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THE Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School took place on Wednesday last, under the distinguished Presidency of Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, when the very noble sum of £11,500 was announced by Bro. HEDGES. We beg sincerely to congratulate all concerned on the remarkable success of the Festival. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH'S speech was a very able one, and was most deservedly and loudly applauded. Indeed, we never remember passing a more pleasant evening. The dinner was good, the speaking was good, and to the point. The band music was very good, thanks to our zealous little friends from the Boys' School, whose nice manners and pleasant demeanour attracted the admiration of all who saw them; and the vocal music was most effective and well arranged. The concert proved most attractive, and all departed delighted with a most charming "soiree," which will long remain in the memories of some associated with graceful visions and pleasing "souvenirs." We shall dilate a little more on this topic next week, when we analyse the Stewards' returns. The work has been one of great triumph for the Girls' School, having greatly added to its prestige and popularity in the opinion of Metropolitan and Provincial friends.

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THE visit of the Stewards to the Girls' School, despite the somewhat untoward weather, was a most successful and enjoyable one. The Hall was crowded from end to end. Bro. SIR MICHAEL H. BEACH, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, made some very judicious and seasonable remarks after the numerous and handsome prizes were presented to their beaming recipients before a gratified auditory. The calisthenic exercises were simply marvellous, and drew down hearty plaudits. No battalion of the Household Troops could have performed their evolutions more steadily and effectively. Indeed, the feelings of admiration and pride for the Girls' School were openly expressed by old friends and new friends, and must be very gratifying to the House Committee. To Miss DAVIS, the very able and admirable Preceptress, all praise must be accorded, for the life, and energy, and thorough excellence she has infused by her laborious efforts into the entire organization of the School, and on all classes alike. The healthy, and cleanly, and cheery appearance of the children was much remarked, and the good work manifested, alike in recitation, and reading, and musical performances was loudly praised by many most competent judges. Miss JARWOOD, the faithful and amiable Matron of many years, ought not to be forgotten by us, and the zeal and intelligence of Miss DAVIS'S assistants were both conspicuous and greatly approved of. Much of the present remarkable position of the School, "unique" in our educational establishments, must be justly attributed to the zeal and care of the House Committee.

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THE progress of Freemasonry in the provinces is a very agreeable feature in the life and development of English Freemasonry. The meeting which took place at Gloucester on Friday week last is a proof of this, when our distinguished Bro. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, Bart., M.P., who has been presiding with singular efficiency at several charitable meetings lately, was installed Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, by Bro. W. W. BEACH, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. A large number of Grand Officers attended the gathering, headed by Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary England. The admirable manner in which Bro. BEACH performed the ceremony of installation was the theme of admiration of all present.

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AFTER all, the "oldest Mason" does not seem to have been American, but English. From Bro. G. M. TWEDDELL'S "Illustrated Annual" it would appear that Bro. MATTHEW GREATHEAD, of Richmond, N. and E. Yorkshire, fulfilled most perfectly these conditions, and maintained this character. For he was born April 23rd, 1770, dying December 31st, 1871. He was in his 102nd year when he died, and was initiated in the Lennox Lodge, No. 127, in 1797, and was a member of it seventy-five years. He had been re-

appointed an officer of the lodge at the St. John's meeting in 1871, four days before he died. The members of his lodge erected a monumental column to him near the front entrance of Richmond parish church. Mr. ECROYD SMITH has given in his "Quaint Yorkshire Characters" the portrait of this "Centenarian Freemason," an engraving of whom was published, it would appear from Bro. TWEDDELL'S account, in our contemporary, the *Illustrated London News*, for June 11th, 1870. It is well to remind ourselves of these otherwise "forgotten facts," and which we often lose sight of amid the common "wear and tear" of Masonic existence.

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WE have said from time to time that Masonic history had yet to be written, and quite sure we are of the truth and reality of such a position. Owing to a variety of circumstances, the intense difficulty of the subject in itself, the judicious handling required, as before a joint audience of Freemasons and non-Freemasons, the want of careful research, and the amount of sheep-walking indulged in by all Masonic writers, more or less, we have, as it were, to break ground afresh, and go carefully through all evidences, and "traverse" all authorities quoted. And the moment you sit down to write, an intenser stumbling block comes in in respect of history, qua history. There is and must be some explanation of the "modus vivendi" of Freemasonry in the world, its "raison d'être," its "outcome," and its origin; but the moment you adopt one of many conflicting theories you become a partisan, and square your "facts" to prove and uphold your position. Whether you take up the "fuller" or the "partial" Guild theory; whether you look to the Mysteries, or to Egypt as the cradle of Masonry; whether you adopt a Templar or an Hermetic explanation of the mystery of the continued existence of a world-wide sodality; whether you take the 1717 view, or perhaps no view at all, which just now seems a popular explanation with some, you will find how serious are the obstacles in the way of writing a coherent and continuous history of a Body which has baffled the scrutiny and researches of so many in different ages of the world. All that you can say is, that Freemasonry has existed, but how, or why, or under what conditions is the problem yet to be solved, the explanation yet to be arrived at. At this moment, too, many questions demand solution, which are at the best, to use a common form of speech, "in nubibus"—the actual existence, for instance, of Degrees; the connection of Operative and Speculative Masonry; the position of Hermeticism to Freemasonry, and vice versa; the history of the Royal Arch; the "link," if any, between Freemasonry and the Templars; how and in what way the "Marks" were used by Operative Masons, and their bearing on our Speculative Order; the reality of the Guild system; its ramifications and its national development in all countries before the fall of the Roman Empire, what was the true relationship of the Mysteries Egyptian, and Mithraic, and Cabiric to Freemasonry, if any? All these are "points" necessary to be exhaustively dealt with before we can hope to have before us an universal Masonic history, which shall be readable by non-Masons, and yet acceptable to the "Brethren of the Mystic Tie." Still, let us not despair; they say the "hour comes and the man," and amid our many able brethren some one may be found with leisure and ability to devote himself to such researches, and gladly shall we welcome on the "basis" we have indicated, any Masonic history which is marked, above all, by those essential requisites, honesty of purpose, originality of idea, and faithfulness of research, directed with a loyal, Masonic, and critical mind to the lifting of the veil which at present, like that of mystic Isis of old, hangs over the past of that wondrous Order, of which we are proud to be members to-day.

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BEFORE we again appear in print the election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will have taken place. Despite the considerable addition to the number of candidates to be elected, we hear that "votes" are in great demand, and that the competition will be very keen. We hope we are not doing wrong in thus developing our Charities, but there comes over us, from time to time, a feeling we cannot repress, that Freemasonry is becoming a huge benefit order, which will one day prove unmanageable, and will utterly break down, because altogether diverted from its real object and its truest ends. Let us trust that our anticipations may not be realized.

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SOME amusement has been occasioned by some little "animus" again manifested in respect of the House Committee of the Girls' School. Three brethren nominated, we understand, had never even had the compliment paid them of being asked at all if they would serve, and "denige" both the "soft impeachment" and the philanthropic intentions of the nominator.

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WE regret to note that an intolerant and cruel persecution of the Hebrew race continues in Russia, a disgrace, really, to the age in which we live.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of this Institution took place on Wednesday at Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, presided.

Among those present were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Middlesex; Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Maxwell C. Close, M.P., P.G.M. Armagh; Stephen Moore, Esq., P.G.M. (South Eastern District) Ireland; Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. C. W. Stanhope, P.G.C.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montague, D.L., J.P., P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Col. H. S. Burney, P.G.D.; Rev. W. J. Mills Ellison; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master Boys' Schol., P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall; the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G. Reg. Gloucestershire; H. Godfrey, J.P., P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire; Edwd. Letchworth, P.G. Reg. Middlesex; Griffiths Smith, P.G. Steward; Lieut.-Col. J. Peters, P.G.W. Middlesex; E. C. Mather; J. Brook Smith; J. Mullings; C. Tudnay; C. Hammerton; T. A. Tew, J.P., M.A.; Henry Smith, P.G. Secretary W. Yorkshire; William Watkins; J. G. Chancellor; Dr. Howell, jun.; Dr. Barringer; Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette; F. Binckes, Secretary R.M.I.B.; and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary R.M.I.G.

After dinner grace was sung and the toasts were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, you will readily anticipate the first toast which I have to propose. It is "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." (Cheers.) Nothing could be more unmasonic to arrogate to ourselves the exclusive possession of any virtue; but I will venture to say that among all the inhabitants of Her Majesty's dominions there are no more loyal subjects than those who enrol themselves in the numbers of our Order. (Cheers.) We revere the Queen as the best of constitutional Sovereigns, we admire the purity of her life as a wife and a mother; but above all, on such an occasion as this, when we have met to advocate the claims of one of our great Charities, do we remember that which is Her Majesty's distinguishing characteristic—viz., her true womanly sympathy with all that is poorest in her realms. (Cheers.) Brethren, I beg to give you "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." (Renewed cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the next toast which I have to propose is "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." Brethren, I feel sure that the genial character of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales adds not a little to the warmth of the loyalty with which we Freemasons would naturally regard the heir to the Throne and the Grand Master of our Order. The grace of the Princess of Wales is proverbial, while we cannot forget the kindness of both their Royal Highnesses, and the interest which they have shown in the Institution with regard to which we have met this evening. Part of the building of that Institution has been, as you are aware, by permission of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, named the Alexandra Wing. I am confident that it is but a proof of the interest which she takes in its welfare. And, with regard to other members of the Royal Family, no one in this room is likely to forget the efficient and able manner in which H.R.H. Prince Leopold was so good as to plead for the welfare of this Institution. The result was a success, perhaps exceeding the utmost anticipations of its friends; and I am confident of this, that it will be long indeed before the action of His Royal Highness is forgotten by those connected with this Institution. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, the next toast is one of a very comprehensive character. It is "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers, Past and Present, of Grand Lodge." I am sure that in the presence of so many brethren who have experienced the advantage which the Craft has derived from the wise counsels and high abilities of the Earl of Carnarvon, I need say nothing to recommend the Pro Grand Master to your notice. (Loud cheers.) Lord Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, is a name honoured among Freemasons—popular in his great province, the home of so many members of our Craft, and popular wherever his genial presence is known throughout the country. As to the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, I need say little. They are active workers in the interests of our Order. It is but a few days since I had myself to express my warm personal thanks to no small number of them for the enthusiasm in Freemasonry which prompted their presence at my installation at a considerable distance from the ordinary scenes of their labours. But, brethren, their conduct then was but an example of their ordinary work, and I am quite sure that if the interests of Freemasonry demanded it, the Officers of Grand Lodge would be found ready, as in that case, to do their duty. (Cheers.)

Sir F. BURDETT, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, in reply, said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, and brethren, as your Worshipful Chairman has said, the toast I have to respond to is a most comprehensive toast, and I trust you will all feel with me the difficulty I have in responding to such a toast at the present time. Our Grand Officers, I must say, from the Earl of Carnarvon down to the very Junior Grand Officer, have exerted themselves to the utmost of their power for an immense number of years, and I believe have done so without a single exception to the satisfaction of every brother in the Order. It is not only doing our duty to ourselves and the Order, but we are doing it to the utmost of our ability, and the Grand Officers always do it to the satisfaction of the feelings of the brethren around them. You may be quite sure that the Grand Officers in every instance, wherever appointed, have been appointed to the satisfaction of every brother in the Order. We on certain occasions have had Princes of the Royal blood at our head. At other times we have had the highest people in the land ruling over us. We have at the present time the Earl of March as Senior Grand Warden, and a learned Judge as Junior Grand Warden. But I do not think any one would wish for better brethren than those we have at the present time, and I feel confident that as long as the Order holds the position it now does, we shall never find any difficulty in finding brethren of their position to fill the offices in Grand Lodge. I am only too happy to reply for the Grand Officers, because I feel myself surrounded by the Grand Officers of England and Ireland, and we have also representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in our Bro. Maxwell Close, who is a Past Grand Officer of England, and a Provincial Grand Master in the Mark, and is one of those good working Masons who does not only come to see what is done on these great occasions, but, as he belongs to lodges in Ireland, does his duty as far as he can. I believe you will find that all Grand Masters spread over the country are doing their duty, and most of them are Past Grand Wardens: therefore, they are thoroughly efficient in every possible way, and the work they maintain is carried out under their superintendence in a most perfectly satisfactory way, to the brethren in London

especially. Sometimes we have been apt to think in London that the work in the country is done in a slovenly manner, but I may say that the ceremonies as performed in London are now spreading throughout the country, and I feel that with the Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Officers we have we shall ultimately see a system of working throughout the country which will be satisfactory, not only to us, but to all Masons. I have to thank you again for the kind manner in which you have drunk this toast, and I am very sorry I have trespassed so long on your time. (Cheers.)

Sir HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire: Right Worshipful Master and brethren, I rise with some diffidence on this occasion to propose to you a toast which I am sure will be acceptable—most acceptable—to every brother present. Our Chairman is a man well known throughout the kingdom, not only in his public capacity, but in his private life, and more particularly in his own home, where for years and years he has been held up as a pattern for every man to follow. (Hear, hear.) I have had the honour of his acquaintance, brethren, now for a considerable time, I think since 1864. I think that it was in 1864 we first met in the House of Commons, and from that time up to the present moment the kindest feelings, I believe, have existed between us, and I have every reason to be thankful that I have known the man so intimately. It is a credit to know a person who has great distinction. He has been long a public servant. He was for many years, as you are all aware, in the highest position in Ireland—Chief Secretary for Ireland—the duties of which position he administered to the satisfaction of all. I don't care what party I speak to when I say he administered his office in a satisfactory manner to everybody. After that he was Secretary to the Colonies for many years, and therefore his experience as a public man is very great indeed, and we ought to consider it a great honour that he should come among us and preside on this occasion. Sir Michael Hicks Beach has long been, as you are all aware, a brother, and he takes the very deepest interest in Masonry, and always has done, as you are perfectly aware his cousin has, who is also very high in the Craft and justly esteemed by us all. (Hear, hear.) So long as we have men of this class prepared to preside on occasions of this kind over such a numerous body as I see before me I think we are most fortunate. Before I sit down I must congratulate myself as well as my friend on my right upon seeing such a goodly gathering from West Yorkshire. I believe West Yorkshire is represented at the centre table with Gloucestershire. I have no doubt that Gloucestershire and West Yorkshire will always vie with one another, being now sworn brethren, which can do the most for Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) I had the honour of presiding over a vast assemblage, very much the same as I see before me, in February last. It was indeed gratifying to me to see the vast assemblage from West Yorkshire I saw then before me; but they have come here to-night from north, south, east, and west. Brethren of West Yorkshire have come here not only to congratulate you upon having such a Chairman, but to congratulate the brethren generally at the step Freemasonry is taking throughout the entire kingdom. (Hear, hear.) With those few remarks I beg now to propose the toast of "Our worthy President." Long may he live, and may he do the good that he has hitherto done to Freemasonry so long. (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk,

The CHAIRMAN said: Brethren, I am, I can assure you, more than grateful for the kind way in which my health has been proposed and for the truly fraternal welcome which you have accorded me. My good friend and brother Sir H. Edwards has been good enough to remind you in terms far too flattering (No) to me of my conduct in other services, but, brethren, I remember, and I am sure that my friend will agree with me, that we came here to-night not as politicians (applause), but as Masons (hear, hear), and it is as a Mason that I accepted the invitation to preside at this gathering, believing that of all the virtues dear to the Craft, that of all the deeds which a man can do to show that he is a Mason, there is nothing better than the encouragement of charity. Brethren, I have to thank you for your attendance here this evening in such large numbers. I feared, remembering that I succeeded His Royal Highness Prince Leopold in this chair, remembering my own unworthiness—I feared that perhaps the interests of the Charity might suffer through my presidency. So far, brethren, as your moral support is concerned you have satisfied me that we have that, and I do not doubt for a moment that your material support will complete the obligation. If I may venture for one moment I will mention my own province—I would specially thank my Gloucestershire brethren, my own dear friends and neighbours, for their kind attendance here in such numbers to-night, and for the liberal subscription to the Charity which will at a later period of the evening be announced. It does not become me as their Provincial Grand Master to boast of what they have done, but I believe it truly may be said that Gloucester has done this year for the Girls' School what she could, and I am convinced that if all the Masons in England contributed as much the Girls' School would never want for hearty and sufficient support. Brethren, let me pass from thanks to you on my account, to pleading the cause in support of which we have assembled here to-night. I don't know, but it did occur to me that the toast of my health was somewhat out of order; I thought it would have been more regular if I had tried to do my duty to the Charity, and then had returned thanks according as I had done my duty. But you have thanked me by anticipation. I ask you to spare me a few moments that I may urge the claims that this ancient Charity has upon your notice. I call it an ancient Charity. I do not want to make any brother feel many years older than he is, but this Charity is approaching its hundredth year of age. It has grown to be a credit to the Order; beginning with the education of a small number, it has educated 1254 children of members of our Craft. I am told there are 228 girls in receipt of its benefits. Brethren, I need not dilate to you upon the necessity for such an Institution as this. I need not remind you of the uncertainties of life, of the chances to which all are liable. You have but to look at the records of this Institution; you have but to see the position in life which some of these men once held whose children have since received its benefits; you have but to look to these bitter facts, to feel that there is not one in this room who can be certain that in the time to come he may, if he should have children, or his descendants may, have reason to be thankful for the existence of, and for his own support to, this Institution. Brethren, I will not trouble you with statistics. I took, at any rate, the duties of my position, and I thought I ought so far as I could in a few hours to make myself acquainted with the circumstances of the Institution, with the character of the education given there, and with the tone of life there. Yesterday I presided at the annual distribution of prizes, and if I may trouble you I should like to tell you the feeling that prevailed in my mind from what I saw. Brethren, I am quite satisfied of this, that you could not find a school throughout the length and breadth of England where a truly Christian, useful education is more thoroughly given than in this Institution. I was deeply

Bro. MAXWELL CLOSE: Right Worshipful Chairman and brethren, however much I might have desired to leave this toast in other hands, I assure you it could not be confided to any brother more capable of appreciating the honour than myself; and in giving to you "The Health of the other Masonic Charities, and success to them, viz., the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," I feel that I should be altogether wanting in my appreciation of the principles of the Craft, and form a very low estimate of the Masonic principles and the benevolence of you, my brethren, whom I have the honour of addressing, if I thought it necessary upon the present occasion to read you any lecture upon the necessity of supporting Masonic Institutions. I have the pleasure of seeing not very far from me this evening, the active, energetic Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, whom I have known for many years. That acquaintance, I hope, may last very long. The Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, I am informed, is not here present. It is not my mission here to draw any invidious comparisons between any of our Masonic Charities. I believe that the Craft, true to its principles and its charity, are giving an equal and energetic support to all, and I shall therefore, brethren, trespass no further upon your patience than by asking you to drink this toast, and I couple with it the name of my Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School.

