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OUR esteemed confrère, Bro. GRIMAU, in the "Monde Maconnique" for May, congratulates English Masons on the result of the returns for our great Masonic Charities. He says, "These figures do great honour to English Masonry, and are unrefutable witness of the great prosperity to which it has attained." We wonder a little if it ever occurs to our good friend and genial antagonist of old, that if other jurisdictions kept themselves to the proper work of Masonry, active charity, and eschewed all heating and unseasonable discussions, whether it would not be better for themselves and better for the world.

THE "Monde Maconnique" tells us also that, as we expected, the Masonic Congress of Milan is to discuss six questions, two of which are clearly not Masonic—namely, the 2nd, "The attitude which Freemasonry ought to take as regards the social question," whatever that may be; and the 5th, "The means of obtaining the suppression of the religious corporations." No. 1., "The necessity of assembling at Rome an universal Masonic congress," is so hopeless in itself that it is out of the region of practicality. We have no faith in "Masonic congresses." They have never done any good; they generally unsettle everything and settle nothing. As far as we are concerned in England, we have nothing to discuss, nothing to arrange, and nothing to alter.

WE notice in the *Australian Freemason* of March last two statements which we venture to think deserve careful notice and some few words of comment at our hands. One is, that there are "about ninety lodges, or more," of the "Three Constitutions" in New South Wales, and that so far only twenty lodges, and none of the English Constitution, have joined the independent Grand Lodge. If that be so a very serious question arises at once, and one which we think some of the American Grand Lodges have too hastily disposed of. Is there any precedent in the history of Masonic life, we venture respectfully to ask, where with lodges of three jurisdictions a few lodges of two jurisdictions, mainly, we believe, even of one, to the entire exclusion of the third, have been recognised as a legal Grand Lodge? We should like to have such a precedent pointed out to us. We know of none and can find none. We are among those who always deplored the premature action of many American Grand Lodges, for the Canadian precedent is "nihil ad rem," and is not at all on "all fours" with this Antipodean movement. We say this in all good feeling for those who think themselves in the right. The other fact is, that the Committee of Benevolence of the District Grand Lodge, E.C., New South Wales, has given £300 to indigent brethren, not only of the English but of the Irish and Scottish Constitutions. This fraternal good feeling is very creditable to the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

THE joke of our correspondent "Quotation" in our last is not a bad one, and is, in fact, a very lenient and genial manner of exposing a proposition of singular absurdity. Whether the brother who made it intended to be witty or satirical, or both, or simply made a proposal "without sense or meaning for the purpose of making one," is one of those mysteries which it is not permitted to us to explain, and, perhaps, is not well for us to explain. Certainly the time of Grand Lodge ought not to be taken up with ridiculous propositions and childish speeches. It is not fair to many worthy brethren who come there at great personal inconvenience and sometimes expense to do their duty to the Craft, and any thing like "fatuity" or "burlesque," or idle and baneful personalities, are greatly to be deprecated on any ground of right reason and Masonic good feeling.

Is not the time arrived when a combined effort should be made to put down a system of vulgar personality and unmasonic bad form, which seems on the increase amongst us? If any brother is annoyed or thinks he has cause to complain, he proceeds to "circularize" the brethren. This in itself is a great nuisance, and a greater impertinence. We none of us want to be dragged into childish controversies about which we do not care "two straws." We none of us are anxious to read compositions in which, too often, good sense and

good grammar are insulted, and in which all Masonic teaching and all Masonic good feeling are ignored and put on one side altogether. We do not speak "without book," for we have seen similar productions, which, in our opinion if the subject was "worth the candle," might bring the writer before the "Board of General Purposes." Ceaseless attacks on the living and reflections on the dead are not the proper methods of exhibiting the true principles of Freemasonry, of endearing it to its friends, or recommending it to its foes. We always make allowances for personal idiosyncrasies or temporary excitement, but we think that we have "had enough of it" in the metropolis, and trust that we may not have to allude to these nonsensical proceedings again, as, like some contagious disorders, they are "infectious," and may spread far and do much evil.

WE mentioned in our last, that a new "History of Freemasonry" was in preparation, and we rejoiced to make the announcement. All the contributions to the archaeology of Freemasonry with which late years have enriched us can well now be turned by the historian to the purposes of his work. We are, perhaps, at the present moment in a better position to rewrite Masonic history than at any previous period, though the difficulties of the subject are still many, and as a previous article in our paper sought to point out, much yet remains to be done, to discover, and to prove, before we can hope to overcome the difficulties of the situation, or to escape many of those stumbling-blocks which thus far have rendered all professed Masonic history so eminently unsatisfactory to the careful critic on the one hand, or the accurate archaeologist on the other.

WE publish elsewhere a review on an official publication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, U.S., which suggests many serious considerations. Under its avowed ceremonial we do not hesitate to say that no W.M. thus installed can be admitted into a Board of Installed Masters in England, and we do not profess to realize the meaning of such a document, nor its absolute defiance of all Masonic precedent and usage. It is to us a very disagreeable "fact," and we deeply regret to receive and read such a wanton departure from our normal Masonic usages and solemn undertakings. We hope that in America, as with ourselves, some protests will be recorded against such an unusual and unwise proceeding.

BY the report of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, U.S., for 1880, it would seem that great prosperity has fallen on that august body, and that its "lines are in pleasant places." There are, it seems, 5890 members of the Order in Massachusetts, the third highest total of Templars in America, New York boasting of 6775, Massachusetts of 5936, and Pennsylvania of 5890. It appears also from a tabular statement that there were to the end of 1880 54,838 Templars in America and Europe. Of these England and Wales claim 2700, Ireland 1100, Scotland 270, Canada 636; 30,132 members belonging to America. This is a lower figure than we had anticipated, and we do not feel quite sure that the English total is a correct one. There are it seems 774 "Commanderies;" of these America claims 621, England and Wales 128, Canada 25, Ireland 41, and Scotland 9. Again we ask, are these figures as regards England absolutely correct?

THE "Monde Maconnique" reports a gathering of what is called "White Masonry" in France, where the ladies were admitted, and where the guests numbered 200. It seems this "fête de famille," "family fête," as Bro. GRIMAU calls it, began with a banquet, and ended with a ball. What a subject for the enterprising energy and tender solicitude of our young and bachelor brethren!

WE understand that the INIGO JONES MS. will appear in the "Masonic Magazine" for July.

AN amusing extract elsewhere tells us of an "initiated tramp," and as we have many of the "species" in England, and our good brethren in the northern provinces suffer much from the "epidemic," we commend the extract to their notice and appreciative goodwill.

MASONS' Marks are attracting the attention of our archaeologist non-Masons. We shall in our next issue have an interesting review of a recent "deliverance" on the subject.

IT seems from what of the new census has been published that our own "little village" has increased 560,311, or 17.2, in ten years. In 1871 the population was 3,254,260, in 1881 it is 3,814,571. In the previous decade the increase had been 16.1.

## MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

Several questions arise out of previous statements of our Masonic writers which demand research and verification, or else, as it appears to me, they should be given up—for at present all these repetitions of so-called Masonic facts are nothing but “sheep walking.”

1. Can any one throw any light on the name of the author of the “Complete Freemason; a Multa Paucis for Lovers of Secrets?” In my copy the binder has unfortunately cut off the printer’s name (if any), and all that remains is that the plate of the frontispiece is designed by Bro. Pewiss, and engraved by Bro. Larden.

The writer, whoever he be, seems to intimate in the preface that the “surprising progress” Masonry and architecture have made in Great Britain is owing to those remarkable architects “Inigo Jones” and “Sir Christopher Wren.” Is that so?

It is generally assumed, though I am not aware that there is any printed proof so far of the fact, that the work, from internal evidence, was published in 1763. Is that the case?

Whence did the author “Multa Paucis” derive his facts from? It is quite clear that he had seen the Grand Lodge minutes, and a very interesting question arises if we can prove his personality.

Assuming that he takes most of his facts from Anderson, though he differs from Anderson, up to 1738, where did he find the “data” he gives from 1738 to 1763? They clearly come from the Grand Lodge minutes.

But he also gives a very detailed statement of Grand Assemblies from 1618, declaring that, in 1603, James I., being a Freemason and “Royal G.M.,” appointed Inigo Jones G.M., “who continued in the chair for fifteen years.”

In 1618 a Grand Assembly, was holden, and William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, was appointed Grand Master. It then seems that they “demitted” until 1630, when a Grand Assembly is said to have met under Henry Danvers, Earl of Danby, as Grand Master, and Inigo Jones, Deputy Grand Master. In 1635 Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel, is said to have presided over the Grand Assembly, and Francis Russell, Earl of Bedford, that of 1640. In 1644, after four years’ rest, Inigo Jones was re-appointed Grand Master; and from 1644 until 1661 no Grand Assembly is said to have been holden, when Henry Jermyn, Earl of St. Albans, presided over it; Sir John Denham, Deputy Grand Master; and Sir Christopher Wren and John Webb being the Grand Wardens, “ut dicitur.”

There was another interval until 1666, when Thomas Savage, Earl of Rivers, was Grand Master; Sir Christopher Wren, Deputy Grand Master; and John Webb and Grinlin Gibbons, Grand Wardens. There was, it is said, no Grand Assembly again until 1683, when the Duke of Buckingham was Grand Master; and in 1684 the Earl of Arlington was Grand Master. In 1685 Sir Christopher Wren was Grand Master; Gabriel Cibber and Edward Strong, Grand Wardens. A Grand Assembly was again held in 1689, under Sir Christopher Wren; and again in 1695, the Duke of Richmond, Grand Master, and Sir Christopher Wren, Deputy Grand Master; and from thenceforward no meeting took place until 1717. Such are the statements of the author of “Multa Paucis.”

Thus we see that from 1618 to 1695 twelve Grand Assemblies are said to have been held under ten Grand Masters; Sir Christopher Wren presiding twice. Are these statements true or false, to put the matter shortly and concisely? They constitute a “crux” for all Masonic historians.

It is but fair to remember that, according to Anderson, who may have seen the original minutes of 1717, which are now missing, in the original resolutions of revival, previous Quarterly Communications are spoken of, though the word Grand Assembly is not used, as far as I remember now, except by the anonymous author of “Multa Paucis.”

It is also necessary to observe that the author of “Multa Paucis,” to go no further back, declares that Sir Thomas Sackville, afterwards Duke of Dorset, was appointed G.M. in 1558, and that St. John’s Day, 27th of December, 1561, Queen Elizabeth “sent an armed party to break up the G. Lodge assembled at York.” Is this statement a reality or a myth?

In 1567, according to the same author, Sir Thomas Gresham was Grand Master, Lord Effingham in 1570, and the Earl of Huntingdon in 1588. Are these statements also “facts” or not facts? It is noteworthy that until 1618 the writer never talks of Grand Assembly, but of Grand Lodge. Does he mean to mark the difference between the Grand Lodge of York and the Grand Assembly of the South? Curiously enough, too, he says, I note, that Chicheley held a lodge at Oxford until he died, 1445, not at Canterbury, as it is generally said. See “Kenning’s Cyclopædia” under “Molash” for an explanation of this reference. It appears to me that the author of “Multa Paucis,” be he right or wrong, had access to some sources of information now no longer available, and his statements have to be carefully considered in any history of Freemasonry. It will not do to dismiss them at once as untrustworthy, the more so, as several sources of information have yet to be searched, such as the State Paper Office.

## THE AMERICAN P.M.’S DEGREE.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

My friend Bro. Whytehead has done well to refer to the position of brethren in this country who have taken the P.M. Degree abroad as preliminary to the Royal Arch. His informant, however, must surely have been in error as to the “Board of General Purposes” sanctioning the presence of such an one at a *Board of Installed Masters E.C.* on the ground of that qualification. It should be remembered that in England, if we speak of the Degree at all, it is that of an *Installed Master, not of a P.M.*, and that the former is not a Degree simply, but marks an official position. The requirement is that those brethren only are eligible to attend a “Board of Installed Masters” (a) who have been *previously* installed as actual Masters of lodges, or (b) who are in attendance to be installed in consequence of being regularly elected to that position. None others are eligible, and any else admitted will be in violation of our obligations and duties as Installed Masters. Neither would it be sufficient that a brother claiming admission had presided as W.M. of a lodge for twelve months under another jurisdiction. The point to be established as a *sine qua non* is, that the brother has been regularly installed (as we understand it in England) in a “Board of Installed Masters,” e.g., there are many P.M.’s under the Grand Lodge of Scotland who have never been installed in a Board, but only in the presence of the whole lodge, though I am glad to state that arrangements have been made of late years to secure regular installation as in this country.

As the “Board of General Purposes” has deservedly the full confidence and support of the English Craft, and is composed of able and most intelligent members, I cannot believe that Bro. Whytehead has been correctly informed, and trust that his communication will be the means of drawing special attention to the subject, so that all concerned may know that no brother, unless regularly installed as a Master of a lodge, in a *Board of Installed Masters*, is eligible to attend as a visitor at the installation of a Master in the presence of Installed Masters only, under the the English Constitution.

## UNJUSTIFIABLE FEARS.

It is undoubtedly true that many intelligent minds are exercised with the idea that Masonry is a dangerous power in the community, inasmuch as its confessedly great influence is liable to be used in a way prejudicial to the best interests of society. Those who entertain such apprehensions are most likely candid enough to concede the fact that there is nothing in the fundamental law or principles of the Masonic Institution at variance with the public good, and that its well understood social and benevolent purposes are altogether worthy of commendation. The class we have in mind will even go so far as to admit that Masonry has wrought effectually for human good, and that, as it exists to-day, the general character of the Institution is above reproach. But their thought is that the immense power wielded by the Masonic organisation may be diverted from its legitimate channels of exercise and used for improper ends. They fear the concentration of so much influence in a secret society, which might, if it should so elect, work incalculable mischief in the community.

In a recent conversation with a friend, who is by no means an alarmist nor a bigot, he declared to us very freely his opinion that this sort of danger must of necessity attach to Masonry, which is liable at any time to fall into evil hands and be perverted to base uses. In regard to such apprehended danger our friend expressed his thought substantially in this wise: “The Masonic Institution has the prestige of great age and of a world-wide establishment. As it exists in this country it is strong in numbers, resources, and moral power, and must wield a tremendous influence. Its members are held together by a strong bond of sympathy. To a certain extent, and for certain specified purposes no doubt entirely commendable, they are pledged to stand by each other and obey the constituted authorities to which they are subject. Now, is there not a danger that the power of this vast organisation may be improperly used—that its potential agency may be directed in favour of some cause or movement which does not lead to the public good? What is to hinder the leaders of this great organisation, if they should be ambitious, designing, and selfish men, from marshalling to their support, in the carrying out of some iniquitous scheme, the whole Masonic constituency, that constituency being held together by a secret bond which reaches to every lodge and every brother.”

Our friend followed along this line of thought, and whilst he commended the moral teachings and beneficent work of Masonry, he yet declared his feeling that the grasping of so much power by a secret society must needs be an element of danger to society and the State. He held the conviction that we are liable at any time to find all the tremendous force of Masonry exerted in some base, illiberal, or unpatriotic way.

We cannot think that any such danger exists, nor that there is any sufficient justification for the fears which are often expressed as to what Masonry might do by an unwise use of its influence at some important juncture. The reasons are ample to support the contrary view.

