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WE hope our readers have thoroughly digested Bro. BINCKES'S copious and lucid directions for the great gathering at Brighton on the 29th instant. We invite all who intend to visit Brighton on that occasion carefully to read the "circulars," to avoid mistakes and confusion. If only they will peruse them, and will attend to them, the festival will probably be a complete success. We trust that it may be so, and that Bro. BINCKES will be able to announce a result alike most creditable to the Stewards, most satisfactory to the Charity, and which will prove the soundness of the advice and the propriety of the move to Brighton. The meeting at the School for the prizes will take place on the 28th inst.

WE repeat our hope that the Boys' School Festival at Brighton may be a most successful one in every respect. If we may have our "doubts," we keep them wisely to ourselves, as it is just possible that the result may surpass all present expectation, and if so we shall very sincerely rejoice. Before we again greet our readers the festival will be, in its turn, a "thing of the past," and we shall hope to be able to chronicle another striking and startling proof of the zeal of Freemasons, the energy of the Stewards, and the inherent excellency of one of the most needed and important of our great Charitable Institutions.

WE think we are expressing the hopes of many subscribers to the Charities when we say that we trust the common rumour that we are to be favoured with further personal explanations at the next meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School is a pure canard. In this hot weather, and when time is short and precious, and we are all wanting a holiday, let us all separate with that good feeling and those friendly associations which ought to actuate and distinguish us as gentlemen and Freemasons.

MASONIC archaeology is making great strides, and at this moment we hardly see where it will all tend to or how it will all end. We have practically to rewrite our Masonic history. The theories which sufficed our forefathers do not suffice us, and even new views and clever theories have had their day, and fallen into the "sere and yellow leaf" of doubtful acceptance, and of a hesitating criticism. And yet how many difficulties and "cruxes" have to be solved before we can hope to submit both what is readable and reliable, and yet historical and veritable, to our Masonic public to-day. OLIVER started the theory of the Mysteries; FINDEL put forth the idea of the German Steinmetzen; other writers have taken a Guild theory, going through Anglo-Saxon times and Roman Collegia to Dionysiac and Phœnician, and Egyptian sodalities. Others have a Pyramidal theory, not a few cling to Oriental and later Hermeticism. Thus student and reader are always, as it seems, both on "debateable ground" and in "a slough of despond." We can get no further forward. Recent discoveries do not make the matter more clear or certain. The Guild theory has its weakness; the Templar perpetuation notion is given up; Hermeticism seems coming to the fore in some measure; and in all probability, we say it in all reserve and diffidence, the "history of the future" will resolve itself into the joint and concurrent history of secret building societies and an Hermetic association.

THE question of the admission of ladies to some of our Masonic gatherings finds some strong supporters and encounters at the same time some keen antagonists. On the whole we feel persuaded that, once in a way, on a special occasion, the presence of ladies is a great good "per se," and independently of the pleasure of their company, the attractions of their society, the charm and the good they really impart by their always elevating and benign influences, they will also tend to elevate and improve those far too merely material "symposia" which we "Lords of the Creation" claim as our own exclusively. Woman, created by T.G.A.O.T.U. as the helpmate of man in all things here below, is often his surest guide, and his safest counsellor and we confess that as years have passed on we have come to the conclusion that the entire absence of ladies from all the gatherings of some of our lodges constitutes a blot on our Masonic escutcheon, and is a weak point in our otherwise genial and excellent system. It only wants a little courage

to break through the stereotyped objections of those, who have as yet failed to appreciate that the entire exclusion of our fair sisters from our innocent social festivities constitutes a somewhat serious charge against us—of something approaching to—to—to—well—yes—selfishness, good brethren all.

LONDON lodges are gradually closing their meetings and separating for the Recess. In two or three weeks, or even earlier, we shall be most of us upon the wing, and until October or November, or unless we meet in Grand Lodge in September, we shall hardly don our Masonic clothing, or proclaim ourselves brethren of the "mystic tie." It is not a little singular, and even affecting, this sudden cessation of Masonic life for a season, year by year; this severance of old friends for a time—perhaps not destined in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. to meet again in an earthly lodge,—this often hasty and regrettable termination of long-life friendships and pleasantest associations. For, say what we will, and do what we will, life is uncertain and time is fleeting. We are some of us getting on in years, and though, let us all hope, when our W.M. summons us once again in this good year of light, we may all answer to the Secretary's call, yet it may, perhaps, be our destined lot before then even to leave this scene on which we have played our humble part, to "shuffle off our mortal coil," to pass from that great stage of life on which we have played our parts, well or ill, successfully or unsuccessfully, as the case may be. There is no harm in such remembrances as these, for they are often serious realities, or rather it may do us all good, we who live, and live in some respects so purely a material existence to-day, to call to mind such truths, and meditate on such contingencies. Freemasonry always would teach us the same useful and valuable lesson, and let us, therefore, not be ashamed, any of us, be we who, or what, or where we may, to be affected by such considerations, and controlled by such sympathies.

"WHERE do you mean to go for the summer?" is a question we often hear repeated in expiring lodges and closing symposia. And various are the "points" to which we are all wending our steps; as various, indeed, as there are places and scenes to see and visit on this fair and wondrous earth of ours. Some of us are off to Welsh vales and Welsh hills, some mean to sojourn amid Westmorland and Cumberland lakes. Some are thinking of Scarborough, not a few of Harrogate, and a large section is wending its way Scotland-wards. We are afraid that poor Ireland will have but little attraction for visitors or wayfarers this year, amid this "hubble bubble" of uneasy landlords and recreant tenants, a harassed police, marching soldiers, and mutilated cattle. Travellers want calm and quiet, good food and peaceable hotels, they eschew the outbursts of patriotism, and even the factitious enthusiasm of mobs. They want good food and pleasant associations. No doubt Margate, and Ramsgate, and Brighton, and Felixstowe, and countless other locales of ozone and hygiene, will attract many of our brethren, their wives, and their families. The Continent will also welcome, we fancy, a good contingent. So all we can say to-day, may they all, wherever they be, find health, and rest, and comfort, and happiness; may they enjoy themselves to their hearts' content, and may they come back to our "little village" in due and good time, anxiously looking forward to that pleasant hour which shall see them in some favourite and genial lodge again.

WE quite agree with the conclusions of an article which appeared last week in the *Freemason*—though not in the leading page—with reference to the so-called "public installations" in America. They are both a misnomer and serious departure from Masonic precedent, utterly unconstitutional, and likely to be productive of most serious evils. Perhaps it is not for us to criticize overmuch what takes place outside our own jurisdiction; but as we believe that this new excitement is both a "fad" and a blunder, we think it well, in all deference and goodwill, to call the attention of our good brethren in the United States to this altogether mistaken view both of what an installation of a W.M. is in Masonry and what it is meant to be.

A "COMMUNIQUE" elsewhere calls attention to a state of affairs deeply to be regretted in the best interests of Masonic comity and good feeling. The course pursued, strange and unprecedented in itself, seems to us to be liable to great objection and greater abuses. How true it is still in the history of the world in which we live, that the little word "ego" has such an influence over the words and acts of men, and how much is done, and more is attempted, amongst us all to-day, which have no possible concern with the public good, but are simply actuated and coloured by the personal idiosyncrasies of some, the personal interests of others. We quite concur with the remarks in the "Communique," and think they deserve noting by all.

THE following remarks of Mr. Justice WATKINS WILLIAMS recently at a public meeting will commend themselves to many of our readers whose minds have been "exercized" by the apparent incongruity and inequality of some recent judicial sentences. "To a certain extent," he said, "he sympathised with the wonder and perplexity with which the public mind regarded the inequality and uncertainty of sentences; but, to a large extent, such inequality was apparent only, and quite unreal, as the degrees of criminality seemed to be overlooked. The subject was worthy the public attention, but if the public desired to fairly judge the judges, they must be careful to see that they have the full facts before them." These sensible words seem to demand attention.

OUR advertising columns contain an announcement of the Thirteenth Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at which Lord HENRIKER will preside. We trust this deserving fund in connection with the Grand Mark Lodge will obtain all the support it deserves. The Mark Degree is now an important factor in English Freemasonry, and if the Benevolent Fund only progresses, as it should do, in the same ratio, great and lasting good must result.

COMMUNIQUE.

We have been requested to publish, for the information of all whom it may concern, the following short statement, which we do with pleasure.

Our readers are mostly well aware, having regard to certain notices which appeared previously to the last Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, and some circulars that have been issued, that a question has arisen as between the House Committee and Bro. Thomas Massa.

Just before the last meeting of the monthly General Committee the circular, which we give in "extenso," was published:—

[Copy.] "4, Dowgate Hill, Cannon Street, E.C., 24th May, 1881.

"To the Governors of the R.M.I. for Girls,
"ELECTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The 'appeal' issued by certain of the present House Committee pleading for re-election contains many mis-statements—e.g., I never 'proposed to re-build Lyncombe House'; the proposition I did submit was not 'negativized,' and none of the brethren nominated by me were proposed 'without their knowledge or consent.'

"I ask you to elect some new members to destroy the preponderating pernicious influence and dictation of the Antiquity Lodge, to which three, if not four, of the present House Committee belong, as did also the late defaulting Grand Treasurer, who was likewise the Treasurer of the Institution.

"The poll is between four and five o'clock on Thursday, 26th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. Yours faithfully,
"THOS. MASSA."

At the meeting Bro. WOODFORD asked, as appears in the *Freemason*, if, considering these repeated references to the dead, one who had had nothing to do with the matter, having passed away before this silly controversy arose, it was either decent or Masonic thus to drag in the name of a poor, departed, and worthy brother for no end, simply "ad invidiam."

The CHAIRMAN replied warmly that he considered such conduct most indecent.

But it seems that a statement has been made since that the reply of the Chairman, dictated by honest warmth and loyal Masonic sympathy for a dead brother, an old friend of many years, was made personal to the author of the circular. That was clearly not so in the hearing and understanding of all, and any such contention can easily be shown to be utterly erroneous. The "proceeding" was condemned, not the "person."

It is, in our opinion, a new feature of Masonic controversy and "circularism" this vilifying the dead. The late Grand Treasurer was personally no defaulter. His personal estate has paid where he was personally liable, all claims in full on him as Treasurer of various bodies. Where he was merely the banker he has paid the proportion which the bank paid to all its creditors; and however hard some cases may be, all who knew our late Bro. Tomkins will acquit him of any intentional wrong.

Such a departure from all Masonic courtesy and consideration is greatly to be deprecated, in respect of that gentlemanly feeling and high tone which have always characterized our Order; and we feel sure we are expressing the opinion of every thoughtful Freemason when we venture to add, that we fervently wish such painful exhibitions may be spared us in the future as this recent paper warfare, alike for the honour of our ancient Craft, and the self-respect and comfort both of our metropolitan and provincial brethren.

Since we wrote the above we understand, that fresh circulars or cards are out; some even addressed to members of the Board of General Purposes. There seems something very peculiar and erratic in all these proceedings.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, was in the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee attended from Grand Secretary's office. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; H. S. Somerville Burney, P.J.D.; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; J. D. Collier, P.M.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; M. J. Wrangham, P.M. 619; C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155 and 147; John G. Stevens, P.M. 554; George H. Noel, P.M. 960; S. George Homfray, P.M. 1698; C. Wellard, W.M. 1319; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; W. S. Daniels, W.M. 1541; S. P. Norris, P.M. 21; A. J. Creak, P.M. 157; J. M. George, P.M. 1309; J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563; J. Magrath, W.M. 1306; Thomas Cleorpe, W.M. 1839; Frederick J. Cox, P.M. 101; Charles Lacey, P.M. 174; G. Huggett, P.M. 1625; J. B. Docker, W.M. 1087; W. H. Saunders, P.M. 1503; J. Blundell, W.M. 742; F. Binckes, P.M., G.S.L.; George Corke, P.M. 453; A. M. Broadley, W.M. 1835; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395; H. S. Goodall, P.M. 784; Edmund Child, W.M. 538; Robert J. Voisey, W.M. 1641; Charles Atkins, P.M. 271; W. Hogg, P.M. 1349; Thomas Cull, W.M. 1446; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607; Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; Thomas Edmondston, P.M. 1658; G. Giddins, W.M. 749; Bedford Lemerc, W.M. 193; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of £350 made at last meeting.

There were thirty new cases on the list, and these were disposed of as follows: Deferred 5; dismissed 2; relieved 23; £200 in one case; £150 in one case; £100 in one case; £50 in three cases; £40 in two cases; £30 in three cases; £20 in eight cases; £10 in two cases; £5 in two cases. Total £960.

The lodge was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE THAMES LODGE, No. 1895.

The D.P.G.M. Oxon attended on the 9th inst., by command of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Prov. G.M., at Henley-on-Thames, in company with a considerable number of Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, for the purpose of consecrating the above lodge and installing the first W.M. in the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. Peppercorn, P.M. 478, as S.W.; Hawkins, P.G. Reg. Oxon, as J.W.; Winkfield, P.G. Sec. Oxon, as Sec.; Ansell, P.M. 340, as D.C.; Bowden, P.G.O. Oxon, as Org.; and H. Birch, P.G.J.W. Oxon, as I.G. The following brethren were also present:—

Bros. the Rev. R. P. Bent, 10, Past G. Chap., P.G. Prin. Soj.; H. Howard Hodges, 1566, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; H. Birch, 1763, P.P.G.J.W. Oxon; E. Griswood, P.M. 771, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; J. Carter, P.M. 1533, P.G.S.B. Wilts; W. H. Humphreys, W.M. 1763, P.P.G.J.W. Oxon; W. P. Ivey, Sec. 1101, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks; J. Hammond, P.M. 1533, P.G.P. Wilts; W. R. Bowden, 340, P.G. Org. Oxon; A. M. Yettes, P.M. 414, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; J. Chapman, 340, P.P.G.P.; C. Oades, P.M. 414, P.G. Reg. Berks and Bucks; C. G. Archer, P.M. 789, P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1777, P.G.S. of W. Middx.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, W.M. 1553, P.G. Chap. Wilts, P.P.G. Chap. Oxon; C. W. Cox, P.M. 1566, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Rev. J. H. Jukes, 357, P.G. Chap. Oxon; C. A. Galpin, 1515, P.G.J.W. Oxon; C. Park, P.M. 340, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon; W. Park, P.M. 340, P.P.G.S.D. Oxon; E. L. Hawkins, W.M. 478, P.G. Reg. Oxon; A. Winkfield, P.M. 340, P.G. Sec. Oxon; J. M. Dormor, 340, P.G.J.D. Oxon; E. Davey, W.M. 1566; J. Franklin, S.D. 1763; W. R. Sutton, J.D. 1763; A. Risdon, J.W. 1533; H. Fielding, 1763; R. Dowsett, J.W. 1101; W. Ferguson, W.M. 1101; E. J. Blackwell, S.W. 1101; J. F. Farrant, 1158; J. S. Fisher, Sec. 1887; C. A. Barrett, S.W. 1887; J. T. Champion, 1887; E. Mithfield, 1101; J. Howland, Treas. 1763; J. Holland, 1763; D. Snell, Sec. 1763; F. B. Cunningham, 107; G. Harris, 567; C. E. Perry, 56; Capt. Trollope, S.D. 1887; T. Ringer, P.M. 1308; F. H. Weedon, J.D. 1887; R. Wilder, 1887; J. Brooke, Sec. 1533; W. C. White, S.W. 1533; F. R. Spencer, 1566; J. E. Boyton, 1763; S. Cross, 340; W. Simmonds, 340; A. Wheeler, D.C. 340; W. H. White, W.M. 340; J. C. Castle, I.G. 340; W. Glasheeden, P.M. 340; F. W. Ansell, P.M. 340; W. Peppercorn, P.M. 478; F. Ryman Hale, I.P.M. 340; S. Salter, 1399; S. Payne, 1887; G. Norwood, 478, Prov. G. Tyler; and W. Biggs, 478, Asst. P.G. Tyler.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees and a prayer offered by the Prov. G. Chap., a request was made on behalf of brethren at Henley by the Pro. G. Secretary.

The D.P.G.M. gave an address to the brethren present. The Prov. G. Secretary read the warrant of constitution, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named therein, the Prov. G. Chaplain delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. After the singing of an anthem, the Prov. G. Chap. gave the first portion of the dedication prayer. The D.P.G.M. then gave the invocation. The Prov. G. Chap. then read a portion of Scripture: II. Chronicles, 2nd chapter, verses 1 to 16. A hymn was then sung.

The lodge board having been uncovered, the ancient ceremony of strewing corn and pouring wine and oil was then performed; and incense having been carried round the lodge the Chaplain offered the second portion of the dedication prayer. A hymn was sung heartily by all present. The D.P.G.M. then constituted the lodge in due form. On the presentation of the P.G. Sec., Bro. the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock was installed as W.M. A charge was then addressed to the W.M. by the Installing Master on the duties of his office.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Robert Trotter Hodge, S.W.; Archibald Brakspear, J.W.; Benj. Hunn, S.D.; Fred. Marsh, J.D.; Joshua Watts, Sec.; and E. Chamberlain, jun., I.G. Bro. Rogers was elected Tyler by the brethren of the lodge.

An address to the brethren was then given by the Installing Master. The D.P.G.M. was, with his approval, elected an honorary member of the Thames Lodge. A very encouraging number of propositions were then put forward by the brethren of the lodge, and after many "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

An adjournment was made to the Red Lion Hotel, where a most elegant banquet had been prepared by Bro. John Williams, whose ability as a caterer is well known.