Bro. BINCKES, who was received with loud cheers, said: Right Worshipful Brother, presiding officer here this evening from the Province of Gloucestershire, Bro. Maxwell Close, and brethren generally, I assure you I feel it a very high honour to stand here once more at a very successful gathering on behalf of one festival of our great Masonic Institutions to return thanks for wishes so kindly expressed towards the success of the other Institutions, and I do not hesitate to state that from the lips of no brother in the world could those kindly sentiments have fallen more acceptably to myself than from those of our distinguished Brother Maxwell Close, associated as he is with both the highest interests of Masonry in this country and in the sister country of Ireland; one whom I have known during a great number of years to admire and respect, and for whom personally I have a large amount of regard, not the less intensified on account of the knowledge I have of the deep interest he takes in the success of all our great Masonic Institutions in this country. (Hear, hear.) My earlier words must, of course, be of congratulation to-night on the success which has attended this great and influential gathering. (Hear, hear.) Let it be distinctly understood that there ought not to be, there is not, and there cannot be anything in the shape of hostile feeling of one Institution to another as regards the success of either one of these great annual celebrations. We are all doing the best we can, and always, I hope, shall continue to do as we have done in the past for the promotion of that individual Institution with which our interests are most closely identified. But at the same time I hope we have all hearts large enough to indulge in the most cordial feelings of congratulation on the success attending each or all of them as they come round year by year. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Having said that much, sir, and said how pleased I am at the success of the evening, and looking at the festival of the Girls' this evening and the Benevolent Institution of February last as things past, my name being associated with the toast, I may try to stimulate your sympathies towards the last festival which will be celebrated on the 29th of June next. But before I leave this subject, do let me indulge in a hope, and I trust by your approval I shall not feel anything in the shape of disappointment, that by the assistance rendered to you in the shape of harmony and melody by the pupils' band of the Boys' School, some little charm has been given this evening in connection with your proceedings (hear, hear), and that the delight that I am perfectly sure you must have experienced with those melodious and harmonious strains, will attune your hearts to somewhat sympathy towards those whom we have so well educated and trained for your enjoyment, or any enjoyment of brother Masons wherever their services can be made available. (Hear, hear.) With reference to the Festival of the Boys' School, brethren, it is very well known that a few years ago we departed from the ordinary course of celebration, and went a little way into the country for the purpose of affording ladies an opportunity of partaking of the festivals at the same tables with the brethren, and that course has been pursued for the last six years. I am violating no confidence—in fact I wish to make it as widely known as possible, that we are making a startling piece of innovation on that path of inroad. We have taken you, as you are aware, some seven miles to the north of London, and occasionally seven miles to the south; we now propose to take you, on the 29th of June, 50 miles southward, to the healthy shores of Brighton. Our hope is that arrangements there will be made of a very satisfactory nature, that will add to your enjoyment and the ladies you will bring with you, and the expense will be no more—it is from no sordid motive that we shall so provide for you—that you will have every enjoyment in the world for yourselves and the ladies with you; and I do not fail to express the very warm and sanguine hope that on the sea-shore there you will find on the Pactolean sands that we shall derive a large amount of that pecuniary support we so much need and so eminently deserve, that from the invigorating ozone you will breathe in that delightful watering place you will not only find yourselves induced and enabled but thoroughly justified in extending a far larger amount of material support than ever yet has been rendered to that which I, without any hesitation, place before you this evening—without wishing to draw any invidious comparison—as the most deserving of all our Masonic Institutions, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C.: At this very late time of the evening I am quite sure that you will be glad to hear but a very few words from me after the last eloquent speech of our Bro. Binckes. The toast which I have to give you is "The Health of the Stewards of the Day," coupled with the name of Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G. Deacon. I am quite sure that in asking you to thank the Stewards to-day for their services, I am only asking you to do that which will be most agreeable to you. Certainly I have the honour of being a Steward myself; but I am sure of one thing, if any of you feel thankful to the Stewards for their services, I feel still more thankful that I stand here a Steward who has done nothing, and therefore I am glad to acknowledge the kindness of those who have taken the burden and heat of the day off my hands. I am proud to say my province has come out well, and everything else I have to thank the Stewards for most heartily. There are one or two points I should like to supplement, and that is with regard to the Chairman's own province—a province which is indeed dear to me, since it was in that province, many, many years ago, that I received the distinguished collar of Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and, therefore, if for nothing else but that, that will make me love Gloucestershire with all my heart. When I came here this evening, I was told the Gloucestershire brethren had raised £840. I could imagine that, when there are only 578

Masons in the whole province, £840 was a wonderful subscription; it was £1 9s. a head for every Mason in the province; but I was told an old friend of mine, Bro. Gwinnett, had, by that persuasive manner he knows so well how to use, and I suppose by a large draught on his own particular cheque, made it £870. Another whisper came that man and man they were raising the amount to £1000—(cheers)—and judge of my delight when I heard £1000 announced. (Renewed cheers.) That is £2 a head. (Hear, hear.) I want you to carry out this maxim, which, as a clergyman, it is my duty to preach. Remember the words of the Master, "Go and do thou likewise." Remember very often we are called upon to advocate the claims of the Masonic Charities. We may think we have done everything we can; but remember the Province of Gloucestershire, brethren, which would not be content with £840, but made it up £1000. (Great cheering.)

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON responded, and said that in all the Stewards had done they had performed a labour of love.

The Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE, G. Chaplain, proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. BARON DE FERRIERES responded; and the company then adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was given, under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, assisted by the following distinguished artistes: Miss José Sherrington, Miss S. M. Salmon (pupil of Madame Wells), Miss Ruby Rosse, Madame Osborne Williams, and Madame Thaddeus Wells; Mr. William Shakespeare, Bro. Arthur Thomas, Mr. Pierpoint, R.A.M., and Bro. Chaplin Henry. Solo pianoforte, Bro. Henry Parker, P.G.O.; conductors, Bro. Henry Parker and Bro. P. E. Van Noorden.

At the dinner Bro. Hayho was toastmaster.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Tuesday the Stewards paid their annual visit to the School at Battersea Rise, in connection with the ninety-third anniversary festival, held on the following day. Each occasion of this annual visit appears to have a fresh interest for those old Masons whose faces are to be seen there year after year, and also for the visitors, whether belonging to the Craft or not. And we are not surprised at this sustained interest, because all the arrangements indicate that those who have the responsibility of the management lose no opportunity of making everything connected with the establishment as perfect as possible; and, besides, it is pleasant to see, as the result of the exertions of the Craft in this branch of its usefulness, so many bright faces of healthy and happy children, and to witness the happy effects, physical, mental, and social, of the educational training these children are undergoing. It is pleasant also to observe what anxiety there is, not only on the part of the Institution itself, but also on the part of the Institution's special friends, to encourage the scholars by the offer of prizes for proficiency. There were this year thirty-nine prizes given by the Institution, and thirty others given by individuals, in addition to which there were four "memorial" prizes, and one by a special body—the Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, making a total of seventy-four prizes.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., was President of the proceedings, which commenced with an entertainment of musical and elocutionary performances, the former principally instrumental music, performed upon six pianos, played upon by from twelve to thirty-six hands at a time. These performances reflected very great credit both on the young ladies themselves and also on their instructors, and for the most part were played with great precision and skill.

The elocutionary performances were also very good—two in particular; Victor Hugo's "Moise sur le Nil," by Miss Edwina Russell Jones, and Mrs. Gatty's "Lesson of Faith," the reading of which by Miss Fanny Ashby was executed in excellent taste and gave us the greatest pleasure.

At the conclusion of this portion of the entertainment, the prizes were awarded by the President as follows:

Edith Ann Wilson, the gold medal for efficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Fanny Ashby, the silver medal for good conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Edwina Russell Jones and Alice Mary Newbould, each a part of £5 for proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

PRIZES GIVEN ANNUALLY BY THE INSTITUTION:—Passing Senior Cambridge Examination: Helena Meacock and Florence C. Faithfull. Passing in honours Cambridge Examination: Edith Ann Wilson, Edwina Russell Jones, and Alice Mary Newbould. Passing Cambridge Examination: Fanny Ashby, Ethel Hinson, Margaret W. Allison, Maria English, Minnie E. Cowley, and Charlotte Coleman. Perseverance and general proficiency—1st Class: Ida Mary Bryant. Writing and drawing: Georgina Kate Daly. Needlework: Ida Mary Bryant, Minnie Phillips, Colina Sharp, and Matilda Mary Hothersall. Machine work: Fanny Craig, Alice Boyd, and Kate Boyd. General usefulness: Florence C. Faithfull and Alice A. Wiseman. Neatness in household duties: Kate Isabel Mills. Personal neatness: Josephine Amelia Herlan. Order and attention: Meta Bell Brasier, and Edith Maud Potts. Class 11: Mabel Elizabeth Sanford, general proficiency; Emma Elizabeth Tipper, general improvement; Ada Hartley Healey, perseverance; Annie Eliza Scott, perseverance; Agnes Florence Rowley, drawing; Florence M. G. Moore, drawing. Class III: Clara Kingcombe, general proficiency; Alice Warburton Cecil, general improvement; Beatrice Helena Fudge, perseverance. Class IV: Julia Maud Harvey, general proficiency; Cecily Sara Jardine, perseverance; Gertrude Annie Daly, perseverance. Class V: Catherine Frances Hide, general proficiency.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for fancy work: Emily S. Treleaven and Mary A. Johnson. By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French: Edwina Russell Jones. By Mrs. Crick, for elocution: Fanny Ashby, Beatrice A. F. Newman, and Eveline E. Pelham. By Bro. John M. Clabon, for religious knowledge (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination): Edith A. Wilson, and Edwina Russell Jones. By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music: Ada Huyshe Class. By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music: Sarah Lissie Bellamy, and Fanny E. Lapington. The St. James "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James' Lodge, No. 482), for proficiency in domestic duties (cookery): Alice Ann Wiseman. The Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, for good conduct: Margaret Whitworth Allison. By Bro. John Faulkner: Mary Louisa Bowler, physical geography; Ethel Hinson, cookery. By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for needlework: Maria English. The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize for Music: Laura S. Stransom, Violet H. Lang, and Mary A. Johnson. The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize for Drawing: Minnie E. Cowley, Alice M. Newbould, and Eliza E. Daly. By Friends of the late Bro. James Blyth, for calisthenics and deportment: Isabella Douglas, and (among the little girls) Adelaide M. Brunskill. By Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott and Lady Truscott: Ethel Hinson, music; Agnes Kate Chapman, physiography; Mary C. A. Sargent, physiography; Florence Rose Sargent, magnetism and electricity; Emily S. Treleaven, cookery.

When the prizes had been distributed, the PRESIDENT rose and said that it was usual on these occasions for the Chairman to address a few words to the scholars and to the meeting. In the first place, he was sure the meeting would wish him to express their united acknowledgments to those who had the management of the School for the interesting entertainment given by the pupils. He was not a very great judge of music himself, and in the presence of so many ladies he should hesitate to commit himself to criticism, but what he had heard had given him a great deal of pleasure, and he thought from the welcome the pieces received at the hands of the audience that they

were pleased also, and considered that such proficiency was a great credit to the School. (Applause.) He had, however, had more experience of elocution, and was much struck with the quiet modesty and good taste displayed by the children, and it gave him special pleasure, of course, to observe that one of the prize winners for elocution came from his own province of Gloucestershire. He should like to say a few words to the children themselves. To those who had won prizes he would give a caution—not to be led thereby to think by this success the chief object in life was already gained. That was not so; life was still before them, and they had still to press on, and must only look at this success as an encouragement for further effort. The unsuccessful would learn from their failure that there were ups and downs in life, and must still persevere, remembering the maxim that patience and perseverance conquer all things.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed this portion of the entertainment, and all adjourned to the tea rooms, where the tables, laid for some hundreds, were soon fully occupied, and a large and lively tea party were soon eating, drinking, and chatting to their hearts' content. After the rest and refreshment of the tea table, the company again assembled in the large room, where they had spent the afternoon, to witness the calisthenic exercises of the whole School. And a very pretty sight it is to see so large a number of girls, all dressed alike, and arranged according to their height, "from the tiny to the tall," going through a wonderful variety of evolutions with the precision of old soldiers, but at the same time with a gracefulness which is all their own.

Three cheers for Miss Davis, the Head Governess, and the singing of the "National Anthem" brought the performances of the day to a close.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

In our last issue we gave a few particulars anent the constitution of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, which will take place on Wednesday next at the Lecture Hall, Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth, at eleven o'clock a.m. The whole of the arrangements have now been most remarkably well completed. There are three entrances to the lodge—one in Penny-street, for Master Masons; another in the High-street, for Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, and Wardens; and the chief entrance from the Officers' House, Grand Parade, for H.R.H. Bro. the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Officers, and the Grand Officers of England. All those who enter from Penny-street will be accommodated with seats in the gallery, whilst the others will be seated in the body of the hall, and no less than 800 brethren are expected to attend. A special fast train from Waterloo, only stopping at Woking, will run to pick up H.R.H. Bro. the Duke of Connaught. On arrival at the Portsmouth Town Station, H.R.H. will be received by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, W.M. designate, and the three officers of the new lodge, and will then drive to the main entrance of the lodge. When the brethren have assembled in the lodge room a march will be played, "Hail to our Prince," which is composed by Bro. J. Winterbottom, Organist of the new lodge, after which the usual ceremony will be gone through. A choir, under the leadership of Bro. Winterbottom, will perform the choral portion, accompanied by Bro. G. Jones, P.G.O., upon the harmonium.

In addition to those we have mentioned before, there are expected Bros. the Duke of St. Albans, Earl Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Tenterden, Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, Sir Henry Drummond Woolf, M.P., Admiral the Hon. F. C. Foley, Captain Lord Albert Seymour, Montague Guest, M.P., Colonel Reilly, R.H.A., the Hon. C. G. Byng, and several officers of the Grand Lodge.

The entrances to the lodge will be guarded by a force of police, and that to the Drill Shed, Governor's Green, where the banquet will be held, by the military authorities. The banqueting room will be decorated with bunting and evergreens, and the tables with choice flowers and potted plants, most of which will be kindly lent by Major-General Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram, Bart., from Leigh Park. On Tuesday evening, all the decorations having been completed, the rooms will be thrown open to the brethren to bring their friends, which, no doubt, will be much appreciated. The gifts to the new lodge by the various members amount to a value of about £300. The W.M. elect has made a magnificent present of the banner, jewels, regalia, including gauntlets of a most superior workmanship. Up to the present time over 600 tickets have been issued for the ceremony of constitution, but it is expected by the time the returns have been received by the honorary Secretary (Bro. A. L. Emanuel) the number will be nearer 800. The tickets for the banquet have been limited, and only a few more are to be had.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF SIR MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, BART.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., an event was witnessed in Gloucestershire that had not occurred for more than a quarter of a century, viz., the installation of a Provincial Grand Master. In 1856 Gloucestershire became a province under the Right Worshipful Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, who appointed Bro. George Frederick Newmarch his Very Worshipful Deputy, and under his guidance the province has flourished until the present time. Lord Sherborne, from increasing age and a desire for rest, recently announced his intention of resigning his high office, and his determination was speedily followed by the resignation of his Deputy, Bro. Newmarch. On Thursday, the 12th inst., the brethren assembled in great force at the Shire-hall, Gloucester, to witness the installation of, and do honour to, their new chief, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, M.P. The assembly was a most brilliant one, and numbered from 600 to 700 brethren. Amongst the officers from the Grand Lodge of England were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D. (who, being President of the Board of Stewards at the festival of which Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach is to take the chair, attended on behalf of that body); H. T. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Rev. Chas. J. Martyr, P.G. Chap.; H. C. Levander, G.D.C.; J. B. Cook, G.A.D.C.; Edward Payne, P.G.D.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G. Chap.; Henry Tombs, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, G.S.; Joseph S. Gee, P.G.S. of W.; Frederick Binckes, G.S.; and Bros. Russell James Kerr, P.P. G.S.; George Rennie Powell, P.P.G.R.; James Payne Curtis, P.P. G.D.C.; L. White, P.P.G.S.W.; L. Millman, P.P.G.P.; F. B. Sellors, P.P.G.P.; Ralph Chandler, P.P.G.S.D.; Frederick J. Blake, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Jeffs, P.P.G.J.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.P. G.R.; Col. Basevi, P.G.R., P.P.D.M. Punjaub; W. P. Want, P.P. G.J.D.; John Walker, M.A., P.G.S.W.; E. T. Bryant, P.G.D.C.;

William Warman, P.G.J.W.; Edward Crossman, P.P.G.D.C.; V. E. Hudson, P.P.G.S.W.; E. D. Worsley, P.P.G.S. of W.; Frederick W. Fisher, P.P.G.S. of W.; and H. S. Crump, P.P.D.C.

In the unavoidable absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., whose attendance was prevented by domestic affliction, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

The Right Worshipful P.G.M. designate having been presented by the Board appointed, he was addressed by the INSTALLING MASTER in feeling terms. He stated the pleasure he derived from the fact that he had some twenty-five years since first initiated the Prov. G.M. designate into the mysteries of the Order. From a Masonic light, the address was an admirable one, and met with the unmistakable approval of the brethren assembled.

The following were the officers appointed to take part in the proceedings at the opening of the Grand Lodge and filled the respective chairs: Bros. W. H. Gwinnett, P.M., Past Prov. G.S.W., S.W.; T. Nelson Foster, P.M., Past Prov. G.S.W., J.W.; H. Godfroy, P.M., Past Prov. S.G.W.; S.D.; W. P. Want, P.M., Past Prov. J.G.W., J.D.; H. Kynaston, Past Prov. G.C., Chap.; Russell J. Kerr, P.M., Past Prov. G.S.W., Dir. of Cer.; E. H. Edgell, P.M., Past Prov. G.J.D., John Bryan, P.M., Past Prov. G.J.D., E. D. Worsley, P.M., Past Prov. G. Sup. of Works, and Bro. C. Tudway, P.M., Past Prov. G.D.C., Asst. Dir. of Cer.; J. S. Oliver, P.M., Past Prov. G.S.B., Swd. Br.; C. Harford Lloyd, Past Prov. G. Org., Org.; and T. Cadle, P.M., Past. Prov. G.P., Purst.