The history of Masonry in all English-speaking countries shows how successful it has been in steering clear of all entangling alliances. In these countries, at least, Masonry has always been found on the side of good citizenship, never a disturbing element in matters of politics or religion. It surely should count as something in setting at rest the fears of any timid souls that this record has been made, and that Masonry has shown so happy a genius for attending to its own business.

The teachings and traditions of Masonry correspond in this respect with what its practice invariably has been. Every candidate is instructed that the questions relating to religious creeds or political parties cannot be discussed in the lodge room, whilst he is repeatedly told that he loses nothing of his individual responsibility or freedom of action in these departments by his connection with our Fraternity. Line upon line and precept upon precept does he receive the communications which reveal to him the determinations of Masonry to do its own proper work within the lines that have been marked out.

The character of the men who belong to the Order shows very clearly that the danger alluded to cannot be great. Who make up the Masonic membership in this country? Are they not men gathered from all the walks of life and identified with every interest of the community? Are they not the representatives of all forms of religious belief, and of all schools of philosophical thought and political economy? Are they not intelligent citizens, known to have their various opinions regarding all matters of public concern? Certainly it requires a very fruitful imagination to suppose these men so managed by the leaders, or so brought into co-operation regarding any outside movement, as to make their influence felt in a single direction. Masonic leaders may sometimes be very ambitious, perhaps very selfish, and they may indulge in pleasant fancies as to their ability to use the Order for some unauthorised end; but let them attempt to carry out such designs and they will soon awake to find themselves shorn of the glory of leadership and will become objects of contempt in the eyes of their brethren.

The publicity that belongs to Masonic doings is another reason why there need be no fears in the direction alluded to. Masonic secrets, few in number, have reference, for the most part, to the ritual and the ceremony—to the technicalities of the system, and not to the general proceedings, which are made a matter of record and communicated to the public. Any attempt to make use of Masonry for improper purposes would in this land and age be known at once, and, therefore, would be resisted. Suppose an endeavour should be put forth to force Masonry into politics or the church, making its influence to count on the side of this party or that dogma, no such endeavour could succeed until after prolonged discussions—until light had been thrown upon the movement—and with this publicity would come the end of all such endeavours. Only in a very limited way, and for the briefest time, can Masonry be prostituted to base purposes and made to serve unworthy ends. It wields its power in the prosecution of a sacred mission, and there is no cause of fear that it will turn aside to expend its energies on those interests which belong to other lines of movement. All that it is, all that it has, must be guarded and used for the beneficent work to which it is specifically bound. Beyond this, as an organised body, it will not seek to go in the exercise of that mighty influence by which it is so grandly glorified.—*Freemasons’ Repository.*

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.

We print elsewhere a small paragraph from the *Masonic Review*, not very complimentary to us indeed; in that we are dubbed "obtuse," because we do not understand what "public installations" mean. Neither do we even yet, despite the lucid and courteous explanation of our vivacious contemporary. Indeed, on the "face of the thing" there is a "self-evident absurdity." Either the ceremonial is Masonic or not, and has been authorized, or it has not among those permitted to be done in public.

We do not deny that a Grand Lodge can allow the ceremonial to be done in public, as the laying of foundation stones is done; but as the installation ceremony is purely a matter of lodge work and lodge life, we regret the change, and dislike the innovation. For that it is confessedly. No precedent, except made "ad hoc" within a few years, can be alleged by any one in favour of such a departure from our normal ritual arrangements.

Indeed, the more we look at it the more we dislike it and disapprove of it. It is a portion of that vulgar movement in favour of publicity, that Masonic "outcome," "coram populo," which we entirely deprecate and detest.

It is that restlessness in respect of the "good old paths" which is undermining our Order, and will, if it be not checked, reduce us to the level of "gregarious Buffaloes" or "animated Pardes."

It is all wrong, unsound and unmasonic, and can only be acceded to, where and when the brethren are either in happy ignorance of, or contemptuously ignore alike Masonic lore and Masonic law.

We need hardly point out to "experts" that the public ceremonial as given, for instance, in the Constitutions and ceremonial of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which may be taken, we presume, as a fair sample of what may be done in public as allowed by Grand Lodge—see Note page 74 of its recent publication, reviewed elsewhere—utterly vitiates the whole of our customary and legalised "ritual," and is certainly in opposition to all custom and precedent.

We trust that some stop may be put to proceedings which are utterly irregular in themselves, and may be productive of unmitigated evil to our Order.

It is an opening out of our venerable ceremonial which is not desirable, and a pandering to a childish spirit of curiosity which, in our humble opinion, is not defensible.

We still, despite the Masonic sarcasm of our worthy confrère of the *Masonic Review*, do not profess to understand what a public installation can mean; and we beg especially to demur to his statement elsewhere, that either by direction or by inference the action of the "Board of Installed Masters" is "sustained." If it takes place at all, it is as a surreptitious proceeding, and entirely out of harmony or sequence with the well known ceremonial of our Order. Now all this is very wrong, and very un-Masonic, and we think we are only doing our duty to our Cosmopolitan Craft in thus openly protesting against rash innovations, and unwarrantable publicity. Nothing can be worse in every sense for Freemasons and for Freemasonry.

THE MASONIC FESTIVAL OF APRIL, 1809.

ROB MORRIS.

I find in the "European Magazine" of April 14, 1809, p. 324, an account of "the Anniversary Dinner of the Freemasons' Charity for Female Orphans, which occurred at Freemasons' Hall. Lord Moira was in the chair, and Lords Mountmorris, Pomfret, and about 400 other contributors to the establishment were present. The Chevalier Ruspini, designated as "the Founder of the Establishment," led the two youngest children around the hall, and their appearance, seconded by an eloquent and impressive speech from Lord Moira, induced a collection of between three and four hundred pounds.

Among the exercises of the occasion, a poetical address, "written by a young lady at the desire of a friend of the Institution in behalf of their pious and benevolent charity," was read. It seems to me worthy of reproduction:

If 'tis delight the drooping plant to rear,  
Or the soft bud with timely shelter cheer,  
'Tis heaven the balm of bounty to dispense,  
And guard the flowers of orphan innocence.  
But ever in the firm and spotless breast  
Compassion dwells, a mild yet sovereign guest;  
As steadfast rocks ambrosial balm enclose,  
And the clear stream the purest pearl bestows.  
In Paul's proud dome, the boast of Art divine,  
Blest Charity erects her favored shrine.  
So in the soul, with truth and honor stored,  
The noblest temple of Creation's Lord,  
An infant mourner's suppliant voice prevails,  
And orphan innocence its saviour hails.  
Protect them still! let those who nobly claim  
The ample gifts of wisdom, wealth, and fame,  
Like heaven's own mansion spread their portals wide,  
And still to Hope and Peace the mourner guide.  
Nor let illustrious beauty's hand disdain  
To strew with flowers compassion's sacred fane;

Beauty, thy charms her magic power create  
On thee her first, her warmest, welcomes wait,  
Such as with Moira's honored laurels blend,  
Such as the grave of Cumberland attend.  
And you whose temple boasts the immortal name  
Of him who breathed philanthropy's pure flame,  
Shakesperian brothers, who to every clime  
Extend the rays of amity sublime;  
Full as the bliss your ready aid bestows,  
For you the cup of gratitude o'erflows,  
Behold this work, redeemed from hopeless gloom,  
Thrice twenty beauteous flowers around you bloom.  
Crown then the blessings by your cares begun,  
Proceed, and emulate the bounteous sun;  
Your bright example through the land diffuse,  
Draw forth and treasure pity's fostering dews;  
And when, like his, your glorious task is o'er,  
Still smile in Heaven, though seen on earth no more.

The allusions in the last paragraph are to the Shakespear Lodge, No. 131, held at that period in Freemasons' Tavern. This noble band of Masons had contributed in collective donations and individual subscriptions, nearly £5000 to the funds of this Charity. In the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for 1881, it is enrolled as "99 Shakespear, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, 4th Thursday, 1737." There is another "Shakespear Lodge, but it is No. 426, and has its origin as late as 1835. I take it that No. 99 represents the old No. 131, but when was the change made? Is there a good portrait published of the Chevalier Ruspini? I saw his portrait among the worthies in the Hall of the Boys' School, London. Has it been engraved?

La Grange, Kentucky, U.S.A.

WASTING TIME.

Our American brethren appear to be fully alive to the necessity of economising time in the business of Grand Lodge, and the *New York Dispatch* offers the following suggestions thereon:—

In view of the heavy debt resting upon the property of the Craft as represented by our Hall at Twenty-third-street, and the fact that when that debt is lifted, and the revenues of the building made available for the Asylum, we shall at once come into the enjoyment of one of the noblest charity foundations in the world, as well as a reduction of taxation to a mere nominal sum, it would seem that there ought to be not only a general but a unanimous resolve to put aside all personal ambitions and considerations for the sake of the general welfare. The first and most practical step in this direction is to reduce the cost of holding the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge to the lowest sum consonant with a proper transaction of its business, and to this end several things may properly contribute. First, in enforcing the rule that all matters to be brought before the Grand Lodge must be certified to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, as per notice already issued. The rule forbids the consideration of any subject not thus forwarded, except by special vote of the Grand Lodge, and it is hoped that the good sense of the brethren will prevent them from assenting to the consideration of new matter except under very exceptional circumstances and pressing necessity. Prompt attention to this suggestion by brethren having matters to place before the Committees required to meet in advance, and the knowledge that negligence will put off their consideration for a year, together with an industrious attention to duty by the Committees named, will place the whole business of the annual meeting in shape for immediate consideration at the opening of Grand Lodge, and as fast as each subject can be heard and decided by the representatives.

Last year some latitude was given because the regulation just named was new and in some sort experimental, but its wisdom was apparent as it must be still more apparent now, and we therefore indulge the hope that we shall all unite in giving effect to this plan for the disposal of Grand Lodge business in the shortest and most effective way.

There is another way in which a decided and most grateful economy can be practised by the Grand Lodge, and that is by rigid enforcement of the third of the rules of the order, which is, "No brother is to speak more than once to the same question, unless by permission." If this rule has ever been enforced, that fact is not within our recollection. On the other hand, every regular attendant on Grand Lodge knows that it is no uncommon thing for various brethren to be heard half a dozen times on the most trivial questions, exhausting the patience of the listeners, and adding no light to what they may have said in the first instance. If a brother does not sufficiently understand a subject to express his views without half a dozen trials he should keep still until he has taken opportunity to study it up; if he does know what he is going to talk about then he should be able in one speech of reasonable length to dispense all the light at his command, and give some one else a chance, or permit the aggregated wisdom of Grand Lodge to pass upon the question and have done with it. At all events, taking the cost of the annual session to be about one thousand dollars for each hour actually devoted to business, it may be fairly assumed that at least five thousand dollars are wasted each year in listening to the jejune eloquence of parties who seem to imagine that when Solomon died his wisdom came to them. Let us get out of this boy's play and dispose of the affairs of Grand Lodge with the dignity and dispatch of men who know and mean business.

WHY SEEK TO BECOME A MASON?

The motives which impel men to seek a connection with the Masonic Institution are of various character. Some persons, no doubt, are influenced by considerations of an unworthy nature, whilst others are prompted by reasons of the noblest stamp. It is to be feared that there are applicants who knock at Masonic doors thinking altogether too much of what they shall receive of actual, material benefit by their connection with the Fraternity, and not enough of the moral instruction and helps which they may lay hold of through Masonic teachings and associations. Perhaps they are not conscious of being led to the course they are pursuing by any mercenary motive, yet the object in view is some selfish gain, or acquisition on the lower side of their natures, rather than the obtaining of knowledge, enlarging of the sympathies and the affections, and the doing of good to others. In joining the Masons one should be controlled by considerations very similar to those that ought to govern when a man proposes to connect himself with a religious organization—he should seek the Masonic communication because it is a well-established Institution of philosophy and morals, and because through its fellowship and ministries he may do good to others, whilst at the same time his heart and character shall be moulded by its great and blessed principles. Having so lofty and unselfish an object in view the candidate for Masonry is not likely to be disappointed by what he finds the character of the Institution and its methods of procedure to be.

If in anything there is need of care it is in explaining to all who seek to become Masons that our association is in no sense a beneficial Order.

It has no established system by which it proposes to give and do for its members at stated times and as a matter of prescribed obligation. Other societies do this work, and it is of a praiseworthy character; but Masonry was not moulded upon such a plan nor does it pledge itself to render definite benefits to its members. No one should become a Mason thinking that he makes a good investment of his money by taking such a step, or that he will receive some selfish advantage by his association with the Ancient Brotherhood. A man is justified in seeking to become a Mason only when he has a high appreciation of the character and work of the organization, and is drawn toward it because he believes it will be helpful to him on the social and moral side of his being, and so enable him to be of more service to his fellows in the discharge of the duties of related life.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, the late Lord Mayor, Mr. James Hughes, and Mr. James Whitehead will represent the Mansion House Committee at the ceremony of unveiling Mr. Brock's statue of Sir Rowland Hill at Kidderminster, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. But for the occurrence of the Bishops' dinner on that day, the Lord Mayor would have been present.—*The Citizen*.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,  
K.G., M.W.G.M.

EIGHTY-THIRD  
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,  
ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON,  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1881.

THE MOST HON. THE  
MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, K.P.,  
R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER OF DURHAM,  
in the Chair.

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HON. TREASURER:  
W. BRO. WM. ROEBUCK, G. Steward, 29, Prov.  
G.S.W. Middlesex, &c.

By permission of Col. Tester and the Officers of the  
Regiment, the  
BAND OF THE FIRST SUSSEX ARTILLERY  
VOLUNTEERS  
will play on the Lawn throughout the afternoon.  
Other Musical Arrangements are in progress.

The Special Train for Brighton will leave London Bridge  
at 11.30 a.m., calling at East Croydon, 11.50 a.m., for  
passengers by Ordinary Train. Main Line from Victoria  
at 10.55 a.m.

### DINNER,

Provided by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, Brighton, will  
be on the table at 4 p.m.

Particulars as to prices of dinner tickets and railway  
arrangements may be had on application to the office.

The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards may  
still be received.

Support is urgently needed, the number of Stewards  
being below the average of recent years.

The Annual Fête, Stewards' Visit, and Distribution of  
Prizes, will be held on Tuesday, 28th June, under the  
presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Std.,  
and Pat. of Inst., Sec. of Inst., Hon. Sec.

Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
June, 1881.

## PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Annual Provincial  
GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE  
Will (D.V.) be held at the OLD HALL, GAINSBORO',  
On MONDAY, the 20th day of June inst.,  
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

At Half-past Twelve the  
FOUNDATION STONE  
Of the

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
Will be laid by the R.W.P.G.M.

The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge are hereby con-  
vened to attend, and all Master Masons are invited to  
be present.

By Order of  
W. Bro. WILLIAM HENRY SMYTH, R.W.P.G.M.  
(Signed) FREDC. D. MARSDEN,  
P.G. Sec.

Louth, June 4th, 1881.

## PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL  
BRO. GENERAL STUDHOLME BROWN RIGG, C.B.  
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,  
that a  
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
will be held on  
SATURDAY, the 25th Day of JUNE, 1881,  
at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the  
PUBLIC HALL, REIGATE,  
in the County of Surrey,  
when the members of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,  
and other Brethren of the Province, are requested to  
attend.

By command of the R.W.P.G. Master.  
CHARLES GREENWOOD,  
Prov. G. Secretary.  
61, Nelson-square, Blackfairs-road,  
May 25th, 1881.