After the cloth had been cleared, "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the W.M., and received in the usual enthusiastic manner.

In proposing the next toast, "The G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. remarked that if there was a doubt in the heart of any Mason of the respect and affection in which their G.M. was held, that Mason had never heard of the great gathering at Plymouth, some years since, which he had been privileged to witness, when the Masons of the West assembled in their thousands to congratulate the G.M. on his restoration to health, and formed a procession nearly a mile long in the streets of that town.

"The Grand Lodge of England" was coupled with the name of the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chaplain of England, who returned thanks.

"The Prov. G.M. Oxon, Prince Leopold," was then proposed and received most cordially, and the W.M. then called on the company to do honour to the name of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bird, who had so efficiently conducted the ceremonies of the day. He alluded in a very cordial manner to the great courtesy which he had experienced in the somewhat tedious correspondence which had been lately necessary, and trusted that he would ever have cause to remember with Masonic pride and satisfaction his visit that day to Henley.

The D.P.G.M., in reply, expressed his gratification at seeing another lodge added to the roll of the province.

"The Prov. Grand Lodge Officers" was suitably responded to.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. REGINALD BIRD, then proposed, in very feeling and appropriate terms, "The Health and Well-being of the Thames Lodge and its Newly-Installed Master." He said it had long been his earnest wish to see a lodge established at so important and suitable a centre as the town and neighbourhood of Henley-on-Thames—a district particularly well adapted for the furthering in every way of the best interests of the Craft. There had many years since been a lodge established at Henley, which for reasons he would not enter into had not prospered in its birthplace. It had been re-

moved first to Nuneham and thence to Oxford, where it had been, and was now, flourishing in great vigour under the name so well known in the Masonic world as the Churchill. He felt perfect confidence in the sure progression and prosperity of the Thames Lodge, especially as it was placed under the guidance of so experienced and able an officer as the W.M., whom he had that day had the pleasure of installing. Bro. Horlock had for some years since done good service in the Province of Oxon, in which he had also held Prov. Grand office, and since then had done much and most efficient Masonic work in the Province of Cornwall, where he had served the important office of Prov. G.S.W. He would earnestly counsel the brethren of the Thames Lodge to be very careful as to the character of those whom they recommended as initiates or joining members, bearing in mind that it was quality not quantity which should be their object; that if they paid due attention to this weighty point, and were correct and zealous in their duties as officers of their lodge, as well as in carrying out, not only inside but outside the lodge, the grand and perfect principles of their Order, their success was assured. He called on all the brethren present to join with him in wishing every possible prosperity to the Thames Lodge and its W.M., Bro. Rev. D. H. W. Horlock.

The W.M., in reply, said it was without doubt a very great honour to any Mason or to any man to stand in the position which he occupied that day, not only as the recipient of the compliments which the distinguished brother had so lavishly heaped on him, as to what he had been pleased to call his past efficient services in the Craft, but also, and in a far higher degree, as the first W.M. of a lodge which carried upon its youthful brow so great a promise of future maturity—a promise too, perhaps, greater than the D.P.G.M. was then aware of. Still he would not conceal from himself the great and arduous responsibility of his position. The future well-being of a lodge—at all events for many years—depended to a very great extent on its first W.M. It was true that Masonic experience had often seen a lodge which had risen to the very summit of efficiency and respectability fall to the lowest depths of idleness and contempt, and again rise from those depths, and proudly raise its head even to the skies; but, still, he was convinced that a good start was the greatest pledge of a prosperous future. In this, as well as in its literal sense, one could not fail to trace the immortal truth of Solomon's words, "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." That training then fell to a great extent on his shoulders, and a great responsibility did he feel it. Still there was a bright side. However hard a work might be, any man who was worthy of the name could carry it out if he only had good tools to work with. These, he was thankful to say, had in a very marked degree fallen to his lot. When some months since certain brethren called on him and asked him to accept the position of W.M., the duties of his profession, as well as his distance from the town, placed such great obstacles in the way of his efficient management of the undertaking, that it was only very reluctantly, and for two reasons, that he acceded to their request. First there was a feeling of his duty to the Craft, lest his refusal might place an obstacle in the way of its extension; and, secondly, he thought he knew well the characters and capabilities of his fellow workers; and the event had shown him he had not been mistaken. At one of the first Committee meetings which had been held an idea had been expressed that it would be necessary to obtain outside assistance to start the lodge, there being only eight Masons in the town, of which not one was a P.M. Now it had always been his opinion that the more self-reliance you could instil into a man, much more in a body of men, so much the better for the prosperity of those concerned. He had, therefore, said to that small body of, for the most part young Masons, "If every one of you will promise me to work with heart and soul in getting up the necessary work and in trying to perform the duties, we will find and officer this lodge ourselves, and seek no extraneous assistance." That promise was solemnly given, and most nobly had it been carried out. Every man of them had tried his utmost, had applied his utmost, need he add every man had succeeded to the utmost also. Yes; had succeeded so well that—it was a bold thing to say, but he would say it, for he felt it—he would not fear at that moment, in the presence of the experienced and distinguished body of Masons that he saw before him, to perform any one or all of the Masonic ceremonies in any one or all of the various Degrees, unassisted by any one except those officers, some of them Masons of not more than a year's standing, whom he had that day appointed. He considered that this assistance was proof of itself, were there none other, that he was looking forward to a very brilliant year of true Masonic work. With regard to the very flattering remarks which had been made concerning work, of which the honour and glory had rightly or wrongly been ascribed to him, he could not take the slightest credit for it. No credit whatever attached to a Mason, however hard he might work, however successful he might be in that work; for what was it after all but obedience to his obligations, performance of his plain and absolute duty? In conclusion, the W.M. added that he wished that the brethren of the Thames Lodge would never lose sight of one great fact in Freemasonry—he would that all who had heard him would never lose sight of it, he would that the whole of the Craft would pay greater regard to it—that Freemasonry is not a matter of a town, of a province, no, not even of a kingdom, or of a continent; it is an Institution of the universe, so that a Mason who is working well and loyally according to the principles of the Craft is working for the interest of the whole world, is working with the eyes of the whole world upon him, so to speak, and not only so, but with the eye upon him of the G.A. and Ruler of the Universe, to whom we must one day give an undisguised account of our lives and actions.

"The Lodges of the Province" was then proposed and suitably acknowledged.

In proposing the next toast, "The Visiting Brethren," the W.M. expressed his great satisfaction at seeing so many distinguished brethren present from a distance, come to extend the right hand of fellowship to their youthful sister. He felt it almost invidious to have to select any names to couple with this toast, but he thought he could satisfactorily explain his reasons for the choice. First he would mention the W.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, 1533, Marlboro, that lodge had been the Masonic mother of several of his officers of that day, and the Thames Lodge felt very grateful for that gift bestowed on it; and secondly, Bro. G. C. Archer, P. Prov. Sen. Grand Warden for Cornwall, an old friend of his own and a Mason with whom he had for several years, and at one time, in somewhat arduous circumstances, worked and fought shoulder to shoulder and come off with the palm of victory. In reply Bro. Rev. LLOYD, W.M., of 1533, stated that it was a curious circumstance that in his own province he should be called upon to return thanks as a stranger, but that he did so with great pleasure.

Bro. ARCHER in an interesting speech gave some account of the Masonic work to which the W.M. had alluded, and ended by congratulating the Thames Lodge on securing a W.M., not only of greater efficiency than any he had ever seen, but also possessed of surpassing tact, a quality so necessary in his position.

The D.P.G.M. then proposed "The Officers of the Thames Lodge," stating his great satisfaction at hearing the high praise that had been awarded them in a former speech and his earnest hope and expectation that they would abundantly fulfil the expectations that the whole province would entertain concerning them.

The toast was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings of a most successful day.

CONSECRATION OF THE EASTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 95.

The ceremony of consecrating this chapter was performed at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., by E. Comp. James Terry, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. Herts, assisted by E. Comp. W. H. Saddler, M.E.Z. 1366, as H., and E. Comp. J. D. Collier, 749, as J. The M.E.Z. designate was Comp. R. T. Hill, P.Z. 753; and Comps. F. L. Goode, 188, and H. W. Ruff, 1293, H. and J. respectively; and there were also present Comps. J. Batting, 382; Seymour Smith, 1269; A. E. Fish; E. C. Daines; F. H. Cozens, 1216; J. Tickle; and W. Lake, J. 1275 (Freemason).

The Eastern Star, although a very old lodge, dating from 1765, has been until now without a chapter attached to it, but several active members, prominent among them being Bro. Ruff, determined that it should no longer remain without the crowning arch. Their zealous and united efforts have resulted in the formation of a chapter, which, judging from the number of propositions submitted to the first meeting, bids fair to be as prosperous, and to have a life as long, as the lodge from which it springs.

At four o'clock the companions assembled, and the Consecrating Officer, Comp. Terry, at once proceeded to perform the ceremony, receiving able assistance from Comps. Saddler and Collier. To say that Comp. Terry was in good form is to say that the ceremony was perfectly performed.

The installation of the Three Principals was then proceeded with; and, on the re-admission of the members, the following companions were invested with their collars of office: Comps. R. T. Hill, M.E.Z.; Frank L. Goode, H.; H. W. Ruff, J.; A. E. Fish, S.E.; and E. C. Daines, P.S.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "That the Consecrating Officers become Honorary Members;" this was carried unanimously.

Comp. TERRY returned thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues.

A long list of propositions for membership was then submitted to the chapter, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors present, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet.

The toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "H.R.H. the Grand Z.," "The P. Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Grand H., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand J., Lord de Tabley," were drunk most heartily, and Comp. Terry then, in the absence of a Past Z., asked the companions to join with him in drinking "The Health of the First Principal, Comp. Hill." He said he had often had to instal as M.E.Z. a companion who had never occupied the position before, but Comp. Hill had filled the chair two or three times. It was essential in either case that the companion who occupied the position should be in every respect capable of performing the duties, whether in lodge or chapter; if they had not an experienced captain the ship would come to grief. He felt sure they would never have occasion to regret the selection they had made, and he called on them to drink to "The M.E.Z. and Success to the Eastern Star Chapter."

Comp. HILL thanked the companions heartily for their reception of the toast, and Comp. Terry for his kind expressions and good wishes. He would have much preferred that the brother whose name had been mentioned in connection with the chair had taken the position of M.E.Z., but rather than keep the chapter in abeyance he had consented to fill it, and would endeavour to discharge the duties to the best of his ability. He had passed through the office in four other chapters, he hoped with credit, and would merely add that in future years he trusted he should look back on the prosperous working of the Eastern Star Chapter.

The M.E.Z. then gave what he termed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the Consecrating Officers, Comps. Terry, Saddler, and Collier." Those who were present at the consecration must have been pleased at the way in which the beautiful ceremony had been worked. The three companions he had just named were all good and worthy Masons. Bro. Terry's name was a household word in the Craft. His genial manner and courtesy had won for him the highest esteem. Wherever Masons went, east or west, his name was always mentioned with the highest respect, not only in connection with lodge life, but as one whose zeal and integrity had largely helped the Institution he so ably conducted. They hoped to see him often at their meetings, and he felt that Bro. Terry had done him honour by coming to instal him. The Consecrating H. and J., Comps. Saddler and Collier, were worthy and esteemed companions; they had worked together in Masonry for some time with that good feeling which should always exist. Coming up as they did under his tuition, he was proud of having them as Consecrating Officers that evening.

Comp. TERRY, in returning thanks, desired to speak for himself. This was the sixty-first chapter he had had the honour of consecrating, so he ought by this time to be proficient in his work. He believed there was no companion living who had done as much. He had also consecrated one hundred and nineteen lodges, and had assisted the late Bro. John Hervey in the consecration of about seventy lodges and eighty or ninety chapters; and in every instance the same kindly, good words had been always expressed. It was not always numbers and large lodges that contained the greatest elements of success. The union of personal friends in a lodge or chapter he believed was the surest foundation. He referred to the kindly feeling that had prompted Comp. Hill to hold back for three years from the position of First Principal, but now the chapter was fairly started, and he hoped that the warrant would be handed down to worthy successors. In reference to the ceremony of exaltation he would say that in his opinion no Degree could compare with the Royal Arch, and that it was necessary the candidate should not only be impressed with the ceremonial but that he should consider it was no light honour to become a Royal Arch Mason. Comp. Saddler said he considered it a great compliment to be asked by Comp. Terry to assist him at this consecration. He had been his father in Masonry and had exalted him in the Royal Arch. He was very pleased to see Comp. Hill installed as the First M.E.Z., there was no brother he knew

more deserving of the honour. Comp. Collier also returned thanks; he was very pleased to assist in the ceremonies of that day, more especially as Comp. Hill occupied the chair of First Principal. He had known him many years and had always found him a good friend and ready at all times to instruct young Masons in their duties.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given; and the M.E.Z. said that the chapter if small at present was very select. They were glad to receive visitors, and he trusted they would carry away with them the feeling that Masonry was not only a name, but a glorious principle. He hoped to have the privilege of meeting them again around that social board. He coupled with that toast the names of Comps. W. Lake, Seymour Smith, and F. H. Cozens.

Comp. LAKE responded on behalf of himself and the other visitors.

The toast of "The Press" was next proposed in very graceful terms by the M.E.Z., who alluded to the great and varied services rendered by the Press to the State and society.

Comp. LAKE responded on behalf of the *Freemason*, remarking on the difficulties surrounding the management of a Masonic newspaper, which had so to order its ways that, while avoiding undue publicity on the one hand, it must so conform to modern requirements as to keep the Craft fully acquainted with all Masonic doings.

The next toast was that of "The Two First Principals—H. and J." They were both, the M.E.Z. said, worthy and good Masons. Comp. Goode he had been working with in Masonry for eighteen years. Comp. Ruff, too, was a most ardent worker. He had passed the chair in the Craft, and from the great ability he had displayed in the lodge he felt sure he would do credit to the Eastern Star Chapter.

Comp. GOODE in replying said that it was a happy moment for him to be placed in that chair. He had looked forward to it for many years, and was pleased to be associated with Comp. Hill in the formation of the chapter. Comp. Ruff, too, had taken the greatest interest in it, and not a little of the credit was due to him.

Comp. RUFF also returned thanks, remarking that although he was proud of being placed in the position of one of the Principals, he was far prouder in finding the Eastern Chapter an accomplished fact. At present there were only three members of the Eastern Star Lodge attached, and without outside help it could not have been started. However there were sixteen propositions that evening, and now that the ball was set rolling, he believed success was certain. It had been for some time a matter of surprise that no chapter had been attached to the Eastern Star Lodge, but directly Comp. Hill said he would take the Z., and Comp. Goode the H., he felt the chapter was as good as established. Comps. Brooks and Fish had also been untiring in their efforts to promote it.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Health of the Officers." Comp. Fish, he said, was a young Mason, but he possessed great ability and energy. Comp. Davies, P.S., was an old friend and neighbour, and Comp. Ticklea worthy and hard-working Mason. Comp. Batting was one of the petitioners, and, from the prominent position he held in many lodges and chapters, he felt sure would prove an honour to the Eastern Star.

Comp. FISH, in reply, said he had the prosperity of the Eastern Star at heart, and would do all he could to support the other officers. He was sure it would be no fault of theirs if the chapter was not a success.

Comps. DAVIES and BATTING also replied, the former remarking that he came forward very readily to assist in its formation, and with Comp. Hill at the helm it must be a success. Comp. Batting said he had not at first intended to become a member, although a petitioner, but he was very glad to add some little to its success, and had taken office with much pleasure.

The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Seymour Smith, assisted by Comp. F. H. Cozens and H. Ashton.

FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

BRO. H. ECROYD.

Continued from p. 184 of No. 633.

In our last article upon "Freemasonry in Spain" we notified to our British brethren the nearly approaching installation of a successor to our distinguished Bro. His Excellency Praxedes Mateo Sagasta, who, being now Prime Minister of His Majesty Don Alfonso XII., is compelled to relinquish the Grand Mastership and Sovereign Grand Commandership of the *Gran Oriente de España*.

We have now further to announce that this important event duly took place at the Freemasons' Hall, in Madrid, on the afternoon of the 10th of May, in the presence of a numerous gathering of the *elite* of the Spanish Masonic world.

On this auspicious occasion, the Grand Master elect, Bro. His Excellency Don Antonio Romero Ortiz, Ex-Minister of State, Deputy to the Cortes, and, under the present Ministry, Governor of the Bank of Spain, was formally and solemnly invested with the insignia of his office, and delegated by the immediately retiring Grand Master to rule over the destinies of our Freemasonic brethren in Spain in Bro. Past Master Sagasta's stead.

The proceedings lost somewhat of *eclat* owing to the regretful absence of Bro. Grand Master Sagasta, whose high official duties most unfortunately precluded him from personally installing his successor. He delegated his powers to Bro. His Excellency Don Telesforo Montejo-Robledo, Ex-Minister of State, Knight Grand Cross of Charles III., &c., who most efficiently represented his chief on this occasion.

Grand Lodge was summoned for five o'clock p.m., and very shortly afterwards the proceedings commenced *in due form*. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Juan Utor-Fernandez, communicated the fact that Bro. Sagasta had delegated his powers to Bro. Montejo-Robledo, and then read the formal *Balaustre* issued to that brother, authorising him to assume the Grand Mallet, and preside over the proceedings of the day.

