, J.; J. Barr, P.Z.; W. Sandwith, P.Z.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; E. Clark, S.N.; F. Hodgson, P.S.; R. Baxter, 1st A.S.; C. Mossop, 2nd A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. Casson, Std.; J. M. Salisbury, Janitor; J. Rothery, J. W. Miles, J. F. Kirkconnel, and J. S. Braithwaite.

There were two candidates for exaltation, and the one present—Bro. G. M'Adam, Lodge 119—was exalted to the Supreme Degree with full music. The lectures were respectively delivered by Comps. Dalrymple, Atkinson, and Barr. The chapter was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John of Jerusalem Chapter (No. 203).—The companions attached to this chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals for the ensuing year. Chapter was opened at 5 p.m. Present: Comps. E. Johnstone, M.E.Z.; J. T. Alston, H.; C. J. Birch, J.; Bromley, P.Z., Treas.; F. Mansley, S.E.; J. Hilton, W.M. 203, S.N.; Thos. Hatton, P.S.; Dr. T. W. Sergeant, P.Z., P.P.G.J.D.; James, P.Z.; and others; and among the visitors were Comps. H. Ashmore, Z. 823; John Lunt, P.Z. 1086, P.P.G.D.C.; Graham, 1356; Britten, 823; and others. The Installing First Principal was Comp. T. W. Sergeant, who performed his duties in his usual clear and impressive manner. The following are the officers for the next twelve months: Comps. J. T. Alston, M.E.Z.; C. Birch, H.; and Jas. Hilton, J.; C. Bromley, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected after more than twenty years' service); E. Catrall, S.E.; E. Donnelly, S.N.; W. Gick (P.M. 1756), P.S.; and Thos. W. Sergeant, M.C. Comp. P. Ball was re-elected Janitor.

The companions afterwards dined together in the old lodge room, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily received. "The Health of the I.P.Z." was given by Comp. Sergeant, who said Comp. Johnston and himself had been schoolmates first and companions afterwards. He referred to the esteem in which the I.P.Z. was held, both in Craft Lodges 203 and 1756 (in each of which he had passed the chair) and in the chapter. He was glad to be able to say that St. John of Jerusalem Chapter had improved financially and otherwise under his guidance, and he had much pleasure in placing on his breast a P.Z. jewel, wishing him long life and happiness on the part of all the members of 203, concluding by expressing a hope that he would always look upon it as a pleasing memento of his year of office. The I.P.Z. thanked the companions, and spoke gratefully of the assistance rendered him during his period of rule by the companion who had just spoken. He wished the M.E.Z. an even more prosperous year. "The Three Principals" was also given by the Master of the Ceremonies in eulogistic terms, expressing a hope that the satisfactory working they had already given in Craft lodge, they would repeat in chapter. Comps. Alston, Birch, and Hilton responded in a few appropriate words, and the Z. proceeded to propose "The Health of their distinguished and esteemed Comp. T. W. Sergeant, P.Z.," whose able performance of his onerous duties that day as Installing Officer he could not sufficiently praise. The toast was very heartily received, and Comp. Sergeant responded. "The P.Z.'s" was connected with the names of Comps. Bromley and James, who briefly replied. "The Visitors" was given by the M.C., who referred specially to the musical contributions of Comp. Ashmore, who had given them all so much pleasure. Comps. John Lunt, Ashmore, Graham, and Britten responded. As a special toast the M.C. proposed "The Health of Comp. W. Date," of that chapter, and also connected with 597 and 134 (in which he held the position of J.), to express the pleasure they felt in seeing him among them. Comp. Date, in responding, gave some interesting particulars as to the working of the Metropolitan Chapter. The harmony of the evening's proceedings, which were throughout of a most cordial character, was much enhanced by the vocal efforts of Comps. Ashmore, James, Hatton, Donnelly, Wilson, and Britten. Comp. Galloway furnished a stirring recitation and the accompaniments were played by Comp. J. P. Bryan.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The third installation convocation of this young chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The following members were present: Comps. P. de E. Collin, M.E.Z., P.G.P.S.; T. Mandie, H., M.E.Z. elect, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Armstrong, J., H. elect, P.G.D.C.; J. R. Banks, S.E.; Capt. Sewell, S.N.; A. Walter, P.S., J. elect; E. G. Mitchell, 1st A.S.; J. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; J. Gardiner, P.Z., P.G. Reg.; Dr. Dodgson, J. H. Banks, G. W. Thompson, H. Peacock, J. Kendall, C. J. Gibson, J. Messenger, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of Principals was the