P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock pre-  
cisely, Tickets for which (price 15s.) may be had of Bro.  
JOHN LEES, P.M., P.P.G.W., Reigate, Surrey, or of the  
PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

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

### To Correspondents.

The *Australian Freemason* very generously ac-  
cords a word of praise to the "Cosmopolitan Calendar"  
for 1881 and "its enterprising publisher," but regrets that  
*this year* the Australian lodges are most unaccountably  
omitted! We think our publisher would not lay claim  
to being very enterprising if he had omitted such an im-  
portant section of the Masonic body as the lodges of  
Australasia; and if our worthy confrère the Editor of the  
*Australian Freemason* will look again we think that feel-  
ing of doubt which seems to be present when he says "or  
are we mistaken" will be dissipated. Both under the head  
of "Foreign Lodges," page 102, and also incorporated in  
the "List of Craft Lodges," page 67, will be found all the  
lodges under the District Grand Lodges of Auckland, New  
Zealand; New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia,  
Tasmania, Victoria, Wellington, New Zealand; and West-  
land, New Zealand.

The following stands over until next week.  
"Freemasonry in Spain."  
Consecration of the Thames Lodge, No. 1895.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Cause of Colour Among Races," "The Hebrew  
Leader," "Masonic Advocate," "Der Long Islaender,"  
"Voice of Masonry," "New York Dispatch," "Key-  
stone," "Baillutte," "Calendrier Maconnique due Grand  
Orient de France," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Hull  
Packet," "Chaine d'Union," "The Sunday Times,"  
"The Citizen," "Freemason's Repository," "Australian  
Freemason."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 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.]

### INCREASE OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As among those members of the Craft who look  
with some apprehension on the continued and continual  
increase of lodges, I venture to report to you what an  
American cousin of mine calls an "eye-opener." Several  
years since I was one of the officers of a lodge which re-  
spectfully refused to recommend the establishment in a  
town and suburbs of about 70,000 inhabitants of a sixth  
lodge, composed of members, for the most part, who had  
"swarmed" from a lodge distant from the town where  
they resided; why they should have been made there, with  
five existing lodges in the place of their residence, it is not  
for me to say. We even went further, and addressed a  
respectful request to the Grand Master of the province not  
to recommend the formation of this sixth lodge, on the  
ground that the existing lodges afforded abundant op-  
portunities for all to join who might be regarded as worthy  
of the Order; but in vain. The warrant was granted.

I should now like to quote one recent example of the  
result. At the last meeting a member of one of the theat-  
rical companies in the town, who had been proposed and  
accepted as an initiate, was expected to attend for initia-  
tion. After some waiting, the initiate was announced as  
present, but when the Treasurer applied for the fees, it was  
announced not only that he had come unprepared with  
them, but that he appeared to repudiate the idea of pay-  
ment; he had been asked to become a member (!), and it  
would seem he thought he should be conferring an honour  
on the Craft by condescending to join it. In any event,  
the money was not forthcoming, and the gentleman was  
not made. Now, though, with high authority to warn me,

I have never expected grapes from thorns or figs from  
thistles, I confess, with all my apprehensions respecting  
this particular matter—for our attitude respecting which at  
the time some of us got snubbed in high quarters—I never  
dreamt of seeing chicken thus so readily come home to  
roost. May I very respectfully, but most earnestly, put in  
a plea, founded on this experience, against the too ready  
acquiescence of some good-natured Masons in any proposal  
to extend the bounds of the Craft and enlarge its borders,  
irrespective of what must, it is to be feared, in many cases  
be the inevitable consequences.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

P.M.

[We publish this letter, but we cannot say that we  
quite agree with our worthy correspondent. In the present  
progress and prosperity of Masonry, it is undoubtedly the  
case that it becomes "expansive," so to say.—Ed. F.M.]

### CORRECT TERMINOLOGY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Masonic matters are getting rather dull, and  
as I suspect, from what I know of the Masonic press, your  
"copy" is not so plentiful just now as it used to be, I  
venture to ask you to insert this letter, as on a subject  
which, if not Masonic, has much to interest lovers and stu-  
dents of the Queen's English.

We see a good deal of slipshod writing just now, and  
incorrect expressions, and, therefore, as we are all going  
down into the country, I think it well to inform your  
readers respectfully of "some things which a fellow ought  
to know." For instance, different terms are applied to dif-  
ferent groups of animals. Thus: A "covey" of par-  
tridges, a "nide" of pheasants, a "wisp" of snipe, a  
"bevy" of quails, a "flight" of doves or swallows, a  
"muster" of peacocks, a "siege" of herons, a "build-  
ing" of rooks, a "brood" of grouse, a "plump" of wild  
fowl, a "stand" of plovers, a "cast" of hawks, a  
"watch" of nightingales, a "chattering" of choughs, a  
"flock" of geese, a "swarm" of bees, a "school" of  
whales, a "shoal" of herrings, a "herd" of swine, a  
"skulk" of foxes, a "pack" of wolves, a "drove" of oxen,  
a "troop" of monkeys, a "pride" of lions, and a "sleuth"  
of bears.

Yours fraternally,

PRISCIAN.

### MASONIC DIRECTORY—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me where I can see a list of the  
towns of the United Kingdom which possesses a Masonic  
Hall? There may, perhaps, be a "Masonic Directory,"  
the knowledge of which would frequently prove of great  
service to travelling brethren.

I am, yours truly and fraternally,

A TRAVELLING MASON.

### Reviews.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1880.

This official document contains a good deal of informa-  
tion interesting to "Knights Templar" in America and  
in England. It seems that there are 54,838 "Templars"  
in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, and America.  
But a doubt occurs to us at the outset, whether these  
figures are final and correct. Be that as it may, it is a  
"fact" to be noted that of these 54,838 good men and  
true, America claims no less than 50,000, an army in them-  
selves, and as they drill in America habitually and appear  
in public, neither of which things do we in England, they  
must constitute a very effective body of men, in the  
prime of life, educated and energetic, good patriots, and  
loyal citizens. There are it seems 774 commanderies, of  
which America claims 621. We wish, we say it in all good  
feeling, that the American Templars did more for charity.  
In the accounts of this Grand Commandery there is not  
one item for charity, and, speaking in all friendly frank-  
ness, we do deem, with every good feeling and sincere  
regard for our many excellent American brethren, that  
here is their weak point. We trust that they will take our  
humble criticism in good part, remembering that it is the  
privilege of Freemasons, whether of the High Grades or  
not, to speak openly, frankly, loyally, one to another.

#### CONSTITUTIONS, BYE-LAWS, AND INSTALLA- TION CEREMONIES OF M.W. GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA.

We have never read an official publication of Freemasonry  
with greater pain. It constitutes a sheer departure, open  
and avowed, from all that usage has enjoined and Masonic  
precedent has made sacred. In this authoritative explana-  
tion, alike of the Constitution and installation ceremonies,  
proper to the jurisdiction, every landmark of Freemasonry  
is ignored, and put on one side. Unlike our own wise Book  
of Constitutions, which leaves all that is "not proper to be  
written" to the lodge and Grand Lodge, the authorities of  
Indiana, forgetting both their own undertakings and their  
very serious responsibility, boldly avow to the world,  
and publish deliberately, a ceremonial, which ought only  
to be delivered in lodge. We do not, as we said be-  
fore, profess to realize the object of such indiscreet publi-  
cation. A very serious question arises on these facts. Are  
those W.M.'s of Indiana lawfully installed as W.M.'s?  
would they be admitted amongst us into a "Board of In-  
stalled Masters?" would they even be admitted into simi-  
lar American Boards? We deeply regret to note such an  
"innovation," so unwisely a departure from our reasonable  
ritual arrangements, and trust that the authorities will  
retrace their steps before it is too late.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

The May number has reached us, and we mention it to our readers. It is excessively well-edited by our worthy confrère, Bro. Adrien Grimaux. And though in the "tension" between our brethren of "Outre Manche" and ourselves, there is much in it—to use a common, if vulgar, expression,—we cannot "swallow," yet for those who like to note the ways of Masons in other countries and in other tongues, the "Monde Maçonique" is always interesting, and, we will add, worth reading. We are not obliged to sympathize with its theories, or applaud its "outcome" of thought and teaching.

A CATALOGUE OF A VERY CHOICE COLLECTION OF VALUABLE BOOKS. Ellis and White, 29, New Bond-street, London, W.

Messrs. Ellis and White truly thus characterize their catalogue, No. 47, as it certainly contains "many volumes of the greatest rarity." Its specimens from the "presses of early English typographers" are most interesting and valuable "nuts" to book collectors; the rare volumes relating to America deserve the attention of American "Bibliomaniacs;" while the "early printed editions" of the "English Bibe and New Testament" are both scarce and remarkable in every way. There are some "scarce books relative to Scottish history," and some "beautifully illuminated MSS," and "Horæ," some printed on vellum, which make a "fellar's mouth water" when he thinks of such "treasures" within reach. It is all very well deprecating a "love of books," and complaining of the "awful prices" of our catalogues to-day, but literary aestheticism has its hour as well as all other æsthetic branches of life, and if people can give insane prices for "Bric a Brac," "Black Oak," "Chippendale," "Dresden china," can go mad over a bit of old glass, or Sevres, and offer what would buy any one a very comfortable annuity for "Rose Du Barri" or "Bleu de Vincennes," why should we not do the same for books which are perfectly matchless and most rare? Surely, as "Corporal Trim" says, "there is a reason in all things."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC "OLD CHARGES."

We are all indebted very much to Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., for his transcript of the "Wood MS." of 1610 in the "Masonic Magazine" for June, and shall be still more so on his publication of the "Inigo Jones MS." in the magazine for July. I confess to being somewhat disappointed in seeing that the first mentioned MS. is of the ordinary kind, and really possesses no distinctive feature of any consequence. However, I am living in hopes of a rare treat in the perusal of the "Inigo Jones MS." ere long, as I understand that it is one of the special few and has peculiarities of value and importance. After that we shall be ready for the next. I fear we are nearly at the end of our finds as respects versions of the "Old Charges," but *nil desperandum* must be our motto, and we must continue our researches, though we cannot all expect to be so fortunate in our discoveries as Bro. Woodford or the undesigned,

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROBERT SAMBER.

Robert Samber, identified by Bro. Gould as the author of the treatise on the "Plague," as well as of "Long Livers," is also it seems, from Bohn's Catalogue, the author of another work, viz., "Roma Illustrata," &c., Lond., 1723. Perhaps Bro. Gould could find this work in the British Museum, and see whether any allusions to Masonry occur in it. Samber may also mention the Church of the "Quatuor Coronati."

MASONIC STUDENT.

A QUOTATION.

I give the verification of a statement made by some writers, and alluded to by Kloss, at p. 21, No. 235, as regards a remarkable patent of the Fraternity of Freemasons in 1689. Even Kloss falls into clearly the error of "sheepwalking." The work is called "A Short Account of Scotland—Lond., 1702." It is, says my informant, in the British Museum, and at page 105 occur these words which follow the true explanation of previous erroneous statements and references—

"A Short Account of Scotland," &c., Lond., 1702, p. 105.—*Dundee*—Here we were handsomely treated at the charges of the Corporation, who complemented us with *Burgess-ships*, and gave us Instruments in these words:—*Apud Dundee 17 die mensis Augusti, A.D. 1689, Jacobo Fletcher proposito, Thomæ Mundie Gildæ Decano, and Jacobo Bower Thesaurario. Quo die—N—debitè & legitime creatus & admissus est Liber Burgensis & frater Gildæ dicti Burgi, cum omnibus & singulis privilegiis, liberatibus & immunitatibus ad dictum Burgum spectantibus. Qui prostitit juramentum Burgale more solito.* Extracum per me—JA. WENDEBURNE."

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE NUMBER SEVEN.

In one of Dumas' works, I find this curious note concerning the city of Avignon in France. *Seven* Popes reigned there during *seven* tens of years; having *seven* hospitals, *seven* religious brotherhoods of penitents, *seven* monasteries, *seven* convents, *seven* parishes, and *seven* cemeteries!

ANTIQUARIAN.

A SCRAP.

In an odd issue of a Masonic journal of the latest generation is this scrap. Can any one explain it?  
 "What is this, Brother Arthur?"  
 "A shell from the sounding waves."  
 "It seems worn."  
 "It is. It is the virtue of a true Mason tried, worn and approved."  
 "It has the flavor of saltiness."  
 "Yes, and if the salt have lost his savor, it is fit for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the foot of men."  
 "It seems to have five ridges upon its convex side."  
 "It has. And they call to us the five emblematic graces of a Mason's courage: Humility, Honor, Truthfulness, Piety, Fidelity."  
 "Cannot you weave this lesson more closely?"  
 "The five ridges recall the five ancient covenants: Secrecy, Charity, Fidelity, Piety, Sympathy."—*Masonic Review*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Board of Stewards have issued the following programme of general arrangements for the eighty-third anniversary Festival to be held at Brighton on the 29th inst.:

Stewards and their friends are invited to assemble at the Royal Pavilion not later than half-past three.

It is hoped that the Stewards, and company generally, will render every assistance in carrying out these arrangements, with a view to the comfort and enjoyment of all.

Prices of dinner tickets: Including first class return railway fare—Gentlemen, 21s.; Ladies, 18s.; double ticket (lady and gentleman) 36s.; exclusive of railway fare—gentlemen, 17s. 6d.; ladies, 15s.

The special train of first-class carriages will leave London Bridge punctually at 11.30 a.m., timed to call at East Croydon, at 11.50 a.m., to take up passengers with special railway tickets who travel by ordinary train from Victoria, and to reach Brighton at one o'clock.

Visitors to the Festival can go to the Pavilion direct, or occupy themselves as they may think best, so that they will kindly comply with the request to assemble at the Pavilion by half-past three.

The Pavilion is about half-a-mile distant from the Railway Station. Fly, or cab-fare, one shilling.

The rooms reserved for the Festival comprise the Dome and the entire lower suite in the Royal Pavilion.

Stewards, ladies, and brethren will meet in the large rooms on the ground floor.

An ante-room will be reserved for the use of the Stewards. The badges will be distributed to Stewards by special Stewards entrusted with their charge.

Wands will be borne by special Stewards only.

On the arrival of the Chairman he will be received by the officers of the Board, and conducted to the room at the back of the orchestra in the Dome entering by the door marked "A."

Stewards and their friends will enter the banquet room—the Dome—by the doors marked "B," and take their places at the tables numbered 1 to 13.

The company seated, the Chairman will enter, accompanied by the House Committee of the Institution, the Officers of the Board, and the Grand Officers, for whom seats will be provided at the dais table.

Private drawing rooms will be reserved for the exclusive use of ladies.

Light refreshments—tea, coffee, &c., will be served throughout the evening, after the banquet, in the Pavilion rooms.

Smoking will not be permitted in the Dome.

Hats and coats will be taken charge of by attendants at rooms adjacent to the entrance.

Visitors can exercise their option of remaining seated after the banquet, or of adjourning to the Pavilion.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Tester and the officers, the band of the First Sussex Artillery Volunteers, under the direction of Band Master Devin, will perform a selection of music on the lawn, on the arrival of the visitors and throughout the afternoon.

The special return train for London will leave Brighton Station punctually at 8.30 p.m. (having to travel in advance of the regular 8.40 p.m. train), and will call at East Croydon to set down passengers for Victoria.