Bro. Montejo-Robledo thereupon took his place in the East, and immediately appointed a commission of seven members of Grand Lodge, giving them instructions to go in search of the Grand Master elect, and, when found, conduct him within the portals of Grand Lodge to the East, in due form. The commission withdrew, and presently returned with the distinguished brother, whom they accompanied to the Grand Pedestal, passing on their way under the accustomed *Arch of Steel*. Then came the solemn ceremony of *obligating* the Grand Master elect, which was gone through in ancient form.

The announcement from the chair of the names of the Grand Officers who have been nominated to succeed those who retire, then followed. We

give the list in the incomplete state in which it was communicated to the brethren present, as follows:—

Most Ill. Bro. His Excellency Don Praxedes Mateo

Sagasta, Prime Minister of Spain	-	-	R.W. Past G.M.
Very Ill. Bro. Manuel Llano-Persi	-	-	V.W. Deputy G.M.
Ill. Bro. Juan Antonio Cabrera	-	-	Grand Orator.
" " Juan Utor-Fernandez	-	-	Grand Sec. General.
" " Laureano G. Campoamor	-	-	Grand Chancellor.
" " Gregorio Cuevas-Sancho	-	-	Grand Treas. General.
" " Justo Jimenez	-	-	Grand Hospitalario.
" " Julian de la Regnera	-	-	G.M. of C.
" " Manuel Prado	-	-	Grand Principal Expert.
" " Rogello Garza	-	-	Grand Junior Expert.
" " Gillabert	-	-	Grand Inner Guard.

The names of the Grand Officers elect having been duly proclaimed, the Delegate Grand Master, Bro. Montejo-Robledo, "resumed the Grand Mallet" (as our Spanish brethren would say), having the Grand Master elect seated on his right hand, and the Deputy Grand Master elect on his left. The Delegate Grand Master then proceeded to address the brethren present, and he passed in review the progress which Freemasonry in Spain, under the potent guidance of the *Gran Oriente de España*, had made during the five eventful years of Bro. Grand Master Sagasta's rule. He clearly demonstrated that this progress was a thoroughly healthy growth, and most marked and well sustained. No less than one hundred and sixty regularly working Craft lodges are now enrolled under the Banner of the Grand Orient, and many of the lodges number more than one hundred working brethren. He spoke of the great services rendered to the Craft in Spain by the retiring Grand Master, who has been so ably supported by the indefatigable Grand Secretary, Bro. Juan Utor-Fernandez, and by other members of Grand Lodge. He referred (as a matter of course) to the great political changes which have so recently occurred in Spain, and expressed his great satisfaction that Freemasons are now able to practise their rites under the protection of the law. It is for our brethren in the Peninsula to justify the confidence which the present government places in them, and we hope, and believe, that they will carefully abstain from the slightest abuse of their Masonic privileges, and hold aloof from political partisanship, in any shape or form.

Bro. Montejo-Robledo proceeded to congratulate the Grand Orient of Spain on the fact that official recognition has now been fully and formally accorded to them by the Grand Lodge of Italy, the Grand Orient of France, and the Grand Orients of Mexico, Brazil, Buenos Ayres, Uruguay, &c., whose representatives were then sitting in the midst. "I myself," continued our illustrious brother, "have the distinguished honour of representing the Grand Orient of France, whose *insignia* I wear with pride." He informed his brethren that at the present moment petitions for official recognition at their hands have been received in Madrid from certain newly-constituted Masonic Grand Orients in Eastern Europe; whilst their relations with the most important *centres* of Masonic power in Germany are now most cordial. He stated that he has good grounds for the belief that they will presently receive *formal* recognition at the hands of their Anglo-Saxon brethren of the United Kingdom, and of the United States of North America. He alluded to the highly satisfactory progress which orthodox Freemasonry is now making in the Island of Cuba, where, until very recently, our brethren were in the hands of rival claimants to the governing power. But now (said Bro. Montejo-Robledo) the dissensions instigated by the so-called "Heads" of *spurious Orients*, are things of the past, and no less than forty-nine actively working symbolic lodges recognise, at the present moment, the Grand Orient of Spain as the *sole* Masonic authority in Cuba.

After Bro. Montejo-Robledo had concluded his most interesting and able discourse he withdrew from the Grand Master's throne, which was then immediately taken possession of officially by the Grand Master elect—the Grand Officers having previously assumed their respective duties.

Then came a short inaugural address from Bro. Grand Master Ortiz, who in eloquent and feeling terms expressed his profound appreciation of the high and distinguished honour conferred upon him by those who had designated him for the Grand Master's chair, in succession to his illustrious predecessor—Bro. Sagasta. Bro. Ortiz assured his brethren present that although it would be impossible for him to rival his immediate predecessor, yet it would be his constant endeavour, by the aid of the G.A.O.T.U., to maintain the Grand Orient in its present highly satisfactory state; and he will doubtless dedicate and devote those talents with which the Great Architect has blessed him to further the interests of our Order. He assured those present that it was his heartfelt desire to draw still closer together those fraternal relations which should always exist between the brethren of all countries, and more especially between the Grand Councils and Grand Lodges of the entire world; and he will, we are sure, support his Spanish brethren in their very laudable endeavours to obtain *full* and *formal* recognition from the Grand Lodge of England.

After Grand Master Bro. Antonio Romero Ortiz had resumed his Grand Mallet, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Llano-Persi, spoke at considerable length. He commenced by returning his thanks for the confidence reposed in him, and he promised to do all that in him laid to forward the true interests of our Order in general, and those of the *Gran Oriente de España* in particular. He recalled very especially to the remembrance of his brethren those notable days when the re-organizer of Craft Freemasonry in Spain, Bro. Manuel Ruiz Zorrilla, was at their head. He declared that he himself would always take as his example, and acknowledge as his *Master* in the Craft, that dignified and accomplished Chief, to whom Spanish Freemasonry really owed so much of its present prosperity and development. No *orthodox* centre of Masonic authority now exists in Spain (no *legitimate* source of Masonic light) except of the re-constructed Grand Orient, presided over until the year 1874 by Bro. Grand Master Manuel Ruiz Zorrilla, whose only *legitimate* successor is Bro. Grand Master Antonio Romero Ortiz, who had that day been solemnly invested with supreme command, and who had, *only a few minutes before*, assumed the Grand Mallet.

Speaking of the qualifications of Bro. Romero Ortiz for the Grand Master's chair, Bro. Llano-Persi assured the brethren of Spain that Bro. Ortiz's "brilliant antecedents, distinguished accomplishments, and honourable titles, not only pointed him out as one of whom his country was justly proud, but that they were an assured guarantee that he would most notably promote the best interests of the Grand Orient whose *porvenir* he had that day taken in charge."

Bro. Llano-Persi pointed out how Freemasonry exerted an undoubted and most beneficent influence, not only upon those who are ranged under its banners, but, through them, on the entire world at large. "Its aim and only object is to ameliorate the condition of the human race, and combat superstition, ignor-

ance, *slavery*—for those who are superstitious and ignorant are truly slaves." What is now *only* required to make our Order a still more potent instrument for good in grand old Spain, is that the whole of our brethren of the Peninsula should—as one man—support Bro. Romero Ortiz. Let those who have hitherto kept aloof from the Grand Oriente de España at once give in their unqualified allegiance to their own legitimate Chief. Without *unity* and *harmony* there is not, and cannot be, *strength*; and we would appeal to the patriotism, the *pun d'onor*, of those of our Spanish brethren who still work under warrant of *foreign* Orients, and to those who continue to "club together," without any recognised *head* at all, not only for their own individual sakes, but for the good of Freemasonry *in general*, to take the initiative, without further hesitation, and seek recognition by, and admission into, the *Gran Oriente* of their own country—the potent, the prosperous, *Gran Oriente de España*! Bro. Romero Ortiz will, we are sure, open wide the gates to allow all Freemasonic compatriots to place themselves under his protection; and let us assure them (but where is the need?) that in Bro. Ortiz they have a Chief whom they should be proud to support and obey!

Before Bro. Llano-Persi sat down he proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Past Grand Master Sagasta, and to the retiring members of Ex. Grand Lodge, who had done their duty so well and so faithfully during their respective terms of office.

Bro. Grand Master Romero Ortiz again addressed his brethren, to return his thanks to Bro. Llano-Persi for the warm terms of praise which he had used. He assured them that this was one of the days of his life which would always be remembered with especial gratitude, as he felt that he now undertook responsibilities which it was indeed a high honour to assume, and he would henceforth devote heart and soul to a cause which was far above politics—in fact, the true cause of social progress and of *humanity at large*, whose best interests are those which Freemasonry has at heart. He assured them again that he was firmly determined that the Grand Orient of Spain, under his Grand Mastership, should lose nothing of its prestige. "And if it be necessary"—continued our illustrious brother—"to purge our Order in Spain of men who ought never to have been allowed to enter, and whose presence amongst us is undesirable, then in the best interests of Freemasonry *in general*, I will expel such, without fear or favour; for it is far preferable to be few in number, with only upright and honourable men in our midst, than an aggroupation of *many*, amongst whom there shall be those whose influence and example tend to demoralise our Institution and disturb that harmony and brotherly love which should be our first care to promote and protect. We only want amongst us men who are lovers of progress and of true liberty, because Freemasonry has nothing in common with absolutism or with religious intolerance, or with those who love moral and intellectual *darkness* rather than *light*!"

The Grand Orator Substitute (Bro. Cabrera being absent) Ill. Bro. Sergio Martinez del Bosch, next addressed Grand Lodge, and declared that this was indeed an auspicious occasion, met together as they were to witness the installation in the Grand Master's chair of such a venerated brother as Grand Master Ortiz was so universally acknowledged to be. He considered this event a most notable one in the annals of the Grand Orient of Spain. He also congratulated his brethren upon the fact that Bro. Ortiz had, as a coadjutor in the Deputy Grand Master's chair, such a thoroughly orthodox Mason as Bro. Llano-Persi.

Next followed Bro. General Corona, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Mexico accredited to His Majesty Don Alfonso XII.; and also the duly accredited Representative of the Grand Orient of Mexico to the Grand Orient of Spain. He greeted the newly-installed Grand Master Ortiz in the name of his Mexican brethren, whilst also offering his most fraternal salutations to the retiring Grand Master, the distinguished Bro. His Excellency Prime Minister Sagasta, whose services to Freemasonry in Spain whilst he was Grand Master were well known and most gratefully appreciated by the Transatlantic brethren. He congratulated the assembly present on the excellent choice that has been made of a successor to Bro. Sagasta, and on the notable progress which is being made by our brethren in Spain.

Bro. Montejo-Robledo afterwards returned thanks, on behalf of Bro. Past Grand Master Sagasta, as well as on behalf of the Grand Officers who had just retired—including himself—(Bro. Robledo having been Grand Orator under Bro. Sagasta).

Bro. Grand Master Ortiz then rose to reciprocate the complimentary phrases of the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mexico. In conclusion the "Purse of Charity" went round, and, with the usual formalities, the Grand Lodge was declared *closed*.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to refreshment, an excellent repast having been served. Mutual congratulations were exchanged, and it was evidently the unanimous feeling of all who had been present at the ceremony that the interests of the Craft will be in safe keeping so long as they remain in the hands of the Grand Orient of Spain.

(To be continued.)

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

There is a point which requires grave attention by Masonic writers much more than it has hitherto received—that is, the influence of Hermeticism on Craft Masonry. The "Textus Receptus" of Masonic history just now seems to be this: that Craft Masonry as revived in 1717 was the continuance and sequence of an earlier Guild system, generally speaking, and that High Grade and Hermetic Masonry is the result of a Jacobite adaptation of Freemasonry for political or religious purposes, in France, and in which even the Jesuits had a share. But is this view really maintainable? Is there any evidence of a Jacobite Masonry at all, except in the imagination of subsequent writers, and the connection, for instance, of the well-known Chevalier Ramsay, the accredited father of the High Grades, with the House of Stuart? I know of none, though I have seen the statement frequently repeated both by German and Anglo-Saxon writers, and though I have searched carefully everywhere for evidence of the "fact," if a "fact." As regards "Ramsay," his whole Masonic career is summoned up, as far as we now know, in his two letters to Cardinal Fleury, the "Discours d'Un Grand Maistre," and the work said to be published by a certain Patrice O'Donoko, at Dublin, and burnt at Rome.

I am now trying to find out when the first reference to Ramsay's oration, (for, I think, we may fairly assume it was his), was published. It has been asserted that its first mention appeared in a book issued at Frankfurt in 1773. But that is an error, as it is mentioned before that time, and is

alluded to in some works I have seen, and now it is said to have been first mentioned in a work at the Hague in 1738.

It seems from Lemontey's, (a non-Mason), "Histoire de la Regence," that the address was really delivered on the 21st of March, 1737, as appears from a letter from Ramsay to Cardinal Fleury. And then, in consequence of Louis the XV.'s objections to the Order, Ramsay seems, (it is not quite clear), to have left Freemasonry. He died at St. Germain in 1743. Hence his influence on the High Grades must have been very small, if not "nil;" and it is much more probable that others worked out the idea of his famous address, which, undoubtedly, has in it an outline of the "Knighly theory," rather than that he did so himself. He certainly never came to England as regards Masonry. Did he go to Dublin? Are there any traces of him in Ireland? The common statement that he set about in 1728 organizing the High Grades is utterly untenable, and even his "paternity" of the "Rite de Bouillon" is doubtful now, and it seems to be a later production altogether. But still though all this be so, a further question arises, Was there an Hermetic Society in existence at the end of the seventeenth century?

We pass over the Rose Croix controversy and the Rose Croix treatises, or rather those of the "Fratres Rosæ Crucis," both English and foreign, which can undoubtedly be traced back within a year or so to the first decade of the 17th century. Indeed the "Chemische Hochzeit" is said by some to have appeared in 1459, but its first printed copy is 1616, and from various non-Masonic writers we gather the admission that there was an Hermetic Society in being, and of old standing, early in the 17th century, to which alchemists and adepts belonged. The common statement that about 1623 a Society of the Rose Croix was formed at Paris, a little earlier in Germany and at the Hague, and in 1650 in London, by Wm. Backouse, Elias Ashmole, Sir John Heydon, and others, has so far received no actual verification, much less Nicolais' theory, often repeated, that in Bacon's "Nova Atlantis" we find the "type" of the Society, and that Freemasonry, as we have it now, was really founded by Ashmole and a few loyalists in London between 1650 and 1660.

I do not, however, think that we can get over the fact of a Rosicrucian Society existing in the 17th century; how it affected Freemasonry is another and a very difficult question.

But we must not "shirk" the point in our consideration of Masonic History to-day, as we have hitherto done; as it is quite clear now that the commonly received explanation of the High Grade origin is untenable. It has been pointed out before, that as regards the "Marks," for instance, many of the so-called Hermetic, Alchemical, Rose Croix Alphabets are found among them, as any one who has "Barrett's Magus" can see for himself, and it is just possible that we have in our speculative Freemasonry to-day a sort of meeting ground and conjunction of the carefully preserved legends and secrets of the old Operative Guilds, mainly confined to the "Master Masons," all men of intelligence and education, and of the remains of an occult and Hermetic association, which goes back, under various forms and under different names, to very remote ages.

So far the earliest traces I have lighted upon of the "Rose Croix of Herodotus" in London is in 1768, but that depends on the journal of some German Masons who visited London in that year and found a chapter under Robert Lintot and Daniel Hintze there working. If we could light upon the minutes of that body, we should find how and when it was established in England.

Despite doubts and depreciations, I am, for one, persuaded, if there be any evidence or reality in words, that an Hermetic Society existed in London in 1721, to which Robert Samber points and partially describes in his preface to "Long Livers," as the language he uses is entirely alchemical.

I trust I have made good my "thesis," and perhaps other "Masonic Students," like myself, will contribute a "stone" to the building.

We are all interested in having a correct and reliable history of Freemasonry, free from the "vanities" of the "enthusiast" and the "dreamer," and which, above all, avoids the tempting, but useless, habit of "sheep-walking." "Realism" is the order of the day; let us import it into Masonic history.

MASONIC ODES AND POEMS.

Beyond a few fugitive efforts of more or less merit, principally parodies on well known poems, which have from time to time appeared in the pages of Masonic publications, I am afraid we must admit that the muse has not been kind in regard to the Royal Art. The earlier efforts of our rhyming brethren, beginning with the worthy Birkhead's well-known song, are fearfully and wonderfully made, and for the most part utterly destitute of the smallest approach to poetry. Not seldom they were profane, oftener they were maudlin, and still more frequently their tone was dissolute. If the character of a nation may be formed by its ballad writers, certainly the character of a society may be discovered by the songs in which it takes delight, and it is to be feared that our brethren of the last century too frequently partook of the loose tone of the society which surrounded them. We are aware from their old records that the consumption of fluids and tobacco during the hours of labour was very considerable, and when the wine was in, of course the wit was out, which accounts in a great measure for the cordial receptions, we are told, given to the awful drivel often served up in the shape of songs and odes. That the older of these songs were approved by our brethren is shown by the fact that they appear in all the "companions," "handbooks," and such like of Freemasonry, right away from the first edition of the Constitutions to the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th centuries. About this time there appears to have been some elevation of tone, and from time to time appear in the pages of the several Masonic magazines and reviews, isolated poems unexceptionable in sentiment and sometimes bearing marks of some poetic genius. I believe, however, that I am correct in saying that the first Masonic poet whose works are of a sufficiently extensive character and of such ability as to justify their appearance in a collected form is Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D. This brother, whose name seems to be a household word in America, may be regarded as the most prolific writer of Masonic poetry the Craft has ever seen, but if he had never written anything beyond his world-known lines, "The Level and the Square," he would have thereby founded his reputation. But he has done much more than this, and the revised edition of his Masonic Odes and Poems, published last year, contains some real Masonic gems. I am not going to quote from the volume, because the editor would not thank me for filling up his valuable space by any such performance, but I will ask permission to recommend all brethren who desire to possess a collection of Masonic songs and poems suitable for almost every possible occasion to secure a copy of Bro. Morris's unpretentious but neatly-printed volume.