The Right Worshipful P.G.M., Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., having been duly installed, was most heartily greeted. Having paid a most graceful tribute to Bro. George F. Newmarch, the Past P.D.G.M., he proceeded to obligate as his Deputy Bro. J. Brooke Smith, the appointment being most warmly received by the brethren.

Bro. G. F. NEWMARCH, P.P.D.G.M., next proposed Bro. W. H. Gwinnett as Treasurer for the province, and Bro. RUSSELL KERR having seconded the proposition, it was carried unanimously. The Right Worshipful P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. E. Price, G.S.W.; W. A. Sole, G.J.W.; J. O. Millar, G. Chap.; Cranstown Kerr, G.R.; E. Trinder, G.S.; J. Brunton, G.S.D.; Greenfield, G.J.D.; J. Nayswith, G.S. Works; E. Gregory, G.D.C.; Pettifer, G.A.D.C.; C. H. Lloyd, G.O.; E. Kimber, G.P.

The roll of the lodges was then called. The province comprises: The Foundation, founded 1753; Royal Union, dated 1813; Royal Faith and Friendship, 1789; Royal Lebanon, 1844; Cotteswold, 1851; Sherborne, 1857; St. John, 1858; Royal Gloucestershire, 1861; Sympathy, 1861; St. George, 1862; Prince of Wales, 1863; Zetland, 1864; Royal Forest of Dean, 1866; and the Tyndall, 1871.

The bye-laws having been approved and the Treasurer's account passed, the Charity Committee's report was read by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Col. BASEN, P.P.G.R. The report showed the province to be in a flourishing condition, contributing so much as £1136 to the charitable institutions during the Masonic year. Gloucestershire now stands second in the average number of votes per lodge. It was announced that at the Festival of the Girls' School, at which Sir Michael Hicks Beach will preside, the province will be represented by Stewards whose list already shows a sum of over £700 towards that Institution, and on the motion of the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. J. BROOKE SMITH, the sum of £35 was voted from the P.G.L. to the same object. A proposal was next made that a minute be made of the high estimation held by the brethren of the Lord Sherborne and of George F. Newmarch, the R.W.P.G.M., and V.W.D.P.G.M. of the province. The proposal was received with unanimous favour by the brethren. Before the close of the proceedings a formal presentation of an original copy of the Book of Constitutions, rebound in morocco, garter blue, and gold, and enclosed in a case of walnut wood, lined with purple velvet, was made by Bro. Henry Jeffs to the Provincial Grand Master, which Sir Michael Hicks Beach was pleased to accept. The book is scarce, and to bibliophiles valuable, being Anderson's and Désagulier's edition of 1723, and of the first official issue sanctioned by warrant of Grand Lodge. There was in 1772 an informal issue of the old regulations in a copy of a M.S. Constitution. The book presented to the Prov. Grand Master contained the following, printed in old English, on a fly-leaf:—"Presented with the respectful and fraternal regards of Brother Henry Jeffs, Past Master No. 1005, to Brother the Right Honourable Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., on his installation as the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, 1881."

The brethren, to the number of upwards of 300, afterwards sat down to a banquet in the Corn Exchange, under the presidency of the P.G.M. The usual toasts were briefly proposed, that of "The Grand Lodge of England" being coupled with the names of Bros. the Rev. C. R. Davy and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Both responded, the reverend brother stating, in a humorous speech, that the Grand Lodge always endeavoured to do its duty, but he believed that it never did it more thoroughly than when they appointed Sir Michael Hicks Beach to preside over the destinies of the Gloucestershire province.

The Provincial Grand Master, in response to the toast of his health, said that he was bound to admit that when first it was suggested to him that he might hope to succeed Lord Sherborne, he shrank from the task. He did not forget that he had been before them as a member of one political party, and he trusted that as a member of that party he had never feared to speak his mind. He feared, therefore, that his appointment might not have been satisfactory to all, and might not have conduced to that harmony which should characterise Freemasonry, but the kind expressions which had come from every side and party—from quarters from which he could not have anticipated any such kindness or welcome—were such that he felt it his duty to accept the office of P.G.M. He felt from those evidences of good feeling and from the large assembly of brethren that he could ever rely upon their co-operation in the work of the province. He should not forget the address of the Installing Master, and he should not forget that it was his duty to acquaint himself by visiting with the working of the various lodges. He hoped during this and the following year to visit each and every lodge. He had set his eye on three, and they had better prepare. (Laughter.) They were the Dursley Lodge, the Royal Lebanon Lodge, and the Tyndall Lodge, Chipping Sodbury. (Applause.) He again thanked the brethren for their reception, and sat down amidst loud cheers.

"The Installing Master," "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne," "The Visitors," and other toasts followed, and were all drunk with enthusiasm.

The proceedings were considerably enlivened by a musical programme by brethren who were accompanied by the P.G. Organist.

**GRAND LODGE OF MARK
MASTER MASONS**
OF ENGLAND AND WALES, AND COLONIES AND DE-
PENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION,
AT
THE MASONIC ROOMS, THE CRITERION, PICCADILLY,
LONDON,
Tuesday, 31st May, 1881.

RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, M.W.G.M.M.M.
RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER, R.W.D.G.M.,
M.W.G.M.M.M. ELECT.

**INSTALLATION OF
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.**

On this, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Founda-
tion of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master
Masons of England and Wales, &c., it has
been determined to extend the customary arrange-
ments for the Banquet to follow the Installation of the
Grand Master, and to fix the price of Dinner Tickets at
12s. 6d., the Wine being provided at the expense of the
Grand Lodge. A Collation will in addition be provided for
Ladies, Tickets for which may be obtained at 7s. 6d. each.
A Musical Selection will be given during Dinner, and a
Concert will take place in the evening at which the services
of eminent Professionals will be secured, under the direc-
tion of the Grand Organist.

To enable the Grand Stewards to carry out the various
arrangements efficiently and satisfactorily, the return to
the Grand Secretary, not later than the 25th May, of the
forms sent out is absolutely necessary.

N.B.—Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m. Dinner
will be on the Table at 6 p.m. precisely. Ladies to assemble
at 7 o'clock p.m.

8a, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.
May, 1881.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

**TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE
ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,**

ELECTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Brethren,
You are particularly requested to attend the
next meeting of the General Committee of this Institution
at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 26th inst., between
the hours of four and five o'clock p.m., to support the re-
election of the present House Committee.

It may be within your recollection that Bro. Thomas
Massa, who some years since was employed in the capacity
of architect in connection with certain additions to the
main building of the School, took occasion, at the last
Quarterly Court, to submit a proposition for the rebuilding
of the very excellent and substantial house recently ac-
quired, occupied as the Junior School, and formerly known
as Lyncombe House.

The House Committee most strongly opposed this pro-
position, and were supported in their views by the Quarterly
Court, who, considering the existing building fully adequate to
the present requirements of the Institution, negatived
Bro. Massa's motion by an overwhelming majority.

Bro. Massa has, however, availed himself of the pre-
sent opportunity to nominate five brethren, one of whom
was the seconder of his motion, in opposition to the re-
election of the present Committee.

Two, at least, of the brethren so nominated were pro-
posed by Bro. Massa without their knowledge or consent,
and have requested that their names be withdrawn, but as
there still remain more than one of the candidates so pro-
posed whose names have not to our knowledge been formally
withdrawn, the Committee are sorry to be under the
necessity of asking the favour of your attending the meet-
ing on the 26th inst., and giving them unitedly your vote
and support.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HENRY A. DUBOIS, Vice-Pres.
CHARLES HAMMERTON, Vice-Pres.
WM. HOPE, M.D., Life Gov.
PETER DE L. LONG, Life Gov.
EDWARD LETCHWORTH, Vice-Pres.
EDMUND C. MATHER, Vice-Pres.
JOSHUA NUNN, Vice-Pres.
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-Pat.
JOHN A. RUCKER, Vice-Pat.
GRIFFITHS SMITH, Vice-Pres.

Members
of the House
Committee.
18 May, 1881.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Publishing and Printing Offices

OF
"THE FREEMASON"

HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO

16, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
(Opposite Freemasons' Hall).

To Correspondents.

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

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement; Norwich Social
Lodge, No. 93; Consecration of the Citadel Lodge, No.
1897; St George's Lodge, No. 242; The Irish Masonic
Orphan Schools; District Grand Lodge of Bengal; Tunis
and Malta, a Paper by Bro. Broadley; Naval and Military
Conclave, No. 35.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Mystic Tie," "Keystone," "Masonic Advocate,"
"The Doncaster Chronicle," "Der Long Islaender,"
"New York Dispatch," "Voice of Masonry," "Jewish
Chronicle," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The
Sunday Times," "The Masonic Record of Western India,"
"Australian Freemason," "La Acacia."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 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 BANNERS OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly give me the opportunity for ascer-
taining from some higher authority than either the friend
from whom I differ or myself, the correct expression to be
used in the exhortation to the newly-admitted Mason on the
subject of Charity? For nearly a quarter of a century I
have believed that the sentence "Amongst those who range
under its banners" was correct, but I have been lately told
that it is not so, "for Freemasonry has but one banner." As
this information was conveyed to me in a lodge of in-
struction, from which, of course, the error, if it be an error,
will be disseminated, it may be of interest to raise the ques-
tion whether or not our former teachers understood what
they taught.

Several works confirm me in that rendering of the pas-
sage to which I have been accustomed, viz., in the plural.
Amongst these are "The Ceremonies as taught in the
Union's Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s,"
published 1871, and "Mackey's Lexicon," 1867. In the
latter work will be found the following: "In symbolic
Masonry six banners are generally borne in procession, on
each of which is inscribed one of the following words:
Faith, Hope, Charity, Wisdom, Strength, Beauty."

I fancy my friend is misled by the impression that the
standard of the Grand Lodge of England is the represen-
tative banner of Freemasonry. But that cannot be, for
other Grand Lodges have their respective distinguishing
ensigns. And I contend that the banners referred to in
our ritual are the allegorical symbols of Masonry universal,
and have no connection of idea with any separate organisa-
tion whatever.

Will some brother kindly express his opinion on the mat-
ter? It would interest many to know which is correct.

Yours fraternally,

P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, May 16th.

[They say "banners" at the Emulation and, if we think
rightly, the Stability. It is merely a rhetorical or figura-
tive expression, and has no reference to lodge banners. It
is an expression in very common use. We answer our cor-
respondent from courtesy, but, we confess we think the
query a little too ritualistic for our columns, according to
our well known rules.—Ed. F.M.]

ANOTHER OLD CONSTITUTION IN EXISTENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Mr. Halliwell begins the introduction to the old
Masonic poem known as the "Halliwell MS." as follows:
"God alone is gracious and powerful. Thanks to our
gracious God, Father of heaven and earth, and all things
that in them are, that he has vouchsafed to give power unto
men." To which Mr. Halliwell adds, "So commences one
of the ancient Constitutions of Masonry."

As, to the best of my recollection, I have never seen an
old Masonic Constitution beginning with the prayer, or,
rather, say, with the above thanksgiving, will you,
therefore, please to inform me where I can find that Con-
stitution, and, if you know not where it is, will you oblige
me by asking Mr. Halliwell where the said Constitution
may be seen, and if you are successful in your inquiry,
please to print it. It is an important document, if only for
the reason that its beginning differs from all other old Con-
stitutions, and who knows whether there is not other
matter in it that may serve to throw some light on Masonic
history.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

Boston, U.S.,
May 6th, 1881.

JACOB NORTON.

[We gladly print Bro. Jacob Norton's friendly "query,"
and will put ourselves in communication with Mr. Halli-
well.—Ed. F.M.]

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must ask Bro. Lewis to refer to the two letters
Bro. Wade, of New Zealand, has published in the *Free-
mason*.

The first is in the issue of Nov. 27th, 1880, and the
second is in that of the 7th inst., my replies being in your
issue of Dec. 11th, 1880, and of the 14th inst., respectively.

Bro. Wade in his first letter speaks of "a Bro. Lewis, I
think." In his second letter he is more explicit, and speaks
of "Bro. Lewis, an officer of Grand Conclave," as having
had certain correspondence handed to him after it had
reached England for the second time.

The statement is clearly made in each letter by Bro.
Wade himself. I never having had any knowledge of this
particular correspondence from N.Z., can only quote Bro.
Wade's own words for Bro. Lewis's information, and if he
is quite sure that he is the Bro. Lewis referred to, as being

(at the time) an officer of Grand Conclave, would it not be
well for him to write to Bro. Wade direct?

Faithfully yours,

W. ROBERT WOODMAN,
G. Recorder and Registrar General.

Ford House, Exeter,
May 16th, 1881.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A CURIOUS MASONIC TRACT.

Brethren interested in the subject and study of Masonic
bibliography and history will do well to consult the
"Masonic Magazine" for May. Beside other attractions,
it contains a reprint of what is fairly entitled "A Curious
Masonic Tract." In the interesting notes by the Editor, it
is stated that the pamphlet is not in Dr. Kloss's "Bibli-
ographie der Freemaurerei." This is an error, as it is given
at page 132, under the department of *Rituals*, and is
numbered 1886. Kloss gives the second edition only, just
as the one alluded to, and reprinted by the Editor for the
information of the Craft generally. Brethren having aught
curious or old, Masonically, should report in the "Notes
and Queries" department, and have their possessions pro-
perly explained and treated, &c., if needs be.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ARCHE ROYALE.

I am still more anxious about the books of Bro. Matthew
Shuttleworth, as I have stumbled upon a note in one of my
museum-books, which gives the name somewhat differently,
and at this lapse of time I cannot say which is right.
"Statuts et Reglemens de L'Archeconfrerie Royale des
Chevaliers Voyageurs, et confreres de Devotion du Saint
Sepulchre de Jerusalem."

MASONIC STUDENT.

Can any brother tell me of an old minute book of a
lodge, or any old lodge records, of the early part of the
last century? A communication addressed "Editor of the
Freemason, 16, Great Queen-street," will reach me.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Can any Masonic student give me any "cuttings" of
papers relative to "Freemasonry" or Sir "Christopher
Wren," or of the old Lodge of St. Paul's, previously to
1717?

A MEMBER OF No. 2.

I note that Anderson expressly declares in 1738 that the
Masons were dissatisfied with Sir Christopher Wren's rule,
&c. Is not this the cause of the silence of Anderson him-
self concerning him? He could say no good; therefore, he
said nothing bad.

ANTIQUARIUS.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
BOYS.**

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards was held
at Freemasons' Hall on Monday last. W. Bro. A. J. Duff
Filer, V. Pat. of Inst., P.G.S.B., P.M. No. 657, was
elected Chairman for the evening, and there were present
Bros. W. March, G. Bolton, V. P. Freeman, F. Quitman,
Harry N. Childs, N. Bridges, A. J. Duff Filer, Major W.
E. Williams, R. P. Spice, J. L. Mathers, E. Moutinnes,
J. Aspinall, J. Mason, E. J. Storr, Thos. Fowler, G. Boul-
ton, C. Beaumont, Jas. Moon, R. M. Bishop, J. Bellerby,
Edgar Bowyer, J. Larkin, F. Lasseter, L. Angell, W.
Wood, Henry Smith, W. H. Saunders, A. McDowall, J.
Stanhope, C. Atkins, Y. C. Schiemann, E. C. Woodward,
W. B. Lethbridge, and C. Storr.

The minutes of the first meeting having been read and
confirmed, the brethren proceeded to discuss the proposition
for the locality of the festival. The returns received from
the Stewards, in reply to a circular asking for their opinion
as to the place of meetings, were as follows: In favour of
Crystal Palace, 24; Alexandra Palace, 22; Royal Pavi-
lion, Brighton, 65; indifferent, 5; unfavourable to Brighton,
6; total 122.

It was then proposed and seconded, "That the Alexandra
Palace be selected" and "That the Pavilion at Brighton be
selected." On a division, there were for Alexandra Palace,
7; Brighton, 19. It was then resolved that the festival be
held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

Bro. SAYERS (Messrs. Sayers and Marks) was in attend-
ance, and submitted the menu, list of prices, &c., which
were approved.

It was resolved that the price of the dinner tickets be,
including first-class return railway fare, brethren, £1 1s.;
ladies, 18s.; double ticket, £1 16s. Exclusive of railway
fare the tickets to be, brethren, 17s. 6d.; ladies, 15s. A
special train will be provided. The musical arrangements
were entrusted to a sub-committee, consisting of Bros.
Edgar Bowyer, J. Bellerby, J. L. Mather, Dr. Scheimann,
with the officers of the Board *ex-officio*.

It was announced that the annual fête, distribution of
prizes, and visit of the Stewards to the Institution will prob-
ably take place on Wednesday, the 22nd June.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, and
the quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters were held
on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M.
Clabon presided. Bro. Joshua Nunn occupied the Senior
Vice-President's chair, and Bro. James Brett the chair of
Junior Vice-President.

At the Board of Masters the agenda paper for next
Grand Lodge was settled.

The brethren then confirmed recommendations of grants
made at last meeting of the lodge, to the amount of £365.
There were thirty new cases on the list. The total amount
granted was £760.

**THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY
ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Committee of the above Association
took place on Monday, when fresh members were elected
and several matters of detail arranged for the election
which was to take place yesterday, and about which we
shall have something to say in our next.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE (No. 19).—

The concluding lodge meeting of the present season was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., Bro. Henry Charles Jepps, W.M., in the chair, supported by a large gathering of brethren, among whom we noticed Bros. Sydney R. Pollard, J.W.; E. B. Grabham, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Glenn, S.D.; G. Glenn, I.G.; R. J. Archbald, P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., D.C.; William Pound, P.M., Steward; G. Campion, P.M.; Matthew Henry, Athelstan A. Angier, F. W. Hönischer, C. Coleman, J. E. Greenhill, S. G. Glanville, R. Sewell, J. Pugh, H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; G. Gillard, Joyce Murray, — Gilbey, H. Urquhart, C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; H. Massey (*Freemason*); and others.