next business. Hitherto the important ceremony has been performed by M.E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z. 119, 129, 148, &c., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, who also consecrated Nicholson Chapter two years ago. As Comp. Bowes was detained in London, however, the duty was undertaken by M.E. Comp. W. F. Lamony, P.Z. 119, P.P.G. 1st A.S. The three Principals were, therefore, installed in regular form as follows: Comps. T. Mandle, M.E.Z.; W. Armstrong, H.; and A. Walter, J. The scriptural passages incidental to the ceremony were read by the retiring M.E.Z. On the conclave of Principals being closed, the rest of the companions were admitted, when the other officers were thus invested: Comps. Captain Sewell, S.E.; Dr. Dodgson, S.N.; E. G. Mitchell, P.S.; H. Peacock, 1st A.S.; C. J. Gibson, 2nd A.S.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., Treas.; J. Smith, P.G. Org.; Organist; J. H. Banks and G. W. Thompson, Stewards; and J. Messenger, Janitor. The report of the Auditors was next presented, and the chapter was in the happy position of being clear of debt within a simple sovereign. Before the chapter was closed, on the motion of Comp. Collin, seconded by the M.E.Z., Comp. Lamony, Installing Principal, was unanimously elected an honorary member of Nicholson Chapter, not only for his assistance rendered that day, but on former occasions on the exaltation of candidates. Comp. Lamony having replied with "Hearty good wishes" for No. 119, the chapter was solemnly closed.

Subsequently the companions adjourned to the Senhouse Arms Hotel, where an elegant repast was partaken. Under the presidency of Comp. T. Mandle, M.E.Z., faced by Comp. P. de E. Collin, P.Z., a couple of hours were pleasantly whiled away.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, and was in every respect a fair representation of its strength, influence, position, and popularity among the chapters of the Province of Kent. Comp. H. J. Butter, M.E.Z., was in the chair, supported by Comps. T. D. Hayes, as H.; and W. B. Lloyd, as J. Among the other officers and companions present were Comps. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.G. Officer Kent, Treas.; Eugene Sweny, S.N.; H. Mason, P.S.; R. Edmonds, 2nd Asst. S.; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; W. H. Myers, P.Z., W.S.; W. Musto, P.Z., D.C.; H. Mabbett, Janitor; C. Clapham, A. Tucker, H. Wilson, G. Frost, R. Hewetson, C. Russell, W. Rees, J. H. Roberts, D. Campbell, James Poynter, 425; A. Saunders, 13; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

The minutes and accounts of the last meeting having been passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. C. Ellis and T. R. Richardson, both of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, and the result was unanimous, but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, neither of those brethren were able to be present. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months, and the following companions were unanimously elected to office: Comps. Hayes, Z.; Lloyd, H.; Eugene Sweny, J.; Penfold (re-elected), Treas.; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; H. Mason, Scribe N.; W. T. Vincent, P.S.; and H. Mabbett, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was then voted to Comp. Butter.

There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form, and the companions partook of an elegantly-served banquet, prepared by Bro. N. Moulder, W.M. of Lodge 829. The usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were honoured, and then the M.E.Z., with all the force of his acknowledged eloquence, proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Superintendent of Kent, Lord Holmesdale." He said that that especial toast was one that was worthy of their most enthusiastic reception. There were in Masonry suns which were overpowering and dazzling, but they were in the atmosphere of that chapter like distant stars, which, although of greater magnitude than inferior planets nearer to it, did not shine with the effulgence that those closer at home did. They were, in fact, like the planets which showed no light at all when the sun was shining, and so with their Provincial Grand Officers, although the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of England, presided over by their Royal Grand Z., were effulgent suns in Masonry, yet their own Provincial Grand Officers, Comps. Lord Holmesdale and Eastes, were nearer to them, and, therefore, shone more resplendently in this, their own particular atmosphere. He, therefore, proposed their health, and felt assured that it would be received by the companions of the Pattison Chapter with all the enthusiasm it deserved. The M.E.Z. then introduced the charity box, and in so doing said that one of their esteemed companions had undertaken the post of Steward at the forthcoming festival for the benefit of the Girls' School—he referred to Comp. Campbell—who not only would there represent the Britannic Lodge, but would also solicit the suffrages of this chapter on behalf of that most excellent Charity, and he trusted that the proceeds would be commensurate with the character of the chapter and the occasion. The box was then passed round, and realised two guineas. The M.E.Z. then gave one guinea from the Charity Box Fund, and proposed, amid the hearty congratulations of the companions, "That the sum should be made up to five guineas by a grant from the funds of the chapter." Comp. Campbell having returned thanks, the M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "Comp. Eastes and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Province of Kent." They had several of those shining lights he had before referred to belonging to their chapter. Some of them were, however, slightly in the shade, and some were still burning with full lustre. Comp. Coupland had been one of the shining lights as one of their Provincial Grand Officers, but was now in the shade as Past Provincial Officer, and the same might be said of Comps. Denton and McDougal; but Comp. Penfold, who was always present at their meetings and represented by that presence the full light of his Masonic knowledge, still stood before them a bright and shining light in the province. He might almost call him an "electric light." He did not know whether his light was up to one-thousand candle power, but in their chapter he shone as one of its most brilliant lights, and therefore he should couple his name with the toast. Comp. Penfold thought that it would have been better to have called upon one of those who the M.E.Z. had denominated as being in the shade to respond to the toast, because he firmly believed that if he had done so he would have shone in the matter of eloquence with greater brilliancy than he (Comp. Penfold) could ever expect to do.