T. B. W.

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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
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10th June, 1881.

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Brethren intending to be present should notify their
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Wednesday, the 29th June.

To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Citizen," "The Broad Arrow," "Der Long
Islander," "Keystone," "La Gran Logia Revista Ma-
sonica Quiniental," "New York Dispatch," "The Inde-
pendent," "The Freemason's Monthly," "The National
Baptist," "Boletín Oficial del Gran Oriente de España,"
"Bulletin du Gran Orient de France," "The Sunday
Times," "The Hull Packet," "Allan's Indian Mail,"
"Caygill's Tourist's Chronicle," "The Biograph and
Review," "Australian Freemason," "Masonic Herald,"
"The Mercury."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 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.]

MASONS' MARKS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As all matters relating to the advance of Masonic
archæology are interesting to you, and may be of use to
Masonic students, I think it right to call attention to a
paper in the part i., vol. v., of the "Transactions of the
Cumberland and Westmoreland Antiquarian and Archæo-
logical Society," communicated by Mr. Wm. Thomas
Creed, Clerk of the Works at Carlisle Cathedral, and
some remarks by the learned editor, R. S. Ferguson,
F.S.A. It seems that Mr. Creed has collected from the
Cathedral at Carlisle, and the buildings in its precincts, no
less than 316 specimens, and most interesting they are.
The Editor says there are 300 distinct marks. Reference is
made to some other collections of marks, such as "Vol. xxxiv.
Archæologia, p. 33," from Scotland, and a plate of Masons'

marks from the cash book of the Masons' Lodge Brechin,
N.B.

The *Builder*, for 1841, 1844, and 1869 contains, as many
of us know, some papers on marks. The Editor also
refers to the "Proceedings of the Antiquarian Society,
Scotland," for a "large collection of Masons' marks,
copied from Melrose Abbey, Dryburgh, Edinburgh, El-
gin, and several other places. He also refers to a short
paper by J. A. Smith, M.D., Sec. S.A. Society, to which
we shall refer again shortly.

All of us who are interested in the question of Masonic
archæology have long since seen the importance of Masons'
Marks, though how they became "part and parcel" of our
system is far too long a subject to treat upon now. There
are still some difficulties connected with "Masons' Marks,"
but gradually the ground is being cleared away.

That they originally were alphabetical, and increased by
the "accretion" of diverse languages, is, I think, now
beyond a doubt. Probably their origin is to be found in
Egypt or Phœnicia, or the old Greek alphabet, though that
they gradually incorporated the "Runes" in their world-
wide "tokens," and even the so-called magical or hermetic
alphabet, is hardly now disputable.

To Mr. George Godwin, a non-Mason, the able Editor
of the *Builder*, is to be fairly ascribed the merit of calling
attention to Masons' marks out of Masonry, and my
lamented fellow-labourer, Bro. E. W. Shaw, Masonically,
was the first, about 1859, to call the attention of Freema-
sons to the subject, though Lawrie had alluded to them
before any one in his "History of Freemasonry," pub-
lished at Edinburgh, in 1804, and probably written by
Sir David Brewster.

Bro. Shaw had collected 11,000 marks, but, unfortunately,
his papers are not now available, though extant; yet those
who remember his lectures on his pet topic will recall to
mind both his lucidity and enthusiasm on the subject.

There are two errors in the able paper alluded to in the
"Transactions" I have mentioned, which deserve noting.

1. The one is, that the "Pentacle" represents "Solo-
mon's Seal." It cannot be too often pointed out that this
common mistake has no real foundation in fact. The
"Pentaculum Salomonis," or "Pentacle," or "Pente-
gram," is simply a sign of the Hermetic Schools and the
Hebrew Cabala, was afterwards adopted by the later
alchemists, and figures largely in all astrological treatises
and magical formulæ. It is a very old "sign," whatever it
may point to, and may be found all the world over. But
it is not Solomon's Seal—which, as all who have travelled in
the East know, is the "Double Triangle," sometimes
called the "Hexapla," "Hexagram," and is also very
old in its Oriental, and probably also Hermetic, use. It was
also adopted by the Christian builders as a favourite doc-
trinal symbol. But it represents the mystic sign and seal
of King Solomon, and may be found in the East to-day in
mosques and on articles of all kind as a saving sign, as
well as on old stones, in some of the most ancient buildings.

2. The next little mistake I wish to allude to, all cour-
teously and deferentially, is Dr. Smith's theory of the odd
number to make the "mark" of the "passed Mason." There
is no warrant, as far as I know, for any such theory,
and it could be disproved in many ways, as all who have
studied the "marks" as long as I have, know. There are
"even marks" and "uneven marks," but that the uneven
marks represent the passed Mason, and the even the Ap-
prentice, is clearly a grave mistake, and founded on an
imperfect appreciation of the marks themselves. Bro.
Shaw, who had made them the study of years, once stated
that he could distinguish the marks of the Master, Master
Masons, Fellows, Apprentices, and "blind marks," as the
marks of those hired to work, but not members of the
Guild. One illustration is as good as any. The double
triangle is an even mark as to points; it is found constantly,
but to assume that it represents an Apprentice is out of the
question.

It is very doubtful whether the "Apprentices had marks
at all." As far as the evidence of the Scottish Lodge
minutes go it is, that the marks were taken and given at
the passing or crafting of the "Fallow of Craft."

Apologising for the length of my letter, I am, yours fra-
ternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR "CYCLOPÆDIA."

BRO. HUGHAN'S "MASONIC REGISTER."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Finding that all the copies of my "Numerical
and Medial Masonic Register of Lodges" were sub-
scribed for, save a few in the hands of the publisher, Bro.
George Kenning, I have asked him to send them to me, so
as to forward them either to Masonic Lodge libraries or
Masonic students generally.

I shall not re-issue the work, the coloured plates being
so costly to produce.

Any brethren desirous of obtaining copies, will please
apply to me as soon as convenient, and transmit a P.O.O.
for 10s. 6d. for each copy that may be required (to include
postage) instead of 12s. 6d. as heretofore.

I trust the few remaining in Truro will fall into good
hands, as the labour of compilation will be more than re-
paid if the circulation of the volume leads to an increased
attention being paid to the history of all old, and espe-
cially *centenary*, lodges under the English Constitution.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, June 20th.

BRO. "QUOTATION"—A NEW GRAND OFFICER.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have waited for a week in the hope some brother of more recent experience than mine, which dates of 1810 and subsequently, might take up his parable in behalf of Dr. Porson; but finding no other notice taken than your editorial remark, I venture to address you.

Keeping in mind the idea and the alliteration of

"Who drives fat oxen should himself be fat,"

I would say (pace Doctor Porson)

"Who quotes quotations should correctly quote."

In 1810 I was either a good or bad little boy, one of 120 pupils of the celebrated Dr. Crombie, of Greenwich; we had to make *nonsense* Latin verses, and were somewhat proficient in the practice. Many a youngest has obtained the "verba multa" of those other Porsonian lines beginning with "Hos ego versiculos," and would back me up as furnishing the orthodox Porsonian verbiage as follows:—

"Trumpeter unus erat, qui coatum scarlet habebat,
Et habuit periwig, tied up with the tail of a dead pig."

To a discerning scholarly mind the ring of my version of Dr. Porson is, I fancy, obvious.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A P.M. OF A.D. 1836

(Nos. 2, 183, 201, 384, 755, and 1113).

THE PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the request of your correspondent in the *Freemason* of the week before last, I beg to say that the last published accounts of this Institution are to the following effect:

During the year under review the Institution has had 18 children under education, 11 boys and 7 girls, including 1 boy and 2 girls whose school fees were contributed by the District Fund of Benevolence.

At the annual meeting 4 more children were elected, bringing the number up to 15 boys and 7 girls.

The receipts for the year were 9287 12-0 rupees, and though this amount is less by 433 rupees than 1879, the number of new subscribers and donors has increased by 135, and the list of Vice-Presidents and Life Governors, as at the close of 1880, 23 and 106 respectively, as against 20 and 91 at the close of 1879. The amount expended was 5582.6 rupees. 2000 rupees were invested, making 30,000 rupees invested, viz., 18,500 at 4 per cent., 10,000 at 4½ per cent., and 1500 at 5 per cent., making the income from dividends, 1280 rupees per annum.

Since the formation of the Society to 1860 the amount paid in school fees has been 30,107 14-7 rupees.

I hope these items will satisfy your correspondent.

YOUR REVIEWER.

A VAGRANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There was in Havant, on Saturday and Monday last, a vagrant who professed to be a Freemason. He went eastward, and is probably at Brighton by this time. He obtained board and lodgings from Saturday to Monday and then went off without payment. He told two different stories here—one that he was a church decorator, had been working at Horsham, and had come to Portsmouth to decorate a new Roman Catholic church, but as it was not ready he had come to Havant to lodge; that he had taken too much to drink and had been robbed of two pounds, &c., &c. The other was that he was owner of a ship lying at Portsmouth, of which his son was master, and he had a daughter who he wished to come into the country to lodge. This latter story he told to the people he stopped with.

He is a foreigner, very well dressed; with a straw hat, and, I think, umbrella; no whiskers, but a dark, heavy moustache, and wears an albert watch chain; stands about 5ft. 10in., dark complexion, and is over fifty years of age. It is not known exactly whether he is a Freemason or has a certificate, neither did he get any relief. The police should be put on the look out for him.

THE SECRETARY 804.

Reviews.

HISTOIRE DU TRIBUNAL REVOLUTIONNAIRE.
Vol. IV. Par H. WALLON. Hachette et Cie., 79, Boulevard St. Germain, Paris.

We open this fourth volume of Mr. Wallon's great work with hesitation, and we put it down with absolute pain, for it is even more terrible than the previous ones, in its long, dreary, dreadful catalogue of blood, injustice, iniquity, cruelty, and shame. On the trial of Fouquier Tinville, as we shall see later, "Wolff," one of the "clerks of the court," or "grefriers," as they are called in France, deposes, that it was his "painful lot to witness, day by day, innocent people condemned to death, almost without the pretence of a trial, and all but unheard." In one case of forty-eight innocent and guiltless "cons irators" from the "prisons" two minutes apiece was sufficient for the hearing, interrogatory, sentence, and condemnation of them all. Let us mark this, we who love the old-fashioned, normal usage of our English law, so patient to all, so chary of the life of man. One or two facts are simply appalling. On the 10th June, 1794, Robespierre himself drafted and had passed the so-called law of

the "22nd Prairial," which was practically for the purpose of facilitating the work of the "Tribunal," but was really to hasten its operation, and, above all, to "let none escape." Under the previous action of the "Tribunal" a few had escaped from "extenuating" considerations or "non-intentional grounds," but now all was to be changed. And henceforth went on a combination of shameless, cruel judicial murders, for no reason, and on no grounds, without a parallel in the history of civilization and the world. One illustration will clearly demonstrate the truth of these words and the meaning of Robespierre's law. The "Carrousel" and the "Place of the Revolution" had witnessed 1220 murders in thirteen months and eight days—that is to say from the 2nd May, 1793, to 9th June, 1794. When the guillotine was removed near the ruins of the Bastille, in the "Place St. Antoine" and the "Barriere du Trone," 1376 executions took place in forty-nine days. They were decapitated in batches of 157, 60, 50, 46, 22, 21, and the like, and there is nothing truer in the world than to say, as "Wolff" said, that this was a deliberate "shedding of innocent blood." And as we turn over the pages we see this awful crowd of high and humble victims, of all classes and conditions, going calmly to an ignominious and unmerited death, without a murmur, or fear, or a sigh. Noble old men, and noble old women, young men and maidens in the freshness of youth and beauty, women about to be confined, soldiers, sailors, magistrates, judges, lawyers, "Bourgeois" and their wives, the meaneast of the operative classes, washerwomen and workmen's apprentices, lads from the regiment, and boys from the ships, all condemned unheard, all pitilessly executed. What for? Nothing. This was, indeed, Robespierre's "Reign of Terror." Before long, as the roll of horror unfolds, we shall hear of Robespierre and Fouquier Tinville at that very bar where so many of the best and noblest have silently and calmly stood to be butchered before them, and where among unjust judges, honest indignation still recalls the degraded names of a Dumas, a Coffinhal, a Foucault, and a Renaudin!

TRANSACTIONS OF THE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ANTIQUARIAN AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. For members only. Vol. V. Part I.

This well printed and beautifully illustrated volume contains, among other contributions most interesting to the archaeologist, one paper deeply interesting to the Freemason. It is the paper by Mr. Creed, Clerk of the Works, Carlisle Cathedral, with a large number of Masons' marks from Carlisle, and some remarks by Mr. R. S. Ferguson, F.S.A., the able editor. It is well worthy of study by all who interest themselves in "Masons' marks."

AMERICAN GRAND LODGE AND OTHER REPORTS. CONNECTICUT NINETY - THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, 1881. PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF TENNESSEE, 1879-80. GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE, 1880-81. GRAND CHAPTER OF TENNESSEE, 1880-81.

These reports from America are all interesting to note as records of much active Masonic work in various directions, and proofs of that great American Masonic life which is so vast, and to our minds so wonderful. In England, with all our regular proceedings and easy routine, we hardly ever make allowance for the great difficulties which have to be encountered and got over in younger G. Lodges. Considering what are the actual and prevailing hindrances and drawbacks American Masons have to contend with, we do feel, and feel strongly, that they deserve the greatest sympathy from us all in the "old country," and that we should, instead of being ready to find fault and deal out animadversion because their proceedings are not, naturally, on "all fours," as the lawyers say, with ours, give them the credit which is their just due, for real love of Freemasonry, and a true appreciation both of its professions and its practice. We do not say that the American system is perfect or even without blots,—they would despise us if we used the language of mere flattery or "dubbed the wall" as unskilful Masons "with untempered mortar;" but we always rejoice to hear of their progress and their triumphs, remembering how many unjust accusations and how much and bitter open opposition they have calmly, and loyally, and grandly, and Masonically "lived down."

THE CHAPLAIN OF THE FLEET. By Messrs. RICE and BEZANT.

This "Romance" of the past, which has pleasantly filled the pages of the *Graphic*, is now concluded, and is likely to be a great favourite, we think, with the reading public, and those especially who affect novels. It would have been a hazardous task, in less experienced hands, perhaps, to have taken our material, and indifferent, and uninterested society to-day to the life, manners, phraseology, and habits of over 150 years ago.

But in the hands of these practised writers the experiment has been a great success, and no one can fail to have been touched with the difficulties and dangers, and fears of the heroine, and the portraiture of the principal character, both skilfully arranged, and "well limned," even though scene and speech, and words and ways, belong to that old past which, if it concerns the domain of history, hardly, as it seems to some, can affect us amid our modern tastes and sympathies to-day. But still we fancy that if any of our readers will turn over the pages of this now completed story, they will learn to sympathize with "Kitty," and admire the "skill" which transports us from this good year of grace, and all its tumultuous notions, and petty ideas, to the dress, the vanities, the busy mode of life of a generation which seems to us now almost as old as the Norman invaders, the Wars of the Roses, the days of good Queen Bess, or the happy restoration of King Charles the Second!

CATALOGUES.

We have been much pleased with the 102nd catalogue of "Pickering and Co.," who are no longer in Piccadilly, but at 66, Haymarket, S.W., as it contains some very curious and valuable books, worthy the notice of the book collector and the Masonic and Hermetic student.

B. and T. F. Mechem, 11, Pulteney Bridge, Bath, also submit a very interesting catalogue, No. 5, 1881, which contains some scarce and desirable books, some of which it is not easy to find, and may not occur again for some time in the market.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

PAPAL BULLS TO FREEMASONS.

Heideloff mentions two Bulls, or Charters, or Allocations (I forget which), of Popes to Freemasons, according to my note book. One is said to be given by Pope Alexander VI., dated Rome, 16th September, 1502, and the other by Pope Leo X., 31st December, 1516. He does not set them out, but only mentions the fact. Is it a fact? Can any one give me the "text" of such Bulls, or show me Heideloff's authority for such a statement? Or is it only "sheep-walking," based on "Dugdale" and "Wren's Paracalia?"

MASONIC STUDENT.

"Bullarium." The needful "i" in this expressive Latin word was "slipped" out by an ingenious and ingenious printer.

M. S.

QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE FREEMASONS.