In consequence of the non-arrival of a candidate for initiation, the business of the meeting was confined to the confirmation of the minutes and other formal business, at the conclusion of which the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the event of chief interest—the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Pound, the Steward of the lodge—was to be performed. This testimonial, consisting of a time-piece and vases of costly and very elegant design, was displayed on the chimney piece, while an addendum in the shape of a beautiful little table ornament for holding cut flowers was placed on the table before the W.M. Below the face the clock bears the following appropriate inscription: "This clock is presented by the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, to Bro. William Pound, P.M., Steward, in token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and of their best wishes for his health and happiness. May 12th, 1881." At the conclusion of the banquet the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly proposed from the chair and honoured in Royal Athelstan style; Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, responding for "The Grand Officers." The W.M. said that there was a little matter out of the common course which had to be now attended to, in the presentation of a testimonial to their very old and esteemed friend, Bro. Pound, and he requested Bro. Bywater, P.M., to perform that ceremony on his behalf. Bro. Bywater: Brethren, I am somewhat taken by surprise in being called upon by the Worshipful Master to discharge this duty; and although it is a duty, and a privilege and a great pleasure, it is an occurrence which seldom happens in our lodge, of presenting a testimonial to brethren whom we highly esteem. In this instance I am happy to say that the idea, as soon as it was started, was responded to with the greatest alacrity and the greatest unanimity. They do say "Happy is the nation which has not a history," and I think the words might almost be applied to a brother Mason, who, shunning all the bickerings and discussion of the outer world is able to pass over a quarter of a century possessing the good will of his brethren, and experiencing a serene, calm, and happy existence, gratifying to his own recollections and to ours. As soon as this little matter was mooted, it was unanimously resolved to take the very earliest opportunity of acknowledging our thankfulness to Bro. Pound for the very able manner in which he has for eighteen years discharged the arduous duties of Steward to the lodge. I need not say how greatly he has added to your comforts, for you all know with what assiduity, neglecting his own comforts, he has attended to those of the visitors and of us all. You know yourselves the kind care with which he has gone round about the table seeing that we have what we desired. Brethren, in their action in this matter, the committee who had the pleasant task of carrying out your wishes thought it would show a graceful feeling to leave Bro. Pound himself to name the form which this testimonial should take, aided by the valuable services of the lady who is our brother's partner. That will, I think, explain to you the very handsome selection which has been made. I am told it possesses one good quality which you may remember Wendel Holmes alludes to as a characteristic of "the one-horse shay," who having heard that the strength of a machine is not greater than its weakest point, took care to make the weakest part very strong, so that it should never want mending, but that when the end did come it should "bust up," and resolve itself into a pile of ground coffee. Like that "shay," I believe this clock will never require to be repaired. Bro. Pound, it affords me extreme pleasure on behalf of the lodge to invite you to accept of this little memento of affection and esteem. It is hoped that at your own fireside you may for many years regard that clock with pleasure, and that it may remind you of the many happy hours we have all here spent together. And when in the fullness of time all things shall have been accomplished, and it is your lot to pass to your rest, may you amidst the hallelujahs of "well done" find a joyful entrance into the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Pound, who was evidently affected by the universal demonstration of good will displayed by the brethren during Bro. Bywater's address, expressed the great difficulty he experienced in giving proper expression to the feelings aroused by this display of kindness on the part of the brethren. He shortly reviewed his career in the Royal Athelstan Lodge since he was initiated there twenty-five years ago. He found that there was a strong body of eminent Past Masters, and that if he desired to hold any permanent office it would be necessary to walk in their footsteps. He took instruction from Bro. S. Barton Wilson, and after seven years of study passed through the chair successfully in the year 1864. During his probation he was present when Bro. Gale handed over the Treasurer's keys to Bro. Starling, and this appointment showed him there was no chance of being made Treasurer. The Secretaryship also changed hands, so there was no chance in that direction. Bro. Pound continued: I then looked about to seek for another office, and from natural inclination, I suppose, was always ready to do what I could to make others happy, so that it fell out that I was constituted Steward of the lodge. I hardly know how to thank you in proper terms, but I think my duty is first to thank the Committee, who have done so much in the matter of this testimonial, and especially Bro. Bywater, who was Chairman of that Committee. For his voluntarily undertaking this duty, and for the speedy manner in which it was carried out, I know not how to return sufficient thanks, or for [the graceful action by which the

taste and wishes of my wife were consulted. It gives me especial pleasure to notice the presence this evening of many brethren who have not been here for a long time, and who, I flatter myself, have done this kindness with the special view to do me honour on the present occasion. Bro. Pound said he believed—he was sure—that he dwelt in the hearts of all present, and however he might fail in giving due expression to his gratitude for their kindness, he trusted to this fact, and was assured that his feelings would be understood. It was a great pleasure to him to think that they were satisfied with his past services, and hoped that they would have no occasion to complain of him in the future. During the evening several brethren sang some very effective songs, and Bro. Goddard contributed several amusing recitations. The W.M. kindly assisted the vocalists by accompanying them on the pianoforte.

BRITANNIC LODGE (No. 33).—The installation meeting for 1881 was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Walter Webb, W.M., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors to do honour to the occasion. Among those present as visitors we noticed Bros. E. J. Cobley, P.M., Caledonian; W. W. Turner, 1,449; C. Harding, P.M. 231; R. H. Giraud, P.S.G.D.; F. Shoppee, Royal Union; R. S. Barton, Peace and Harmony; Arthur Mead, Goodfellowship; John Copper, Evening Star; J. N. Clubb, Invicta, 709; A. Penford, Pattison, 913; H. J. Butler, P.M. Patterson, 90; there were Past Masters Bros. Edward Strouts, J. Chynoweth, J. Strapp, F. Pendered, J. Glaisher, Magnus Ohren, H. E. Wallis, J. M. Davis, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and others; and members Bros. Tanqueray, Fletcher, Webb, Campbell, Wilson, Young, Hewitson, Hodge, Reader, Layton, Bower, Varley, Saunders, Wallis, W. Webb, Cogan, Leigh, Hallows, Angell, Spencer, Boddy, Pawley, Halloms, Charles, Shaw, Stenning, Finley, and others; and the lodge was tyled by Bro. C. T. Speight, P.M. 27, Prov. G. Tyler for Surrey. The ceremony of installing Bro. Arthur Giraud Browning into the chair of K.S. was most ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Webb, who also delivered the orations in a most impressive manner. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. James Ricks, to be S.W.; James Clegg, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; Thomas Alford Chubb, P.M., re-appointed Secretary; J. Sampson Peirce, P.M., re-appointed D.C.; W. T. Sugg, to be J.W.; G. H. Stayton, to be S.D.; T. W. Trill, to be J.D.; R. C. Hallows, to be I.G.; J. H. Davis, to be Senior Steward; Dr. Charles, to be Junior Steward; and C. T. Speight, re-appointed Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Webb, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, with best wishes for his health to enable him to enjoy the dignity of Past Master, which he had earned so well; and Bro. Webb having briefly responded, the lodge was closed in the usual form, and the company adjourned to the house adjoining to dine, where the utmost care had evidently been taken by this hospitable lodge for the comfort and pleasure of the guests, from the good fare and good music down to the dainty Shakespearian menu printed in black letter, every detail bespoke the kind and careful host.

After the cloth had been withdrawn the customary loyal and Masonic toasts to the Queen and Grand Master were proposed and duly honoured; after which the Chairman rose and said: Brethren, I will now ask you to do honour to the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." It is possible that to some of the brethren present the toast may sound like a long string of names, but to the minds of others it will be suggestive of the three Masonic virtues, for it is in Grand Lodge that the principles of Freemasonry are brought to light in their highest perfection. I will only speak of the Grand Officers we have sent up from our lodge, and I am proud to say there are at least three that are able to speak to this toast; we have Bro. Glaisher, Bro. Magnus Ohren, and Bro. Peirce, our worthy Director of Ceremonies, whose career, just brought to a culminating point in Grand Lodge, started from this Britannic Lodge. In connection with this toast I will couple the name of Bro. Peirce, P.M. Bro. Peirce: Worshipful Master and brethren, in return for the toast which has been so cordially received and so ably put, I, as the interesting youngest Grand Officer, for I am only just fledged, am, unfortunately, called to return thanks. With regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, he is ever received in Masonry as a man in whom every confidence can be placed, because whether he is only engaged in a private position, or whether he is occupying a public position, he has always done his duty well. The Earl of Lathom is the embodiment of Masonry. With regard to the Past Officers of Grand Lodge, you have upon my right and upon my left very, very able representatives. With regard to the present men, I am the only one who represents them, and I can only tell you that with such examples—as we have had before us—we, the present Grand Officers, will do the very best we can to continue the prestige that has been handed down to us. Bro. Webb, I.P.M.: Brethren, by the gracious permission of your Worshipful Master I am permitted now to discharge a very pleasing duty, and, in doing so, I feel that I am acting as the mouthpiece of all the members of the Britannic Lodge. We know that in our Craft one of the fundamental principles is that unanimity and concord should govern our proceedings, but, unfortunately, in practice this cannot always be strictly realised; but on the present occasion there is no element to jar the absolute and entire unanimity of the act which I am about to perform or discharge on your behalf. We, the members of the Britannic Lodge, are a very practical body; we attend to our Masonic duties; we attend to duties of refreshment; but we do not allow these duties to interfere with those duties of life which occupy most of our time and attention. We are little disposed to give much time and attention to getting up testimonials with regard to the merits of one particular brother. But there are occasions on which we of the Britannic Lodge feel ourselves moved to exert ourselves in some exceptional degree, and against our inclination we are compelled to do that to which circumstances sometimes point. Brethren, I think the present is such an occasion. It is only twice within the mind of such as are present that the Britannic Lodge has adopted a similar course, first, in the case of our Bro. Secretary, the father of the Britannic Lodge, who, in the year 1864, received a special testimonial at your hands. Subsequently

our dear Bro. Crombie was singled out for these exceptional honours. In the case of Bro. Crombie the form the testimonial took was that of the clothing of Grand Deacon and the candelabra. On the present occasion we have thought it right to follow the same precedent; and, Bro. Sampson Peirce, it takes, as you see before you, a form very similar to that which was presented in the case of Bro. Crombie, and we trust that you will approve of the choice that has been made on your behalf. Brethren, I said that we feel constrained to adopt this special deviation from our course with regard to Bro. Peirce. When he says that he is a mere fledgling he means of course as a Grand Officer, but we remember that he drew his first Masonic breath in 1858 in the Britannic Lodge, when the lodge was very different from what it is now: he went through the different offices and in 1864 he was installed Worshipful Master. In consequence of the efforts which he and other members made, there was a very great accession made to the members of the lodge while he presided over its affairs, and I may mention that during his year of office he performed fifty ceremonies from the chair, and he did that with the assistance of only two lodges of emergency. But he did not pause from the active work of the lodge; indeed, arduous as his work was in the chair I think it has been still more arduous since he left it. He thought he saw that there was a very great work to be done for the Britannic Lodge, and he buckled himself to do it. We who belong to this lodge to-day must recollect that it was not made yesterday, but that it has been a work of time, that the organisation with which everything occurs, the regularity with which one good Master follows another into the chair, have been the result of years of study and years of attention—of the closest attention—by those who have worked might and main in the true interests of the Britannic Lodge. Brethren, one of those who have done a principal part in this work is our Bro. John Sampson Peirce. For many years past he has occupied what I may call the thankless office of D.C. He has not been satisfied with the perfunctory discharge of the duties appertaining to his office; he has been always present on every occasion where the most trifling duty was performed; when any question had been put by a Master he was there to put the brother right. Had a committee to be appointed our brother was present at that committee meeting; he was the first to arrive and the last to depart; his service was continuous; his vigilant eye was everywhere, and if a brother halted in the ritual he was there to put that brother right and to keep the work of the lodge in satisfactory order. The work which he has done has been invaluable, not like that which we perform in the chair of a ceremonial and ostentatious character, but work out of the lodge which enabled other people to perform perfectly and for which he gets none of the credit. I am sure there is not a Master who has passed the chair since he was Director of the Ceremonies who is not deeply indebted to him for assistance about the lodge which so greatly contributes to the success of a Master's work. Brethren, it is not only at our ordinary meetings, but when there is a question of any particular kind—a lodge of emergency or a summer banquet—he attends personally upon those who are interested in the matter and sees that the meetings of the lodge are duly organised. These services never come under our special notice; Bro. Peirce does not flaunt them before our gaze, and there are many of these kind acts that have never seen the light of day; and we have never known how much we owe to our brother. Brethren, under these circumstances we felt that we were bound to make an effort to display to our brother the feeling which we entertain towards him, the feeling of gratitude with which we regard the services which he had rendered to the lodge, those services and efforts which he had rendered on our behalf. When we had arrived at this determination we found to our very great joy and delight that not only we, the members of the Britannic Lodge, entertained these feelings, but that the Craft in general entertained similar feelings, and that he had in fact been appointed a Grand Officer. You know it is said that hope deferred maketh the heart sick, and it is extremely gratifying to those who know him, and know how well he has long deserved the honour, to find that his claims to Grand Office had at length been recognised after a delay which was hardly consistent with their avowal of making suitable appointments in Grand Lodge. "But all's well that ends well." Our brother has been appointed to the office he is so well qualified to fill. Brethren, we have heard in the ceremonies to-night that that is one of the greatest features of life that we ought to rise to our rank by merit, and he has succeeded at last. With regard to greatness—Masonic greatness—he was not born to it; with regard to greatness, it was not thrust upon him as a strippling, but now in the full maturity of manhood he has been elected to that office, and it is to us a most agreeable opportunity to do him the double honour of recognising the great services he has done to the Britannic, and congratulate him upon having attained this high and important office. Brethren, with regard to those who were present when the ceremony of his appointment was completed, it must have been clear to every member present, and peculiarly gratifying to us all, to know that there were no indications of any jealousy that somebody had been passed over to make the appointment, but the feeling was that it was the right man in the right place. I think it was impossible not to notice the great feeling of unanimity with regard to the appointment in the case of our Bro. Peirce. Brethren, this is an honour which is due to our lodge as well as to Bro. Peirce. With regard to the inscription on the testimonial, it is as follows:—

Presented to
BRO. JOHN SAMPSON PEIRCE, G.D., P.G.S., P.M. 2,
P.M. 33.

By the brethren of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33,
As a token of fraternal esteem and high appreciation
Of his zealous and valuable services to the lodge,
Not only as a Past Master, but also as its Director of
Ceremonies,

13th May, 1881.

Brothren, these words are feeble, yet in their measured moderation perhaps they constitute the best evidence of the strong fraternal feeling we entertain towards our brother. There is a common chord running through the lodge which tells our brother these sentiments are heart-felt and sincere, and what higher satisfaction can such a true Mason as he enjoy than that of knowing that he is interwoven in the sympathies and affections of his brethren. Such sentiments lift us above the level of

ordinary club-life, of mere convivial good-fellowship: they touch the hearts of Masons, they tend to ennoble our lodge, they add new lustre to the brotherhood. The operative Masons among us might hew a marble monument to our brother which he would not accept in exchange for them. They are grateful incense rising to heaven, more imperishable than words inscribed on vellum or engraved on brass. As possessing no intrinsic value commensurate with our deep feelings, but as a symbol or token that we entertain them, we ask our Bro. Sampson Peirce to accept this testimonial with our "Hearty good Wishes." The testimonial, consisting of the Masonic clothing of a Grand Deacon, and a very handsome piece of presentation plate, was displayed on a table in front of the Worshipful Master's seat at the head of the table. Bro. J. Sampson Peirce said: Worshipful Master and brethren, during an already tolerably long life, not unchequered by many incidents of interest and excitement, I have naturally been placed in positions of more or less novelty and anxiety. But in looking back through the long vista of those experiences I cannot remember anything to be compared to the anxiety I feel at this moment at finding myself at last in a position at once so perfectly novel and embarrassing. You, with myself, brethren, have listened to eloquence poured forth in a continuous stream from the lips of our Immediate Past Master, painting, as it were, a portrait with marvellous dexterity, dashing on the colouring of the bright parts of the picture with a prodigal hand, but toning down the darker portions with scrupulous care and tenderness. If therefore, brethren, during the next few minutes I fail to do justice to what has been said, or to myself, I must beg of you on such an occasion, and in such circumstances, to extend to me your greatest indulgence. My Masonic life is before you; many here, more especially those brethren on my immediate left, with some few on my right, and many before me, are numbered amongst those fast and good friends I have made in this my mother lodge, and in Masonry, during the last three and twenty years. Many I regret to say who we have been accustomed to see amongst us have in that time one by one created for the moment a vacant place, but from one and all, whether of those present, or those I bear in fraternal memory, I have ever experienced, from the time I entered Masonry up to this very hour, the greatest brotherly kindness, and often it may be, brotherly forbearance, and now is added what is to me the crowning point of my Masonic existence, a reception in my old lodge of unmistakable warmth, and this valuable recognition of those poor services it has ever been my pleasure and good fortune to be able to render. But to express to you in words the full measure of the gratitude I feel for all that has been said and done would be a task far beyond my powers. The kind way in which you have cheered me on in the past will never be forgotten, the generous manner in which you are still encouraging me now will act as a stimulus for renewed exertion, and when the end is drawing near, and memories carry me back to our lodge room, and these happy meetings, I shall ever point with pride and pleasure to your handsome gifts of to-night, and endeavour to impress upon that generation which I hope will follow me and make me live again in this lodge and elsewhere, that I have received these from my generous brethren of the Britannic Lodge as a reward for having endeavoured to do my duty. And now I cannot omit the opportunity, the pleasurable opportunity, of thanking the Worshipful Master most heartily for delegating to my Bro. Webb the task he has so gracefully performed. It having fallen to his lot to make this presentation is a circumstance at once most pleasurable and gratifying to me, and I say this without the slightest disparagement of any brother here, and I will tell you why. "One touch of nature makes the world akin." We have many early reminiscences in common; we hail from the same "alma mater," and have kept up the most friendly intercourse for now a great number of years. And now, brethren, a few more words and I have done. Probably there is much that I could say, much that I would, and there is much, perhaps, that I ought to say, but if I were to prolong these expressions to an indefinite length I could not say more than this, that whatever honours or Masonic distinctions I may have conferred upon me elsewhere, I know of no honour or distinction I prize more than what I have received to-night. Indeed, brethren, I want you to believe that the brightest and the most lasting spot on the pages of my memory will be the recollection of to-night's proceedings, and the many kind and brotherly expressions that have been employed towards me. I cannot adequately express all I feel. I can but do now one act of simple and I trust manly justice, and tell you that from the bottom of my heart I thank you. Bro. Webb then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Browning," which was warmly responded to by the brethren, and in reply the W.M. said that though one event of the evening had led to rather lengthy speeches, he had laid down for himself a rule in favour of short ones, and he concluded by thanking them for the generous forbearance that had been shown to him and the encouragement he had received in the performance of his duties as Master of the lodge. The following toasts to the "Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" were also drunk and acknowledged, and the Tyler's toast, as usual, closed the proceedings of a very pleasant meeting. The musical brethren who assisted were Bros. Ashton, Carter, Cozens, Bell, and Lawler, the last named having the direction of this department and Bro. Cozens being the pianist.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—The installation meeting of this old and important lodge took place on Saturday evening last, and was largely attended by members and visitors. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m., and after the reading of the minutes, Bro. Rogers was passed to the Second Degree. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in lieu of the ten guineas proposed at the last meeting, and £10 to the widow of a brother. The Audit Committee presented a very favourable balance sheet, and congratulations were exchanged on the prosperous condition of the lodge. The chair having then been vacated by the W.M., Bro. E. W. Allen, P.M., proceeded with the installation ceremony, when Bro. Jno. Andrews was duly installed and placed in the chair of King Solomon, the whole of the ceremony being performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. Allen. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Fred. Foxley, S.W.; F. D. Vine, J.W.; George Gutterbock, S.D.; J. O. Wood, J.D.;