Visitors with tickets for the special train are earnestly recommended to leave the Pavilion as soon after 8 p.m. as possible.

Visitors with special tickets may return by any train, except express, on the following day, on payment of one shilling extra.

Dinner, which, with dessert and wines, will be provided by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, Western-road, Brighton, will be on the tables at four o'clock precisely.

Regulations as to clothing: By special command of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, no Masonic clothing or jewel shall be worn. Brethren: Morning dress; Ladies: Morning dress, with or without bonnets, as may be preferred.

FREDERICK BINGKES,

Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

The annual fête, distribution of prizes, and visit of Festival Stewards and their friends, will be held at the Institution on Tuesday, the 28th inst., under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P. Tickets and particulars will be sent in due course.

New South Wales.

**SYDNEY.**—Australian Lodge of Harmony (No. 556).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd of March to pass brethren. Proceedings were commenced at six o'clock prompt, Bro. Walker, W.M., being well supported by his officers and members. Two brethren were passed. A proposition, made at the previous meeting, for a joining member, was withdrawn for the present, and the lodge of emergency was thereupon closed.

A regular meeting was held on the 9th of March, the W.M. taking the chair, and the attendance of brethren was fair. The minutes of three preceding meetings were read and confirmed. W. Bro. Bullard then took the chair, and raised a brother to the Second Degree. The chair was afterwards taken by W. Bro. Curtis, who conferred the Degree upon another brother. The W.M. having taken the chair, the newly-raised brethren were then invested. The further portion of the ceremony was conducted by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Bullard, the tracing board being explained by the S.W. An appeal was made by a P.M. of Tranquillity Lodge on behalf of the wife of a brother who has, unfortunately, lost his reason, for whose relief five pounds were voted. The Secretary reported the distressing case of a former member of the lodge, he having met with a painful accident, which had laid him up for the past six months and reduced him to poverty. Two guineas were at once voted, and it was resolved to recommend a petition to the Committee of Benevolence, E.C., on his behalf. Letters enclosing moneys for dues were acknowledged, and a circular from the Zetland Lodge, 605, E.C., was read *in re* the proposed soiree and ball to take place under the direction of the lodge on the 31st March. A Past Master of a lodge under English Constitution in Victoria was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge was then closed.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**ERA LODGE** (No. 1423).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. There were present Bros. John Faulkner, W.M.; Auguste Felix Loos, I.P.M.; Dr. James Beresford Ryley, S.W.; James W. Baldwin, P.M. Past G.M. Middx., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M. Past G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; G. Leadbeater Wingate, J.D.; Charles H. Glover, Org.; John Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler; John Thomas Moss, P.M., Past G.R. Middx.; Edward W. Devereux, P.M.; William Hammond, P.M., Past G.D. Middx.; John Fixter, Charles Downey Slater, Alfred Cracknell, and the following visitors: H. Higgins, P.M., and G. Jenkinson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for Alfred Cracknell, Esq., which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Charles Downey Slater having answered the usual questions, was intrusted and passed to the Second Degree. This being the first meeting since the installation, the W.M. acquitted himself most creditably of his duties. Good work, assisted by the grave undulations of Masonic music, gives solemnity to the mystic ceremony, not easily forgotten by candidates.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where the new host of the Albany had prepared a very nice spread—each service seemed to rival each other for supremacy and excellence. We therefore congratulate Bro. John Knight for his culinary achievement, and good cellar. After the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts ensued; that of "The Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett," was enthusiastically received. After having passed a very pleasant and harmonious evening the brethren separated.

**ALL SAINTS LODGE** (No. 1716).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, Bro. Leonard Potts, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. C. Young, as S.W.; T. Bates, J.W.; J. Kemp Coleman, I.P.M.; John Dennis, P.M.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; J. House, S.D.; T. L. Kennett, J.D.; J. Grout, Org.; H. J. Day, acting as I.G.; Witherstone, Smith, Wright, Riddall, Pittam, and other brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Rev. R. H. Atherton and Alfred Thompson, of No. 150, Madras.

Letters were read from Bro. W. Pyatt and Bro. Capt. Bennett, who were candidates respectively for raising and passing, expressing their regret at being unable to attend. Bros. Riddall and Wright were then raised to the Third Degree, after which the Rev. John Arthur Alloway and Mr. E. C. Knowles were initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremonies of raising and initiating being most efficiently performed by Bro. Leonard Potts, W.M., who also delivered the ancient charge in a masterly manner. Bro. House, S.D., gave the lecture on the tracing board to the initiates in a way which elicited the warm appreciation of the brethren. Bro. the Rev. R. H. Atherton officiated as Chaplain. Bro. Young, S.W., announced that his list for the approaching festival of the Boys' Institution amounted at present to £63 10s., and it was still open for further contributions. Much satisfaction was expressed at the zeal displayed on behalf of the Masonic charities by the officers of the lodge, the W.M., Bro. Leonard Potts, having served the office of Steward at the recent festival of the R.M.B.I., and taken in a list amounting to £59 17s.

Sanction having been given to the removal of the lodge of instruction to the Eagle Tavern, East India-road, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).

—An excellent gathering of the members of this lodge took place on the 30th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, it being the installation meeting. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W., W.M. elect; M. Samuel, J.W.; Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M., Sec.; Potter, S.D.; Strugnell, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; Hart, Hon. Org.; Simpson, D.C.; Wildash, A.D.C.; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, &c.; and Clark, G.P. England. The visitors were Bros. D. Clark, W.M. 1632; W. H. Paddle, W.M. 1851; Buit, P.M. 907; Baldwin, P.M. 1423, P.P.G.P. Middx.; J. Stevens, P.M. 1426; T. W. Adams, P.M. 1623; J. Larkin, 3; W. Collier, 3; P. J. Jackson, I.G. 49; R. Jennings, 907; Dennis, 907; T. Anstey, 1358; Edmonds, 1597; Arnold, 1491; Berry, 1613; J. King, 1623; Roberts, 1623; J. Wildash, 1662; and E. Moore, 1671.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Young and Longley were raised. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of two gentlemen for initiation, and it proving to be unanimous, the one who was in attendance was duly admitted into Craft mysteries. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the ceremony of inducting Bro. Lardner into the chair of K.S. was performed by the W.M., who appointed Bros. J. W. Baldwin as S.W.; J. Terry as J.W.; Clark as D.C.; and J. Stevens as I.G., to assist him in the work. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Strugnell, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; Ramsey, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, jun., Sec.; T. C. Walls, I.P.M.; Goodenough, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; Horace B. Marshall, V.P. of the Masonic Institutions, I.G.; Hart, Org.; Richards, D.C.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Communications apologising for non-attendance from Bros. Sir John Monckton, H. C. Levander, J. C. Dwarber, and others were read.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary Royal and Craft toasts were duly proposed and honoured. W. Bro. Clark responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." having been given by the I.P.M., Bro. Lardner, in response, expressed his acknowledgment to the brethren, not only for the great honour they had conferred upon him in electing him as W.M., but for the uniform kindness they had bestowed upon him during his connection with the lodge. In conclusion he said that he had given Masonry his best attention in the past, and with the blessings of health he should endeavour to continue that course. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. This toast having been warmly drunk, the pledge of "The

I.P.M. and Installing Officer" came next in order. At the conclusion of his speech the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Walls having duly acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Visitors" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon being honoured that evening by the presence of so many worthy and distinguished visitors. He hoped that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. This toast having been enthusiastically drunk, Bros. D. Clark, J. Stevens, J. W. Baldwin, and others, responded, in speeches of a very complimentary nature. "The Health of the Past Masters" came next in order, and was coupled with the name of Bro. W. H. Jackson, the first Master of the lodge, who made a modest speech in reply. "The Masonic Charities" gave W. Bro. James Terry an opportunity of advocating the respective claims of those noble Institutions in a manner that provoked the most hearty and sympathetic expressions of approval from his interested and numerous auditory. "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. Strugnell, Williams, Goodenough, and Simpson. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable, and great thanks were due to Bros. Roberts, Hart, Potter, and others, for their instrumental and vocal selections.

#### DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).

This lodge held an emergency meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. T. C. Corpe, W.M.; J. W. Brooke, I.P.M. and Hon. Sec.; Dr. W. G. Bott, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. F. Smith, jun., J.W.; Dr. J. C. Wilkins, J.D.; A. H. Jakins, H. Cattermole, H. S. Trego, F. Gent, J. Da Silva, J. R. H. Miller, and A. T. Baschinski. Visitor: Bro. Joseph Da Silva, S.W. 205.

After the lodge had been duly opened, and the summons convening the meeting read, Bros. H. S. Trego, F. Gent, and Jonah Da Silva were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bros. J. R. H. Miller and A. T. Baschinski were passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen as initiates: Mr. Edward James Hodge, proposed by Bro. J. W. Brooke, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, Treasurer, and Mr. Augustus Sidney Passmore, proposed by Bro. J. W. Brooke, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Dr. W. G. Bott, W.M. elect, which was unanimous in their favour, but the candidates being unavoidably absent their initiation was deferred till next month. The lodge was then closed. The brethren on this occasion separated immediately the working was over, owing to the unexpected death on the 5th ult. of the first initiate in the lodge, Bro. Capt. William Furse, the announcement of whose decease was received with sincere feelings of sorrow, and to mark their sense of his loss the brethren appeared in mourning, by desire of the W.M. and W.M. elect.

#### LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, on the 8th inst., Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., presiding. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. J. Simpson was duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being given by the S.W., Bro. Pilkington. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when it was resolved to hold the festival of St. John the Baptist on the 22nd inst., at the house of Bro. W. Longmire, King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe. The usual proclamations were made, and the lodge was closed.

#### LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).

Tuesday, the 7th inst., was election day in connection with St. John's, and as a consequence there was a numerous attendance at the meeting, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chair was occupied by Bro. Lewis Herman, W.M., and he was assisted by Bros. W. Brackenbury, I.P.M.; Councillor Joseph Ball, S.W.; C. Marsh, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., Treas.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; H. Marshall, S.D.; J. F. Callow, P.P.G.T., M.C.; G. Godfrey, I.G.; S. Halse, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There was a good attendance of visitors, including Bros. G. Temple, 1264; T. O. Dutton, J.W. 1182; J. Keef, S.W. 1356 (who by the way, was elected W.M. of his lodge on the following evening); J. Frank, 1502; R. M. Kay, W.M. 1398; A. D. Hesketh, W.M. 1182; J. O. Rea, Sec., 1182; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M. 1609; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. P. Bryan, S.W. 1035; and others. Amongst the members of the St. John's Lodge we noticed Bros. W. Miller, D. Parry, J. P. Marshall, C. Cockburn, T. Williams, C. Robinson, G. Bennett, W. G. Rose, L. Harbow, J. Morgan, J. Sampson, G. Middleton, H. Westhall, E. Toms, J. Noble, J. B. Parker, T. A. Lake, R. Butterworth, R. Innes, H. Hawley, and G. E. Bernford. After the ceremony of initiation had been most impressively performed by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers, the brethren proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master. As the result of the ballot, it was announced that Bro. Councillor Joseph Ball had been unanimously chosen to fill the highest position which it is in the power of Masons to confer, and he returned thanks in a few graceful words for the honour which had thus been conferred upon him.

Bro. D. Jackson, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and after the transaction of some further business the brethren adjourned to the grand banqueting room for refreshments.

#### NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).

A most agreeable meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there was a capital muster of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened at about 7.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. George Green, assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. S. N. Berry, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W.; Jas. J. Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; H. Rosling, S.D.; J. W. Browne (Freemason), J.D.; Thomas Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of G.; Robt. A. Madge, Organist; E. Wilkin, acting I.G.; Chas. Payne and W. N. Cooper, Stewards; and Wm. Murrell, Tyler. Amongst the brethren in attendance were Bros. A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Benj. Nockall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Chas. Holborn, H. Wade, E. M. Seales, Thos. Reeves, B. W. Bateman, J. Holt, and others. The visitors included Bros. E. Baldwin, P.M. 40, 340, 943; George Kersey, W.M.; James Offord, P.M.; Jno. Womersley and Saml. Griffin, 213;

G. H. Ladyman, 943; J. H. Brockbank, 93; J. J. Hoskin and C. J. Campling, 1500; J. Batch, 1273; P. C. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.O. West Yorks, 1648; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, when the ballot was taken for and declared unanimously in favour of Mr. Arthur King. The W.M. then, in an excellent manner, performed the ceremony of initiating Mr. King into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. then raised Bro. Herbert Wade to the Degree of a M.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an admirable supper, provided by Bro. E. Wilkin, the Steward of the club. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. A suggestion was thrown out, which was eagerly adopted, of having a summer outing by the brethren of this and the Perseverance Lodge, or of any brethren of other lodges who might wish to join them, and Bros. Geo. Kersey, W.M.; Harold Youngman, P.M., Secretary; Jas. Offord, P.M. of the Perseverance Lodge, and Geo. Green, W.M., and George Baxter, Secretary, of this lodge, were appointed as a Committee to discuss the best means of carrying out the same. Some very excellent singing was given during the evening by Bros. T. C. Atkinson, J. H. Brockbank, James J. Offord, A. J. Berry, and E. Wilkin.

#### PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Lord Raglan Tavern, Maxey-road, under the presidency of the I.P.M., Bro. W. B. Lloyd, the W.M., Bro. Jas. Chapman, being unable to attend. Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Ellis Fermor, P.M.; W. Tonge, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; J. McDougall, P.M.; T. W. Vincent, P.M.; H. G. Butler, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; R. J. Cook, S.W.; H. Mason, J.W.; E. Denton, P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.D. Kent, Treas.; H. Pryce, J.D.; W. Reece, I.G.; H. Mabbett, Org.; N. Brown, W.M. 13; E. Phillips, 13; and C. Jolly, I.G. 1472, &c. (Freemason).

The only business before the lodge was the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, and Bro. Cook, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Coupland, Treasurer, and Bro. Mabbett, Tyler, for these offices. In recognition of the valuable services of Bro. Lloyd, who, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., had carried out the duties of W.M. during the year, it was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Fermor, P.M., and seconded by Bro. C. Jolly, that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, and tendered to him, and also that the sum of five guineas be tendered him to qualify him as a life subscriber of one of the Charities. Bro. Lloyd, in returning thanks, said that he intended to stand Steward at the forthcoming festival for the Benevolent Institution. They had had repeatedly Stewards from their lodge for the Boys and Girls, and that year he intended to go in for the old men and women. With the five guineas they had so generously given him, the annual grant of ten guineas from the lodge, ten guineas he meant to put in himself, and the valuable assistance he expected to get from the brethren of the lodge, he hoped to have a very fair sum to present to Bro. Terry on behalf of the Pattison Lodge. Bro. Hayes said he should subscribe five guineas, and a good sum was promised Bro. Lloyd in the lodge for his list. The lodge was then closed, and after the brethren had partaken of an excellent dinner, supplied by Bro. Moulder, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the rest of the evening spent in social converse and harmony.