But he must obey the commands of the chief, and therefore thanked the companions most heartily for the reception of the toast. It was a great honour and pleasure to him to be enrolled as one of their Grand Officers. It was something to look forward to with hope, and something to look back upon with pride, and while they could not all expect to arrive at that distinction, yet it would impress their London companions with the fact that there were opportunities for all to reach to that distinguished position as members of the Pattison Chapter. He sincerely hoped they would at least take the opportunity during the coming year of visiting the Provincial Grand Chapter, and see for themselves the genial character and principles upon which their esteemed Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale, conducted the business of the province. He then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and in so doing said it was one of the unwritten laws of Masonry, that the I.P.M., or I.P.P., should propose the health of his successor, and in his opinion it was a very good custom, because the I.P. Officer was, or should be, always at the elbow of his junior, to assist and advise him in his difficulties. They all could see, and had seen, the manner in which Comp. Butler had carried out the duties entrusted to him, now nearly twelve months ago. They, he felt sure, not only respected their M.E.Z. for his Masonic principles, which were without reproach, but for his high official and private character, and now that he was about to leave the Principal's chair he felt sure that he would still continue to assist them, by his great knowledge and experience, in all matters relative to the success and prosperity of the chapter. He asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. Comp. Butter, in the course of an eloquent address, assured the companions of the pleasure he had experienced as their chief officer. It was a work of pleasure, because that work was appreciated by them. It was utterly impossible for any man to try to secure his own happiness, unless he acted in co-operation with his fellow men. He had read a book entitled "Is Life Worth Living," and in it was beautifully shown that without co-operation with, and consideration for, the feelings and desires of their fellow creatures, it was impossible to live a life of pure happiness. They must stifle their own desires, and respect the opinions and prejudices of their fellow creatures, if they wished to enjoy true happiness, and Arch Masonry taught them that as one of its first principles. They must live together, and in unison, if they desired to live happily. The highest qualification of a true Masonic life was to know, and feel, that they did to one another as they desired to be done by, and that was taught them both in Craft and Arch Masonry, and the outcome of that teaching had been shown by the peace and unanimity that prevailed in both their lodge and chapter. But now to the subject of the toast. He could only say that he had been supported, during his year of office, by the genial assistance of every officer and member of the chapter; and when he thought of that, it reminded him that it was "more blessed to give than receive," but he had received all, and the very jewel that they had so unanimously accorded him that night was only another drop in the vast ocean of obligation he was under to them, and showed him, in unmistakable colours, that he had received more than he gave; but it also showed him that his efforts for the success of the chapter had not been in vain, and now, when he felt his chair, as it were, slipping from under him, he could only tender them his heartfelt thanks, and assure them that as long as he lived, he should always do all that laid in his power for the continued prosperity of the chapter. The next toast was that of "The First and Second Principals," to which Comps. Hayes and Lloyd eloquently replied. The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the names of Comps. Coupland and Denton, who responded. "The Visitors" was responded to by Comps. Boynton and Saunders. Comp. Sweny replied to a very hearty reception of "The Officers of the Chapter," and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—The last meeting of the season of this very flourishing lodge was held on the 28th ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; A. Tisley, S.W., W.M. elect; Richnell, J.W.; Sir Charles Palmer, M.O.; J. H. Dodson, S.O. and Treasurer; Bedingfield, J.O.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of W., &c., I.P.M. and Sec.; W. D. Farrington, S.D.; F. Farrington, J.D.; C. Brown, I.G.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., &c. (*hon. member*). The visitors were W. Bros. Brighton, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey; Lovegrove, P.G.S. of Works Middx. and Surrey; J. W. Baldwin and H. J. Lardner, P.G. Stewards Middx. and Surrey; and Bros. Poynter, Money, Munday, and Thistle.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Farrington, jun., Organist 1589, was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bro. Brighton and another for joining, and for Bro. Ferguson for advancement, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. The ceremony of installing Bro. A. Tisley, W.M. for the Hammersmith Mark Lodge, was then proceeded with. The officers appointed by the W.M. to assist him in the ceremonies were Bros. Lovegrove, as S.W.; Baldwin, as J.W.; and Wigginton, as D.C. The W.M. having been duly inducted into the chair of A., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Walls, I.P.M.; Richnell, S.W.; Sir Charles Palmer, J.W.; W. Wigginton, Sec. and R. of M.; Dodson, M.O. and Treasurer; Bedingfield, S.O.; W. E. Farrington, S.D.; Brown, J.D.; Gruggen, I.G.; Farrington, jun., Organist; Groves, D.C.; Harrison, Tyler (by deputy). A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to Bro. Walls for his services as installing officer, the Secretary announced that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G. &c., had graciously accepted the active membership of the lodge, and had that day duly signed and affixed his mark in the book containing the bye laws of the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet. Before the removal of the cloth the preliminary Royal and Mark toasts were proposed and loyally drunk. V.V. Bro. Dewar, in a speech of some length, replied upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," and W. Bros. Brighton and Wigginton responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." followed. Bro. Tisley, in reply, expressed his acknowledgments to the brethren for having unanimously elected him to the chair of the Prince Leopold Lodge, which,