W. Holcombe, I.G.; J. Millier, W.S.; G. G. Stanham, D.C.; C. T. Speight, Tyler.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the many visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Andrews. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M. W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," having been proposed in suitable terms and duly honoured, the W.M. then proposed that of "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," remarking that it was essential to the well being of all societies to have good and true men to guide them, and that no order could boast of having better or sounder men than Freemasonry, and with such brethren the honour of the Order could never diminish. With this toast he coupled the names of Bro. Howe, P. G. Purst., and Bro. Fish, W. M. Grand Stewards' Lodge. Bro. Howe said that he had great pleasure in again responding at the Phoenix on behalf of the officers of Grand Lodge, but he had done so so often that he had little new to say. They all knew the present Grand Officers were men of worth, and that under their rule Freemasonry was everywhere flourishing. Bro. Fish also replied, and took occasion to remark on the very efficient manner in which the ceremonies had been performed. The I.P.M. then rose to propose "The W.M., Bro. John Andrews." He said that Bro. Andrews was one of their oldest members. He had seen many come and go, and though absent at times through ill health and other causes, he had devoted all the time and attention he could to the Phoenix Lodge. They had an evidence of it that evening, for he had left a bed of sickness to be present, which they all regretted, but they were pleased he was there. He had begun well, and he felt sure the work of the lodge would be in able hands. The W.M., in reply, said that he felt somewhat embarrassed but extremely gratified at the manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health. He assured them that he would do his utmost to promote the welfare of the Phoenix Lodge. He trusted that they would bear with him in any shortcomings that might arise during his year of office, and accept the will for the deed. He felt confident that all the brethren would render him every assistance in their power, and that the result would be in every way satisfactory. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," and said that, although Bro. Rogers had not been initiated that evening, this was the first opportunity they had had of proposing his health. He considered that the manner in which Bro. Rogers had gone through both ceremonies showed that he felt the seriousness of the services, and that he was a brother of whom they might well be proud. He felt sure that he would at all times be ready to assist the lodge in the furtherance of goodwill and harmony, and any who had been fortunate enough to hear him sing and play would understand how great a treat he could afford them. He trusted they should hear his voice amongst them for many years to come, not only in his musical capacity, but also in lodge working. Bro. Rogers, in reply, assured the brethren that the eulogistic terms in which his health had been proposed had made him feel quite nervous, but he would say that the little insight he had into Freemasonry had shown him that it had many noble qualities. He was glad it had fallen to his lot to be present on the occasion of Bro. Andrews being installed as Worshipful Master, and trusted his year's rule would be a pleasant and prosperous one. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Blythe," and said that the brethren would all feel that it was no mere compliment to say that during his year of office he had done all in his power to promote the goodwill of the lodge and the Craft generally, and success had been the result. He had stimulated the officers to perform their duties by so efficiently performing his own. To his energy and perseverance the prosperous state of the Benevolent Fund was in a great measure due, and he considered himself fortunate in having to follow in the footsteps of so worthy a Mason. Before sitting down he had the pleasing duty to perform of investing Bro. Blythe with the Past Master's jewel unanimously voted to him by the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, and he felt sure he was expressing the feelings of the whole of the members when he wished him long life to wear it. Bro. Blythe, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions and the brethren for their cordial reception. During the past year they had been successful in all respects. They had had an influx of initiates, all of whom were most acceptable. He had always done everything to the best of his abilities for the welfare of the lodge, and would continue to do all he could to promote its interests. The jewel they had been pleased to present him would remain to him as a token of the many pleasant days of meeting in their company, and he trusted they would have many more. In these social gatherings they smoothed over and eased the rough and rugged corners they all came in contact with through life, and if only for this they were to be valued. The toast of "The Past Masters" was next given, the W.M. expressing the pleasure he felt at being supported by so many that evening. Many had from time to time shown them most admirable examples of Masonic working, but he desired to express his thanks and gratification at the manner in which one P.M.—Bro. Allen—had so ably performed the installation ceremony. He knew they were all equally gratified with himself, and he asked them for a hearty response to that toast. Bros. Wilson, Witt, Vine, and Allen responded; the latter remarking that the work he had done was with him a labour of love, and he was only too pleased that his efforts had given the brethren satisfaction. He should be always ready to assist them, either as Installing Master or in any other way. "The Visitors" was the next toast, which the W.M. gave most heartily. He said the Phoenix Lodge was always pleased to receive visitors, there were, he believed, thirty-one present, and he was glad that they were honoured with so many shining lights that evening. Many were old and talented Masons, and many whose faces were very familiar to him. He would ask Bro. J. L. Smith, P.M. of Lodge 280, and Bro. Ellis, of 209, Lewes, to respond. Bro. Smith thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Phoenix Lodge for their hospitality. It was not the first time he had been a visitor, and he hoped he should have the pleasure of meeting them again. As an old P.M. he desired to express his admiration at the work he had seen performed in the lodge. Bro. Ellis, as a young Mason and an entire stranger, also replied. He had felt desirous of witnessing the work in a London lodge, but not knowing any of the members he felt considerable diffidence in entering the lodge, but that soon disappeared when he found that he was wel-

comed. He was greatly pleased at what he had seen and heard, and thanked them heartily for their generous hospitality. "The Health of the Officers," including the Secretary and Treasurer, was next given and responded to individually. The Tyler's toast then brought a very pleasant evening to a close. We should mention that several members and visitors contributed to the enjoyment of the by giving some excellent songs, the Phoenix Lodge being rich in musical talent.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Estoclet, 1641; Nicholson, P.M. 59; Jewell, P.M. 1223, P.P. 90; Lee, 1223; Bending, 1706; Ayling, J.W. 975; Coleman, 11; Smece, P.M. 280; Harlow, 1613; G. Harlow, 1227; Fall; Gresham, 127; Mackney, 134; Ellis, 1209; Lewis, 1329; Gastrell, S.D. 246; Bayley, 1395; Heseltine, S.W. 1181; Fish, W.M., Grand Stewards; Kendal, 1018; Cope, W.M. 715; Shilleto, 25; Thody, 1580; Richardson, 1139; Pugh, P.G.P.; Tinney, 1519; Green, 681; Watts, P.M. 114; Limebeer, P.M. 1295; Tremere, 1314; Hanson, 1706; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*).

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The above excellent lodge held its last monthly meeting, before the summer vacation, on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, and was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Henry Taplay, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. A. McCarthy, I.P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; J. B. Job, S.W.; J. Mitchell, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M. and Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; W. Dorton, S.D.; W. Nevens, J.D.; A. R. Mason, I.G.; W. Harris, Wine Steward; H. Taylor, P.M. 1221; Thos. E. Horley, 1227; W. Gurson, 1693; T. G. Robinson, 58; S. Levy, 1502; G. Frost, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes and accounts passed, Mr. Richard Smith was, after approval, initiated into Masonry in a masterly manner by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an elegantly-served banquet, after partaking of which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were responded to with enthusiasm. The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said they might all remember that on a recent occasion their W.M. had promised them, while regretting that he had no work to do lately, that he would show them some before the recess, and also give them a good Fourth Degree, and that night he had nobly fulfilled his promise, for the perfect manner in which he had initiated their newly-made brother was a real Masonic treat, and showed them unmistakably of what sterling stuff he was composed, and that night he had feasted them right royally. Since he had been in the chair he had carried out the duties attached to it with energy and integrity, and he asked them to give him a hearty good fire. The W.M., in response, said he thanked them for the toast. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to do his utmost for the Capper Lodge. He was especially pleased to see so many round him that night, for it showed him that the same old spirit still existed in the lodge that had at one time made it one of the strongest and most prosperous lodges in the metropolis, and he felt sure while that spirit prevailed the Capper Lodge would still be foremost in the field for both good work and true Masonic charity. He could not let them go for the recess without indulging in the pleasures of a dinner and social glass together, and therefore had, he trusted, only followed in the course pursued by those excellent W.M.'s who had preceded him. He wished them all every happiness during the recess, and a happy reunion on the third Thursday of September next. The toast of "The Initiate" was next proposed, and modestly responded to by Bro. Smith. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed. Bro. McCarthy was pleased at the unanimous response the toast had brought forth from the brethren. He knew that he spoke the sentiments of every Past Master when he said their only desire was for the happiness of the brethren and the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Gaskell rejoiced to see so many present. He thought at one time the good old Capper would be defunct, but that meeting showed him that there was life in it yet. He congratulated the lodge upon its devotion to the Charities of the Order, and of the name it bore among the Craft for the great help it gave to those grand Institutions. Bro. Halliday had, from his first connection with the lodge, taken a paramount interest in its success, and should continue to do so. He had at all times received the greatest kindness from all the brethren, and trusted as years rolled on to still be worthy of a continuance of the same good feeling. Bro. Day referred to the fact that during his year of office he had initiated no less than twenty-five members into the lodge. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see Bro. Levy, one of their old members, among them again, and trusted the day was not far distant when he would be reunited to his mother lodge. Bro. Brayshaw also said a few words in response to the toast. In reply to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Taylor spoke highly of the working of the lodge and its charity, and trusted it would go on, and not only be Vice-President but Patron of all the Charities in time. Bro. Levy and several other brethren also responded. Bro. Jolly replied to a very flattering reception of the *Freemason*, and Bro. Job replied for the officers of the lodge, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

SAMSON LODGE (No. 1668).—This young and rising lodge held its fifth installation meeting at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The lodge has recently been removed here, and the brethren are to be congratulated on having thoroughly settled down in their new quarters. Bro. B. D. Barnett, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair, and after the lodge had been formally opened, initiated Mr. Arthur Ochse into the mysteries of the Craft in a thoroughly able manner. The installation of Bro. W. T. Lover, the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Bro. M. D. Loewenstark, P.M. The investiture of the officers for the ensuing year was as follows: Bros. Chas. Ochse, S.W.; Aarons, J.W.; J. Quincey, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; W. J. Cooper, I.G.; Baron D. Barnett, I.P.M., Sec.; M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Treasurer; Rudderforth, P.M., W.S.; and Moses, D.C. After the Auditor's report had been introduced and passed, and other formal business disposed of, the brethren

adjourned to banquet, which was served in the *recherche* style for which the Café Royal is especially noted. The hospitality of the Samson is a marked feature, and the visitors were as numerous as the members of the lodge. Their healths, together with the customary Masonic toasts, were spiritedly proposed and received, the speeches, especially those of the W.M., being above the average, both for point and humour. A very agreeable and harmonious gathering was brought to a conclusion at an unusually late hour.

PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).—The Crystal Palace having been found an inconvenient meeting place for the above lodge, the Grand Master was petitioned by the members to allow a removal to the Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The request being granted, the installation meeting took place on the 14th inst., there being present Bros. T. J. Sawyer, W.M.; W. L. Boswell, W.M. elect; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Hon. Chap.; J. M. Klenck, P.M.; Treas.; D. E. Frances, P.P.G.D., Sec.; N. J. Basneti, S.D.; S. R. Dodd, J.D.; S. Walker, I.G.; F. Goddard, D.C.; Jones, Sherman, Damant, Partridge, Pincott, and Moore, M.A. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Vincent, P.G.S., W.M. 1861; T. Fryer, J.W. 181; E. H. Corks, S.W. 1339; and W. Richardson, 72.

The lodge being opened, a ballot was about to be taken for Mr. T. Hanington for initiation, when Bro. Moore stated he thought it would be but fair to the lodge if his proposer would state what he knew of the intended member and other particulars, not that he wished this in an invidious sense, but that the brethren might have some knowledge of the person they were about to vote for. Bro. Partridge, as proposer, then stated that Mr. Hanington had been known to him for years, and he had no doubt he would prove a worthy member of the lodge. Bro. Frances, as seconder, said the brethren had so often heard him reiterate the necessity of great carefulness in their introduction of candidates, that he was certain no member would introduce a candidate he deemed at all unworthy, and was sure Bro. Partridge would be the last to ask him to second the candidate if he was in the least doubtful of him. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson said he was much pleased to find so much care and supervision exercised in the choice of members, and it would be well if all lodges in the Craft took similar precautions to exclude the unworthy. The ballot was then taken, and declared unanimous in favour of Mr. Hanington, who was then initiated in an able manner by the W.M. On the retirement of the initiate, Bro. W. D. Boswell was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Sawyer, and the officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Basneti, S.W.; Dodd, J.W.; Klenck, P.M.; Treas.; Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Sec.; Walker, S.D.; Goddard, J.D.; Partridge, I.G.; Sherman, D.C.; and Damant, W.S. The usual charges and addresses were then impressively given by Bro. Frances. A jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Sawyer, who had served the office of W.M. for six months more than the usual period for such office.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, where the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, nor was the cause of charity forgotten, for a special case of distress was liberally subscribed to by the brethren.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. H. Shaw, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Captain J. T. Ritchie, C.B., R.A., I.P.M.; Otrmr. W. Richey, R.A., P.M.; W. Weston, P.M., and P.G.S.B. Kent; the Rev. C. A. Solbé, Chaplain, and S.W.; Lieut. A. E. Turner, Adj. R.H.A., J.W.; A. G. Saunders, Secretary; W. A. Watkins, S.D.; R. J. Wishart, J.D.; H. Hardy, Org.; Lieut. T. Kirkbride, R.A.; B. C. Hammerton, E. Goode, E. Aldridge, F. P. Reynolds, T. Holleyman, G. Mason, W. Osborne, W. Moulds, J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., and P.A.G.D.C. Grand Lodge of England; the Rev. H. W. Turner, Chaplain 1347; W. Clausenthue, J.P., I.P.M. 1622; H. C. Davids, Chislehurst Lodge; G. H. Hopkinson, 14; W. Mole, 1087; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting confirmed, Mr. Porterfield was balloted for, and the result being unanimous, he, with the usual ceremonies, was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. in splendid style. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superb banquet, which having been discussed, Bro. Ritchie, I.P.M., who filled the chair in the place of Bro. Shaw, that brother having retired, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in response to that of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Thomas said it would be impossible for him to tell them one half the good work that was done by such great lights in Freemasonry as their distinguished brethren, Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, and other Grand Officers, Present and Past, and he would thank the W.M. and brethren most cordially for honouring him by coupling his name with such great and good men and Masons. He felt it a very great honour to be one of the six or eight officers who were annually selected to carry out the duties of Grand Lodge, and he felt sure that those who were selected about a fortnight ago to fill the positions for the ensuing year, would add a lustre to the position they were appointed to, and be worthy of the confidence placed in them by their Royal and beloved Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. He thanked them most cordially for the toast. The next toast was that of "The W.M.," and, in giving it, Bro. Ritchie said he had been called to take the chair in the stead of Bro. Shaw, who had, although very much indisposed, come up to town that day to carry out the duties of W.M., but who also had immediately left for home as soon as his duties in the chair were finished. Now he, Bro. Ritchie, felt how inadequately and unworthily he should replace Bro. Shaw, but they might depend upon it that in that brother's absence the duties devolving, for the time being, upon him (Bro. Ritchie) would be carried out thoroughly and to the satisfaction, he trusted, of every brother present. They might remember that upon the occasion of their last meeting, when Bro. Shaw was installed W.M., he (Bro. Ritchie) had told them that they had a Master who would so carry out the duties of his office that his year would be a memorable one in the lodge for its prosperity, and not only for that, but for the admirable working they would see from the chair. Well, now