"Masonic Student" asks if the statement that Queen Elizabeth "sent an armed party to break up the Grand Lodge assembled at York" is a reality or a myth? This question has exercised the minds of York brethren, and our late Bro. W. Cowling, who aided our Bro. Hughan in the transcription of some of the York Constitutions, made some special efforts to investigate the question. As a member of the Town Council of York and the Master of the Ancient Guild of Merchant Adventurers at York, Bro. Cowling had certain facilities for the investigation of old records, and years ago he told me that he had made diligent search through the city records extending back for many centuries, and had failed to find any allusion to the Elizabethan episode, or even any allusion to matters Masonic of any kind. If any proof of the Queen's hostile mission to York is to be found it will be in London, where a copy of the Royal Warrant or Mandate would probably be filed amongst the archives.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

THE AMERICAN P.M. DEGREE.

Bro. Hughan thinks my information must have been wrong in respect to the Board of G.P. having given permission for an American P.M. (Arch) to be present at a Board of Installed Masters. Of course this may be so. The occasion was some three or four years ago. I was present at an installation in the North of England, at which a military brother was a visitor, and on enquiring of what lodge he had been a Master, was told that he had never presided over any lodge, but had taken the American Past Master's Degree. Expressing my surprise at his being allowed to be present, I was then told by the Installing Master (I believe) that communications on the subject had passed with London, and that the brother in question was declared to have a right to be present. It was not until I noticed the status of these "Past Masters" laid down in the American work on Masonic jurisprudence, to which I alluded on a former occasion, that the matter recurred to my memory. As I said before, it is just one of those instances in which a digest of decisions of the Board of General Purposes would be of general service.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday afternoon the Institution at Croydon was gay with visitors on the occasion of the usual summer entertainment to the old folks which was then given, somewhat earlier than usual in the season, on account of the intended enlargement of the large room, or hall, which is to be doubled in size by an addition in the rear, and for that reason will be invaded by workmen on Monday next. A fine afternoon added considerably to the pleasure of those who on Wednesday paid a visit to their old friends at the Institution. Of course Bro. James Terry was there—in fact he was here, there, and everywhere, attending to everybody's comfort with his ordinary indefatigable energy. Genial at all times, he is never more genial than when at the Institution to which he has devoted his life. Also, as a matter of course, Mrs. Terry was there, together with Miss Terry and Mr. J. E. Terry, all doing their best to make everybody happy. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was also present, Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and among others the following: Bros. J. Michael, 1107, P.G.P. Kent, and Mrs. Michael; Bro. A. Murlis and Mrs. Murlis; Bro. Edgar Bowyer; Bro. J. Newton and Mrs. Newton; Capt. H. A. Bennett, P.M. 4, &c.; Mrs. Jones and Miss M. Jones; Bro. James Batting and Mrs. Batting; Bro. Joseph Driscoll and Mrs. Driscoll; Bro. A. D. Loewenstark and Mrs. Loewenstark; Bro. E. C. Massey and Mrs. Massey; Bro. J. W. Simmonds and Miss K. Windsor; Bro. Wm. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens; Bro. W. W. Morgan, jun.; Bro. R. H. Halford and Mrs. Halford; Bro. A. J. Berry, 1695; Bro. E. Winter and Mrs. Winter; Bro. G. Bolton and Mrs. Bolton; Bro. Richd. Percy and Mrs. Percy; Bro. Thomas Goode; Bro. Marston and Mrs. Marston; Mrs. Cussans and Miss M. E. Cussans; Miss Brasier and Miss Lottie Brasier; Bro. Thos. Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; Bro. Mason and Mrs. Mason; Bro. Pyne; Bro. Constable and Mrs. and Miss Constable; Bro. Daniels, and Bro. Seymour Smith.

After a cordial greeting from Bro. Terry the company dispersed to visit the inmates of the Institution in their homes—previously known or altogether strangers made no difference, the old folk appearing equally pleased with a call from any visitors who looked in upon them; or stroll through the pleasure grounds, as trim and neat as gardener's constant care can make them, or to visit the greenhouse, with its grape and cucumber vines full of fruit, and, not least, to the kitchen gardens, where each inmate of the Institute has his own particular patch of ground, and where the flourishing

condition of peas, potatoes, and strawberries testifies to the care bestowed upon them. Presently the visitors, whose feelings by this time reminded them that they were pilgrims in a dry and thirsty land, were gratified by the rattle of cups and saucers, and a summons to the big room to have a cup of tea. You may be sure that at the tables, presided over by Mrs. and Miss Terry, Mrs. Mason, and other zealous bodies, the remembrance of the dry and thirsty land soon vanished, and that the hams and tongues quickly disappeared before the ready carvers of Bros. Terry, Raynham Stewart, &c. You may be equally sure that a meal where Bro. Terry sat at the head of the room was not partaken of with dumb show and in dead silence.

After another stroll in the gardens, while the hall was being arranged for the evening's entertainment, during which stroll the fresh air of the neighbourhood was not altogether uncontaminated with the smell of tobacco, first the inhabitants and then the visitors were assembled in the hall, and Bro. Seymour Smith appeared upon the dais, and afforded the most genuine enjoyment, both to the residents and their friends, by his partly elocutionary and partly musical recital of "The Adventures of Mr. Theophilus White in search of quiet"—an excellent entertainment to which he gives the name of "Seaside Jottings." Bro. Terry is not above making a joke, but even he, practised as he is in the art, often looked surprised at the subtle ingenuity of a great many of the jokes, and laughed as much as any one at the genuine fun of some of the imitations. It is needless to say that creature comforts were not forgotten; that the interval for refreshments between the two parts of the entertainment afforded the visitors the pleasure of waiting on and gossiping with the old folks whom they had come to see. Loud applause greeted the performer at the conclusion of the entertainment.

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART then rose and said: We have met here to night, and I believe, looking at your joyful countenances, you have been pleased with the little entertainment that has been given for your comfort. This will be the last time that we shall meet in the hall in its present state, but I hope that when enlarged we shall meet oftener. The House Committee have but one desire, and that is for the welfare of this Institution. That being so, how much are we indebted to a very active officer of the Institution. If it had not been for the active and energetic manner in which he carried out the work of the last festival it would not have been the success it proved; and he is always willing to do anything to add to your happiness and make you feel that you are not forgotten by the old friends of your husbands. He is one of those men who can bring their own kindness into your lives, and is so intimately associated with the Institution, that after an old friend, Bro. Norris, the Warden, you must look upon him as a father. Bro. Terry is always wanting to do his utmost for you, and is always thinking of you, so that I hope you will not forget him, but will use the wine that is now in your glasses to drink "The Health of Bro. Terry," and while he is thinking what he shall say in reply, I will ask Mrs. Bonorandi to give us some music. The toast was of course drunk with enthusiasm, after which Mrs. Bonorandi, one of the inmates of the Institution, assisted by two fair ladies, sang "The Vacant Chair," and the manner in which the refrain was taken up by others in the hall gave a pleasant indication that the monotony of their way of life is broken for these old folks by musical evenings in the big hall.

Bro. TERRY: Bro. Stewart, ladies, and gentlemen, you have been very kind, but at all events, as representative of the House Committee, you rest upon me the responsibility of getting up this little entertainment. Nothing has given me greater pleasure than to see the number of friends we have about us on this occasion, and when we consider that when we meet again in this hall we shall have doubled the present space at our command, I may confidently express the hope that our future gatherings will be even larger than that of to-day. The Committee are perfectly well aware of the important fact that the Institution's welfare must rest upon a very sound basis. You must be at one with your supporters in every way you can; you must secure their hearty goodwill. I venture to think that we have got that, and that it would be very hard indeed to turn your goodwill from this Institution. We are very much indebted to Mr. Seymour Smith for his exertions this evening, which have evidently been appreciated by all of us. I can personally tender him my very sincere thanks, because for our sake he put off a concert where he was going to sing at the west end of London, and has come here instead to amuse you to-night. It is, I think, a grand thing for the friends of the inmates here to come here along with others, who, though strangers to them, thus show that they also are their friends, and show that those inmates are not forgotten by the Brotherhood outside. For this entertainment we are indebted to the Supreme Council, who give a five guinea prize to the Boys' School, and a five guinea prize to the Girls' School, and would give a five guinea prize to the Benevolent Institution, but that we could not decide who was to have it, whether it should be the best looking old lady or the best looking old man. So I suggested spending the five guineas in such a way that you could all have some enjoyment out of it. Knowing what your feeling in the matter would be I have privately and sincerely thanked them for their gift. I hope ere long, if I be spared, to see this room, when enlarged, without even one vacant chair in it. I must add my thanks to the representative of one of the sister Institutions for coming here to-day and giving us the support of his presence, and I shall always be happy, when the claims of the Institution under my special charge do not demand my voice in pleading for it, to do my best to obtain support for the others. I am more than pleased to say that our last Festival was a great success; I trust that the next will be a greater success still. You know my feelings on the subject—that the Benevolent Institution has the first and strongest claim on the support of every Freemason. The Boys' School and the Girls' School may be number two and number three, but both boys and girls will acknowledge that their fathers and mothers should be number one in all things.

We feel perfectly sure that every one present was more than satisfied that the day's proceedings from beginning to end had been a great success; assurances of the pleasure they had received were showered upon Bro. and Mrs. Terry by the visitors, who at parting from each other seemed universally to reiterate the assurance, "what a very pleasant day they had had."

Bro. Emra Holmes' biography appears in the June number of the "Biograph."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of the several lodges in the above province was held at the Fidelity Lodge, 445, Towcester, on Thursday, the 9th inst. In the absence of the Prov. G.M., His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., presided, and the following brethren attended:—Fidelity Lodge: Bros. Greville, W.M.; Evans, I.P.M.; Sheppard, S.W.; W. H. Linnell, J.W.; Rev. W. A. Howes, Chap.; George Osborn, Treas.; J. Teeton, Sec.; H. Packer, S.D.; Oldham, J.D.; J. Tunnard, Steward; J. Newitt, I.G.; E. Snedker, Tyler; R. Howes, P.M.; William Whitton, P.M.; William Simmonds, P.M.; James C. Jones, P.M.; T. M. Percival, P.M.; W. M. Crowley, P.M.; Thomas W. Tustin, George Wilcox Smith, John H. Spencer, W. B. Newton, Henry Cooper, James Terry, F. G. Buckle, 442, Prov. G.S.; H. Pank, W.M. 442; Edmund Roberts, 360; Edward Cox, P.M. 60, P.G. Steward; Rev. T. C. Beasley, 1764; Rev. W. E. Hall, Assist. P.G. Chap.; Edward Hale, P. M. 455; H. J. Atkins, P.G.J.D.; Robert H. Griffin, P.P.G.S.W.; John T. Roseblade, 607; G. Ellard, W.M. 360, P.G.A.D.C.; J. U. Stanton, P.M. 360, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Brown, S.W. 1764; John Marson, P.M. 373, P.P.G.S. Warden; John Slinn, M.W. 737; John H. Hale, W.M. 455, P.P.G.S.W.; N. T. Hewens, P.M. 737, P.G.S. Warden; John Bingley, S.W. 360; Joseph Sadler, 360; J. W. Linnett, 1764; Alfred C. Pearson, 360; Samuel S. Campion, 1764; W. Goldney, 1764; J. C. Franklin, 1764; F. J. Ains, 360; H. V. Tebbutt, 1764; Robert McClure, 360; H. Walker Todd, 360; W. C. Lound, 442, S.W.; W. Dixey, 442, Sec.; B. Tebbutt, 442; A. Cockerill, 360; W. Ellis, E. Hay, 360; Arthur Weston, 360; William Ellis, Grenville Lodge, Bucks; J. Ackroyd, 737; H. Spoor, 360; Thomas P. Dorman, 1764; Alfred Jones, 1764; John James Hart, S.D. 360; Thos. Chapman, 607; H. Rose, 607; H. Standley, P.M. 455; and Thos. Emery, 1764. The following brethren were duly installed as officers of the province:—

Bro. James Terry, 445 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
Rev. J. G. Hodgson, 607 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. W. E. Hall, 737 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. T. C. Beasley, 1764 ...	Prov. G.A. Chap.
Richard Howes, 445 (by election) ...	Prov. G. Treas.
Slinn, 455 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
F. G. Buckle, 442 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
Dixey, 442 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
John Bingley, 370 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. C. Lound, 442 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
R. H. Griffin, 442 ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
George Ellard, 360 ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
F. G. Ains, 360 ...	Prov. G. Sd. Br.
F. J. Sheppard, 445 ...	Prov. G. Purs.
Ackroyd, 737 ...	Prov. G. Org.
J. T. Roseblade, 607 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.

Various grants were made to distressed brethren; twenty guineas were voted to the Aged and Decayed Institution; ten guineas to the Boys' School, and £5 to the Hervey Memorial.

It was understood that Bro. J. U. Stanton would publish a provincial calendar, the profits to go to the Benevolent Institutions.

The D.P.G.M. referred to the death of Bro. Cox, and said, when it occurred, he took it upon himself, in conjunction with the P.G.S., to write a letter of condolence to the widow and family of Bro. Cox. The letter was read and confirmed. The D.P.G.M. said he and several of the brethren from different parts attended the funeral to show the high esteem in which Bro. Cox was held.

The next meeting, it was stated, would be held at Stamford.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

The banquet, which was held subsequently in the large room at the Pomfret, was excellently served. The D.P. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins, occupied the chair, the vice-chairs being filled by the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, Bro. James Terry, and the Prov. Grand Junior Warden, Bro. the Rev. F. G. Hodgson.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, The CHAIRMAN gave "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," whose position as head of the Craft added lustre to the Order.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Cox, P.G. Steward, responded.

Bro. the Rev. W. E. Hall gave "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of Manchester, and the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins," in an amusing speech.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was most cordially received, alluded to the circumstance that on the last occasion that they met at Towcester they had the presence of the late Bro. Inns, who then occupied the chair of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. He referred to the death of Bro. Cox, who so successfully worked on behalf of the Charities of the Order. He had had the pleasure that day of installing in office as Prov. Grand Senior Warden a brother whom their late Bro. Cox was anxious should occupy the same position with regard to this province as he himself held. (Applause.) They owed thanks to Bro. Stanton, the Provincial Steward, for the high position in which he had placed the province in relation to their Charitable Institutions. In conclusion, he tendered his thanks to the members of the Lodge of Fidelity for the kind way in which they had received the brethren of the province that day. (Applause.)

Bro. Cox wished to acknowledge the kind references which had been made to his late father. His father lived a Mason and died a Mason, and when he died it was with his family and friends around him, his last words being "Lord, lettest now Thy servant depart in peace."

Bro. G. ELLARD, of the W.M. of the senior lodge of the province, gave "The Provincial Grand Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past," to which Bro. R. HOWES, P.G. Treasurer for ten years, and Bro. F. G. BUCKLE P.G. Secretary, humorously responded.

Bro. GEORGE OSBORN, P.M., gave "The Masonic Charities," remarking that Charity was the foundation of Masonry. He was glad to see present that day the grandson of Bro. Thomas Phipps, who initiated him into the Pomfret Lodge in February, 1837. (Cheers.)

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary R.M.B.I., said the Masonic Charities showed the outer world what was the outcome of Freemasonry. When they could point to three magnificent Institutions where they were supporting 750 persons, without any aid from the outside world, it was something of which they might be proud. During 1880 they had subscribed to these Institutions within £250 of the magnificent total of £50,000. (Applause.) Other charities had suffered during the last three years through the depression of trade, but it had been quite the reverse with the Masonic Charities. A larger sum had been subscribed than at any previous time. The Girls' School had a most successful festival last month, and one of the largest amounts they had ever had was collected on that occasion. Last year they took on twenty-five additional girls, and they had been able to place there a daughter of a deceased member of the Lodge of Fidelity. They had also had a most successful festival of the Benevolent Institution, and the highest sum ever collected was brought in, namely, £14,367. (Applause.) There were two candidates from the province, and one had been successful. He thanked the brethren for their munificent gifts to the Charities. (Applause.)

Bro. Rev. W. A. HOWES gave "The Masters of the Lodges," for whom Bro. A. F. GREVILLE responded.