although but a new lodge, was rapidly gaining ground, and would eventually become one of the most important in the metropolis. (Hear, hear.) "The Advance" came next in order, and Bro. Farrington having made a modest speech in response, "The Health of the Visitors" was warmly proposed by the W.M., and having been enthusiastically drunk, Bros. Baldwin and Poynter replied upon behalf of themselves and colleagues. The former said that he had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and he was pleased to see that it had made such excellent progress, not only in respect to numbers, but what was of greater importance, in general "working" efficiency. The latter brother made one of the best after-dinner speeches possible. It was full of wit and metaphor, pungent, but in perfect taste, and at its conclusion Bro. Poynter was loudly applauded. "The Past Masters" came next, and, after speaking very flatteringly of the respective services of Bros. Wigginton and Walls, the W.M. presented the latter with a Past Master's jewel. These brethren having duly acknowledged the compliment, the toasts of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Richnell and Palmer, and "The Mark Benevolent Fund," associated with the name of the I.P.M., brought this most enjoyable evening to a close.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Star Lodge (No. 219).—A meeting of the members took place at the Hall, No. 12, Tron-gate, on Monday, the 25th ult., when there was a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. David Mearns, I.P.M.; acting R.W. Master; Farlane McFarlane, S.W.; Thomas F. Hunter, J.V.; and John Morgan, P.M., P.G. Treas. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Fisher, P.M. St. Mirrens, Paisley, G. Bible Bearer, P.G.S.W. Renfrewshire, and R. R. Lisenden, 317, Manchester (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at eight p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Three candidates for initiation were balloted for and unanimously elected members of the lodge, and were collectively initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the I.P.M., Bro. David Mearns, who officiated for the R.W. Master, the latter brother being indisposed, although present, owing to a very sad family bereavement. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Mearns at length, including the charge, a portion of the sections, and the tracing board, and impressed us very much, especially as this lengthy and elaborate harangue was delivered with the greatest ease. The S.W. during the evening proposed a vote of condolence to the R.W.M. on the loss he had recently sustained in the death of his son, aged seventeen years, and who had been interred that day. The proposition was seconded and carried. The acting R.W.M., Bro. Mearns, rose and proposed votes of condolence to the widows of the late Bros. W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Secretary, and George Sinclair, P.G. Treas. of Benevolent Fund, for the loss they had sustained in the sudden deaths of their husbands, who were both highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them, and who took a very prominent part in Masonry. This proposition was also seconded and carried. The lodge was afterwards closed in the usual manner at 9.40.

WOOLWICH MASONIC CLUB.

The annual dinner of the above excellent club, which is held at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. G. Sculley, Qtrmr. Royal Artillery, and J.D. of 706, who is also the President of the club. Bro. J. Hooton, 913, was the Vice-Chairman. Among the brethren present were Bros. T. E. Hessel, Hon. Sec.; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; Moulds, 1536; Hiscock, 700; D. Capon, 913; A. Jarvis, 913; J. H. Roberts, S.D. 700; Swanson, 700; C. Bishop, St. John and St. Paul's; J. Goalen; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and about twenty other members and secular friends.