he would ask them if his prediction had not been fulfilled that night? The Masonic erudition of the W.M. and the work they had witnessed that night fully bore out his prediction, and showed them unmistakably that they had a Master who they might well be proud of as a Master in the Craft and an ornament to Masonry generally. Looking back, then, at the working in the lodge during the last two years and then at what they had seen that night, they would easily perceive what he meant when he said how inadequately he should fill the place temporarily vacated by Bro. Shaw. (No, no.) If they meant to interrupt him he must sit down. (Go on, go on.) Well then, he emphatically declared that in Bro. Shaw they had a good man and a good Mason. He was one of Carlyle's men, full of every manly and kindly principle, with a heart open to every appeal, and ever ready in the sacred cause of charity. That charity which was the keystone of Masonry was written on Bro. Shaw's heart, and he asked them to wish him long life and every happiness. Past Master Weston then proposed the toast of "Past Master Ritchie," their W.M. for the evening, and said that although he deeply regretted the absence of Bro. Shaw, yet they had a very excellent substitute in Bro. Ritchie. That brother had been thrice elected to fill the Master's chair, and was esteemed by every member of the lodge. He was now, however, a Past Master, and had, as it were, a seat in the Upper House, where his love for Freemasonry and his Masonic lore were both useful and beneficial, as had been proved in the emergency that had occurred that night. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm; and, in reply, Bro. Ritchie reviewed the progress of the lodge with pride and gratification, as if it were a child of his, and felt it no little honour to have been one of those who had helped to float the good ship "Ubique" on the waters of Masonry. He spoke of the efforts of the lodge in the cause of the Charities of the Order with pride. The lodge was gaining in strength, in position, and in intellect, and was bound to become a great factor in the great system of Freemasonry—that had for its motto "Charity, loyalty, and brotherly love." "The Health of the Initiate" was then proposed and drunk; and Bro. Porterfield briefly replied. Bros. Clausenthue, Turner, and Hopkinson responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Jolly for "The Masonic Press." The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Hammerton, who is a Vice-President of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and who, in reply, said he was pleased to say that the contributions were increasing year by year. Upwards of £40,000 had been subscribed last year for the Charities, and he believed that this year's returns would materially beat even that magnificent sum. Bro. Solbé replied for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Bro. Weston announced that he was standing Steward for the next Girls' Festival, and £7 10s. was collected in the room, and added to his list at once.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE (No. 1793).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Teddington, on the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Piller, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; H. W. Linton, J.W.; R. W. Forge, I.P.M., Sec.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P., hon. member, acting I.P.M.; T. Goodchild, S.D.; C. Stevens, J.D.; W. S. White, I.G.; W. G. Collier, D.C.; and B. Muller, Org. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, &c.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Loft, 946; Youldan, 1638; and Worthington, 1656.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, W. Bro. Elsam, by the W.M.'s permission, impressively raised Bros. Finch, Laurence, and Lerrey, and passed Bro. Simmonds. Votes of thanks having been passed to Bros. Pitt and Hopwood, late 1793, for their past services, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently well served at the Clarence Hotel. In consequence of the lateness of the hour, the only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Craft," "The W.M.," and "The Visitors." The latter toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Elsam, who made a capital speech in response.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The above grand old lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. N. Brown, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. Hutton, I.P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; H. S. Syer, S.W.; R. Smith, S.D.; W. Bidgood, Org.; Mathey filled the J.W.'s chair, and E. W. Crews officiated as I.G.; R. Stoubridge, J. F. Bell, A. Cleal, W. Turner, G. Grice, A. Purvis, G. Brown, T. Cheshire, A. Joskey, 913; H. Hoelfmann, 913; G. F. Colton, 158; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The only business before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Turner to the Second Degree, and this was admirably done by the W.M., who also gave the lecture on the tracing board in this Degree in a most eloquent and impressive manner, and was warmly congratulated by the brethren on the conclusion of his laborious task. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments, and whiled away a social hour in harmony. The toasts were commendably brief, but to the purpose, and the whole affair was much enjoyed by all present.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—At the ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Council Chamber, the W.M., Bro. R. G. Raper, P.P.J. G.W., presiding, Bro. G. Smith, P.P.G.D., one of the senior Past Masters, referred to the distinguished honour which had been conferred upon the Earl of March, M.P. (S.W. of the Union Lodge), and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D., and carried unanimously: "That the brethren of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, in open lodge assembled, desire to offer their sincere and hearty congratulations to the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of March, M.P., on his recent appointment by the M.W. Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to the high and distinguished position of Senior Grand Warden of England." The resolution, signed by the W.M. and also by the Secretary (Bro. C. H. R. Ballard), has been transmitted to the noble lord. It is many years since the Union Lodge has numbered among its subscribing members one of the officers of

the Grand Lodge of England, and the honour conferred upon their noble S.W. (who will in all probability next year become W.M. of the old Union Lodge) has been viewed with much satisfaction by the Freemasons of Chichester and the province.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The last regular lodge before the vacation was held on the 5th inst. Present: Bros. C. W. Radway, W.M.; P. Braham, acting I.P.M.; T. Wilkinson, acting S.W.; E. J. B. Mercer, J.W.; J. P. Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; A. Holmes, S.D.; W. H. Reynolds, acting J.D.; T. Wilton, P.M. and D.C.; W. S. Baldwin, Org.; W. Peach, I.G.; T. E. Wilton and H. B. Smith, Stewards. Members: Bros. Bartlett, Clark, Hunt, Tool, J. Robinson, T. J. Pinker, J. Chivers, C. Wilkinson, and F. Baldwin. Visitors: Bros. O. Sanderman, W.M. 53; W. F. Collins, 53; W. Gill, 53; W. F. Gould, 53; E. Noke, 53; G. H. Noke, 53; P. Jackman, 53; W. Butterfield, 1085; Williamson, P.M. 906; and others.

Lodge opened, summonses and previous meetings read and confirmed. Lodge of instruction minutes read. The permanent committee brought up a report recommending this lodge to join the other lodges in an invitation to the P.G. Lodge, asking them to hold their next meeting at Bath, the sum of £10 10s. to be voted towards the expenses. After some little discussion this was agreed upon. Apologies for non-attendance from various causes made for Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, I.P.M., Cater, and Ames. Letter read from Bro. Dr. Bagshawe, P.M., thanking the lodge for electing him an honorary member. The W.M., officers, and brethren of the Royal Sussex Lodge being in attendance were admitted with the usual salutations. Bro. F. S. Clark being in attendance was examined and entrusted, and retired for preparation. Bro. Clark was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Holmes gave the working tools and Bro. Peach in a most excellent manner gave the lecture in the Second Degree. Bro. T. Wilkinson, P.M., brought forward his motion of which he had given notice, that the lodge give a sum not exceeding £10 towards defraying the expenses of the boy Cooper's education. This was seconded by the W.M. and carried unanimously. Vote of thanks to visiting brethren suitably responded to by the W.M. of 53. Bro. T. Wilton, P.M., announced that his appeal on behalf of the Girls' School, for which he was going up as a Steward, had been well responded to; already he had £160, and he had no doubt further sums would arrive before the day of the festival.

The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in the Masonic Rooms. Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a good attendance both of brethren and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Mr. Edmund James Simpson, surgeon, of Madras, India, and proving unanimous, he was admitted to the lodge, and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working tools being given by the J.W., Bro. Gregson. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Nicholson, S.S., on the sudden death of his wife. There being no other business, "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—On Friday evening, the 13th inst., this lodge assembled at the usual hour, there being a very large attendance, in view of the fact that it was proposed to give a farewell greeting to Bro. John Wright, who is leaving Goole this week, after a residence of thirty years, for the United States. The W.M., Bro. Gardener, opened the lodge in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge, read by the Secretary, Bro. H. Wilson, were confirmed, it being stated that the Committee appointed to consider the best way of providing more commodious lodge and refreshment rooms had commenced its duties. There were four raisings on the agenda, but the lodge was adjourned, as it had been arranged that, in view of the approaching departure of Bro. Wright, the evening should be spent socially.

The brethren subsequently sat down to supper at the Sydney Hotel, the W.M. presiding, the vice-chair being filled by the Senior Warden, Bro. R. S. Best. In giving the toast of "Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, the Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew, J.P., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," the W.M. congratulated St. Oswald's, Pontefract, on the excellent manner in which they had recently recognised the great services Bro. Tew had rendered to the Craft generally, the province, and their own lodge, by presenting him with his portrait, adding that many would join him in expressing regret that the movement had been confined to the one lodge, as members of many others would have been only too glad to contribute. He was pleased to find that their near neighbour, and frequent visitor, Bro. P.M. Clark, had been appointed Registrar of the province. Bro. P.M. Cawthorn, P.P.G.S., replied in an eloquent speech. To "The Army and Navy" Bro. Major Best replied. The W.M. then gave "The Health of Bro. P.M. Wright," pointing out the care with which for thirty years he had navigated the Humber and helped to maintain the reputation the Goole captains had acquired for steadiness, carefulness, and yet speed. Since 1864 he had been a Mason, and though his seafaring duties called him constantly from home, he had attended as well as he possibly could to his Masonic duties, and had passed the chair. In the name of the brethren he wished him every health and happiness in his new home, and on their behalf presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. P.M. Wright feelingly replied, giving some timely advice to the young Masons present, and concluding with a hearty expression of Masonic wishes for 458. "Success to the Aire and Calder Lodge," by Bro. Cawthorn, P.M., concluded the toast list.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Leonardgate, on the 2nd inst., Bro. Aldous, W.M., presiding. The lodge having been opened in due form, the bye-laws of the lodge were discussed with reference to their revision. The lodge was subsequently closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—There was an unusually large and most influential gathering of members and visitors at the ordinary monthly meeting of the above lodge, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., the special attraction of the occasion being the inauguration of what was described in the W.M.'s circular of invitation as "the musical ceremony," for which rehearsals and preparations have been going on, we understand, for several weeks. The chair was occupied by Bro. A. D. Hesketh, W.M., and amongst the chiefs of the lodge present were Bros. George Musker, I.P.M.; R. Martin, jun., P.M., M.C.; T. B. Myers, P.M.; T. Williams, P.M.; T. Davies, P.M.; Capt. Williams, P.M.; H. Barclay, S.W.; T. O. Dutton, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. O. Rea, Sec.; T. Waring, S.D.; D. T. Holden, J.D.; J. H. Tyson, I.G.; W. Davis, Org.; T. Wright and R. Barnes, Stewards; and Peter Ball, Tyler. There were about thirty private members present, and the visitors included Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; Hugh Williams, P.P.G., D.C.; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; T. W. Sergeant, P.M. 203; Councillor Joseph Ball, S.W. 673; H. Williams, 1609; T. Peake, W.M. 667; J. W. Williams, P.M. 1356; Rev. R. T. Leslie, W.M. 1713; W. Brackenbury, P.M. 673; C. Arden, W.M. 1356; W. Gick, P.M. 1756; L. Herman, W.M. 673; J. R. Bottomley, I.P.M. 1675; H. Firth, P.M. 667; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; W. Savage, J.W. 1609; H. Coulson, W.M. 1505; J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M. 1609; Capt. Jackson, 1609; and others.

The ballot, after the minutes of regular and emergency meetings had been read and confirmed, was taken for two candidates for initiation, Mr. John Meols, and Mr. Richard Alexander Lavis. The voting was unanimously in their favour, and, both being in attendance, they were duly initiated by the W.M., assisted by his officers. Four brethren presented themselves for the purpose of being passed, and this was also most efficiently done. The new musical ceremony, which consisted of chants at every available point in the two Degrees, was rendered by a strong body of voices in the gallery, Bro. Davis presiding at the organ, and a hymn was sung at the opening and closing of the lodge as part of the "new departure." Before the lodge was closed, however, Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary, rose in his place, and said he could not permit the brethren to depart that evening without calling their attention to what he looked upon as a serious innovation in connection with the ritual of their Order—viz., the introduction of a musical service which he was sure the Board of General Purposes in London would never sanction. He had ascertained that something of the kind was to be done that evening, and he had, therefore, made it his business to attend on that occasion to see and judge for himself as to what the new musical programme actually was. He had no hesitation in pronouncing it an innovation, and if persisted in he would consider it his duty to call the attention of the Board of General Purposes to the matter. He observed that the title of book of the music introduced that evening was somewhat misleading, as it was described as "Scriptural Extracts, Compiled and Pointed as a Musical Service for the various Masonic Ceremonies (Craft and Arch), as recognised by the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, by David P. Owen, P.M., P.Z. 998." He (Bro. Alpass) must remind the W.M. of the obligation which he took upon the duties of the W.M.'s chair, in which he promised that he would neither practise nor permit any deviation from the ancient landmarks of the Order. The musical service was both a deviation and an innovation, and must be discontinued. As proving how the Grand Lodge thought of the matter, he (Bro. Alpass) would read the following letter which he had received from the Grand Secretary, to whom he had considered it his duty to write on the subject—"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 9th May, 1881. Dear Sir and Brother,—In reply to yours of the 6th inst. on the subject of vocal music in lodges, I may inform you the question has been more than once before the Board of General Purposes. The following is the text of the last letter I wrote by their direction: 'The singing of hymns forms no part of the ritual of the three Degrees of Masonry, and the Board would, if appealed to, object to the practice. At the same time no objection would be made to an instrumental musical accompaniment.' Yours fraternally, SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. W. Lancashire." In these circumstances he trusted the musical ceremony would not be continued; if so, his (Bro. Alpass) duty would be to bring the matter before the Board of General Purposes. Bro. R. Martin, P.M., took it that it was rather the quantity than the quality which was objected to. Bro. E. Paull, Treas. 1356, contended at some length that the musical programme that evening had very greatly added to the effectiveness of the ceremony; and Bro. Bottomley, P.M. 1675, said that an elaborate musical programme had been employed at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge several years ago. The subject then dropped, and after the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room for refreshment.

BRIGHTON.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge (No. 1466).—The installation meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Old Ship on Saturday, the 7th inst., when many distinguished brethren were present, viz., Bros. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; W. J. H. Scott, P.G.D. of Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex; Col. Gorham, Dep. Dist. G.M. of Punjab; P. de Lande Long P.G.D.; and others.

At the opening of the lodge there were some eighty brethren gathered together. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. E. Richards-Adams, Prov. G. Chap., first proceeded to pass Bros. Capt. Chambers and Trenchard to the Degree of Fellow Craft, then to initiate Mr. Percy Howard into the mysteries of the Craft; after which Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., took the chair, and installed Bro. H. A. Dowell as Master for the ensuing year. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Capt. Henty, P.P.J.G.W., the work being admirably performed throughout. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Richards-Adams, the outgoing W.M., while Bro. C. J. Smith, in fulfilment of a promise that Past Masters should present their banners to the lodge, offered his for acceptance. This banner was a beautiful piece of work, the arms, crest, and motto being embroidered in proper colours upon a pale blue silk ground. It is hoped that before the year is out other Past Masters will fulfil their contract, by adding their respective banners to the decoration of this already beautifully-appointed

lodge. The report of the Audit Committee showed a year of considerable success, both as to initiations and joinings; an increase of thirteen members during the year bringing the muster roll up to fifty-eight all told, while a good cash balance at the bank spoke well for the financial condition of the lodge. The installation of Bro. Dowell was of more than ordinary interest from the fact that this worthy brother is the first of the initiates of the lodge who has attained the distinction of the chair after working, steadily and well, through the various offices. We can but hope that a successful year awaits the new W.M., and that the same prosperity which has so markedly attended the lodge in the past will be continued in the future. The officers for the year are: Bros. Alfred Marshall, S.W.; Captain Lutman Johnson, J.W.; Capt. C. P. Henty, S.D.; Capt. George Dalbiac, Treasurer; C. J. Smith, Secretary; Dr. H. Price, I.G.; Alex. Price, Steward; Major Bridger, Steward; Capt. McWhinnie, D. of C.; and C. Kelly, Organist. Letters of regret at enforced absence were received from a large number of brethren, notably from R.W. Bros. Sir Walter Burrell, Prov. Grand Master Sussex; the Earl of March, G.S.W.; Lord Arthur Hill, Prov. Grand Master co. Down; Bros. Baron George de Worms; W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; and Bro. S. H. Parker, South Australia.

Some sixty brethren sat down to the banquet, and did honour to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—This prosperous lodge commenced its seventh summer season at the Abercorn Hotel, with an emergency meeting on the 2nd inst., when the W.M., Bro. R. Ray, assisted by Bros. C. Long, S.W.; Bamford, J.W.; Goldsmid, S.D.; Villiers, J.D.; Rogers, Treasurer; C. Veal, Secretary; and G. Tidcombe, P.M.; with several other members, opened the lodge, and after a successful ballot ably initiated Mr. W. Shubrook. Bro. Wilcox, having proved himself worthy, was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Wm. Haynes, of Royal Union, No. 382, was elected as a joining member, and the usual business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed at 7.15.

At the first regular meeting, on April 6th, the W.M. was also supported by his officers, and Bro. Vincent, P.M., several members, and Bros. Schmidt, 1385; and Scott, 73, as visitors, were also present. The business was light on this occasion, through the very rare absence of either of the ceremonies. Three resignations, through remarkable circumstances were accepted with regret, and other new members having been announced, the lodge was closed after the usual dispatch of business at 6.30.

At the second regular meeting, held on the 4th inst., the W.M. was also well supported, and after confirming the minutes of previous meeting, passed Bro. W. Shubrook to the Degree of F.C. in his usual impressive manner. Bro. G. Tidcombe, P.M., gave notice of motion for next meeting to appear on summons, and also proposed Mr. C. Lovejoy as a candidate for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by Bro. Shepherd, P.M. 27, and 201, a visitor, the lodge was closed at 7 p.m.

The usual banquets, for which this lodge is famous, followed each meeting, the lovely spring weather at this old hostelry making the charming spot even more enjoyable, and giving every prospect of a successful summer season, the place being particularly adapted for quiet Masonic gatherings. The W.M. was fully effective in the chair on each occasion, and after giving the usual toasts, was equally successful and well supported when the little box passed round in the cause of charity.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 6th inst. This being the annual meeting for the election of W.M., there was a good attendance, and the choice of the brethren was given unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. W. W. Wilde. Bro. Hartley was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Wilkinson, Tyler. The installation meeting was fixed for the 27th inst., the Installing Officer being Bro. John Hatch, P.M. and Sec. 281. The lodge was then closed.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at five o'clock p.m., when the following were present: Bros. S. Davison, W.M.; Evelyn A. Head, S.W.; Rudge, J.W.; W. Hale, P.M., Treas.; Mitchell, Sec.; Calway, S.D.; Firbank, I.G.; Noehmer, P.M.; Cooper, Ovenden, Betchley, G. Histed, H. Histed, Young, Woodbridge, Brown, and Holmes. Visitors: Bros. Smith, 1096; W. Game, P.M. 511; and J. Hopkinson, 38.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting and lodge of emergency, a notice of motion, "That a jewel be presented to Bro. Davison, W.M., on the expiration of his year of office," was considered, and, on the motion of Bro. Head, S.W., seconded by Bro. Rudge, it was unanimously voted. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, the result being that Bro. Evelyn A. Head was unanimously elected to the chair for the ensuing year. Some discussion took place on the appointment of Treasurer, as to the great convenience of his living in the neighbourhood, and Bro. Hale, P.M. and Treasurer, having concurred therein, our esteemed Bro. Heckford was elected Treasurer. The thanks of the brethren were expressed to Bro. Hale, P.M., for his most efficient services; and a notice was given of a motion to present him with a Past Treasurer's jewel. Bro. Sargent was re-elected Tyler. Bros. H. and G. Histed and Bro. Brown were, on the motion of Bro. Head, S.W., seconded by Bro. Noehmer, elected the Audit Committee. Mr. Geo. Edwards was proposed as a candidate for initiation. The brethren then had the great pleasure of listening to the lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree, which was most excellently given by Bro. Hopkinson, to whom the lodge owe a debt of gratitude, not only for his services that day, but on several former occasions.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, prepared in Bro. Ovenden's well-known style. The usual toasts were given, including that of "The W.M. Elect," which was most kindly received, and the W.M. expressed himself highly pleased with the reception he had received during his year of office, and for the assistance at all times received from his officers. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

CROYDON.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic

Hall, New Thornton Heath, on Monday, the 9th inst., Bros. Foulsham, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, officiated as W.M. in the absence of Bro. Buckworth; Harland, S.W.; Pascall, J.W.; Whittaker, S.D.; Shonfeld, J.D.; Baber, Secretary; Sergeant, I.G.; Bavin, Tyler; Daniel, P.M.; Fleming, Clarke, White, Ransom, Legg, Ridpath, Sparrow, Haskins, and Tutton. Visitor: Bro. Ridge, J.W. 463.