#### NORWICH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., under the gavel of its W.M., Bro. R. E. Thoms. The following officers constituted the lodge: Bros. T. W. Muskett, I.P.M.; H. C. Riches, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., acting S.W.; G. W. G. Barnard, J.W.; Robt. Gunn, P.M. 93; P.G. Tyler, Sec.; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40, 340, S.D.; J. A. Mills, J.D.; W. H. Moss, I.G.; G. Brittain, P.M. 213, 1500, P.P.G.O., Org.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler. Among the brethren were included Bros. Captain G. Clements, G. May, T. Ballord, P.M. 807, 943; H. A. Pepper, Frank Thoms, J. Francis, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. B. Bridgman, P.M. 93; Robert Thoms, P.M. 213, 1500, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Green, W.M.; and Henry Rosling, S.D. 807.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. then, in a most impressive manner, performed the ceremony of passing Bro. J. Francis to the Second Degree. There being no other business, the lodge was in due form closed, "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren having been previously given.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, and, upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and duly acknowledged. A very pleasant evening was passed.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).

The annual installation meeting of the members of the "Old Neptune," largely composed of brethren who are sons of "Father Neptune," took place on Whit Monday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, and notwithstanding the "thousand-and-one" holiday attractions outside in the shape of galas and country excursions, Masonry held the chief place of power with the large gathering who attended. The attendance was not only good in respect to numbers, but was also thoroughly representative and influential, and the spirit which marked the whole of the afternoon's pleasant proceedings were exceedingly cordial. Bro. A. C. Wylie, P.G.S., W.M. of the lodge, opened the proceedings, supported by Bros. John Pemberton, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; A. Cotter, P.M.; J. Korn, P.M.; J. Healing, P.M.; T. H. Arden, S.W.; C. Fothergill, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer; J. S. Warden, Secretary; G. Crute, S.D.; J. Tickle, J.D.; H. Williams, P.P.A.D.C., M.C.; J. W. Burgess, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. R. Ravenscroft, S.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members were Bros. R. Edwards, G. W. Dillon, W. Fish, J. H. Linaker, W. Davies, J. Davies, J. Shaw, J. Schroder, W. Tass, T. L. Tyrer, and others. The visitors present included Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary; J. Griffiths, 1036; J. Chadwick, P.M. 408; J. Corlett, 1325; J. Barley, 667; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; E. George, J.W. 1356; T.

Peake, W.M. 667; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; W. Parker, 1325; H. Coulson, W.M. 1505; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356, Treas. 1609; D. Lloyd, S.W. 667; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; J. Ballard, 1609; A. D. Hesketh, W.M. 1182; C. Arden, W.M. 1356; T. Birch, I.P.M. 1094; R. Reader, I.P.M. 292; J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M. 1609; J. Bebbington, 673; J. Brotherton, 241; and H. Jones, S.W. 1675. Bro. A. C. Wylie, P.G.S., W.M. of the Neptune, before resigning his office, installed Bro. T. H. Arden as his successor in the chair, and the officers invested were Bros. A. C. Wylie, I.P.M.; A. Cotter, P.M., M.C.; C. Fothergill, S.W.; J. S. Warden, J.W.; Peter B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); George Crute, Secretary; J. Tickle, S.D.; J. Ashworth, J.D.; I. H. Linaker, I.G.; H. Ravenscroft, S.S.; John Shaw, S.; G. B. Dillon, S.; John Davies, S.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; and Peter Ball, Tyler (re-elected).

At the conclusion of the business of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where dinner was served under the presidency of Bro. T. H. Arden, W.M., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening the W.M. presented Bro. A. C. Wylie, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, on his retirement from the chair, and the gift was suitably acknowledged. Bro. Burgess, P.M., was also presented with an illuminated address, on the occasion of his leaving England for Australia.

#### NORWICH.—Walpole Lodge (No. 1500).

The installation meeting of this successful and prosperous lodge was held at No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when a large number of brethren and visitors assembled to do honour to the occasion. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Bullard, retiring W.M.; Daniel Mannings, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; John Harper, S.W. (W.M. elect); G. B. Jay, J.W.; Samuel J. Carman, S.D.; Chas. Barnes, J.D.; Thos. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D. C.; George Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; M. J. Bailey, I.G.; Charles Payne and C. E. Stevens, Stewards; E. Hollidge, Tyler; R. H. Gissing, Secretary; Thomas Isley, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Thomas G. Mackley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. B. Quinton, P.M. 213, 1500, and 1808, P.P.G.D. of C., P.G.R.; Robt. Thoms, P.M. 93, 213, and 1500, P.P.G.D.C.; H. G. Chalker, Jesse Weyer, P.G. Steward; C. H. Bacon, Fred. Wright, E. Howard, W. W. Warner, D. G. F. Gaul, J. R. Wellington, Charles Daniels, Edward Ellis, F. H. H. Cooper, A. K. Mann, G. J. Smith, John Cox, B. G. Woodhouse, W. R. Tidnam, J. J. Hesken, J. Hoberough, Snelling, and others. Amongst the visitors were included Bros. Hugh Fox, W.M.; H. Thousless, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; James Dunsford, P.M. 93 and 213, P.P.G.P.; H. J. Brockbank, 93; George Kersey, W.M.; P. C. R. King, J.D. 213; George Green, W.M.; B. L. Nockall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. A. Madge, Org. 807; R. E. Thoms, W.M.; R. J. Mills, E. Pepper, 943; G. T. Plumbly, W.M.; G. W. Rogers, J.W. 1808; and John William Browne, J.D. (Freemason).

The lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing Bro. John Harper as W.M. of this lodge then commenced, which was very admirably performed by Bro. A. Bullard, the retiring W.M. Bro. Harper having been duly placed in the chair of K.S., proceeded at once to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. A. Bullard, I.P.M.; George B. Jay, S.W.; S. J. Carman, J.W.; George Brittain, Treas. and Org.; R. H. Gissing, Sec.; W. J. Bailey, S.D.; C. E. Stevens, J.D.; Thos. Lord, D. of C.; J. J. Hosken, I.G.; Jesse Weyer, C. W. Bacon, and W. W. Warner, Stewards; and E. Hollidge, Tyler, the Treasurer and the Tyler having been first duly elected by the lodge. During the evening Bro. H. G. Barwell, the P.G. Secretary, entered the lodge, and was received in a becoming manner. The newly-installed W.M. then performed the ceremony of passing Bro. John Cox to the F.C. Degree. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room where a most *recherché* banquet had been prepared, and upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly acknowledged. Bro. A. Bullard in proposing the toast of "The Newly-installed W.M.," observed that it was one which was always well received in this lodge. He (Bro. Bullard) had that evening installed Bro. Harper into the chair of K.S., and it had given him great pleasure to do so; he had no doubt that if Bro. Harper continued as he had commenced, not only would it reflect credit upon him as their newly-installed Master, but would contribute in a large degree to the success of the lodge. He, Bro. Bullard, felt sure of its Master having a successful year of office, and bade the brethren to give Bro. Harper a hearty welcome in his new and proud position. Turning to the W.M., Bro. Bullard said: "W.M., I congratulate you and sincerely wish you a successful year of office." The W.M., who was received with much enthusiasm, in response said he had to thank Bro. Bullard for the kind remarks and wishes which had been made concerning him, and he personally thanked him for the efficient manner in which the ceremony of installation had been conducted. Allow me brethren, he added, to thank you cordially and sincerely for the toast which has been proposed and received so heartily; my feelings to-night are such, I cannot find words sufficient to express them, but I will do all I can to further the interests of Freemasonry at large and the welfare of the Walpole Lodge in particular. Before sitting down the Worshipful Master said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose the toast of "The Health of the Installing Master or I.P.M., Bro. A. Bullard." He observed that Bro. Bullard had conducted the proceedings of the lodge in a most excellent manner, thereby gaining the love of every visitor and brethren of the lodge, as well the esteem of the whole province of Norfolk generally. The W.M. then proceeded to present Bro. Bullard with a very handsome P.M. jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge, and with an illuminated address in a beautiful gilt frame, at the same time observing that the hope of the lodge, as expressed through him, was that Bro. Bullard might have health to wear that jewel for many years to come. The illuminated address, which had been most artistically executed by Bro. Harper, was as follows: "Presented to Bro. Archie Bullard, P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, by the officers and brethren of the Walpole Lodge, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year." Here

followed the names of the members of the lodge. The inscription on the back of the jewel, which was a very handsome one, was as follows: "Presented to Bro. Archie Bullard, P.M., by the officers and brethren of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, in token of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past twelve months. June 1881." Bro. A. Bullard, in response to the toast, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions and gifts, and stated that he should always wear the jewel with an immense amount of pleasure, remembering the very many happy days he had spent amongst them, not only as their W.M. for the past year, but from the day he first saw the light of Masonry in this his mother lodge. Bro. Bullard resumed his seat amidst great applause. Several other important toasts were proposed and responded to, and were interspersed with some excellent singing rendered by Bros. T. C. Atkinson, H. Thouless, J. H. Brockbank, E. Wilkin, and others, and the brethren separated, having enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

**PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Lord Raglan, Maxey-road, on Friday, the 9th inst., Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.G.S.B. Kent, in the chair, the esteemed J.P.M. and W.M., *pro tem.*, Bro. H. Shaw, being unable to attend, through illness. Among those present, besides Bro. Weston, were Bros. H. Picken, P.M.; W. Welding, S.W.; W. Holleyman, J.W.; G. Kennedy, S.D.; A. Saunders, J.D.; W. Mould, I.G.; J. Purnell, W.S.; B. D. Porterfield, 1789; T. Smith, 1210; T. Hill, 1210; C. H. Bishop, 615; G. Scott, 224; R. Rish, 1010; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Porterfield was passed to the Second Degree, that being the only ceremony before the lodge. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. Welding, S.W., was elected, and returned thanks. Bro. J. W. Gee was then elected from among a list of nominations for the post of Treasurer; Bro. Lackland was elected Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. We have had the pleasure of sitting under Bro. Weston upon many occasions, but never have we heard him in better form than upon this occasion. His allusions to the illness of Bro. Shaw, and to the admirable manner in which that worthy brother had for the last six months carried out the duties of W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Deeves, who had to leave England for the Transvaal at a week's notice, were admirable. His genial manner when referring to both Bros. Deeves and Spinks, P.M. (both in South Africa), and to the strong hope he had that, under the rule of Bro. Welding, the lodge would be worthy of its prestige, was warmly received by the brethren, and left a good impression on all. He eloquently alluded to the *Freemason*, and wished our representative and it many long years of prosperity; and then, in glowing language, dwelt upon the fact that the lodge had not forgotten the grand Charities of the Order, and also paid a high compliment to the W.M. elect and officers. In fact, the spirit of the man and Mason was diffused throughout the lodge; and it was, without doubt, one of the best, largest, and most enthusiastic meetings the lodge has held throughout the year. We heartily wish it many such meetings, and long continued prosperity.

**MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).**—The installation of Bro. Wm. W. Wilde as W.M. of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on the 27th ult., Bro. John Hatch, P.M. and Sec. 281, being the Installing Officer, and who went through the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. At its conclusion the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Bannister, S.W.; A. Poole, J.W.; R. Hartley, Treas.; Atkinson, Sec.; Bingham, S.D.; Brown, J.D.; Thornton, I.G.; Hutton and Gorton, Stewards; and Wilkinson, Tyler.

In the evening the annual banquet took place at the West View Hotel, when upwards of thirty brethren sat down to one of those sumptuous repasts for which the host and hostess are famous. The newly-installed W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Capt. Garnett, P.M.; H. Longman, P.M.; James Hatch, P.M.; John Hatch, P.M.; Mawson, Hall, W. Duff, P.M.; and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the evening spent in a most enjoyable manner.

**NEWARK - ON - TRENT. — Newton Lodge (No. 1661).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Savings' Bank. A goodly number of brethren were present to celebrate the fourth anniversary of this very prosperous lodge, amongst whom were Bros. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., W.M.; R. F. H. King, I.P.M.; W. Curtis, S.W.; J. H. Tomlinson, J.W.; Rev. F. V. Bussell, Chaplain; W. Newton, P.P.G.S.W., Treasurer; H. O. Lucas, Secretary; F. H. Appleby, J.D.; T. Thorpe, D.C.; H. R. Smith, I.G.; A. Wildsmith, Organist; R. Chatterton, J. Dooley, C. Heppinstall, W. N. Nicholson, M.P.; J. M. Walker, J. Harvey, Rev. A. C. Radcliffe, Rev. A. W. Wood, H. George, W. Hirst, W. Kelly, J. Crossley, W. S. Woodcock, J. L. Matthews, S. Ironmonger, G. Wilson, G. Perfect, H. Walton, L. Job, P.M.; G. H. Gamble, C. Johnson, P.M.; J. M. Davis, C. P. Newcome, W. Mather, E. Liddell, J. Castle, and W. Lilley. Amongst the visitors were Bro. W. Ironmonger, 160, S.C.; Wm. Shepherd, P.M. 287; Arthur Stubbs, 402, P.P.G.R. Derby, and others. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by Bro. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., W.M., and Bro. J. L. Matthews was, according to ancient custom, raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; after which the installation ceremony was performed in a very able manner by Bro. the Rev. F. V. Bussell, P.G.C. of Nottinghamshire, and Bro. W. Curtis, P.G.S.B. Nottinghamshire, was placed in the chair of King Solomon, who invested as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., I.P.M.; J. H. Tomlinson, S.W.; F. H. Appleby, J.W.; H. Walton, S.D.; H. George, J.D.; T. Thorpe, I.G.; Rev. A. J. Kitchiffe, Chaplain; W. Newton, P.P.G.S.W. Notts, Treasurer; J. M. Walker, Secretary; C. Johnson, D.C.; J. M. McLeod, C. Heppinstall, and J. Harvey, Stewards; J. Dooley, Tyler; and E. Liddell and J. Castle, Almoners. Before closing the lodge no less than five gentlemen were proposed as fit and proper persons to receive the mystic rites of Freemasonry.

The banquet took place at the Town Hall, and was provided by Bro. H. Walton, S.D. During the evening several loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

**GREAT STANMORE.—Sub-Urban Lodge (No. 1702).**—What a delightful coincidence it is when duty is a pleasure. How pleasant for the members of the Sub-Urban Lodge to have to perform their Masonic duties in the month of June at such a lovely spot as Great Stanmore. The lodge, we believe, is a small one; not so the gathering of brethren. The brethren of the lodge are hospitable; the Abercorn Arms is a model of a country hotel—thanks to the good management of Bro. Veal, the host, it is replete with comfort; it is surrounded with picturesque scenery, has a beautiful garden gay with flowers and green with trees and grass. Under such circumstances it is very pleasant to receive a cordial invitation from a member of the lodge, and few brethren worried and wearied with the toil and turmoil of the great City would find it possible, if they could by any means spare the time for the outing, to resist so tempting an offer. What though the directions about trains given on the summons for Friday, the 10th inst., were a little obscure, and we, in consequence, attempted to "change at Finsbury Park," and risked our valuable neck in recovering our seat, after leaving a train that went straight to Edgware; what though upon arriving in due course at the latter station, we found that, through some unintentional mishap, the statement on the summons that "conveyances will meet the trains at Edgware and convey to Abercorn Arms," proved a delusion and a snare; the day was fine, and the country was beautiful, the road was good, as well as the company we fell in with, and we enjoyed our four miles' walk thoroughly. But the Editor reminds me that he has no space to spare for the beauties of nature, &c., and that I must stick to business. Well, it is business to note as evidence of the respect entertained for the W. Master's outgoing and incoming—for it was an installation meeting—that there were no less than twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s in the lodge room at one time: pretty well for so small a lodge as the Sub-Urban. Among the visitors present were Bros. P. Dickenson, 1290; T. Vincent, 1861; F. A. S. Eckstein, 1196; R. Gifford, 780; W. J. Fosky, 19; H. A. Dubois, 142; A. G. Buck, 453; J. J. Bell, 1170; H. T. Bailey, 1719; E. C. Garnham, 27; F. Turner, 534; R. Larchin, 1541; C. C. Lockitt, 1426; H. J. Dutton, 1706; H. Thompson, 177; P. Balme, 1804; W. S. Whitaker, 1572; George Kenning, 1657, &c.; Nelson Reed, 1572; J. C. W. Raff, 95; M. Hubbard, 22; E. C. Barrett Kidder, 12; H. C. Levander, Grand Deacon; W. C. Maddever, 504, &c.; and E. C. Massey, 1297 (*Freemason*).