The dinner was well served, and in every respect thoroughly enjoyable.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the toast of the evening, "Success to the Woolwich Masonic Club," congratulated the club upon its success, and trusted there would be a still greater success in the coming year.

In giving the toast of "The Absent Members," the CHAIRMAN said they knew that it was the duty of a soldier to leave his home, and friends, and often his native land, at the call of his country, and as several of their members were so spread over the face of earth and water, it would be, he felt sure, a source of pleasure to them to know that the club was prosperous and doing well. As for those at home, there were many things to keep them away that night, although he knew their hearts were with them, and he trusted they would be with them at their next meeting. (Cheers).

"The Health of the Chairman" was proposed in eloquent terms of commendation by Bro. D. CAPON, and responded to with honours.

Bro. SCULLEY briefly replied, and assured the brethren he should still continue to do all he could to promote the interest of the club and the happiness of the members.

The Vice-Chairman and Host were cordially toasted, and both responded.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. C. Bishop and Mr. C. Smith. The harmony was well sustained throughout the proceedings, which terminated at a late hour.

Bro. Ganz's second orchestral concert takes place this afternoon (Saturday) at St. James's Hall, when Berlioz's "Episode in the Life of an Artist" is to be repeated. Beethoven's pianoforte concerto in E flat, and the "Tannhäuser" overture are also included in the programme.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As Spring advances a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbid by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperient doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fulness after eating, lassitude, gout, and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.—[ADVT.]

Masonic Tidings.

The consecration of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, which was to have taken place next Monday at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, is postponed till Friday, the 10th of June, in consequence of the absence from England of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex, was presented at Court on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., by the Duke of Cambridge; and Lady Burdett by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., presented a petition to the House of Commons on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., from New Cross, in favour of the Married Women's Property Bill.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient Scottish Rite have decided to raise a fund for the establishment of a secular school in the East, which shall bear the name of Adolphe Crémieux.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has signified his intention of being present at the consecration of the Saxe Weimar Lodge at Portsmouth, on Wednesday next.

Bro. H. O. Lyus, P.M. 85, will be installed W.M. of the Montgomerie Lodge, No. 1741, on Monday next.

Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., has given ten guineas to the Licensed Victuallers' School; Bros. C. and N. Painter, of the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, ten guineas; and Bro. C. Ritter, of the Guildhall Tavern, ten guineas.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., presented a petition to the House of Commons on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., from the National Club, against the abolition of the Parliamentary oath.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott presided at a banquet of the Vintners' Company given to the ladies, on Thursday, the 13th inst.

MEETING OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AT CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—Bro. J. D. Allcroft presided at a meeting of representatives of charitable institutions held at Christ's Hospital on Monday, the 2nd inst., to consider the Charitable Trusts Bill, at which resolutions were carried, on the motions of Alderman Sir Sydney Waterlow, M.P., Sir Thomas Nelson, Mr. J. P. Gassiot, Mr. James Rogers, and Mr. J. Hornblower, seconded by Mr. Robert Few, Mr. Deputy Lawley, Mr. A. Webster, Mr. Charles Hilhouse, and Mr. E. H. Lushington, objecting to various provisions of the measure. The principle of the Bill was objected to as being subversive of the benefits arising from self-government and local institutions; and the new powers, extending to all charities proposed to be given to the Charity Commissioners, were condemned as injurious to the interest of charities. The meeting urged that it was unjust that trustees and managers of charities should be harassed from time to time by fresh Bills for extending and amplifying the powers of the Charity Commissioners. It was decided that a deputation, consisting of representatives of charitable institutions, should wait upon the Lord Chancellor and other members of the House of Lords to draw attention to the objectionable provisions of the Bill. A committee was appointed to watch the progress of the Bill.

Bro. John Moxon Clabon, President, Mr. C. C. Druce, Vice-President, and the Council of the Incorporated Law Society, entertained on Wednesday week, at their examination dinner, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Justice Baggallay, Lord Justice Bramwell, Lord Justice Brett, Sir James Hannen, the Judge-Advocate General, Vice-Chancellor Bacon, Vice-Chancellor Hall, Mr. Justice Denman, Mr. Baron Pollock, Mr. Justice Field, Mr. Baron Huddleston, Mr. Justice Lindley, Mr. Justice Bowen, the Attorney-General, the Lord Advocate, the Attorney-General for Ireland, the Solicitor-General for Scotland, the Solicitor-General for Ireland, and a number of other distinguished persons.