After the preliminaries, Messrs. Jas. Burnham and Wm. Hirson were balloted for, elected, and presented for initiation, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. Bro. Haskins was then passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. Tutton was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., after which the bye-laws were read by the Secretary, and it was announced that five brethren were eligible for the office of W.M. for the ensuing year, when the election was unanimous in favour of Bro. Harland, S.W. Bro. Foulsham was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bavin, Tyler, for the ensuing year. Bro. Harland, in thanking the brethren for their unanimous vote, said that he would, as a young Mason, use his best endeavours to deserve the trust they had reposed in him. He would be as frequent in his attendance as it was possible, and hoped during his year of office, with the assistance of the brethren, to give satisfaction. Bro. Foulsham said, as one of the founders of the lodge with Bro. Harland, he could not keep quiet on this occasion, for he was sure that when Bro. Harland was installed W.M. of Old England Lodge he would give satisfaction and perform his duties in accordance with the wishes of the brethren, who must know something of his working, or they would not be "so happy in their unity." He would give him all the assistance that laid in his power. The lodge being one of his own creation he did not mind what labour he was called upon to do to further the success of a lodge of which he was so proud. The Audit Committee were appointed and one gentleman proposed, when, after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by Bros. Daniel and Ridge, the lodge was closed in due form.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—On the 10th inst. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, and 1366, P.Z., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rehearsed the consecration and installation ceremonies, and appointed as his assistants Bros. Morrison, W.M. 141, S.W.; Percival, J.W.; Cottebrune, I.P.M.; Hunt, I.G.; and Bavington, Hon. Sec. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Terry then proceeded with the dedication ceremony, which was accompanied by sacred music, the brethren joining in the anthems and responses. This part of the ceremony ended, Bro. Terry installed Bro. Dean, S.W. 417, as W.M., who appointed his officers as follows: Bro. G. Festa, S.W.; C. Dairy, P.M. 141, J.W.; Scott, Treas.; Barrington, Sec.; Collier, S.D.; Docker, J.D.; and Gardner, I.G. The addresses to the chairs and lodge were most ably delivered, Bro. Terry, if anything, excelling his usual form, and on the completion of his arduous task he received a true Masonic acknowledgment. The principal business ended, the W.M., after suitable introductory remarks, said he was about to propose that which he need not ask them, for they were too unanimous to require inviting, and that was that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutest e Bro. Terry for the entertainment and instruction so ably delivered by him that evening. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Terry thanked the lodge for their vote, and stated the pleasure he had in meeting so large a number of the brethren. He thanked them for their support, and begged to bear testimony to the able manner in which Bro. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.C. Surrey, and his able assistants had rendered the musical part of the ceremony, which was an essential in all consecration ceremonies. The lodge afterwards passed a vote of thanks to P.M. Rhodes and the choir he had brought together. In reply, Bro. Rhodes expressed his thanks on behalf of himself and the brethren assisting him. A vote of thanks was also passed to the mother lodge, under whose warrant they had for so many years worked.

Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent cold collation, prepared by Bro. Cole, consisting of the best viands in season, from eighty to one hundred brethren partaking of the same, and which was presided over by Bro. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., Preceptor of the lodge; Bro. Terry, as I.P.M., and Bro. Jas. Stevens on his immediate right. The cloth being removed, and the Tyler having discharged his duty, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically honoured. The President then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating and Installing Master," and in the course of some well-deserved complimentary remarks on the number of years he had known Bro. Terry, said nothing had transpired to alter that brotherly affection so long existing between them. A great deal more might be said on Bro. Terry's behalf—his urbane kindness, his willingness to be always giving similar entertainments to that which had been witnessed that evening; and, so far as his own judgment went, he did not think it possible to improve on such working. He would now ask the brethren to show their appreciation of Bro. Terry. A spontaneous burst of applause was the result of this invitation of the President, lasting some seconds, almost every one hailing him by name, to which the worthy brother had to rise and bow to the reception. Bro. Terry rose, as he said, to thank them for their very kind reception. The kind labours he had gone through that evening were those he had now become familiar with from long practice, and he must say he did not feel tired of rehearsing them, and hoped he never would while he had brethren like the present to appreciate them. It was about five years ago since he performed a similar ceremony in the Faith Lodge of Instruction, and he trusted to be spared another five years, when, if he was invited, he would be glad to perform the same ceremonies again. He trusted their Preceptor would also be spared to meet them. He hoped the brethren would not forget the Charity of which he had the honour of being Secretary. Upwards of ninety applicants they had now on their demands, and only sufficient to meet the demands of the twenty vacancies. All they freely gave would be faithfully applied, and he asked them to do all in their power for the indigent brethren of those seeking the benefits of the Institution; and after further detailed exposition of the Charity, he again thanked the brethren and resumed his seat amid applause. The President next proposed the toast of "The Mother Lodge," coupling the names of the

P.M.'s, namely, Bros. Carter, Stuart, Mallett, Dairy, Cobham, and Bro. Morrison, the W.M. of the lodge. Bros. Carter, Stuart, and Morrison replied. Bro. Terry proposed the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Cottebrune," to which Bro. Cottebrune replied. Other addresses followed and the proceedings were brought to a joyful termination. The following brethren were the majority present, having signed their names; others coming in later their names did not reach us: Bros. Morrison, W.M. 141; Carter, P.M. 141; Stuart, P.M. 141; Mallett, P.M. 141; Dairy, I.P.M. 141; Cobham, 141; McMullen, 141; Bruce, 147; J. Cox, 1257; R. Alison, 1603; R. Callagot, 1178; A. Cox, 144; Fort, 1194; A. Triggs, 157; J. W. Murley, 1257; Jone, 1694; C. Taylor, 1624; O'Donnell, 1672; Crutchlor, 1385; H. Dean, 417; J. D. Collier, 417; Gardner, 1328; Harver, 1348; Markland, 144; H. Van Joel, Sitch, Smith, R. Taylor, 144; Bloxham, 1328; James, 901; Sherwin, 1484; Alberger, 1828; Sharp, 1194; Cross, 1194; Edwards, Collins, 766; Andrews, 182; Newton, 174; Cantle, 1257; Paton, 201; Blunder, 865; Chitson, 1278; Dickenson, 55; Briggs, 865; Nurtle, 1641; Allman, 1425; Frances, 1622; Barmham, 144; Rowley, 1507; Brush, 172; Beazley, 172; Rhodes, 1328; Hunt, 194; Whadcoat, 448; J. Stevens, 1426; Coad, 1328; Fista, Thornton, Shirlock, 1567; Thompson, 1326; Walls, Johnston, 1541; George, 957; Hurdell, 1348; Hergog, 902; Gartley, 205; Chapman, 1259; Lane, Rossiter, Arldige, 1638; Burnes, 193; Cape, 172; Wildney, 11; Sands, 1624; Cohen, 1017; W. C. Smith, Stroud, 65; and Witt, 435.

Royal Arch.

ERA CHAPTER (No. 1423).—This chapter met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 14th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. Hammond, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S. Middx., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., H.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z.; J. Faulkner, S.E.; Dr. Riley, 1st Assistant; Wingett, 2nd Assistant. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the following members were elected officers for the year ensuing: Comps. Walls, M.E.Z.; Baldwin, H.; Faulkner, J.; T. W. Ockenden, S.E.; Haslett, S.N.; Dr. Riley, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Several communications having been read, the bye-laws were ordered to be printed, and a Past Principals' jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed and the companions separated.

FRANCIS BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Thursday, the 5th inst. There were present Comps. D. P. Cama, M.E.Z.; Loveland Loveland, acting H.; Wm. Taylor, J.; W. H. Saunders, Scribe E.; C. W. Meiter, acting Scribe N.; C. G. Rushworth, Prin. Soj. and Treas.; W. H. Saunders, 1st Asst. Soj.; L. H. Saunders, acting 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. J. H. Saunders, G. Harrison, G. R. Dodd, and others. The chapter was honoured by the presence of Comps. Lieut-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Supt. Middx., and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. Comp. James Stevens, hon mem., acted as Installing Officer. Bro. R. J. H. Saunders was exalted a companion of the Order in a most able manner by Comp. Stevens. The event of the evening, however, was the presentation of furniture, banners, and robes to the chapter by the M.E.Z., thus completing the requirements of the chapter. The M.E.Z., Comp. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, stated that he desired to present the chapter with some substantial mark of the interest he felt in the Francis Burdett Chapter, and he hoped he should remain a member to the latest hour of his existence. Comp. Wm. Taylor, J., proposed, and Comp. W. H. Saunders, Scribe E., seconded a cordial vote of thanks to Ex. Comp. D. P. Cama for the very handsome gift. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the M.E.Z. for his valuable services to the chapter. The installation of H. and J. was then proceeded with, the offices being filled by Comps. W. Taylor and G. S. Rushworth respectively, Comp. Stevens performing the ceremonies in a most impressive manner and with great solemnity. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Comp. R. H. Thrupp, P.Z., the M.E.Z. elect, the ceremony was postponed till the meeting in June. The other officers were next invested, viz., Comps. W. H. Saunders, Scribe E.; T. C. Walls, Scribe N.; C. G. Rushworth, Treas.; Saunders, Prin. Soj.; C. W. Meiter, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. J. H. Saunders, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Harrison, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. having moved a vote of thanks to Comp. Stevens for the very efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremonies, Comps. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke complimented the Installing Officer, Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Col. Wm. Wigginton, the first M.E.Z. of the chapter, were unanimously elected honorary members. The audit report showed a balance in favour of the chapter, and was considered very satisfactory, especially considering the chapter has only recently been formed. A vote of five guineas to the Masonic Boys' School was carried unanimously. Several communications from absent members were read.

The companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Bayliss, after which the customary toasts were well received and responded to. Comp. Lt.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Superintendent of the Province," expressed great pleasure at being present on so auspicious an occasion, and stated that he had been travelling all day so as to be there. He congratulated the chapter on having so good a supporter and friend in the M.E.Z., Comp. Cama. Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke made some happy allusions on the prosperity of the chapter, and the harmony of the proceedings, which were enlivened by some songs, &c., by Comps. Stevens and W. H. Saunders.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—The regular convocation and installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, the 11th ult. There were present Comps. J. Hunell, M.E.Z.; B. Fullwood, H.; J. Dodge, J.; T. Perry, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Bradnee, P.Z.; W. J. McLean, P.Z., 248; W. A. Goss, jun., S.E.; W. Taylor, S.N.; W. G. Ellis, P.S.; A. T. Blamey, D.C.; J. Lane and C. Emmett, St. Bearers; B. Knight, Registrar; and C. Johns, Sword Bearer.

The chapter having been opened in ancient form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. M.E. Comp. T. Perry, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., acted as Installing Principal, assisted by M.E. Comps. Bradnee, P.Z., and McLean, P.Z. This solemn rite was conducted with great ability, and Comp. Fullwood was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. Dodge, as H.; and Comp. W. A. Goss, jun., as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions with their respective collars of office: Comps. W. Taylor, S.E.; W. G. Ellis, S.N.; A. T. Blamey, P.S.; B. Knight, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Lane, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Mortimer (by deputy), Treas.; W. H. Probert (by deputy), Registrar; C. Emmett, 1st St. Bearer; H. Bolt (by deputy), 2nd St. Bearer; G. J. Pepprell (by deputy), D.C.; E. Cranch (by deputy), Organist; W. Eddis (by deputy), Sword Bearer; and W. Chennour, Janitor. The Treasurer's account was then laid before the chapter, showing a small balance on the right side; this was considered satisfactory, as showing an improvement on preceding years. On being put to the vote the balance-sheet was unanimously received and adopted. This concluding the business for which the chapter was convoked, it was closed in the usual solemn manner.

The companions then adjourned to Comp. Bolt's, the Queen's Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was spread, at which the M.E.Z. presided. About twenty companions were present, and spent a most agreeable evening. The catering was exceptionally good, and reflected great credit on Comp. Bolt. The usual toasts were proposed, and many eloquent speeches made on subjects of Masonic interest. The pleasure of the evening was considerably enhanced by songs and musical selections, for which thanks are specially due to Comp. Cranch, Organist. Shortly before ten o'clock the Janitor's toast was given, and the companions separated.

GREAT STANMORE.—Stanmore Chapter (No. 1549).—The first convocation of this new chapter (which combines the three lodges held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, viz., 1549, 1637, and 1702) was held with great *débat* on the 11th inst. Five candidates for exaltation appeared on the summons, with also one joining member, and when Comp. G. Tidcombe, the worthy M.E.Z., supported by the eminent Comps, W. Stephens, P.G.S. Kent, as H., and F. Brown, acting J., had duly opened the chapter at 4.35, and had confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, the following brethren were exalted to the Degree of R.A. Masons: Bros. H. F. Browne, 27 and 731; Charles Corrick, 101; R. B. Paten, 1549; and T. J. Villiers, J.D. 1549. Bro. Goldsmid, 1549, was also unanimously accepted on ballot, but unfortunately prevented from attending. Comp. E. B. Haynes, 27 and 975, was also accepted as a joining member. At the election of officers which followed, Comp. Stephens was unanimously accorded the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. H. Lovegrove, H.; T. J. Maidwell, J.; C. Veal, S.E.; C. H. Webb, S.N.; J. B. King, P.S.; G. Tidcombe, Treasurer; and J. Middleton, Janitor. The installation takes place on the 10th of July. The Audit Committee having been appointed to meet prior to the installation, and the proof of bye-laws accepted, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from Comp. Groom, 1365; Gray, 862; Pratt, 507; and Brown, 538; as visitors, and Comp. W. Stephens, with a few well-chosen remarks in praise of the energy and excellent labours of the M.E.Z. in support of the chapter, procured the sanction of the companions for the first P.Z. jewel to be presented on his leaving the chair, which having been suitably responded to, the chapter was closed at 7 p.m. A very enjoyable banquet followed, all concurring in the very successful commencement of the second season, more candidates being announced for the next convocation.

Mark Masonry.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).—There were two items of importance in the agenda of this flourishing lodge at their meeting of the 5th inst., the first, the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the second, the consecration of a Royal Ark Mariner's lodge, to be held in conjunction with the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, and under its name and number. The members assembled at the Masonic Rooms, 77 $\frac{1}{2}$, Bishopsgate-street Within, at 5.30 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Meek, W.M., Grand Lodge being represented by V.V. Bros. Donald M. Dewar, Asst. Grand Secretary, and T. Poore, P.G.I.G. In consequence of Bro. Meek's recent severe indisposition he was unable to undertake the arduous ceremony of installation, but a most efficient substitute was found in W. Bro. T. Poore, who, it is almost needless to say, performed the office of Installing Master in the most perfect manner. After the usual preliminaries had been duly observed, Bro. Henry Meyer was placed in the chair of A. and saluted by the brethren according to ancient custom. He then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. W. Beasley, S.W.; H. Stephens, J.W.; J. J. Gould, M.O.; W. H. Edwards, S.O.; W. J. Westfield, J.O.; B. Meyer, P.M., Treas.; James Hill, Sec.; J. E. Greenhill, S.D.; R. Marshall, J.D.; J. D. Birkin, I.G.; W. J. Meek, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; and J. H. Peach, Org.

After the closing of the Mark lodge a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened, Bro. T. Poore occupying the chair of N.; Bros. Dewar and Meek those of J. and S. respectively, for the purpose of admitting the members of the Mark lodge not holding the Degree as Royal Ark Mariners. Fifteen candidates availed themselves of the privilege. The ceremonies of consecration and enthronement followed, Bro. W. J. Meek, P.M.M.M., becoming the first W.C.N., who appointed as his officers Bros. H. Meyer, J.; B. Meyer, P.M., S.; H. Stephens, Deacon; J. D. Birkin, Guardian; James Hill, Sec.; and J. H. Peach, Org.

The lodge was then closed, and shortly afterwards the brethren re-assembled at a collation, previously laid in the ante-rooms, to which ample justice was done, three hours' work having rendered refreshment most welcome. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Poore," to whom he expressed the obligations of the lodge for valuable services rendered by him on this, as on other occasions. In reply, Bro. Poore declared the deep satisfaction and pleasure he always felt in doing anything in his power for the welfare and furtherance of Mark

Masonry in general, and the Duke of Connaught Lodge in particular. The W.M. having resigned the gavel to the W.C.N., Bro. Meek proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar," whose ready help and friendly counsel were available in all emergencies, and as gratefully received as it was heartily given. Bro. Dewar responded in cordial terms, acknowledging the hearty reception always accorded him by the brethren of Duke of Connaught Lodge, and expressing his sincere pleasure in the present opportunity of expressing his satisfaction and delight in witnessing the comfort and convenience of the new lodge rooms, the general good arrangement of which could not fail to add in its way to the continued prosperity of the lodge. After the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. announced that he had received a communication from the Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. W. Brighten, in which he expressed his regret at his inability to be present, and stating that the lodge would have the distinguished privilege of sending a brother to Grand Lodge, and also one to Prov. Grand Lodge, and with the consent of the brethren he proposed to recommend Bro. W. J. Meek, P.M., for Grand Lodge honours, and the Secretary, Bro. James Hill, for Provincial honours. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. Henry Stephens, Westfield, Greenhill, and others, and all present were at the close unanimous in declaring that the most enjoyable installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge was that just closed.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—A regular meeting was held on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. Poore, P.M., P.G.I.G., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of Works, who attended the consecration of a new lodge at Harrow. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken on behalf of several brethren for advancement. The W.M. having at this period arrived at once proceeded to advance Bros. Shilcock, Edwards, Clarke, Potter, and Cox, able assistance being given by Bros. G. Clark, S.W.; C. G. Kipling, J.W.; T. Poore, as S.D.; J. Holliday, J.D.; Kerrell, I.G.; Johnston, Organist. The other brethren present were Bros. E. Storr, J. K. Pitt, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and H. Baldwin, P.G.A.D.C., Secretary. Several letters of apology were read, and some routine business transacted, the W.M. particularly calling the attention of the brethren to the Mark Festival on the 31st inst., and expressing a hope that as many as possible would attend.