The business of the lodge included three initiations, the initiates being Mr. John Martin Draper, Mr. Nicholas Lawrence Tindell, and Mr. William John Child Rea, besides the formal business of confirming the proceedings of the previous meeting and the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Tickle, the respected Treasurer of the lodge, and the addresses at its conclusion were delivered—that to the W.M. by Bro. Dickenson, that to the Wardens by Bro. Maddever, and that to the lodge in general by Bro. Tickle. Bro. W. T. Buck, the newly installed W.M., then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Hepburn, S.W.; Buck, J.W.; Tickle, Treas.; Hawksley, Sec.; Carter, S.D.; Shutt, J.D.; Rober, I.G.; Kelsey, W.S.; Winstanley, Steward; Watson, Org.; and Middleton, Tyler. Before proceeding to close the lodge, the W.M. said that he had been intrusted by Bro. Tickle with the task of announcing to the lodge that he (Bro. Tickle), their esteemed Treasurer, had presented to the lodge the handsome volume of the Sacred Law which they saw on the pedestal before the W.M. Bro. Tickle had done this in gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. to commemorate his recovery from the dangerous illness with which he had recently been afflicted. Bro. Radford, I.P.M., proposed that the thanks of the brethren to Bro. Tickle be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. Roberts, P.M., proposed that the vote of thanks to Bro. Tickle should be engrossed on vellum and presented to him. This was seconded by Bro. Rober, I.G., who suggested that the minute should embrace a record of the satisfaction of the lodge that Bro. Tickle had been restored to them; and the suggestion being accepted, the resolution was carried *nem. con.* The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of his numerous visitors, the lodge was then closed with due ceremony.

The business in lodge having occupied a longer time than was expected, the brethren did not meet at the banquet table until considerably after the time specified, and consequently the toasts after dinner had to be got through in a very short space of time. In fact, the W.M. was compelled to restrict himself to merely proposing the toasts, and was debarred from enlarging on the subject of any of them. It must, therefore, suffice to say that all the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Levander and Maddever returning thanks for "The Grand Officers, and each of the three candidates replying for himself. Time, however, was found for some very good vocal music between the toasts; the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Hanson, of St. Paul's Cathedral.

**INSTRUCTION.**  
**JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).**—The brethren of the above lodge of instruction held their inauguration banquet at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult., at 7.30 p.m., Bro. A. G. Dodson, P.M. 188 and Preceptor of this lodge of instruction, in the chair, thirty brethren sitting down to an excellent repast. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. L. Alexander, sen., P.M. 188; G. Church, Elliot, 1567, Hart, James, and others. After the usual Masonic toasts, Bro. Dodson, P.M., proposed "The Continued Prosperity of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, the Mother Lodge." Bro. Alexander, P.M., replied, and expressed his best wishes towards the lodge of instruction, and during his remarks referred to the fact that the present was a resuscitation of the original lodge of instruction, and said great credit was due to those brethren who had assisted in restoring it. Bro. G. Edwards responded to the toast of "Prosperity to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188," proposed by Bro. Alexander. Bro. Nightingale then gave "The Health of the President," which was very heartily received by all present, and to which Bro. Dodson, P.M., replied in an able speech. The President then proposed "The Health of the Secretary and Treasurer," to which Bros. Dodds and Chillingworth responded. During the evening several excellent songs and recitations were given by Bros. Dodson, Blanks, Hughes, Hicks, Benjamin, McKinley, Lewis, and Lion. Bro. Dodson read a letter which he had received from Bro. R. Baker, W.M.

188, expressing his great regret that he was unable to be present at the dinner.

**GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, the 9th inst., Bro. W. H. Paddle, W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, 1851, as W.M., supported by Bros. King, S.W.; Dunkley, J.W.; Youens, S.D.; H. H. Room, J.D.; Sibley, I.G.; Saul, P.M. Preceptor; Goodenough, Sec.; and a large number of brethren. The ceremonies of the First, Second, and Third Degrees were impressively rendered by the W.M. After the lodge had closed a meeting of the Benevolent Association took place (which has been formed in connexion with the lodge of instruction), and the first ballot was disposed of. The association has fifty ten-guinea shares taken up, so that in about four years the Charities will thereby be benefited to the extent of five hundred guineas.

**Royal Arch.**

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).**—This chapter met for the dispatch of business on the 26th ult., when there were present Comps. J. H. Dodson, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, H.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, J.; H. Dalwood, I.P.Z.; Turner, S.N.; A. Tisley, S.E.; Farrington, jun., Org.; F. Clemow, 2nd Asst.; and Gilbert, Janitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Harding, Isaac Newton Lodge, was balloted for, and subsequently duly inducted into the Royal Arch Degree. A notice of motion having been given by Comp. Turner—"That the nights of meeting be changed"—the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary preliminary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Comp. Dalwood gave in fluent terms "The Health of the M.E.Z." Comp. Dodson having replied, then proposed "The Exaltée." In the course of his remarks, he congratulated the chapter upon the advent among them of a member so distinguished in the scholastic world as Comp. Harding, who, he hoped, would never regret the step he had taken that evening. In concluding his remarks, he (the M.E.Z.) trusted that in the course of time their exaltée would fill the distinguished position of First Principal in the chapter. The toast having been warmly drunk, Comp. Harding made a very modest speech in response. He said that he was exceedingly gratified in having received the Degree in No. 1589, a chapter so well known in the district, and one which possessed a number of highly distinguished Masons. From what he had seen that evening, he felt confident that Royal Arch Masonry was a most beautiful Degree; and he hoped in due time to become fully conversant with its various details. In conclusion, he could only reiterate the wish so kindly expressed by the M.E.Z.—that he at some future date might be fortunate enough to occupy the chair of First Principal in his mother chapter. "The Second and Third Principals" followed. The toast having been duly acknowledged by Comps. Walls and Lake, "The Health of the Past Principals," coupled with the name of Comp. Dalwood, came next in order. The I.P.Z. having said a few words in reply, "The Scribe E. and Treasurer," responded to by Comp. Tisley, and "The Officers," coupled with the respective names of Comps. Turner, S.N.; Clemow, and Farrington, jun., who replied, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

**NORWICH.—Perseverance Chapter (No. 213).**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at 23, St. Giles-street, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. Joseph Stanley, M.E.Z.; George Baxter, H.; James E. H. Watson, J.; C. H. Capon, I.P.Z.; Robert Baldrey, E.; Thomas Isley, N.; G. W. G. Barnard, P.S.; F. Linging, 1st A.S.; Jas. J. Hunt, 2nd A.S.; James Dumford, P.G.D.C., M. of C., and Treas.; S. N. Berry, Z. 807, P.G.O., Org.; W. Murrell, Janitor. There were several other companions present.

The chapter being opened, the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, and there being no further business, it was closed in due form.

The companions then adjourned to supper, after which the usual Royal Arch loyal and complimentary toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

**New Zealand.**

**LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT AUCKLAND.**

The knowledge that the Masons of the Auckland and neighbouring districts intended to signalise the laying of the foundation stone of a local Freemasons' Hall by a full representation of its strength awakened the liveliest curiosity in the public mind, and directly led to the imparting of a gala character to the day. It is but natural that such an exceptional and unusual occurrence should secure public notice, the more so, too, when the antiquity of the Order, its impregnability to attack, its beneficent objects and its vast resources are considered. The undertaking which the ceremony was designed to suitably celebrate was of some local importance, even if divested of its Masonic signification, for the erection of another hall in such a populous locality as that of Princes-street, cannot fail to be a matter of congratulation to all patriotic citizens. The Masons, however, will more generally appreciate the conveniences which this building is intended to supply them with. Previously they were fain to content themselves with public-house parlours as meeting places, and many brethren chose rather to deny themselves the privilege of frequent communication with their lodges than incur the disrepute of seeming to give colourable approval to the practice of making the tavern a place of resort for entertainment and sociability. The new hall will also serve to remind strange brethren from other shores that they are not among aliens, and that they have only to avow themselves in order to receive a gracious welcome.

From an early hour it must have been apparent even to the careless pedestrian that something unusual was afoot. A large proportion of the business people who streamed into the city from the suburbs had donned their holiday attire, flags were speedily run up to the mastheads of the

various flagstuffs, and the ordinary traffic seemed to be carried on merely on sufferance. In Princes-street a gang of men were at work decorating with bunting and foliage the temporary platform erected on the site of the hall, arranging upon it rows of chairs for the accommodation of visitors, and laying down carpeting. The Provincial Hotel, on the opposite side of the street, and the Masonic Hotel, next door, were both gaily ornamented with a line of flags extending downwards from their flagstuffs to the top of the central doorway. So great was the interest manifested in the ceremony that from noon business became almost suspended, and people were observed either hastening homewards or leisurely promenading the shady side of Queen-street.

At one o'clock the District Grand Lodge of Auckland, E.C., was opened in the Choral Hall, a large number of brethren being present. The Organist, Bro. Angelo Forrest, opened with the "Coronation March," and then as the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. G. S. Graham, entered with his officers and proceeded to their appointed places the stirring notes of Sir Michael Costa's "March of the Israelites" resounded through the hall. The D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson, offered up an impressive prayer, after which the chorale "Hail! Eternal, by Whose Aid" was sung by a powerful choir under the direction of Bro. H. Gordon Gooch. The D.G. Master, Bro. Graham, then formally declared the lodge open, and the choir having given the customary response, "So mote it be," the P.G. Master and Lodge of New Zealand, I.C., and the P.G. Master and North Island of New Zealand, S.C., were received, saluted, and the brethren conducted to their allotted positions, the Organist playing a "Masonic March Festival," by Dr. Spark, the while. The usual set questions and answers were then made and given, after which the D.G. Secretary, Bro. H. G. Wade, read the dispensation authorising the brethren to appear in regalia. The well-known anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing," was next rendered, and it was followed by an address from the D.G.M., Bro. Graham, which he closed by sprinkling perfume.

The D. G. Master's address was a very brief one.

The D.G. Director of Ceremonies and his assistants then formed the brethren into order of procession, after which they marched to St. Paul's Cathedral, the procession being headed by the Engineer and City Band. On arrival at the church door, the procession halted and faced inwards, leaving a space for the D.G. Lodge Officers and the D.G. Masters, preceded by their Standard and Sword Bearers. The Deputies and others followed from the rear. The D. and P.G. Masters were conducted to their seats by two Stewards appointed to receive them inside the church, the brethren taking seats behind them. Long before the procession had reached Princes-street all the available seats in St. Paul's Church, where the service was to be held, were filled by ladies and gentlemen. When the brethren were seated, the church was crowded to the doors, and many were unable to obtain seats. Bro. Dr. Kidd (P.G. Chaplain, I.C.) preached from the words contained in the 13th verse of 13th chapter of Corinthians: "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." An offertory in aid of the funds of the Orphan Home was taken, which amounted to £18 2s. 6d.

The brethren having taken the places appointed for them, the D.G. Masters being placed on the E., N., and S. sides of the stone, the choir, under Mr. H. Gordon Gooch's direction, sang an anthem.

Bro. Dr. Kidd, P.G. Chap., I.C., read a portion of Scripture, after which the Rev. C. M. Nelson, D.G. Chaplain, E.C., offered up prayer, the D.G. Master making the response "Glory be to God on High." The stone was next slowly hoisted into position, when Bro. L. D. Nathan (Chairman of Trustees) having read and deposited the scroll, Dr. Goldbro', D.G. Treasurer, placed the phial of coins and copies of the local daily papers. The cement was then spread by Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M., E.C., and the stone lowered until it had reached the place prepared for it. The D.D.G. Master, Bro. Lodder, applied the square to the stone, and the P.G.S.W., I.C., Bro. Climo, applied the level. The P.G.J. Warden, S.C., Bro. Dewar, having applied the plumb, each Grand Master struck three blows with the mallet, when the D.G. Master, E.C., Bro. Graham, declared the stone well and truly laid.

After the singing of an anthem, the architect presented the working tools to the D.G. Master, Bro. Graham, who anointed and returned them for the use of the Craftsmen.

The D.G. Master, E.C., Bro. Graham, scattered corn and consecrated the hall to virtue; the P.G. Master, I.C., Bro. Pierce, poured out the wine and consecrated it to universal benevolence; and the P.G. Master, S.C., Bro. Whitaker, dropped oil and dedicated it to all the purposes of Masonry. The choir after each part of this rite sang verses of the hymn "Genius of Masonry, descend."