Bro. Henry Parker gave a very successful concert at St. James's Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when several of his own compositions were brought before a numerous and appreciative audience, by whom they were exceedingly well received. The songs composed by him and sung on this occasion were "For Love and Spain," spiritedly rendered by Mr. Walter Bolton; "Across the River," "What Time Shall Bring," and "Parted Nevermore," all exceedingly pleasing and very tastefully rendered by Miss De Fonblanque, Miss Mary McClean, and Miss Thorndike. Miss Thorndike and Mr. Faulkner Leigh were extremely successful in their delivery of Bro. Parker's duet, "Daybreak," and Mr. Faulkner Leigh's pleasing voice and cultivated style told well in Blumenthal's "My Queen," and in Bro. Parker's "Three Tokens." A cantata for ladies' voices, entitled *The Dream Queen*, the music of which is by Mr. Odoardo Barri, proved very successful, and Bro. Parker gave proof of his skill as a pianist by playing one or two of his own pieces, which were warmly applauded.

The Masonic Union for Propagation of Salvation of Lives (Union Masonica Para la Propagacion de Salvamentos de Vidas) was founded in June last year, at Valparaiso, by the German lodge "Lessing," the French lodge "Etoile de Pacifique," the North American lodges "Aconcagua" and "Huelvas," and the Chile lodge "Union Fraternal." The object of the Society is the saving of live during the many storms that arise on this coast, the harbour of Valparaiso being much exposed, many wrecks occurring there annually; and also the awarding of medals and diplomas for individual efforts in this direction. There are now 114 contributors to the funds, and at present an income of 350 dollars, the minimum subscription being one dollar. They are now searching out in England for the best rocket apparatus suitable for a volunteer brigade, and are also making enquiries respecting the advantages of the electric light, which they are anxious also to obtain. They have had struck at Hamburg fifty medals—gold, silver, and bronze—and also parchment diplomas, which have arrived out safe and are now available.

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., P.G. Master Northumberland, will preside at the anniversary dinner of the City Provident Dispensary, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday next. We notice the names of the following brethren in the list of stewards: Bros. R. N. Fowler, Alderman and Sheriff, M.P., Vice President; the Rev. A. McAuslane, D.D., Vice President; Arthur B. Hudson, T. Murray James, George Kenning, George Sims, C.C., W. Walford, C.C., and M. R. Webb.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to open next month the new infirmary for Marylebone, erected by the guardians at Notting-hill. This will be the first occasion on which Royalty has assisted in the opening of a Poor Law establishment of any kind.

Bro. General Sir F. Roberts, G.C.B., is sitting for a bust to Mr. E. E. Geflowski, at his studio in Brunton-street.

Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott and Lady Truscott have arrived home from a lengthened tour on the Continent. His many Masonic and other friends will regret to hear that he is not in such good health as could be wished. His arduous year of office as chief magistrate evidently had very great effect upon him. We can only hope that he will gain strength as the more favourable weather sets in.

Bro. George Brinsley was on Monday last elected to the Common Council of the City of London, in place of Mr. Deputy Kelday. Those who have the pleasure of Bro. Brinsley's acquaintance, either in Masonry, in private life, or in business and public affairs, will not only congratulate him on the honour of an unopposed election, but also the Common Council on the accession of an energetic and useful member to the Council Board.

Bro. Capt. H. S. Freeman, as Master, presided at a Court and Livery dinner of the Fan Makers' Company, on Monday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. He was supported by Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Sheriff Waterlow, and a large number of the members of the company and visitors. During the evening a selection of vocal music was given by Mdm. Worrell, Miss Bertha Ball, Bro. Lester, and Bro. Winn. Dinner was served under the direction of Bro. Rand. Bro. Harker was toastmaster.

Bro. George Martin, chief clerk at the Guildhall Police-court, is expected to return to his duties next week, after an absence of six months through indisposition.

Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Roberts visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Tuesday last. They dined with Her Majesty and slept at the Castle. The Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, Lord Carlisle, and the American Minister were also invited to the Castle the same evening.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, P.G.M. Gloucestershire, presided at the festival dinner of the Governesses' Benevolent Institution, held on Wednesday last, and made urgent appeal for increased support to that institution.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master for Cornwall, has taken the house of the late Lord Wenlock, in Berkeley-square, for three months.