"The Ladies" was given by Bro. W. WHITTON in most humorous terms, and acknowledged with equal humour by Bro. THOMAS PHIPPS DORMAN, and the Tyler's toast concluded the programme.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by several of the brethren, Bro. Simmonds presiding at the pianoforte.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

There was a large gathering of the brethren of the various lodges in the Province of Berks and Bucks, at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge held at Aylesbury, on Monday last. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.), presided, the brethren present including the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg; Bro. Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, and the Provincial Grand Officers; Bros. J. O. Carter, S.G.W.; J. Reeve, J.G.W.; C. Oades, G. Reg.; R. Bradley, G. Sec.; J. R. Wilmer, S.G.D.; G. M. Knight, J.G.D.; J. E. Danks, G. S. Works.; C. W. Cox, G.D. of C.; J. Tomkins, A.G.D.C.; T. W. Robinson, G.S.B.; H. Willis, G.O.; C. Nowell and A. Culverhouse, G. Purs.; T. Taylor, H. Jowett, J. R. Slaton, W. J. Gough, and L. Poulton, Grand Stewards, &c. There were also present Bros. W. Biggs, P.P.G. Sec.; H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.S.W.; H. D'Almaine, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. O. G. Grace, P.P.G. Chap.; R. B. Bateman, P.P.G. Org.; J. McCubbin, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Williams, P.P.G.S.W.; B. F. Fountain, P.P.G.S.; H. King, P.P.G.S.B.; G. F. De Fraine, P.P.A.D.C.; J. Lawson, P.P.S.D.; H. D. Gooch, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Adams, P.P.G.S.D.; W. S. Cantrell, P.P.G.D.; J. Rutland, P.P.G.O.; H. D. Hay, E. Carr, C. Terry, W. H. Bull, A. J. Coates, J. D. Coates, J. Line, J. Parrott, H. Cox, J. Wilson, J. Sutcliffe, W. Ferguson, F. D. Bull, S. W. Thorpe, J. Cheeseman, J. Goodwin, W. Carter, W. Smith, J. Martin, A. C. Hewitt, F. Coates, W. J. Brain, A. Cook, W. F. Large, E. Davey, D. Webb, C. V. Childs, L. Cooper, A. S. Bailey, J. E. Sydenham, W. H. Pike, E. C. Knight, J. Penn, Rev. N. T. Garry, A. McDowall, J. Martin, T. Thomas, H. H. Mason, W. W. Morgan, T. C. Hudson, R. W. Munday, E. Hewitt, J. Christmas, S. Johnson, J. A. Fraser, S. Knight, H. G. Layton, L. A. Simms, G. Charubin, L. Smeathman, W. Clarke, G. J. Cosburn, W. T. Toms, R. Puttlick, Walter Graham, W. Morris, L. M. Nixon, E. Margaret, E. J. Blackwell, R. Dowsett, E. J. Saunders, J. E. Reynolds, C. E. Belcher, R. Pocock, G. Stratton, M. Wheeler, J. Belcher, W. Jackson, J. P. Terry, J. Fowler, F. B. Parrott, W. A. Hill, J. Batting, J. R. Dickson, W. Mackey, S. H. Page, S. Hales, H. Edgington, H. Martin, E. Keevil, and others.

The Provincial Grand Master opened the lodge, which was held in the Corn Exchange, soon after three o'clock, when

The P.G. SEC. called the roll of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers. He then reported that on the 14th February last the St. Hilda Lodge, Wallingford, was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and, on the 25th April, the Wellesley Lodge, at Sandhurst, was consecrated by the same officer.

The provincial statement of accounts showed that the receipts for the past year were £176 10s. 1d. The disbursements, including a contribution of 30 guineas to the Charity Fund, left a balance in hand of £92 10s. 6d. The Charity Fund account exhibited receipts amounting to £159 12s. 6d., out of which, after various contributions to the different lodges in the province for charitable purposes, there was still a balance of £59 17s. 6d. available.

On the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, it was unanimously agreed to grant to the lodges, for the Masonic Institutions, the sums of £10 10s. and £5 ss. respectively, as recommended by the Charity Committee.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER referred to the death of Bro. Hervey, who had for many years filled the post of Grand Secretary to the Order with great efficiency, remarking that Masonry had by his death lost a most valuable and excellent officer. (Applause.) The members of the Craft were making an effort to raise a fund for a most deserving object, that of assisting those who failed in securing their election to the Benevolent Institution, but a special interest would be felt in it because they aimed to do honour to one who was fully entitled to some memorial of the services he had rendered to the Craft. (Applause.) He therefore felt the greatest pleasure in proposing that £5 5s. be granted to the "Hervey" Testimonial Fund by the Province of Berks and Bucks. (Applause.)

This was agreed to *nem. con.*

THE PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing the re-election of the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. Stephens), regretted that a prior engagement had deprived them of the pleasure of the company of one who had been so regular in his attendance at that lodge. (Applause.)

The motion was seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, and adopted.

Bro. Hemmings, the Prov. Grand Tyler, was re-elected by the customary show of hands.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, expressed the pleasure he felt at the progress of Masonry in the province. As they had learnt, new lodges had been consecrated during the past year in places where they were likely to flourish. (Applause.) Such progress pleased them all, and he could but express the hope that their prosperity would continue, and prove a credit to the brethren generally. (Applause.)

Bros. E. P. Plenty, J.D. 574; J. Tomkins, P.M. 945; and R. Nicholson, S.W. 1566, were then severally presented by the Prov. Grand Master with that coveted of all honours, the Charity jewel.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master as under:—

Bro. T. Taylor, 1410	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. Wilson, 209	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. N. T. Garry, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. G. Layton, 591a	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Stephens, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Davey, 1566	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Robert Bradley, 414	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" L. M. Nixon, 771 and 1501	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Ferguson, 1101	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. E. Belcher, 1770	...	...	Prov. G.D. Cir.
" W. Biggs	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Stephen Knight, 574	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Dick Radcliffe, 209	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Margretts, 1101	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. Carr, 1410	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" W. F. Large, 840	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" C. Nowell	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
Bros. E. Blackwell, 1101; R. Dowsett, 1101; J. W. Martin, 1101; J. E. Sydenham, 1101; C. A. Charubin, 591; and J. Wilson Thorpe, 1787	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. W. Hemmings	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, and sat down to a *recherché* banquet, presided over by the Prov. Grand Master.

"The Queen and the Craft" was the first toast proposed, and this having been drunk with enthusiasm,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of their Most Worshipful Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." He proposed the toast with a deal of pleasure, being sensible of the fact that the Freemasons never had a Grand Master who took a deeper interest in Masonry or devoted more time in promoting the prosperity of the Craft than the Prince of Wales. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past." With this toast he associated the name of Bro. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China.

Bro. RAWSON, in response, said that without good officers no army could succeed. They knew the Masonic Army had been successful; and he felt that some share of the honour might be justly attributed to those brethren who had held important offices in the different counties. (Applause.) The anxious care with which they discharged their duties was shown in the large attendance at the annual gatherings in this and other provinces throughout the British Dominions. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev J. S. BROWNRIFF, D.P.G.M., rose to propose what he felt to be the toast of the day. He was afraid he was a very indifferent spokesman to represent, not only the brethren of the province but also the brethren who had congregated in such numbers from lodges throughout the district of which Aylesbury was the centre. He remembered when the Aylesbury and St. Barnabas Lodges were almost the only two in that part of the province. They could not expect to see their Provincial Grand Master among them very often, and he therefore felt pleased that an assemblage of Masons worthy of Sir Daniel's presence had gathered together on this occasion. (Applause.) The Bucks brethren especially desired to give him a most hearty welcome to that part of his province, and thus show their appreciation of his many and high Masonic qualities. (Applause.) He asked the company to drink "The P.G. Master's Health." (Applause.)

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER in acknowledging the hearty reception given to the toast observed that many years had passed since he had first the honour of presiding in that lodge, and he hoped and believed from the kindness shown him that his efforts had not been altogether unsuccessful. (Applause.) If there had been the success that he thought there had, it had resulted from the kind support he had received from the officers of the province, particularly the Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, and others who carried out the more active part of the work. Time rolled on fast, and it could not be many years hence at the most when some one else would fill the position he now occupied. They were still progressing as regards numbers, but he hoped they would not be unmindful of one of the greatest objects of Masonry, viz., that it should make a man better than he was before. (Applause.) Let them aim not to increase their numbers so much as to initiate into the Order those who promised to reflect credit upon their Craft (applause), because they need then never be afraid to have their inward working looked into by outsiders. (Applause.) They knew that the principles of Freemasonry, faithfully practised, would lead them to a future that would be bright and lasting. Let them all endeavour to carry out the great and noble principles of the Order, remembering they were all here but for a short time, and that the future was that for which they had to care. (Applause.) He thanked them one and all for their kindness, and expressed his hope that they would be spared to meet again under similar circumstances. (Applause.)

Sir DANIEL GOOCH, P.G.M., in proposing "The Health of the V.W. the D.P.G.M., the Past D.P.G. Masters, and Past Grand Officers of the Province," spoke of Bro. Brownrigg as one of the most zealous Masons in the province (applause), and he felt the advantage, by being relieved of much anxiety and labour, in having such a valuable Deputy as Bro. Brownrigg to aid him. (Applause.)

Bro. BROWNRIFF said he was extremely sensible of the intensely kind feeling with which he had been viewed by every lodge he had visited in the province. When he was not able to be present they must take the will for the deed. (Applause.) He hoped the Past Grand Officers would return to their respective lodges with renewed strength and zeal, and not feel that they were past work. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. N. T. GARRY, Prov. G. Chap., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," remarking that he

regarded it as a great privilege to be allowed to do so. He had experienced much delight in having been invested with the purple in that dear old town of Aylesbury, where, twenty years ago, he had spent ten happy months as curate. He believed the great power of English life was their charitable institutions, and in that sense he considered the toast he had given to be the toast of the day. It was his privilege to spend Sunday in London, where collections were made at every church in aid of the Hospitals. He was present at St. Paul's in the evening, and he could assure the brethren it was a wonderful sight to see that enormous building crowded from end to end with more than four thousand people, and to feel that throughout that vast assemblage, and other congregations in all parts of the metropolis, one chord was being struck, the chord of Christian charity and sympathy, and that for once, at least, our people could rise above their sectarian differences and distinctive creeds in one grand effort to succour suffering humanity. (Applause.) With regard to the Charitable Institutions of the Order he felt that they were the soul of Masonry. They were accustomed to the criticisms of outsiders, but their reply to such should be that theirs was a truly charitable association, and there could be no doubt that was one great reason why Masonry was making such great progress. The English always had been a charitable race, and the more fully the true principles were understood, the more would Masonry flourish and abound. (Applause.) He gave the toast with all his heart, and considered the most noble decoration a Mason could wear was the Charity jewel, such as that with which Sir Daniel had invested several brethren that day. (Applause.) No Freemason should rest contented until he had earned the right of wearing the Charity jewel—the greatest of all Masonic honours. (Applause.) He associated with the toast the name of Bro. Biggs, and he had much pleasure in doing so. (Applause.)

Bro. BIGGS, Past P.G. Secretary, in reply, said he esteemed it a very high compliment indeed to have had his name connected with the last toast, and he could but wish that he had been endowed with eloquence to have done sufficient justice to the subject. He was convinced that of all the Charitable Institutions of which the world could boast none could excel those of the Masonic Order. (Applause.) He thought the progress made in this province as regarded the help given to their Charitable Institutions formed the golden leaf in the wreath that adorned Sir Daniel's Masonic brow. (Applause.) He had seen an analysis of the charitable contributions of the various provinces, and was glad to find that, in proportion to its numerical strength, the Berks and Bucks Province did more towards helping their Charitable Institutions than almost any other province in the country. (Applause.) He felt that that result was due in a large measure to the charity scheme, organised so successfully a few years ago by their much-esteemed Provincial Grand Master. (Applause.)

"The Wardens and other Officers appointed that day" was the next toast proposed by the P.G.M., and responded to by Bro. TAYLOR.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then gave "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591," thanking them for the excellent arrangement they had made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

The W.M. of the lodge (Bro. POULTON) having returned thanks,

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. Stephens) and the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. R. Bradley)," was proposed by the P.G.M., who spoke in the warmest terms on behalf of himself and the brethren generally of the efficient manner in which Bro. Bradley had discharged his duties. (Applause.)

Bro. R. BRADLEY, P.G.S., responding, gave some interesting particulars of the progress of Masonry in the province, showing that the newly-consecrated lodges would supply a real want in the several districts in which they had been established. As regards the support given to Charitable Institutions connected with the Craft, the Berks and Bucks Province could hold up its head among the provinces of the country. (Applause.) He congratulated the brethren on having succeeded in obtaining the election of all the candidates whose cases they had taken up. (Applause.) Before long he hoped they might so organise as to avoid the possible waste of any of the votes. (Applause.) He was pleased to find the great attention paid to the working in the different lodges, and hoped they might continue in this strict adherence to the ancient ritual. (Applause.)

The remaining toasts included that of "The Provincial Grand Stewards" and the Tyler.

The evening's proceedings were pleasingly diversified by the singing of some glees and songs by several of the brethren.

PRECEDENCE OF PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

Copy of correspondence between Bro. Newmarch, P.D. P.G.M. Gloucestershire, and the Grand Registrar of England, as to the precedence of Provincial Grand Officers within their own districts.

1.—Bro. Newmarch to the Grand Registrar.

Cirencester, 14th May, 1881.

Dear Sir and V.W. Brother,—

I feel sure that you will kindly permit me (otherwise I should not write to you) to bring before you a question which was discussed, though in a perfectly friendly and fraternal spirit, at Gloucester last Thursday, as to the precedence of Grand Officers and of Provincial Grand Officers within the particular province of the latter; to state which question and the arguments on it, clearly, I should perhaps mention facts which are otherwise doubtless familiar to you as the Grand Registrar.

The Masonic Fraternity, under its Constitutions, is governed by a central body styled "The Grand Lodge," consisting of a Grand Master, a Pro Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and other Officers whose rank is established and set forth in the Constitutions; and, the Fraternity in the country being divided into provinces, each province has, and is governed by, a "Provincial Grand Lodge," presided over by a Provincial Grand Master, who is empowered to appoint for his pro-

vince a Deputy and other Grand Officers (except the Treasurer, who is elected), these Provincial Grand Officers bearing similar names, with the prefix "Provincial," and performing within their particular districts similar duties to those which Grand Officers bear and perform in the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, or Pro Grand Master, and in their absence the Deputy Grand Master, have "authority to preside in any lodge;" and, if attended by Grand Wardens, such Grand Wardens act as Wardens of the lodge visited during the presence of the Grand Master, or Pro, or Deputy Grand Master. In like manner, a Provincial Grand Master, and, in his absence, his Deputy, "may preside in every lodge he visits within his district; on each occasion of a visit by a Provincial Grand Master, his Wardens, if present, may act as Wardens of that particular lodge during his presence."

Provincial Grand Masters are ex-officio members of the Grand Lodge, and have a stated rank in it. Deputy Prov. Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Officers, however, are not, by their appointments, members of the Grand Lodge, nor do they take any rank out of their district.

But, as to the rank and position of Deputy Provincial Grand Officers within their own particular province, the Constitutions run as follows:—As to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master: "He is invested with the rank of a Deputy Grand Master within the province, and presides, unless the Provincial Grand Master be present, in any lodge he may visit within his district." And as to Provincial Grand Officers: "Such officers are to be respectively invested in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and shall possess, within their district, the rank and privileges of Grand Officers."

At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, presided over by its own Provincial Grand Master, attended by his Prov. Grand Officers, certain Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge attended, and a question arose with reference to the rank and precedence of such Grand Officers, as between them and the Provincial Grand Officers of Gloucestershire, at the meeting in question.

On the part of the officers of the Grand Lodge it was contended that they, of whatever grade, took precedence of the Provincial Grand Officers of whatever grade; while for the Provincial Grand Officers of Gloucestershire it was maintained that they, being within their own district, possessed there the rank of Grand Officers (see Constitution above quoted), and that consequently, in the lodge in question, their Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens took precedence of Grand Officers of lower rank than Wardens, and that each of their subordinate Provincial Grand Officers took precedence over Grand Officers of lower respective ranks; and that, as between officers of the same nominal rank in the Grand Lodge and in the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, at the Provincial Grand Lodge in question, at Gloucester, the Provincial Grand Officers of Gloucestershire, being within their own district, ranked there as Grand Officers of the grade they respectively held, equally with officers of the Grand Lodge of the like grades respectively; precedence in these cases being governed by the seniority of their respective appointments.

It not troubling you too much, I should esteem a reply, stating your opinion upon the questions raised, a favour.

Believe me to remain, dear Sir and Brother, very truly and fraternally yours,

GEO. FRED. NEWMARCH,

Past D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire.

The V.W. Bro. Aeneas McIntyre, Q.C. M.P.,
Grand Registrar.

2.—The Grand Registrar to Bro. Newmarch.

1, Park Square West, Regent's Park, N.W.,
21st May, 1881.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been very much pressed with court work during the past week, and consequently have not been able before this to reply to your letter of the 16th instant.

Your argument in favour of the precedence of Provincial Grand Officers in their respective provinces is doubtless very specious, but I cannot bring myself to think that your views are correct.

I have always thought that the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England are Grand Officers of England in every province thereof, and in each province take precedence of the Provincial Grand Officers, in like manner as the M.W.G.M., by whom they are appointed, takes precedence in every province of the Provincial Grand Master by whom the Provincial Grand Officers are appointed. It appears to me that, if your argument were pressed to its logical conclusion, in his own province the Provincial Grand Master would take precedence of the M.W. Grand Master of England.

I am a Past Senior Grand Warden of a province, but in that province my provincial rank has always been subordinated to my position as a Grand Officer of England. The great authority in matters of precedence is Sir Albert Woods, who, as Garter King-at-Arms, is, I think, better versed in questions of this kind than any one I have met with.

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

AENEAS J. MCINTYRE.
C. F. Newmarch, Esq., Past D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire.

[3.—Bro. Newmarch to the Grand Registrar.

Cirencester,
24th May, 1881.

Dear Sir and V.W. Brother,—

I thank you for your letter, but, as you characterise my argument in favour of the precedence of Prov. Grand Officers in their respective provinces as "specious," I must ask you to permit me to press you as a lawyer to say whether the plain words of the Constitutions admit of any other true legal construction than that I give to them.

I quite agree with you in this, "that the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England are G. Officers of England in every province thereof," but (as it seems to me) clearly only of the rank they may respectively happen to hold; for example—a Grand Deacon is only a Grand Deacon, and if a Grand Deacon of England visits a province in which a Provincial Grand Officer, of higher rank than a Grand Deacon, say a Prov. Grand Warden of that province, is present, the latter being, by the Constitutions, a Grand Warden in his own province, ranks before the Grand Deacon, though he may be a Grand Deacon of England.