The R.W. Bro. F. WHITAKER then mounted the foundation stone and delivered the following oration:—

Right Worshipful Masters and Brethren: We have arrived at that stage in the ceremonial in which it becomes the duty of one of ourselves to address you upon the subject of Freemasonry. It has fallen to my lot to do so, and I trust to be able to discharge the duty to your satisfaction. I do not presume to teach the brethren, nor do I presume to tell them what they already know; but this is a proper occasion for reminding them of certain facts worthy to be remembered, and especially to take a view of our present position. In the first place, I shall say a few words as to the origin of Freemasonry. No doubt there are many theories on this subject, but of this we may be perfectly satisfied—that the Institution is of very great antiquity. Some date it as far back as the time of the Patriarchs, but the far more general understanding is that it was instituted at the time of the building of Solomon's Temple. Whatever the date of its birth, there is no question that in some form it has existed through a long series of years. This is hardly the opportunity for prosecuting such an inquiry, seeing that it does not immediately concern us. It is no doubt an interesting question, and one which will engage the sympathies of the brethren; but we must confine ourselves now to a narrower basis. It is not necessary to go further back than the last century, when the organisation now existing was adopted, and the foundation of the present system laid. Freemasonry was then placed upon its present pedestal—put into the groove in which it now runs. It was then established upon a basis which has continued ever since. In the year 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was constituted, a worthy brother of the name of Anthony Sayer being the first Grand Master. This ran down from generation to generation, and many eminent men held the chief

office until it came to the present Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. A few years afterwards, viz., in 1730, the Irish Freemasons constituted their Grand Lodge, and their first Grand Master was Viscount Kingston. The office descended from one eminent man to another till it reached the Duke of Leinster, in 1813. I single him out especially, because for sixty-one years he held the position of Grand Master under the Irish Constitution. The present Grand Master is the Duke of Abercorn. In 1736 the Scotch Freemasons began to follow suit. A Congress was held in Edinburgh, and a large number of Masons attended there, and the Craft at that time made rapid progress in Scotland. A peculiar institution existed there at that time, viz., the hereditary head as created by James the Second. At that time William Sinclair, of Rosslyn, was the Grand Master, but he surrendered it as a hereditary office, and was elected the first Grand Master. The present Grand Master is Sir Michael Shaw Stewart. I mention these things in order that you may understand how the question of precedence is settled, the lodges of the various Constitutions being ranged according to seniority. The English lodges, therefore, take precedence of the others, and are invariably followed by the Irish. One might remark that it was age before honesty, but as we do not claim to be more honest than our fellows, we have placed the matter of precedence upon the basis of seniority. But it must not be inferred that there is practically any sharp line of distinction between the brethren of the different Constitutions. Indeed, so far from that, you will find in most, if not in all the lodges, English, Irish, and Scotch Freemasons mixed without distinction—all united in one Brotherhood. The constitution of Freemasonry in New Zealand comprises Provincial, or District Grand Lodges, under which there is a very large number of subordinate lodges. Freemasonry found a very early home in this colony. So long ago as 1842 Lodge Ara, probably the oldest lodge in New Zealand, and certainly the oldest in this district, was created, and its first meetings were held in a small building which stood upon the site now occupied by the very handsome mill of Messrs. Bycroft, and as there was not a meeting place sufficiently large at that time—there being only a few hundred people here—the brethren had to meet in the billiard-room. But since then the Order has advanced by rapid degrees, until we see to-day a representation of something like twenty lodges. The organisation, therefore, so far as New Zealand is concerned, comprises the three several Grand Lodges, the three Provincial Grand Lodges, and these subordinate lodges. It may be expressed as a matter of surprise that in this town—the centre of Freemasonry in the north, and the home of three Provincial Grand Lodges—so much delay has taken place in providing a Masonic Hall, especially as many of the out-districts have done so. No doubt we may be accused of remissness, and probably we are open to the charge. At any rate we are now endeavouring to make up the leeway—to do that which we should have done before, and in a way, too, more effectively than we could ever have done it before. Masons were few in numbers in the early times, and poor in pocket. Now, however, we feel ourselves in a position to erect a hall which will be a credit to Freemasonry, and an ornament to the town of Auckland. It is somewhat remarkable that Freemasons' Halls—that is, buildings specially erected and set apart for Freemasonry—are of comparatively recent date, looking to the antiquity of the Order. The first hall exclusively erected and dedicated to the purposes of Masonry was built in Philadelphia in 1754, the second in Marseilles in 1765, and the third in London in 1776. This last hall was pulled down in 1864, and the present handsome and commodious building put up in its place is a fitting home for Freemasonry. I have not been able to find any records of this kind concerning Scotland and Ireland, but now both at Dublin and Edinburgh the Freemasons have halls in every way worthy of the Order, while all the colonies are rapidly following in the same direction. I look upon the erection of a hall in Auckland as a most important event. It is highly objectionable that lodge meetings should be held at places of public entertainment. That has been hitherto perhaps almost a necessity, but it had no doubt given rise to scandal, which should be carefully avoided. It may now be fairly asked for what object is there such an extensive organisation required? and what is there to justify the expenditure of so much time, trouble, and money? Let us consider what is Freemasonry. One of the greatest writers upon Masonic jurisprudence, Dr. Oliver, defines it as "A system of morality veiled in allegory illustrated by symbols," but we shall be better able to understand it by what it does and what it teaches. Let us then consider what its objects are—what it does and what it is intended to do. Firstly, I shall say a few words as to the preparation and admission of candidates. We are no propagandists. It is directly contrary to the principles and rules of Freemasonry that any man should be solicited to become a Mason, and before he is allowed to be proposed he has to sign a declaration that he has not been induced by improper solicitation to join, and that he is not influenced by mercenary or unworthy motives, but that he freely and voluntarily offers himself for initiation into the mysteries of the Craft. The qualifications required of a candidate are few, but they are peremptory. He must be a believer in the one and Supreme God—the Father of all—the Great Architect of the Universe. That is essential, and no man who refuses that belief can be admitted into Freemasonry. It is absolutely essential that he should acknowledge the one God—the Supreme Architect of the Universe. You must recollect, however, that we are Universalists as regards religion. We do not exclude men on account of their peculiar denominational creeds. If they believe in a true and only God that, so far as religion is concerned, is sufficient. What do we find all over the world? This, that not only Christians largely swell our ranks, but that even the Mahomedans and the Parsees of India have availed themselves of the privileges of the Order and have lodges of their own. The latter people, indeed, have nearly a million Freemasons upon their roll. We all acknowledge the one true God, though of course separated by denominational beliefs. As regards ourselves, the Bible is the foundation of our creed, our Society, and our institutions. In the lodges we hold it to be the corner-stone, our ceremonies are formed on that basis, and no lodge can be properly held without it. Whenever a lodge meets the Bible is laid open in the midst, and is only closed when the lodge closes. That, however, could not be the case with the Mahomedans and Parsees. On their consciences the Bible would not be binding, and, therefore, the Koran and the Vedas take its place so far as they are concerned. We look upon them for all that as

brothers holding the same faith as ourselves in a one true God—in the one Great Architect of the Universe. Again, to be a Mason, the candidate must be a freeman, well recommended and favourably vouched for, and he must have the confidence of those Freemasons who know him. We strictly exclude politics from our lodges—they have no share in our meetings. We exclude the subject entirely and absolutely, and the consequence has been and is that in every country Freemasonry is encouraged and held in high esteem. The State in every such case knows that we do not meddle in politics—that there is in our lodges no plotting or counter-plotting. In America especially has Freemasonry taken deep root, and indeed we have obtained the confidence of all the free governments under which we live. One most remarkable fact, as showing the favour with which we are regarded by the government of our own country, is that at a time when Europe was convulsed, and when thrones were being shaken—when the British legislature thought it necessary to pass laws for putting down secret societies and unlawful oaths—a special exemption was made in favour of Freemasons, whose loyalty and obedience to the laws of the country have never been doubted. We have always enjoyed the confidence of the free governments under which we have lived, because they were satisfied that we meant no mischief to the State, and, therefore, unlike other orders, we have been trusted without any supervision whatever. The oaths administered to a Freemason are principally intended to bind him to do good and eschew evil. Now let us examine the objects of Freemasonry and what it teaches. It teaches a code of morality and virtue, and its object is to improve man's moral nature. It inculcates all the virtues, and it reminds its members from time to time of the duties they owe to God, to their fellow men, and especially to their families. It pays especial attention to this portion of the man's duty, and Masons' wives may be satisfied of this, that though the Order calls their husbands sometimes from home, and gives them a secret which they can never divulge, it does not neglect to compensate them by inculcating upon the husbands a strict attention to their duties towards their families. Mason demands that the Mason should not only provide for his family, but that, to the best of his ability, he should administer to its happiness, spending a due portion of his time in it and that he should not waste his time and substance in taverns or in selfishly seeking his own gratification. Therefore, it appears to me that the ladies may well set aside the knowing of our secrets, resting satisfied that very diligent care is taken of them. I might enlarge upon the duties of Freemasons, and probably I should have done so had the ceremony not been so long, but I may now wind up with one word. A good Freemason by no possibility can be a bad man. If he is a good Freemason he must be a good man. We do not take it upon ourselves to say that we are all good men, but we do say that if a Freemason falls short of his duties it is through no fault of the Institution, but simply because he fails to follow out or conform to its precepts. Perfection none of us can attain, but if the precepts of Freemasonry were faithfully carried out we would come as near it as we can. If that is done no harm can accrue, and we should use our endeavours only for the inculcation of proper doctrines. Let us, then, amend our faults and seek in practice to act up to our professions, for the nearer we follow the requirements of Freemasonry we shall the better contribute to our own happiness and that of others.

Offerings having been placed upon the stone, the D.G. Chaplain said the concluding prayer, when Bro. Graham, D.G.M., E.C., in addressing a few remarks to the assemblage, said that the lodges had contributed various amounts towards defraying the cost of erecting the hall, but as these fell short of the sum required the balance would have to be derived from subscriptions by the brethren. After having been made aware of the beneficent objects of Freemasonry, perhaps the ladies would not be disinclined to assist, and if they would therefore prepare and work for a bazaar he would pledge himself that they should have a grand ball in return. (Laughter and loud applause.)

The Masonic version of the National Anthem was then sung, when the procession was re-formed and marched back to the Choral Hall, where the Grand Lodge resumed its sitting. The offerings laid upon the stone were awarded to the workmen who were engaged upon the hall, while a vote of thanks was passed to the ladies and gentlemen of the choir. It was announced that towards the erection of the hall, £1000 had been contributed by various lodges, while £500 had been subscribed privately by the brethren, making a total so far of £1500. Other lists have to come in from the country districts. The offer of one brother to give a portrait of De Burgh Adams, the first Provincial Grand Master of the North Island, was hailed with cheers. After the transaction of some routine business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren dispersed. In the evening a quadrille party was held in the Lorne-street Hall.

## Tasmania.

CAMPBELL TOWN.—Faith Lodge (No. 691).—A very pleasant ceremony took place at Davidson's Hotel, the occasion being the opening of the above lodge there. This lodge was established in Launceston early in 1856, but about 1866 fell into disuse, and was closed. In response, however, to a petition recently presented by Masons resident at Campbell Town and Launceston, the Deputy District Grand Master granted a dispensation for the removal of the warrant to Campbell Town, and a number of visiting brethren were present from Launceston, and a few from Hobart, the gathering representing the lodges under the three Constitutions in Launceston, and the two English lodges of Hobart. Bro. George Smith, P.M., Deputy D.G. Master, presided, and after a warrant and dispensation had been produced and read, the dedication ceremony was performed by Bro. L. Susman, P.M., District Grand S.W., after which the Deputy G.M. installed Bro. H. Conway, P.M., as W.M.; Bro. F. A. Padfield being appointed S.W.; and Bro. W. C. Blyth, J.W. After the business was concluded, the members and visitors, numbering some thirty, sat down to a very excellent supper, and a very social evening was spent. Among the toasts given was one to the oldest member of the Lodge of Faith, Bro. W. R. Lavey, P.M., who affiliated with it shortly after its establishment, was afterwards Master, and when it was closed affiliated with the Hope Lodge, of which he is now the second oldest member.



**Masonic Tidings.**

We understand that the Burgoyne Lodge has removed the lodge of instruction from the Red Cap to the Cock Tavern, Nos. 3 and 4, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, E.C., and is held on Thursday, at 6.30 p.m. The instruction lodge being now more centrally situate, will, doubtless, be better attended by the officers and brethren of the mother lodge than formerly.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, held at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, has adjourned its meetings until Thursday, the 1st of September next. Comp. T. C. Edwards is the Preceptor.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held at Aylesbury on Monday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master. The banquet which will follow the lodge meeting will be held at the George Hotel at three o'clock.

In our report on the 4th inst. of the laying of the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall at Meltham we omitted to mention the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 1648, as among the lodges represented.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott has been placed on the commission of peace for the county of Cornwall, by the Lord Lieutenant, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Roberts were among the visitors present at the Fourth of June celebration at Eton.

Bro. the Earl of Bandon, G.S. Ireland, Prov. Grand Master of Munster, has been chosen as representative peer of Ireland, in the room of the late Bro. Lord Dunboyne.

A Masonic star, engraved "Enoch Lodge centenary, 1855, J. Payne, J.D.," were amongst the articles seized at the house of a prisoner brought up at Bow-street Police Court, on Saturday last.

Bro. D. H. W. Harlock, 357, was installed First W.M. of the Thames Lodge, at the consecration meeting held at Henley-on-Thames, on Thursday, the 9th inst.

The Blackpool Lodge, No. 1476, and the Fidelity Lodge, No. 1256, the former held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool, and the latter at Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde, will adjourn their meetings until the month of October next.

We notice in the *Times* an announcement of the birth of a son to Mr. T. Mountfield Bennett, the only son of Bro. Sir John Bennett, at Nelson, New Zealand.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, as solicitor for the Attorney-General, attended at the Town Hall, Holborn, on Saturday, for the purpose of making enquiry into the Hoxton Estate Charity, which had been left for the benefit of the liberty of Saffron-hill, Ely-rents, and Hatton-garden. Bro. Clabon heard suggestions of all persons who are parishioners as to how the charity can, in future, be best employed according to the wish of the founders.

The growth of Masonry in the Great West is evidenced by the fact that a little over thirty-five years ago nine brethren united to form the present Grand Lodge of Michigan, which now has a membership in its lodges of twenty-six thousand brethren.

Bro. Sheriff Waterlow entertained all the officers and the members of the Court of Assistants of the Honourable Artillery Company at dinner at the Gresham Club on Wednesday, June 8th. The only toasts were "The Queen," and "The Sheriff," the latter being proposed in very kind terms by Captain Rawlins, of the Field Battery, of which Bro. Sheriff Waterlow has been a member for fifteen years.

The audit dinner of the Caveac Lodge was held at the Albion on Saturday last.

Bro. the Prince of Wales has sent £50 and the Princess £25 towards the extension of the building of the Railway Servants' Orphanage.

Bro. Thomas Somner Ainsworth, solicitor, of Blackburn, was found in a dying condition in bed, at his residence, Showley Fold, Clayton-le-dale, at half-past eight on Monday. A five-chambered revolver was lying beside the bed with one chamber discharged, and from the appearance of Bro. Ainsworth's head it is certain that he had shot himself. The deceased was the oldest surviving member of a very old county family.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales on Monday visited the bazaar in aid of a local church fund, which is being held at the residence of Bro. the Duke, and the Duchess of Connaught, at Bagshot Park. There was a distinguished party present, and Bro. the Duke of Albany (Prince Leopold) sold some works of art by auction.

Bro. Geo. Austin, S.D. 1130, who after more than five years' residence is leaving Melton Mowbray for Glasgow, was, on Friday evening last, entertained at dinner and presented with an address expressive of regret at his removal, and begging his acceptance of a handsome gold watch, subscribed for by the members of the local cricket and dramatic clubs, brethren of the Rutland Lodge and other friends.

Bro. Bruce Findley, the enterprising curator of the Manchester Horticultural and Botanical Society, has again scored a great success with his annual Whit week exhibition. The principal prizes were taken by Bro. J. Smith and Sons, of Worcester (represented by Bro. Petch), Bro. J. Dickson and Sons, of Chester, and Mr. B. S. Williams, of Highgate, as nurserymen, whilst Bro. W. Brockbank, of Didsbury, distanced all competitors as an amateur. The show was attended, as usual, by thousands of holiday makers.

Bro. H. J. Lardner was installed W.M. of the Farringdon-Without Lodge, by the outgoing Master, Bro. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.E. Middlesex, at the last meeting of the lodge.

Bro. W. Curtis, P.G.S.B. Nottinghamshire, was installed W.M. of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, at the Savings bank, Newark-on-Trent, on Friday, the 10th inst.

Bro. John Harper was installed W.M. of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, Norwich, on Thursday, the 2nd inst.

We are informed that the consecration of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, is again unavoidably postponed.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., vicar of St. Helen, Bishopsgate, preached upon "The Divinity of Christ" last Sunday.

**OBITUARY.**—*The Freemason*, of London, does not profess to understand, and is not able to conceive, what a public installation of officers is. For its benefit, we will say it is simply performing publicly the monitorial or printed part of the installation service, and, in no sense, is an exposure of the secrets of the Oriental Chair.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Bro. Earl Percy, M.P., presided on Tuesday at the annual meeting of the National Artillery Association, at which it was announced that the camp would be opened at Shoeburyness on the 30th July.

The Fifteen Sections will be rehearsed at a meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 20th inst. Bro. J. G. Milbourn will preside, and the lodge will be opened at seven o'clock p.m.