Bro. Dr. Cox, vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, had the honour of a visit to the old church of the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), on Wednesday afternoon, and of explaining the interesting monuments and relics to Her Royal Highness. After leaving the church she paid a visit to Crosby Hall, the old palace of Richard III., in both of which venerable buildings she expressed great interest.

Bro. J. Andrews is to be installed W.M. of Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, to-day (Saturday). We shall give a report in our next.

The brethren of the Wallington Lodge, recently consecrated at Carshalton, have lost no time in forming a lodge of instruction, which will meet twice a month during the year, with Bro. C. Sawyer, P.M., as Preceptor.

Bro. Whichord presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Institute of British Architects at the Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last. Mr. S. Lefevre, M.P., replied for "The House of Commons." The Chairman's health was proposed by Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, M.P., who spoke of the progress of the institution.

On Tuesday last an exhibition of machinery used by millers in the manufacture of flour was opened at the Agricultural Hall, Upper-street, Islington. The exhibition is under the auspices of the National Association of British and Irish Millers, of which Bro. Alderman Hadley is President, and has for its object the bringing together the newest and most approved machinery used not only in this country but America and various places on the Continent, for the purpose of deciding which is the best system of manufacturing pure flour, that is to say, the separating the kernel of the wheat (the flour) from the skin (the bran).

Bros. Alderman Stone, Sir John Bennett, Alderman and Sheriff Waterlow, Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, and T. Beard, C.C., were among the Stewards of the festival held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Friday, the 13th inst., in aid of the funds of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society.

The *Architect*, of May 7th, contains a full page illustration of the Masonic Arch erected at Truro, from the designs of Mr. S. Trevel, on the occasion of the visit of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, to lay the foundation stone of the Cathedral.

Prince Leopold paid a visit on Wednesday to the British and Irish Millers' Exhibition, now being held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington.

The Toronto Masonic Board of Relief distributed between eight and nine hundred dollars during the past financial year to worthy objects of charity, in addition to that given by the individual boards of relief of different lodges.

Bro. Captain Webb is now engaged in a six days' swimming match with another noted aquatic champion named Fearn. Both men are said to be swimming well and looking "fresh."

At a meeting of the Swansea Town Council on Wednesday the Mayor announced that he had received an official communication to the effect that the Prince of Wales would visit Swansea in October next and open the large new dock, and that the Princess would probably accompany him.

The consecration of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Railway Hotel, Harrow. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G.M. Middlesex, assisted by Bros. Sir Charles T. Bright, Deputy Prov. G.M., H. C. Levander, Junior Grand Deacon of England and the Rev. James Hawes, Prov. Grand Chap. Middlesex. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. White has been presented by the members of the Sympathy Lodge, No. 855, with a handsome Prov. Grand Senior Warden's jewel, on his appointment to the office by Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire.

We are informed by Comp. William Harris Saunders, Scribe E. of the Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, that Ex. Comp. D. P. Cama, P.G.S.B., has kindly presented the above chapter with the banners, robes, &c., of the very best style and material, thus completing the furniture, as a token of the hearty interest he takes in the chapter of which he has just vacated the chair of M.E.Z. Amongst those present at the installation meeting were Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Grand Supt. Middx., and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. We hope to give a full report next week.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has signified his intention to support his brother, Prince Leopold, at the festival dinner of University College Hospital, to be held at Willis's Room on the 20th inst.

Bro. T. Brassey's seat in Sussex (Normanhurst) narrowly escaped destruction by fire a few days ago. A part of the house was on fire, but fortunately it was discovered in time. Normanhurst is quite a new place, and is full of valuable pictures and other treasures.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach was on Thursday installed as Prov. G. Master for Gloucestershire. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.J. Warden Herts, and Secretary to the R.M.B.I., worked the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Faith Lodge of Instruction, held at 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, on Tuesday last. There was a very successful gathering.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler and Bro. Sheriff Waterlow are announced to support the Lord Mayor at the biennial dinner in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan Dispensary, on Thursday next. In the list of Stewards we notice the names of Bros. Alderman Stone, Alderman Knight, J. Corke, C.C., and G. M. Felton, C.C.

BRO. GANZ'S ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS.—The first of the new series of these excellent concerts (at St. James's Hall) included the special features of the first performance (entire) in London of Berlioz's "Symphonie fantastique," entitled *Episode de la vie d'un artiste*, and the first appearance of Madame Sophie Menter, a pianiste of great Continental renown. The symphony is one of the most elaborate of its composer's several productions in the class of "programme music"—in which the intention is to illustrate the passions, sentiments, and actions of some dramatic or poetic subject. The efficient performance of this most difficult work reflects the highest credit on the excellent orchestra (headed by Mr. Pollitzer as principal violin) and on Bro. Ganz, who directed it with calm mastery and through appreciation of the various tempi. As the symphony is so especially representative of Berlioz's characteristics, and as such great care had evidently been bestowed on its preparation, it is gratifying to know that Bro. Ganz will repeat its performance at the next concert of the series, which takes place on Saturday, the 15th inst.