At the completion of their labours the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Prior to the opening of the Mark lodge a lodge of Royal Arch Mariners was opened by Bro. Poore as W.C.N., and Bro. H. Baldwin was elected, W.C.N. for the ensuing year.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERWICKSHIRE AND ROXBURGHSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons having jurisdiction over the newly-constituted Province of Berwick and Roxburgh shires was held at Lauder on Monday, the 9th inst., this being the first of a series of similar meetings to be held in connection with the different lodges in the province. On this occasion the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Haddington, was present, and was supported by a large number of brethren belonging to the Lauder and other lodges. Among the number present during the day's proceedings, besides ten office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge, were deputations from P.G. Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk—namely, Bros. Dr. Middleton, D.P.G.M.; R. Sanderson, P.G. Sec.; and J. V. Walker, P.G. Treas.; Lodge 58, Kelso; Lodge 216, Stow; and Lodge 589, Tulliallan. The Lauder Lodge (St. Luke, No. 132) having been opened by its own Master and Wardens, received the members of Prov. Grand Lodge, whereupon the Provincial Grand Master took the chair, and proceeded to install the following office-bearers: Bros. Thomas Shaw, P.G.S.W.; Alexander Leal, P.G. Bible-Bearer; William Somerville, P.G. Standard Bearer; and William Loutie, P.G. Steward. The books of the Secretary and of the Treasurer of St. Luke's were then examined by the P.G.M. and officers, and found in good order, the money transactions during the present year showing a balance on the credit side of about £18. The lodge is also in possession of a considerable capital fund, regarding which some explanations were made, and ultimately the Provincial Grand Lodge recommended that the funds, so far as they belonged to the Masonic Lodge, and to the benefit society in connection therewith, should be kept separate. A committee, consisting of Bros. Kean, Leal, Scott, Secretary, M'Leod, Treasurer, and G. Stewart, was accordingly appointed to go over the accounts with this object in view, and to report to the lodge. There being no further business, the Prov. Grand Master intimated that the next meeting would be held at Coldstream, probably in June. His Lordship then delivered a brief address, expressing his pleasure at being able to visit Lauder in his present capacity, and the hope that this was only the first of many such meetings he would have with the brethren who had honoured him by appointing him to rule over the province.

The brethren having been called from labour to refreshment, adjourned from the Town Hall, where the Masonic meetings are held, to the Black Bull Hotel, where Bro. Hinks, the landlord, had soon in readiness an excellent dinner, which was partaken of by about seventy of the brethren. The Prov. Grand Master presided, Bros. Shaw and Stewart discharging the duties of Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

After dinner, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Holy Lodge of St. John," and afterwards, "The Queen and the Craft." In speaking to the latter, his Lordship remarked that in the Craft the Queen had at least one pillar to her throne.

Bro. LAMB, R.W.M. of St. Luke's, in proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," expressed the pleasure the brethren had in receiving the Earl of Haddington in that capacity, and holding, as his Lordship did, a high position in Grand Lodge, they trusted that at no distant date they would see him elevated to the throne. (Cheers.) They also entertained the hope that the Great Architect would long spare him to preside over the deliberations of the Provincial Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

The PROV. G. MASTER, in rising to respond, was received with great enthusiasm. He acknowledged the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. He had come among them that day almost a stranger—though he could scarcely feel as a stranger anywhere in his native country—and what had been said of him was perhaps more than he deserved, but he assured the brethren he felt highly honoured by the way in which he had been received. He had lived long enough to know what was in a good reception, and to know that nothing goes quicker to a man's heart than a cheer that came straight from the heart. (Cheers.) They had received him not only as one who had been newly accepted into the Craft, but also, he thought, as one who belonged to their native country, and if there could be one inducement greater than another to make a man strive to do that which was right, it would be the fact that he felt that those around him entertained a good opinion of him, and that they manifested that opinion as had been done towards him that day. (Cheers.) He thought that a man who received such a reception as he had done, and who believed that words spoken, as had been spoken to him, came from the heart, could have no greater inducement to persevere in doing that which was right, and endeavouring to prove himself worthy of such good opinions. (Cheers.) He was young in the Craft, but he hoped to make himself more and more a master in it than now, and that whatever shortcomings he might evince would be removed by time and experience. He promised that nothing would be wanting on his part to render himself more efficient, and thus to prove himself worthy of the high honour that had been conferred upon him by his being appointed Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.)

His Lordship being under the necessity of leaving at this stage in order to be in time for the Pullman train at Melrose, whither he had to drive, was greeted with enthusiastic cheers as he left the room.

Bro. Lamb, R.W.M. of 132, having assumed the chair, proceeded with the remainder of the programme, which included the following toasts:—"The Three Grand Lodges," proposed by the R.W.M.; "Lodge Kelso, No. 58," proposed by Bro. Kean, and responded to by Bro. Vernon, who gave "The P.G.L. of Peebles and Selkirk," Bro. Dr. Middleton responding; "Lodge St. Luke, No. 132," proposed by Bro. Vernon, and responded to by the R.W.M. of No. 132; "St. John's, Stowe, 216," proposed by R.W.M. Lamb, and responded to by Bro. Dr. Middleton, R.W.M. of 216; "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berwickshire and Roxburghshire," proposed by Bro. Sanderson, P.G. Secretary of Peebles and Selkirk, and replied to by Bro. Smith, Kelso, P.G. Secretary.

A number of other toasts were given, and some excellent songs were sung during the evening.

The depositions left between eight and nine o'clock, highly delighted with the reception accorded them, the proceedings throughout having been most harmonious and hearty.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

We are requested to give the following:—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A meeting of the Committee of the above fund was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of Sir Daniel Gooch, Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks.

"The minutes of the last meeting having been read, and a statement as to the receipts of the fund up to date having been given and a summary of numerous letters which had been received on the subject having been read, it was decided that the encouragement which the fund had received was not in the opinion of the Committee sufficient to warrant the objects of the fund being proceeded with, more especially as the schools had been empowered to assist the pupils. It was therefore proposed and carried, though with general expressions of regret, that the fund be abandoned. It was then proposed and carried that each subscriber be written to, and asked what he would wish done with the money he had given—whether he would wish the money to be returned to him, whether he would wish it applied to either, and if so, which, of the existing Masonic Charities, or whether he would leave it to the discretion of the late Treasurer and Secretary of the fund to apply it to the helping deserving children from the Boys' or Girls' School. Votes of thanks having been passed to the Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, the meeting then terminated.

"May we, therefore, request that you will kindly favour us with your views as to the application of your subscription, which we are prepared to refund to you immediately, or to apply as you may direct. Permit us at the same time to thank you for your support.

"We have the honour to be,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"CHARLES J. MARTYN.
"DICK RADCLIFFE.

"Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk.

"Unless we hear to the contrary before the 20th May, shall conclude the matter is left to our discretion."

It has been notified from the War Office that the grant of the clasp for Candahar has been extended "to those who were actually engaged in the reconnaissance which took place before the city on August 31st, 1880, but who, through some legitimate cause, may have been prevented from taking part in the action on the following day." The grant of the bronze decoration is restricted to those classes who accompanied Major-General Sir F. S. Roberts on his march from Cabul to Candahar.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed externally, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overworked air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—[ADVT.]

Masonic Tidings.

The half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, to be held on the 31st inst., promises to be of exceptional interest. In addition to the present Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the G.M. elect, Lord Henniker, it is expected there will be present the following Past Grand Masters: Lord Leigh, Lord Holmesdale, W. V. B. Beach, Esq., Rev. G. R. Portal, the Earl of Kintore, Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., and many other distinguished members of the Order.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.—The report of the consecration of this lodge is unavoidably held over until next week.

Bro. George Markham Tweddell, of Stokesley, has contributed a lengthy paper on "Fit Persons to be made Freemasons" to the "Masonic Monthly," published at Kalamazoo, in the State of Michigan.

Bro. Frederick J. Crowest, author of "The Great Tone-Poets," "A Book of Musical Anecdotes," and other volumes, has completed the MS. of a new work, which will shortly be issued, under the title "Phases of Musical England." In the new volume the writer deals with some of the defects which prejudice the life and growth of musical art in England. Messrs. Remington will issue the volume.

In the report of the Union Waterloo Chapter, Woolwich, which appeared in our last week's issue, the name of Comp. W. West, appears as J. It should have been Comp. H. Shaw, as J.

The Rev. E. G. Charlesworth, vicar of Acklam, near Middlesbrough, has re-written his principal poem, "Ecce Homo," in rhymed verse, and presented the MS. to Bro. and Mrs. G. M. Tweddell, for publication in their next issue of their "North of England Illustrated Annual."

Bro. the Earl Percy, M.P., presided at a public meeting held on Friday evening at the Exeter Hall, for the purpose of protesting against legislation with the view to the admission of avowed atheists into Parliament.

The Director of the Mint announces that the amount of gold coin in the United States has increased for the past two years by 234 millions, being now 520 millions, of which 264 millions are in the Treasury and the bank reserves, the remainder being in circulation.

Sir Stafford Northcote will preside at the annual festival of the Newspaper Press Fund, which will take place on the 18th of June.

It is stated that the Queen has determined upon the occasion of her approaching birthday to confer upon Prince Leopold the style and title of the Duke of Albany. —City Press.

Bro. G. R. Sims's new comedy, entitled, "Mother in Law," will be produced at the Court Theatre in October.

The Duke of Cambridge has promised to take the chair at the festival dinner in aid of the Annuity Fund of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at Willis's Rooms, this day.

Bro. Henry Byron's "Blow for Blow" forms the attraction this week at Sadler's Wells, the leading parts being sustained by Mr. E. H. Brooke, Mr. Beveridge, Mr. Edmond Lyons, Miss Kate Pattison, and Miss Isabel Bateman.

The May number of the Masonic Magazine, published by Bro. George Kenning, is full of light and attractive papers. "Masonic Student," supplies a treatise which was originally published in 1759, with the object of exposing the practices of the Masonic body. The editor continues his remarks on the present position of Masonic history and criticism; and Bro. R. Sanderson furnishes another instalment of his paper on the old records of the Lodge of Peebles. The interest of Bro. H. C. Appleby's story, "After All," is well sustained.—Sunday Times.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., has kindly consented to preside at the fifty-fourth anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, which, we understand, will take place early in June.

Bro. the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand, has arrived in London from South Africa.

Bro. W. H. Brand, I.P.M. 1524, is, we regret to learn, confined to his room through ill health.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, on Friday, the 27th inst., at 8 p.m., by Bro. Simson J. Byng, 424, S.C., and P.M. 902. Brethren are kindly invited to attend.

Bro. Dr. S. S. Noakes, W.M. 1402, has been appointed temporarily to the medical staff of the county asylum, Lancaster.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Sir Charles Bright, Rev. J. Hawes, H. C. Levander, W. Stephens, and John Mason were unanimously elected honorary members of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, on Saturday last.

A programme of unusual attraction has been prepared for the fifth annual benefit of Bro. Harry Jackson, stage manager and comedian, at the Princess's Theatre, which takes place this evening, being the last night of the present season.

Bro. J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563, City of Westminster Lodge, has been nominated for election to the House Committee of the Girls' School.

At the meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Boys' School on Monday last, it was decided by a large majority to hold the festival this year at Brighton.

Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, Secretary R.M.B.L., very ably rehearsed the consecration and installation ceremonies at the Faith Lodge of Instruction, on the 10th inst.

Bro. J. Andrews was on Saturday last installed as W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, at the Freemasons' Hall.

The annual festival of the Broadstairs Lodge of Instruction will take place at the Railway Tavern, Broadstairs, on Tuesday next, the 24th inst. Bro. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., P. Prov. G. S. Warden Kent, will preside.

An emergency meeting of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, will be held this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow.

A Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey will be held on Tuesday, the 31st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, under the Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452.

The distribution of Prizes to the Pupils of the Irish Masonic Schools was the occasion of a great demonstration at the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, on Thursday, the 12th inst. There was a large and brilliant gathering of Grand Officers and Masters of Lodges, and the proceedings passed off with the greatest eclat. Her Excellency the Countess of Cowper distributed the prizes. We hope to give a report in our next.

The Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, commenced its seventh summer season at the Abercorn Hotel on the 2nd inst.

The Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, has changed its place of meeting from the Crystal Palace to the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

Bro. Sampson Peirce was the recipient of a very gratifying presentation at the meeting of the Britannic Lodge last week on his appointment as Grand Deacon of England.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday next, Bro. Abell acting as W.M., Bro. Woods as S.D., and Bro. Daniel as J.W.

The W.M. of St. David's Lodge, No. 393, Berwick, Bro. G. F. Steven, has, since his installation to the chair, inaugurated a course of lectures on Freemasonry. The first was delivered by Bro. C. Hopper, P.M., on the Second Degree; this was followed by a lecture by Bro. G. Moor, P.M., on the First Degree; and on Tuesday night last the lecture was given by Bro. R. Thompson, P.M., in the Freemasons' Hall, Parade, the subject being the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Pound, P.M. and Steward of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, was presented with a very handsome testimonial at the meeting of the lodge on Thursday, the 12th inst. A report appears elsewhere.

The first of a series of Provincial Grand Lodge meetings to be held in connection with the different lodges in the province, took place on Monday, the 9th inst., at Berwick, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Haddington, whose reception was most enthusiastic.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the present House Committee of the Girls' School is again threatened with opposition at the next election, on the 26th inst. An appeal for support is put forth by the present Committee as a body, and we have no doubt of the result.

A Royal Ark Mariners Lodge in connection with the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge was consecrated on the 5th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bros. T. Poore, Donald Dewar, and W. J. Meek.

It is expected that 800 brethren will be present at the consecration of the Saxe Weimar Lodge at Portsmouth, on Wednesday next.

General Tidings.

Mr. F. A. Bevan presided at a meeting of the Country Towns Mission, held in Exeter Hall, on Thursday evening last.

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

Earl Spencer, K.G., President of the Council, having consented to preside at the fifty-fourth anniversary of the Printers' Corporation, has fixed Monday, June 20th, for the occasion.

All the large railway companies in the country have intimated their intention of sending engines to the typical engine exhibition to be held in Newcastle on the occasion of the Stephenson centenary.

In connection with the Globe Theatre opéra-bouffé of "La Boulangère," Mr. G. Allbeury has designed an artistic and ingenious business advertisement in the shape of a cheque note. It is to be hoped Mr. Farnic's bright and tuneful production will run the 1000 nights predicted for it.—Sunday Times.

Colonel Charles E. Oldershaw, C.B., R.A., commanding the Royal Artillery at Mhow, Bombay, has been appointed to the Sind command, with the rank of brigadier-general. This gallant officer is a brother-in-law of our worthy Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies England, and distinguished himself in command of a battery of artillery in the Crimean War.

Mr. Martin Simpson, curator of the Museum of the Whithy Literary and Philosophical Society, and a well known writer on the geology of the Yorkshire Coast, has now in the press a History of England during the reign of William III.

It is announced that by the will of the late Mr. W. Miles, of Exeter, who died leaving property to the amount of £120,000, a bequest of £200 has been made to each of the following institutions:—The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the Western Counties Idiot Asylum, the West of England Deaf and Dumb Institution, and the Exeter Lying-in Charity.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, May 28, 1881.

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

SATURDAY, 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. Statn.
- Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, MAY 23.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
- 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot.
- 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
- 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-rd.
- Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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 Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, MAY 24.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
- 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., 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 Edgumbe, 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 25.

- Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
- Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
- 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
- 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
- 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
- 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S, Air-st.
- 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
- Chap. 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.

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. Edwd. 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.
- Zetland, 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.
- Pannure, 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 26.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- 1058, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
- 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
- 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 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 27.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
- Chap. 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford.

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 28.

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
- 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, N.
- 1679, Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall, Masons' Av.
- 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 1044, Mid Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.

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MONDAY, MAY 23.

- Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 24.

- Lodge 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
- 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25.

- Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
- 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
- 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
- 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hall, Liscard.
- De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 26.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 27.

- Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.
- 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, MAY 28.

- Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

GOLDSMID.—On the 16th inst., at Belfast, the wife of Capt. A. E. W. Goldsmid, 104th Fusiliers, Brigade-Major, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

TORR—HADFIELD.—On the 12th inst., at the Priory Church, Great Malvern, by the Rev. Walter Senior, B.A., Charles Hawley Torr, of Nottingham, to Sarah Ann Heywood, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Hadfield, of Liverpool.

DEATHS.

GLOVER.—On the 15th inst., at 60, Thorne-road, South Lambeth, Mr. James Glover, within three days of his 76th birthday.

SIM.—On the 13th inst., at Sparrows Herne, Bushey-heath, Colonel George Sim, Royal (late Bengal) Engineers, in the 58th year of his age.

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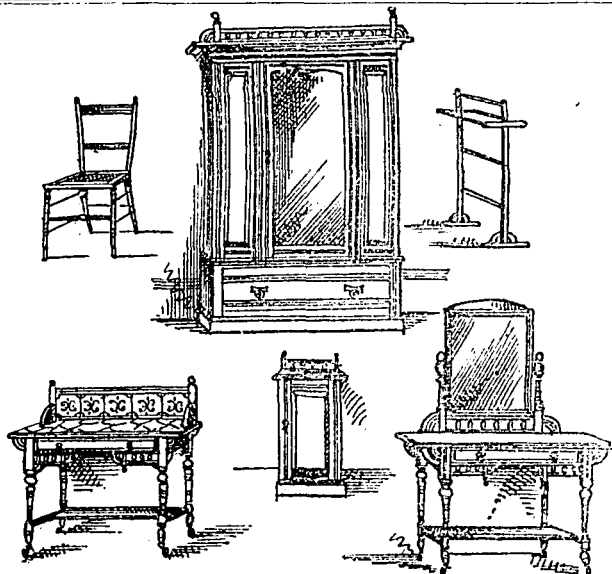
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