The case you put of the M.W. the Grand Master (forgive me for saying so) is not, I think, in point. He is supreme, the head of the Craft, the fountain of its honour, with ex-

press power, by the Constitutions, to take precedence of, and even to supersede, a Prov. Grand Master.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

GEO. FRED. NEWMARCH.

The V.W. the Grand Registrar.

4.—Bro. Newmarch to the Grand Registrar.

Cirencester,
7th June, 1881.

Dear Sir and V.W. Brother,—

A fortnight has elapsed since I wrote my second letter to you, and I have received no reply to it. If it was your intention to refer me to Sir Albert Woods, I would remind you that, fully admitting his authority on matters of precedence within his cognizance as Garter King-at-Arms, the question at issue between us is not one of them, but is a question to be decided, and to be decided only, by the established laws which govern our Fraternity and all matters connected with it, and by which every Mason and even Grand Lodge itself is bound.

No usage or rules of precedence applicable to other Orders, or prevailing in other cases, can abrogate or control our Constitutions, and they declare, in the words quoted in my first letter to you, that Provincial Grand Officers shall possess, within their own districts, the rank and privileges of Grand Officers.

To say, then, that a Prov. Grand Warden, possessing, by express law, within his own district, the rank and privileges of a Grand Officer, is to yield precedence there to any one of lower rank than a Grand Warden, is to say that the former shall not possess his rank as a Grand Officer, which our Constitutions say he shall. Surely, such an argument or assertion is untenable.

Yours truly and fraternally,

GEO. FRED. NEWMARCH.

The V.W. the Grand Registrar.

5.—The Grand Registrar to Bro. Newmarch.

1, Park-square West, Regent's Park, N.W.
8th June, 1881.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,—

I have received your letter this morning. I referred to Sir Albert Woods, not only as Garter King-at-Arms, and, therefore, intimately acquainted with questions of precedence, but also as Grand Director of Ceremonies, of more than twenty years' standing, the colleague, and afterwards the successor, of Bro. R. W. Jennings, whose knowledge of Masonic precedence was unrivalled.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods is, in my opinion, more likely to have correct views of precedence than any man I know. His father, Sir William Woods, was for many years Grand Director of Ceremonies in our Grand Lodge, as well as holding the office of Garter King-at-Arms. Thus, from his earliest youth, Sir Albert has been accustomed to settle points as to precedence. My view is, that officers appointed by the Grand Master take precedence of all officers appointed by Provincial Grand Masters. I think that in their respective provinces Provincial Grand Officers bear the same position, with respect to the provincial brethren, that the Grand Officers of England bear to all members of lodges in England who are not Grand Officers of England.

I remain, yours faithfully,

ÆNEAS J. MCINTYRE.

G. F. Newmarch, Esq.

6.—Bro. Newmarch to the Grand Registrar.

Cirencester,
9th June, 1881.

Dear Sir and V.W. Brother,

I am obliged to you for your letter, which puts the argument from your point of view very clearly; but I fail to see how that view is justified by our Constitutions. I find in them nothing, expressed or implied, to restrict the rank and privileges, which they distinctly confer upon Provincial Grand Officers, in the way in which you would restrict them; and you cannot, as it seems to me, import into a written and established law a restrictive clause, which, if admitted, would go so far to abrogate the plain meaning of that law. The Constitutions, as they stand, declare that Provincial Grand Officers "shall possess, within their districts, the rank and privileges of Grand Officers;" but, assuredly, they would not possess such rank and privileges if cut down to a mere precedence with respect to Provincial brethren.

Yours truly and fraternally,

GEO. FRED. NEWMARCH.

The V.W. The Grand Registrar.

I think it right to add that, as the subject is engaging some attention in the Craft, especially within my own province, I purpose printing our correspondence.

Amusements.

MISS EDITH GOLDSBRO gave a delightful concert on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at Willis's Rooms, which was largely attended by a fashionable audience. This rising young artist displayed great talent in the pianoforte solos of Chopin, which she faithfully rendered, as also in the duets she performed with Herr Strauss and Mr. John Thomas, harpist to Her Majesty. The lady vocalists, Misses Friedlauder, Parkyn, and Coem, also deserve credit. Mr. Radcliffe's admirable solo on the flute and Miss Dora Young's recitation all tended to make the concert what it must be universally considered, a great success.

BRO. KUHÉ'S annual concert, which has long been one of the specialties of the London season, took place at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday afternoon. Madame Albani sang, with brilliant effect, "Casta Diva," and with charming grace "With verdure clad." Madame Sembrich's exceptional range of voice and executive power were displayed in the scena, "Che pur aspro" (from "Il Seraglio") and Proch's Variations. Madame Trebelli gave Gluck's aria (with recitative), "Che faré," with admirable expression, and the "Habanera" (from "Carmen") in appreciative style; the duet "Canta la Serenata" (from Boito's "Mefistofele"), charmingly sung by Mesdames Albani and Trebelli, having also been one of the specialties of the day. Other vocal pieces were effectively rendered by Mdles. Valleria and Warrants, Misses Robertson and F. Robertson, Signori Mierzwinsky, De Reszke, and Foli, and MM. Lazzalle and Gailhard. An orchestra, military band, and chorus also contributed to the attractions of the programme, which included instrumental solos skillfully executed by Mr. Kuhé and M. Musin. Signor Beviniani, Mr. Kuhé, and M. Dupont were the conductors.

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CITADEL LODGE (No. 1897).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 18th inst., and there were present Bros. E. Somers, W.M.; H. W. Mayes, S.W.; T. J. Bird, J.W.; W. Hurrin, Treas.; W. H. Lee, Sec.; John Osborn, S.D.; H. W. Gregory, J.D.; G. H. Gilham, Wm. Stephens, P.M.; O. J. Von Holtorp, H. W. Carter, H. J. Osborn, E. Woodman, J. Trotman, J. Crippa, and Wm. Wright. Visitors: Bros. J. Ball, 1567; N. W. Fenner, W.M. 1227; John Noble, W.M. 975; H. Von Holtorp, La Constance, Courronée, France; J. W. Davis, 467, New York; C. H. Lediard, 269, New York; and W. Lake, P.M. 131 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Edwin Woodman, Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, was elected a joining member, and invested as Inner Guard. Bros. Osborn, Von Holtorp, Carter, and Cole were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Crippa, Wright, and Trotman were balloted for, and initiated by Bro. Osborn (W.M. 1062), S.D., the W.M. having vacated the chair in his favour, one of the candidates being a near relative. The lodge was then closed.

It is an evidence of the spirit and zeal manifested by the members of the Citadel Lodge that in its short existence of about three months it has exhibited three phases of Masonic life, viz., the consecrating ceremony, a lodge of emergency, and last, but not least, a regular meeting with work in each of the three Degrees, followed by a banquet, at which the ladies were invited to be present. During the interval between the lodge and the evening's entertainment, the pretty grounds of the hotel were made available for lawn tennis, croquet, &c., and if, as felt by many, that a complete line of separation should be drawn between lodge work and the enjoyment of the ladies' company at the banquet, nothing could have conducted more to that end than the outdoor recreation indulged in between the closing of the lodge and the dinner hour by those present, many of whom, to make up for a little haziness as to the strict game, entered into the sport with a thoroughness which would probably have astonished the more fastidious devotee of "outdoor billiards." At length dinner being announced, the brethren joined the ladies, and the party sat down to an excellent repast, which had nothing of a Masonic or formal character, the only toasts being those of "The Queen" and "The Ladies," the latter being responded to by an American brother in a very humorous and telling speech. The necessity for leaving by train caused the party to break up at an early hour, but the proceedings, if short, were sweet, and all departed with the hope that another year would see a repetition of the pleasant gathering. The ladies present were Mrs. S. J. Ball, Mrs. T. J. Bird, Miss E. Bird, Miss F. Bird, Mrs. J. Crippa, Mrs. H. W. Gregory, Mrs. O. J. Von Holtorp, Mrs. W. Hurrin, Mrs. W. H. Lee, Mrs. H. W. Mayes, Mrs. E. Somers and Miss Somers, Mrs. W. Stephens, Mrs. J. Trotman, and Mrs. E. Woodman.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—This flourishing lodge celebrated the feast of St. John the Baptist on Tuesday afternoon, the 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street. Bro. G. W. Thompson, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Stoddart, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Waite, J.W.; A. Walter, P.M.; T. Mandie, P.M.; J. Gardiner, P.M.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; J. R. Banks, P.M.; F. Harrison, Sec.; and a number of others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; G. T. Archibald, P.M. 962; T. Dixon, P.M. 962 and 1400; T. C. Robinson, W.M. 1002; H. Peacock, S.W. 1002; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. W. Stoddart was presented for installation, and was regularly placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Kenworthy, assisted by Bro. Gibson. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. Weatherston, S.W.; F. Harrison, J.W.; Joseph Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer (for the 36th time); J. C. Nicholson, Sec.; W. Skelton, S.D.; J. Newton, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Cuthbertson, I.G.; J. Messenger, Tyler. A circular was read from the P.G. Secretary, appealing for subscriptions to the list of Bro. G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, who represents the province at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, in which institution there are at present five boys from Cumberland and Westmorland. After considerable discussion, the sum of ten guineas was voted to Bro. McKay's list from the lodge funds, and subsequently an individual subscription was entered into, the result being that over another ten guineas was added.

The lodge was then closed, and subsequently the brethren partook of an elegant repast, prepared by Bro. Dixon, Trevelyan Temperance Hotel. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

LOUTH.—Lindsey Lodge (No. 712).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Tuesday last, the 21st inst., to pay their last sad tribute of respect to the memory of their esteemed Bro. Past Master William Bartholomew Oliver, of this town, who died on the 17th inst., after a long and painful illness. Among those present were W. Bros. W. H. Smyth, R.W.P.G.M.; J. G. Tupholme, W.M. 712; Jas. Fowler, P.G.S.W., the senior P.M. of the lodge; S. Cartwright, S.W.; C. A. Kirby, J.W.; F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec.; G. H. Porter, P.P.G. Org.; Bros. Rev. Gilbert H. F. Vane, Chap.; T. Richardson, Treas.; F. Adlard, S.D.; W. G. Smyth, J.D.; J. F. Shepherd, I.G.; T. H. Spry, Wm. Somerton, J. Curtis, W. Shorrocks, C. Parker, J. W. Dennis, Pritchett, Mark Smith, W. D. Ditchett, and R. P. Hodgson, Tyler. The lodge having been opened the brethren proceeded to the parish church of St. James, to await the arrival of the body, drawn up in two lines within the west porch. The funeral service was taken by the Rev. Canon Wilde, assisted by Bro. the Rev. G. H. F. Vane, curate. A numerous gathering of the tradesmen and people of the town assembled at the cemetery to witness the ceremony. Wreaths of flowers were the only pall which covered the

coffin, one especially handsome being sent by Mrs. G. H. Porter, on behalf of the choir of St. James's Church, of which body the deceased brother was a member, and a very beautiful floral cross, worked by the wife of the W.M. of the Lindsey Lodge. The last sprig of acacia having been deposited in the tomb, the brethren returned to the lodge room, when a vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of Bro. Oliver, the same to be recorded on the minutes. A short address was then given by the Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. Rev. G. H. F. Vane, in a very impressive manner, on the importance of the recognition of the Supreme Being by all Freemasons, and the connection of Freemasonry with religion. The lodge was then finally closed.

Bro. W. B. Oliver was initiated in the Lindsey Lodge in 1869, and installed W.M. in 1877. His genial presence there will long be missed by the brethren, by whom he was universally respected.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., at the North-Western Hotel. There were present W. Bro. T. Wood, Prov. G. Reg., W.M.; Bros. J. Senior, S.W.; J. Baker, J.W.; W. Bro. Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., Chap.; Bros. F. Woolley, Sec.; J. Mottram, S.D.; E. J. Mousley, J.D.; Inglis Bervon, Org.; Capt. Hunt, R.A., I.G.; T. Rigby and J. Woodbridge, Stewards; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; G. Spilsbury, P.P.G.J.W., P.M.; J. Bodenham, Prov. G. Treas., P.M.; T. E. Fowke, Prov. G.D.C., P.M.; W. D. Balkin, J. L. White, W. H. Frith, J. T. Evans, P. Bottrill, S. S. Plant, T. B. Mottram, G. Griffiths, N. Joyce, J. Taylor, W. P. Duncalfe, W. G. Bagnall, H. Newton, J. B. McCallum, H. Thorn, A. Jones, and J. Nutt. Visitors: W. Bros. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M.; T. F. Cooper, I.P.M. 1350; A. G. Collins, S.W. 1375; and J. W. C. Warrington, 1284.

The lodge having been properly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the R.W. Bro. Foster Gough, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was announced, and the brethren received him in due form. The ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Addison Ash, and he was unanimously elected. Bros. Evans (Mayor of Stafford) and Firth were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., in his usual able and impressive manner. The W.M., on rising to propose a vote of thanks to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, said they were very much indebted to him for his visit that evening, but he was sorry to say that he was obliged to leave. He (the W.M.) was sure they would all feel proud of the honour of his visit; and before he left he (the W.M.) begged to propose a vote of thanks to him for honouring them with his presence that evening. W. Bro. Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in reply, said that attending the lodge that night was not only a matter of duty, but it was also one of pleasure, and, although the brethren well knew that he was not addicted to paying compliments, he could not help complimenting the W.M. and his officers for the way in which they had performed their work during the time he had been in the lodge, and he noted particularly the punctuality in opening the lodge, and the order and regularity with which the whole ceremonies were conducted, especially noting that the steps were properly given. He thought the W.M. was the right man in the right place; and he congratulated him upon the discretion he had shown in the choice of his officers. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then retired, the brethren standing to order on his departure. Mr. Richard Booker, having been duly elected on the preceding night, was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. W. Bro. Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., was called upon by the W.M. to present, on behalf of the lodge, a Secretary's jewel to Bro. J. Lloyd White; and, in addressing Bro. White, said he was about to perform an act which was a pleasure to him, and which was highly honourable to the recipient, viz., to present him (Bro. White) with a Secretary's jewel, in recognition of the services rendered by him to the lodge. He (Bro. Perry) said that on occasions like the present one had sometimes to be careful in the language he used, because all the hearers would be judges of his words, but he felt certain that the brethren present would agree with him when he said that it was impossible for any one to have watched his (Bro. White's) attitude and diligence in Masonic duties for the last twelve months without great regard and admiration. He (Bro. Perry) regarded him as peculiarly adapted to further the ends of Masonry, and hoped he would be long spared to wear the jewel he was about to present to him; and that it might be handed down as unsullied as he then received it. He (Bro. Perry) then said he had very great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel, and could only say further that if he practised the same self denial in his different pursuits in life as he did in Masonry, he would have perfect happiness hereafter. Bro. White said that considering the Staffordshire Knot Lodge had existed for about a quarter of a century, and that such a presentation had never before been made to any of its members, it gave him great trouble to thank them in the way he should like. He was not gifted with a rapid flow of speech, nor was he an orator; so, in brief, he would thank the W.M., Bro. Perry, and the other brethren very warmly for their handsome gift. Bro. White said his sojourn in Stafford was one of the happiest periods of his life, and that the fulfilment of his duties as Secretary to this lodge was one of the brightest episodes of that happy time. He should wear the jewel with great pride, as it would at all times remind him of the kindness of the brethren of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, and would be a further incentive to promote the interests of Freemasonry in general and of their lodge in particular. The W.M., in rising to ask the brethren to accept, as a present from himself, the three lodge rolls and a sketch of the History of Freemasonry in Stafford, said that although the presentation was made in his own name, yet the greater portion of the credit belonged to a brother well known amongst them, although not now a member of the lodge, viz., Bro. T. W. Chalmers, who had executed the work, as they could all see, in a most excellent manner. The W.M. said he had received a letter from Bro. Chalmers, in which he said that the work had been a labour of love to him, and that he hoped they would accept it as a token of his undiminished regard for his mother lodge. W. Bro. Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the W.M. for his very handsome gift, which was seconded by Bro. Joyce, who said that it was not only a handsome

gift, but would be a very valuable record in years to come. Mr. F. Williams, of Stafford, was proposed as a candidate for Freemasonry, and "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren. The lodge was then closed in ancient form and perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

CHESHUNT.—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, on the 11th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Perry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, the various chairs being occupied by the respective officers, and a large number of brethren and visitors attending. The lodge being opened, Bro. P. Sharpe was duly passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being worked by Bro. G. S. Bigley in a very able manner. The chair was then taken by Bro. W. E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P. G.P. Herefordshire, to whom, as Installing Master, the W.M. elect, Bro. Clement Balie Cheese, was presented by the Treasurer, Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, P.P.G.S.B., for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole ceremony being worked in a manner seldom equalled. The newly-installed Master then proceeded to appoint the following officers: W. E. Gompertz, jun., S.W.; W. R. Dixon, J.W.; E. Benard, S.D.; T. S. Holland, J.D.; F.D.R. Copestick, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Sec.; Rev. Charles Erskine Mayo, M.A., Chap.; A. Clegg, I.G.; Henry Hughes, Org.; G. S. Bigley, D.C.; H. A. Johnson and J. Humphreys, Stwds.; and Marsh, Tyler. Ballot was taken for Bros. J. G. Harker and Thomas Purvis, as joining members, which proved unanimous in their favour. The next ceremony was the presentation of a Past Grand Chaplain's jewel to Bro. Mayo, as a slight acknowledgment of the many and valued services he had rendered to the lodge, more especially in placing at their disposal, for lodge purposes, the grand old baronial hall of Cheshunt Great House. Bro. Mayo, in responding, assured the brethren that few events in his life had given him more satisfaction than to receive the handsome mark of esteem which had been presented to him that day. It would remain, he said, as an heirloom, to be passed in his family from generation to generation.