The library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts now contains 2250 bound volumes and 2000 pamphlets—only 100 of said volumes being not Masonic. It includes the Masonic library of the late Bro. Leon Hyneman, for which 3000 dols. was paid, and 700 volumes, the liberal gift of Right Worshipful Bro. William Sutton. Past Grand Master Nickerson is Chairman of the Committee on Library.

The Scottish Rite is flourishing in Philadelphia. The Lodge of Perfection conferred its grades on six postulants on March 10th, and De Joinville Council, P. of J., conferred the Council Grades on twenty-one candidates. On Good Friday the Chapter of Rose Croix worked, and on the 20th inst. the Consistory confers Kadosh, 30°, and on June 17th the Grades of Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31°, and Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°.

It is understood that Ascension Day will be celebrated in an unusually impressive manner by Cincinnati Chapter Rose Croix A. and A. Rite. The ritual recognises the most imposing religious ceremonies on this occasion, and the observance this year will be marked by unusual grandeur, in which the sacred music incidental to the rite will be an attractive and solemn feature.

We have received proceedings of the tenth annual meeting of North-Western Ohio Masonic Relief Association located at Toledo. Bro. Dr. D. P. Chamberlin is the President; Bro. R. E. Richards, Secretary; Bro. Leander Burdick, Treasurer. The Association is very prosperous; its receipts during 1880 were 16,011.75 dollars, its disbursements, 14,344.16 dollars, and the Treasurer has a balance in hand of 10,293.03 dollars.

Mount Olivet Commandery, of Erie, Penn., celebrated Good Friday by a service at the First M. E. Church. The ritual is a modification of the Episcopal liturgy, prepared by Rev. Dr. Muller, who delivered an address.

Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary of Missouri, and associate editor of the *Masonic Age*, has withdrawn his name from the last named position.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—A meeting was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday to hear the report of the directors of the Crystal Palace Company as to the results of the proceedings taken to carry out the International Woollen Exhibition now nearly ready for opening. The chair was taken by the Lord Mayor. The report was read by the Secretary, Major S. Flood Page. This stated that the Duke of Connaught had very kindly consented to open the exhibition on the 2nd June, when he will be accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London will also attend in State.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
 For the Week ending Saturday, May 21, 1881.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.
 Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
 " 1085, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 " 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MONDAY, MAY 16.
 Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 1150, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
 Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 K.T. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Stewards' Meeting Boys' School.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
 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.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich,
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
 West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
 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.
 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, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Mau, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, MAY 17.
 Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bdg.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, 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 Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas-st., Borough, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18.

Anniversary Festival Girls' School, F.M. Tav.
 Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 805, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
 " 909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn Fields.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Rose Croix 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
 Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwa. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
 United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
 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, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
 Zealand, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, MAY 19.
 House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Pk.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
 " 1305, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H.
 Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-Qrs., 1st Surrey Rifes, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

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.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Fbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 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 8.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
 Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6.

FRIDAY, MAY 20.
 House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 General Meeting and Election Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 12.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 K.T. Precept. 48, Kemys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.
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.
 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.
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, MAY 21.
 Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star & Garter, Kew.
 " 1767, Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Ct. Stain.
 Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 Mark 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 21, 1881.
MONDAY, MAY 16.
 Lodge 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 17.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So, N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18.
 Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1080, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson, N. Urmston.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 19.
 Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1209, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 20.
 Mark, 165, Egerton, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.
 WATSON.—On the 8th inst., at Leaburn, Hawick, N.B., Mrs. Lindsay Watson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.
 THORNTON—GITTINS.—On the 7th inst., at St. Luke's, Homerton, by the Rev. W. H. Langhorne, Edward Owen Thornton, jun., of Warwick-road, Clapton, to Amelia, daughter of the late Mr. T. W. Gittins.

DEATHS.
 ATKINS.—On the 6th inst., at Norbiton Lodge, Norbiton-common, Surrey, Mr. George Atkins, aged 77.

MACKELLAR.—On the 7th inst., at Tunbridge Wells, Mr. John Mackellar, of 76, Finborough-road, South Kensington, aged 67.

SHARP.—On the 9th inst., at Endwood Court, near Birmingham, in his 87th year, Mr. William Sharp.

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