Bro. Major-General Sir Frederick Roberts is gazetted as a baronet.

Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of Scotland, presided at the half-yearly meeting of the Highland Agricultural Society on Wednesday, when the arrangements were reported for the annual show of the Society, which is to be held at Stirling on July 26th and three following days.

Bro. G. R. Sims's adaptation, "Olive Varcoe," will furnish Mdme. Modjeska with a new part ere long.

Bro. George Powell, of 30, Moorgate-street, has been proposed for appointment as one of the trustees of the Royal Society for the Protection of Life from Fire.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey is the subject of this week's *Punch's* fancy portraits.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., who has presided over the Committee for the Spanish and Portuguese Loan Exhibition at the South Kensington Museum, inspected the collection on Friday, the 10th inst. It is now opened to the public.

Bro. R. P. Spice was amongst those present at the opening of the eightieth annual conference of the members of the British Association of Gas Managers, held at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Tuesday, and read a paper on "The Treatment of Gas in Condensation by St. John's Apparatus."

Bro. Sir James Ramsden presided at a luncheon after the launch of the City of Rome at Barrow-in-Furness on Tuesday last.

Bro. William W. Wilde was installed W.M. of the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, at the Masonic Hall, Morecambe, at the last meeting of the lodge.

Bro. Fred Godfrey has been seized with a brain disease, and he had on the 9th inst. to be placed under confinement in an asylum. As bandmaster of the Coldstream Guards, he has long been celebrated as one of the best known military band and dance conductors of the day.

Bro. T. H. Arden was installed W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 6th inst.

The Plucknett Lodge of Instruction meets at the Bald-Faced Stag, East End, Finchley, every Tuesday, at 8 o'clock.

Bro. R. J. Cook was unanimously elected W.M. of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead, at the last monthly meeting.

Bro. Councillor J. Ball was unanimously chosen W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool, at the last meeting of that lodge, on Tuesday, the 7th inst.

Bro. Earl Percy has resigned the presidency of the council of the National Artillery Association.

Bros. Alderman Ellis, Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and G. A. Sala, will be present at the anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund, this day (Saturday).

Bro. Major General Sir Frederick Roberts was presented with a diploma of honorary fellowship of the Royal Historical Society, at a special meeting held at the Society of Arts, John-street Adelphi, on Wednesday night.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Woolton, Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, and Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P. (chairman of the South-Eastern Railway Company), are mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the ward of Queenhithe, caused by the death of Bro. Alderman Sir W. A. Rose.

Bros. Defries and Sons, of Houndsditch, were entrusted with the carrying out of the principal decorations at the Stephenson Centenary, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Bro. Henry Wright, Hon. Secretary of the City and Churchyard Protection Society, has issued the following notice: The Lord Mayor, the President, Vice-Presidents, and Council of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society request the pleasure of your company (and friends) at the second annual meeting of the Society to be held (by kind permission of the Lord Mayor) at the Mansion House (entrance in Walbrook) on Thursday, June 23, 1881, when the report will be presented. The chair will be taken by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, M.P., at 4.30 p.m. Amongst those expected to take part in the proceedings will be the Earl of Devon, the Lord Forbes, the Lord Talbot de Malahide, F.S.A., F.R.G.S.; Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P.; Bro. Montague Guest, M.P.; Sir Robert J. Phillimore; Edwin Freshfield, Esq., F.S.A.; the Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth, Minor Canon of St. Paul's; J. A. Kingdon, Esq.; H. C. Richards, Esq., Barrister-at-Law; J. W. Gooding, Esq., C.C.; and Bro. Henry Wright, Honorary Secretary. In case of your acceptance or non-acceptance of this invitation, a reply at an early date, addressed to Henry Wright, Esq., City Club, Ludgate Circus, E.C., will be esteemed a favour, from whom forms of membership, report of Mansion House meeting, 1880, and other papers of the Society, may be obtained on application (in writing). It is hoped that those interested in the City churches will become members. No subscription is demanded.

**General Tidings.**

The majority in favour of Sir Wilfred Lawson's motion on the liquor traffic was greater by sixteen than last year, though it was taken in a much smaller House. The figures last year showed 245 for the resolution and 219 against, a majority of 26. On Tuesday night the figures were 196 for the motion and 154 against, a majority of 42. The motion was, in the main, on party lines.

The Inman steamer *City of Rome*, 8826 tons burthen, was successfully launched on Tuesday from the yard of the Barrow Shipbuilding Company, in the presence of from 50,000 to 60,000 persons. Lady Constance Stanley named the vessel. An accident occurred which completely marred the proceedings of the day. A donkey engine on the deck of the ship exploded a few minutes before she was launched, killing three men and injuring ten others, some being very seriously hurt.

Her Majesty the Queen has conveyed, through Sir H. Ponsonby, intimation to Mr. S. C. Hall that she has much pleasure in giving her approval to his dedicating his work, "Rhymes in Council," to Her Majesty's grandchildren.

The Library Committee of the Corporation are engaged in a scheme for bringing to light and making more accessible the literary treasures under their control, a work in which antiquarians and literary men will wish them all success.

The trustees of the Burns Monument at Ayr have, the Scotch papers say, completed the purchase of the cottage and four acres of land feued by the poet's father in the year 1756. The cottage, which will no longer be used as a public-house, will, in future, be open to visitors for a small charge. The purchase money paid for the whole property was £4000.

On Sunday next, being Hospital Sunday, the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs will attend in State at the morning service in Westminster Abbey, and at the afternoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral. Her Majesty's Judges will be present at the latter service, and the sermon will be preached by Bishop Claughton.

The Marquis and Marchioness Tseng and suite, attended by Dr. Macartney, visited Madame Tussaud's Exhibition on Wednesday.

An hotel is to be built close to the Observatory on Mount Vesuvius, furnished with every comfort and affording the means of breathing cool and pure mountain air to persons tired and weak with the summer heat of the city. The proprietor of the Grand Hotel des Etrangers, Signor Caprani, has conceived and means to carry into execution this excellent idea, which deserves great success. The purchase of the site was inaugurated on Whit-Sunday by a little dinner at the old Hermitage. The hotel will prove to be a great benefit both to Neapolitans and tourists.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven, K.P., will distribute the prizes to the successful students of the St. Thomas's Hospital Medical and Surgical College, on Tuesday next.

The Court of the Stationers' Company have presented a three-light stained-glass window to Little Bradley Church, West Suffolk, in memory of John Daye, the printer of "Foxe's Book of Martyrs," and Master of their Company 1580, who lies buried there. The subjects are St. Andrew, St. Stephen, and St. Paul, and the work has been carried out by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of Garrick-street, who also supplied the seven other stained-glass windows in the church.

Mr. Solomon Hart, R.A., died on Saturday morning, at his residence, Fitzroy-square. Mr. Hart was in his seventy-fifth year, and had enjoyed the honours and privileges of the Royal Academy for forty years.

The Great Northern Railway Company have adopted the electric light at their station at King's-cross.

The Charing Cross Publishing Company, of 5, Friar-street, Broadway, have issued a novel by "G. N. E. M.," entitled "Forest Glades," among the characters of which are Amice and Mabel, the former described as "a graceful reality," and the latter as "an idea, a thought, a sunbeam, a vision!"

Sir W. V. Harcourt has consented to present the prizes awarded at the Midsummer examination of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, at Strawberry-hill, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 25th inst., at four o'clock.

Messrs. Marion and Co. have issued some "panel portraits" of the Princess of Wales, in full dress for the Drawing-room on May 5th. The photographs were taken by M. Bassano in the conservatory of Marlborough House.

Sir Robert Carden, M.P., has quite recovered from the severe shaking he received by being thrown out of a Hansom cab on Tuesday night.

The *City Press* states that Sir W. T. Charley, the Common Serjeant, is making satisfactory progress, although it will probably be at least several weeks before he will be able to resume his duties.

The Earl of Northbrook, First Lord of the Admiralty, will preside at the annual inspection of the Warspite, training ship, at Woolwich, on Wednesday next. Lady Emma Baring, C.I., will present the prizes to the boys.

Sir John A. Macdonald, the Premier of Canada, had an interview with Cardinal Manning on Wednesday respecting emigration matters and the question of educational facilities in the Dominion.

**WHAT SHALL WE DRINK?**—No summer beverage so refreshing, so wholesome, none so delicious and grateful to the taste, when hot, tired, and thirsty, as a glass of Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy taken with aerated waters or lemonade. Ask pointedly for it by name, as substitutes and mixtures abound, report adulterations to the manufacturer, Thomas Grant, Distiller, Maidstone. Sold at the Crystal Palace, and by Bertram and Roberts everywhere, also at the clubs, the hotels, and all noted places of refreshment.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, June 25, 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, JUNE 18.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 ,, 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
 ,, 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav.  
 ,, 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, JUNE 20.

- Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
 ,, 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
 K. T. Precept, 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## 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, JUNE 21.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.  
 Lodge 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 ,, 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bdge.  
 ,, 1695, New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace, N.  
 Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
 ,, 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
 ,, 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., S.W.  
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.  
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.  
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.

- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.  
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.  
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-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's-st., Borough, at 8.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
 ,, 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
 ,, 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters-rd., Tottenham.  
 ,, 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton-Ct.  
 ,, 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
 ,, 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.  
 ,, 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## 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, Crownndale-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.  
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.  
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 23.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.  
 ,, 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.  
 ,, 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End, Fulham.  
 Mark 118, Northumberland, Masons' Tav., Basinghall-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
 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.  
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.  
 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, JUNE 24.

- Lodge 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
 Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 ,, 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 K.T., D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

## 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.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.  
 Royal Sun, 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, JUNE 25.

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, S.E.  
 ,, 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, N.  
 ,, 1686, Paxton, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 Chap. 1044, Mid-Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 ,, 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, June 25, 1881.

## MONDAY, JUNE 20.

- Lodge 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 21.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
 ,, 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard.  
 ,, 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., 80, N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

- Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
 ,, 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 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, JUNE 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 ,, 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Wm. de la More Encamp., A.R., Bootle.  
 Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 24.

- Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.  
 ,, 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.  
 Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Dismiss all your doubts; let no one be any longer oppressed with the notion that his or her malady is incurable till these purifying Pills have had a fair trial. Where ordinary preparation fails these Pills produce the best results. A course of this admirable medicine cleanses the blood from all impurities, and improves its quality. The whole system is thus benefited through the usual channels without reduction of strength, shock to the nerves, or any other inconvenience; in fact, health is renewed by natural means. For curing diseases of the throat, windpipe, and chest, these Pills have pre-eminently established a world-wide fame, and in complaints of the stomach, liver, and kidneys, they are equally efficacious. They are composed of rare balsams, without a single grain of mercury or any other deleterious substance.—[Advt.]

## AN INITIATED TRAMP.

We have before maintained that tramps scouring about the country are a regular organised fraternity, having a general understanding with one another, and having a ritual of questions and answers. Their uniform appearance, their periodical visits to the same localities, their regular calls at the houses where they have before procured food, all point to this. Sheriff Walls, of this city, has found curious emblems about them, has studied their character, and listened to their conversation, until he can tell a regular initiated tramp from an impostor. The following amusing and instructive dialogue took place between the sheriff and one of a squad of tramps recently committed to jail:

"From whence came you?"  
 "From a town called Jerusalem."  
 "What's your business here?"  
 "To learn to subdue my appetite and to sponge my living from an indulgent public."  
 "Then you are a regular tramp, I presume?"  
 "I am taken and accepted wherever I go."  
 "How am I to recognise you as a tramp?"  
 "By the largeness of my feet, and general carnivorous appearance."  
 "How do you know yourself to be a tramp?"  
 "In seeking food, by being often denied, but ready to try again."  
 "How gained you admittance to this town?"  
 "By a good many long tramps."  
 "How where you received?"  
 "On the end of a night policeman's billy, presented at my head."  
 "How did the policeman dispose of you?"  
 "He took me several times around the town to the south, east, and west, where we found the city marshal, police judge, and the jailor, where a great many questions were asked."  
 "What advice did he give you?"  
 "He advised me to walk in upright, regular steps, and to denounce tramping."  
 "Will you be off or from?"  
 "With your permission, I'll be off very quick."  
 "Which way are you travelling?"  
 "East."  
 "Of what are you in pursuit?"  
 "Work, which, by my endeavours and assistance of others, I hope I shall never be able to find."  
 "My friend, you are now at an institution where the wicked are always troublesome and the weary are at rest. You will now be conducted to the middle chamber by a flight of winding stairs, consisting of five or more steps. Instead of corn, wine, and oil, the wages of the ancients, yours will be bread and water for five days. When your company escape from this place, divide into parties of three each, take a bee line for Portland or Bangor, where in the winter they usually run free soup houses, and you may be pardoned on conditions of your never returning." [Pointing to Edmunds, turnkey.] "Follow your conductor, and fear no danger—if you behave yourself."—*American Paper.*

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

- ARKELL.—On the 13th inst., at 7, St. John's-park, Highgate-hill, the wife of Bro. Charles Arkell, of a son.  
 BROOKES.—On the 12th inst., at Shorncliffe Camp, the wife of Captain Charles H. Brookes, Royal Engineers, of a son.  
 BROWNE.—On the 7th inst., at Florence, Mrs. Kinnear Browne, of a son.  
 RICHARDSON.—On the 12th inst., at 7, Inverness-gardens, Kensington, the wife of Mr. C. Garner Richardson, jun., of a son.  
 ROBINSON—DOUGLAS.—On the 7th inst., at Edinburgh, the wife of Mr. W. D. Robinson-Douglas, of Orchardton, of a son.  
 ROBERTS.—On the 13th inst., at Buttington Vicarage, the wife of the Rev. R. J. Roberts, of a daughter.  
 WOOD.—On the 13th inst., at Government House, Chatham, the wife of Brigadier-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

- NICHOLSON—BRETTELL.—On the 13th inst., at Holy Trinity, Richmond, Walter S. Nicholson, son of Mr. J. G. Nicholson, of Shepherd's Bush, to Eliza M. Brettell, daughter of the late Mr. Walter Brettell, of Richmond.  
 SHORTLAND—KNIGHT.—On the 14th inst., at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Paddington, by the Rev. Dr. West, the Rev. H. V. Shortland to Alice Mary Knight, of Glenthorne, Eastbourne, daughter of the late Mr. Valentine Knight, of Thorncroft, Leatherhead.

## DEATHS.

- CHERRY.—On the 14th inst., at 95, Tyrwhitt-road, St. John's, S.E., Susanna, wife of Mr. E. Cherry, of Greenwich, aged 70.  
 HOPEWELL.—On the 13th inst., at 10, Lansdowne-gardens, Croydon, Dr. Menra Hopewell, in the 61st year of his age.  
 LANCASTER.—On the 10th inst., at Oatlands, Amelia Lancaster.  
 NOAKE.—On the 6th inst., at Lyminster, Major Robert Compton Noake, late Captain and Adjutant Scottish Borderers Militia, and Lieutenant and Adjutant 1st Royal Dragoons, aged 76.  
 POOLE.—On the 9th inst., at 102, St. Paul's-road, Camden square, N.W., Mr. William James Poole.  
 STRAFFORD.—On the 10th inst., at 6, Nottingham-terrace, Mr. Henry Stafford, in his 72nd year.  
 TODD.—On the 11th inst., at the Oaklands, Ilkley, Mr. Matthew Todd, of Bradford, aged 58.