The lodge being closed, the brethren retired to the banquetting hall to partake of the good things provided by the curator, Bro. B. Mitchell, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with songs, many and varied.

Among the brethren present were Bros. James Noyes, S.D. 1327; W. Bradstock, J.D. 1327; George Mickley, P.P.G.D. Herts, P.M. 449; Henry Cooper, Sec. 1293; Thomas Vincent, W.M. 1861; W. E. Nesfield, 10; T. Reilly, P.M. 1327; J. Robinson, 1327; J. T. Austin, 1457; H. W. Gompertz, P.M. 1364; C. W. Kent, P.M. 1364; C. W. Kent, P.M. 879; James Perkins, P.M. 705; James Cox, P.M. 705; H. F. Hoole, 705; J. F. Jackson, 654; J. Black, S.W. 706; J. Rudd, 1537; H. M. Walker, 1475; Forsyth, P.P.D.C. Herts; A. C. Wylie, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Copestick, P.P.J.G.W. Herts; Etherington, P.M. 869; Allan Brown; George, 869; Jackson, 869; Knighton, 869; Duncan, 869; Negron, 869; Sharp, Purvis, and Harker.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—This Cumberland lodge celebrated its eighteenth anniversary on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bro. J. J. Coverdale, W.M., assisted by his officers, and in the presence of a large number of the members and visitors from other lodges; in fact, the room was so crowded that, at the close of the protracted proceedings, when the open air was reached, a Turkish bath sensation was pretty unanimous. Afterwards the chair was taken by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec., the senior P.M. of the lodge, who, for the seventeenth time, performed the ceremony of installation, the new W.M. being Bro. D. Reece.

The following brethren were present in the Board of Installed Masters: Bros. G. Brooker, P.M. and Treas. 962; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 962; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962 and 1021; J. Wood, P.M. 962; T. Dixon, P.M. 962 and 1400; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 962; H. Irving, P.M. 962; W. Carlyle, P.M. 962 and 1400; J. J. Coverdale, I.P.M. 962; J. Hartley, P.M. 1402; J. Johnston, W.M. 1400; C. Dalton, W.M. 872; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org. 1002; and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002.

The rest of the brethren having been re-admitted, the W.M. thereafter invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Thompson, S.W.; W. Whitehead, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Chap.; George Brooker, P.M., Treas.; H. Bradbury, Sec.; J. J. Little, S.D.; E. J. Burrows, J.D.; J. D. Fidler, D.C.; J. Lewthwaite, I.G.; W. Makemson and J. Harding, Stewards; and J. Troughear, Tyler. The P.G. Secretary made a powerful appeal to the members of the lodge on behalf of the Prov. Stewards' list for the Boys' School festival; but, in consequence of the forthcoming annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge being fixed to be held under the banner of the Sun and Sector Lodge, it was agreed not to subscribe anything from the lodge funds, but to initiate a subscription at dinner.

After two candidates for initiation had been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where a capital repast was prepared by Bro. J. Smith, of the Lowther Arms Hotel. A very harmonious evening was spent in toast and sentiment, under the presidency of Bro. D. Reece, W.M., and, in the course of the proceedings, Bro. Coverdale, the Immediate Past Master, was presented with a handsome gold jewel. A subscription was also entered into at the table on behalf of the Boys' School Stewards' Fund, which resulted in a total of nearly £7. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. Skiddaw Lodge, P.P.G. Org., Cockermouth, who also presided at the pianoforte after dinner. Several songs were sung by Bros. J. Thompson, S.W.; J. J. Little, S.D.; W. B. Gibson, P.M.; J. Wagg, and W. F. Lamonby.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation of Bro. B. Sargent as W.M. of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 16th inst. The ceremony was able and impressively performed by Bro. Trollope, P.M., P.P. S.W., &c. The W.M. invested the following brethren as

officers for the year: Bros. C. W. Duke, P.M., S.W.; A. D. Womersley, J.W.; Wells, Treas.; Chandler, Sec.; Thorpe, P.M., D.C.; Tree, S.D.; Hewett, J.D.; Richardson, I.G.

There was a number of distinguished brethren present, and after the ceremony they adjourned to the George Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held last week at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chair was taken by Bro. Walter C. Erwin, W.M., supported by Bros. Robert Leason, I.P.M.; John McCarthy, P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; John Houlding, P.M., P.G.R.; James Pilling, J.W. (W.M. elect); R. G. Kynaston, Secretary; R. H. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; W. H. Jewitt, S.D.; M. Callaghan, J.D.; and J. J. Smith, I.G. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Jackson and Houlding, and efficiently installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Erwin. After the customary honours, the following were invested officers for the year: Bros. Walter C. Erwin, I.P.M.; Dr. B. Price, S.W.; R. J. L. Kynaston, J.W.; R. H. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer (re-elected); W. H. Jewitt, Secretary; M. Callaghan, S.D.; J. J. Smith, J.D.; T. Pierrepont, I.G.; R. L. Stockton, J. Tomlin, W. F. Oversby, and F. A. Rainbow, Stewards; John Bartley, Organist; M. Williamson, Tyler; and John Houlding, P.M., P.G.R., M.C.

At the banquet which followed the retiring W.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel and a beautiful gold chain and locket for Mrs. Erwin.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. J. Knight, W.M.; J. Fisher, S.W.; W. Bradstock, J.W.; West, P.M., P.P. G.S.D., Treas.; J. K. Young, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; T. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; J. Tydeman, P.M., P.P.G.A.P. Essex; J. Gastall, P.M.; J. Noyes, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; W. A. Sprout, Org.; W. Lewis and G. Holdsworth, W. Stwds.; Barwick, Hilby, Cockledge, Goodale, Lumsden, Newman, Robin, and Woolley. Visitors: Bro. Young, Henley Lodge, and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Barwick, jun., Osman, Welsh, Bennett, and Howard, which was unanimous, and Mr. Berwick not being in attendance, the other four gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry.

This concluded the business, and the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren retiring to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. W. A. Bennett, who was one of the initiates.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at York on Monday evening, the 13th inst. Bro. J. T. Seller, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present Bros. C. G. Padel, I.P.M.; R. W. Holden, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; C. Balmford, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M. 236; G. Simpson, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; T. Humphries, Assistant Secretary; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; J. Blenkins, J.D.; J. R. Jackson, Asst. M.C.; W. Girling, I.G.; and a full muster of members, together with several visiting brethren. A ballot was taken for V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., as an honorary member, which proved unanimous. Bro. T. B. Whythead then gave an address on "Masonic Poets and Poetry," illustrated by copious quotations from the works of brethren from 1720 to the present time, and concluded by presenting some books to the lodge library. Bro. W. W. Whythead, M.A. (Cambridge), and Bac. Sc. (Paris), then read a paper on the "Science of Practical Geometry and the Medieval Freemasons," and votes of thanks were passed to both brethren. A ballot was taken for a Life Membership in the Girls' School, the successful drawer being the I.P.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, who announced his intention of acting as Steward for the lodge at one of the festivals next year. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whythead a Committee was appointed to confer with a Committee appointed by the York Lodge, No. 236, as to the feasibility of holding a Masonic gathering on the occasion of the visit of the British Association to York in the autumn. Power was given to the standing Committee of the lodge to arrange for a lodge picnic at an early date. Letters of explanation for absence were read from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., Prov. J. G. Warden, and other brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards entertained their visitors at supper, after which some of the principal toasts were drunk, and a very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by Masonic conversation.

NORTH WALSHAM.—Suffield Lodge (No. 1808).—A successful meeting of this Norfolk lodge took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Angel Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. T. Plumbly, W.M.; F. Bailie Quinton, I.P.M., P.M. 213, 1500, P.P.A.D. of C., P.G.R.; A. R. J. Woolbright, S.W.; George W. Rogers, J.W.; D. G. F. Gaul, S.D.; Horace Randall, J.D.; A. Bullard, P.M. 1500, D. of C.; N. B. Webster, I.G.; C. Barnes, Secretary; and E. Hollidge, Tyler. Among the brethren present there were Bros. J. C. Firman, P.M. 71; J. Lovelace, E. Pugh, R. Palmer, the Rev. Sharley, George McLean, W. H. Hornor, W. J. Juniper, and others. The visitors included Bros. J. Harper, W.M.; T. Isley, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; Sidney Smith, C. W. Bacon, J. J. Hosken, Mann, M. J. Bailey, 1500; and E. Wilkins, 807, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for and declared in favour of Mr. Hardingham, who was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then put the necessary questions to Bros. George McLean, W. H. Hornor, and W. S. Juniper, entrusted them with the usual test of merit, and admirably performed the ceremony of raising those brethren, which concluded the working business of the evening. Before the lodge was closed it was unani-

mously resolved, upon the proposition of Bro. F. B. Quinton, that brethren being members of this lodge residing thirty miles from the place of meeting, should be liable to the annual subscription of 10s. 6d. only. As there are several brethren members of this lodge residing beyond this distance, and anxious to retain their names upon the books, they will undoubtedly appreciate the benefit of such a resolution.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, provided by Host J. C. Firman, and upon the removal of the cloth the remainder of the evening was spent in the customary manner, the usual Masonic, loyal, and complimentary toasts being given and duly responded to. Some excellent singing was rendered during the evening.

INSTRUCTION.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The first anniversary of the foundation of this lodge was celebrated by a banquet, which took place at the Cock Tavern, Kennington, on Thursday, the 16th inst. The attendance, considering the Ascot meeting, was highly satisfactory. The chair was occupied by Bro. Plowman, 975, being ably supported by Bros. Cockburn and Webb, as S.W. and J.W., 1331. The toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, &c.," and all the subsequent toasts were proposed in a very able and eloquent manner by Bro. Plowman, and were duly honoured by the brethren. Bros. Ayling, Cockburn, and Cooper responded to the toast of "The Founders," and Bro. Boswell to that of "The Secretary." To the toast of the evening, "Success to the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction," Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, the Preceptor of the lodge, responded in an admirable speech, and observed that "in reviewing the labours of the lodge during this, its first year of existence, he was pleased to find that the removal to its present locality had been attended with the success that had been anticipated, both in the better attendance of the members, and in a considerable accession of new members." He then alluded to the greater facilities now possessed by the brethren to learn Freemasonry, which recalled to his mind, in contrast, the experience of his earlier days, when to acquire his knowledge he had to encroach very many times on the small hours of the morning, depending upon the kindness of a brother who so generously sacrificed his time to impart to him that which he was so anxious to acquire. He was particularly gratified with the generous manner in which they contributed to the funds of the various Masonic Charities, setting an example which very many lodges would do well to follow. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Matz, were of a high order, and included Bros. Schartou and Thompson. Bro. Schartou ably presided at the pianoforte. Bros. Schartou, Thompson, Matz, and Ayling's vocal contributions contributed largely to the enjoyment of the brethren. The catering of Host Bro. Palmer elicited entire approval, leaving nothing to be desired.

Scotland.

NEW CATHCART.—Sir George Cathcart Lodge (No. 617).—On the 13th inst. a deputation of this lodge waited upon the moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Smith, at the manse, to present him with the following fraternal address:

"To Bro. the Right Reverend Dr. James Smith, Cathcart. Right reverend sir and brother,—We, a committee appointed for the purpose, at the ordinary monthly meeting of the members of Lodge Sir George Cathcart of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 617, held on 1st June, 1881, beg very respectfully to tender you our fraternal congratulations, as well as those of your Masonic brethren in this locality, on occasion of the attainment by you of your jubilee as a member of the Craft. We have peculiar pleasure in doing so, as we have been made aware of the interesting fact that your initiation into our mysteries took place immediately before the laying of the foundation stone of the church where your ministrations have, for more than seven years of Sabbaths, been enjoyed by the congregation over which you still preside. It was with much satisfaction we heard of your nomination to be Moderator of the then coming General Assembly. Our feelings of pardonable pride, however, are more than gratified when we hear it admitted on all hands that the duties of that high office were fulfilled by you with such consummate tact, dignity, and efficiency, as to reflect to some extent even on those who have but remote acquaintance with you. We cannot conclude our congratulations without testifying to you our sincere desire that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to prolong your honoured life and continue good health to the time when He shall summon you from this earthly ante-room to take your place as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed in the greater than Solomon's Temple, the numbers in which you have been so long labouring to augment. We are in name, and by appointment of the lodge, yours, with much respect, Wm. Macrone, A. Crosby, Daniel Martin.—Cathcart, 13th June, 1881."

The right reverend gentleman, who has been minister of Cathcart parish for the long period of fifty-three years, was greatly pleased with this mark of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren, and replied in very appreciative and affecting terms, wishing it to be recorded that he considered it to be a high honour to be connected with the growing and spirited Lodge Sir George Cathcart.

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, Maidsstone. Sold at the Crystal Palace, and by Bertram and Roberts everywhere, also at the clubs, the hotels, and all noted places of refreshment.

A full report of the National Thrift Conference, held at the Mansion House last month, has just been published by the National Thrift Society, Finsbury-circus.

Australasia.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY.—Australia Lodge (No. 390).—Regular monthly meeting was held on 7th March; Bro. Richard Doyle, W.M., in the chair. The attendance, as usual, was large. Five gentlemen were accepted and initiated. One of them is a Lewis, for whom a dispensation had to be obtained, as he is only nineteen years of age, his father being a P.M. and a distinguished M.P. and C.M.G. The sum of ten pounds was granted to the widow of a deceased brother. After the labour of the evening the brethren obeyed the command of the J.W., and a pleasant hour was spent.

SYDNEY.—Zetland Lodge (No. 655).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th of March, Bro. A. Hartcock, W.M., presiding. An absent officer sent an apology, which was accepted. Considering the boisterous state of the weather the attendance was large, over fifty members and visitors having signed the attendance book. Three gentlemen for initiation were in attendance, and having been accepted were duly proposed and initiated in a very pleasing and correct manner by the W.M., Bro. Hancock, Bro. W. Smyth, I.P.M., delivering the exhortation and charge in his usual impressive style. The Secretary read the correspondence and replies, and also brought up the report of the Soiree Committee appointed at the last meeting, which was unanimously received. The brethren for the different branches were then appointed. Two fresh candidates for initiation were proposed and also a rejoining member. The Secretary having received fees and dues to upwards of £42, the lodge was closed; the W.M. inviting the brethren to the social board, where a couple of hours were fraternally spent. The usual loyal toasts were given. In reply to "Our Visiting Brethren" some really fraternal feelings were expressed.

ST. LEONARD'S.—Samaritan Lodge (No. 1654).—The regular monthly meeting was held on the 2nd March, Bro. William Henry Tulloh, W.M., in the chair. There was a goodly muster of members and visiting brethren. Bro. John Deane, formerly of Balmain Lodge, No. 868, was affiliated, and at the same time appointed Organist to the lodge, and formally invested with the insignia of office. One candidate for the ballot successfully passed. Bro. William Henry Thompson was raised. The charge and third lecture were given to the newly R.W.M. in appropriate and painstaking terms. A very important but painful duty had to be undertaken. Three brothers, after most patient consideration, were solemnly excluded from the lodge for non-payment of dues after many repeated warnings, extending considerably over twelve months. It was resolved that these brethren should be reported to the D.G.L. Three candidates for initiation were proposed. A very gratifying evidence of the stability and growth of the Order is to be found in the increasing desire displayed by brethren throughout the colony to obtain their own lodge rooms. To this praiseworthy object the attention of the brethren of 1854 had for a long time been directed, and signs are not wanting that before long something will be done. The numerical strength of the lodge has, since the commencement of this year, been much augmented.

WOOLLAHRA.—Empress of India Lodge (No. 1761).—The regular monthly meeting was held on the 17th March, when Bro. Tillidge, W.M., took the chair and worked the lodge in his usual happy manner. Two gentlemen were initiated, and two brethren accepted as joining members. A large number of visitors were present, including many Past Masters. The muster-roll of the lodge is increasing; the high standard is being maintained, and a fraternal spirit binds the members together. The musical ceremony, as rendered by Bro. Bryant, was very effective.

LITHGOW.—Lithgow Kilwinning Lodge (No. 638, S.C.).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th February, the principal business being the election of office-bearers. Bro. J. Nimmo, R.W.M., called upon Bro. J. Lawson, P.M. 305, S.C., to present R. J. Inch, R.W.M. elect. This being done, W. Bro. Nimmo then proceeded with the ceremony of installation. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. J. Nimmo, P.M. 599, S.C., and D.P.M. 688, S.C.; Thomas Cooke, P.M. 613, S.C.; John Brown, W.M. 621, E.C.; James Lawson, P.M. 305, S.C. Bro. P.M. Nimmo then conferred on Bro. R. J. Inch the secrets and placed him in the oriental chair of K.S. The Board of I.M. was then closed, and the usual salutations were given. The R.W.M. installed and invested his office-bearers for the ensuing twelve months: Bros. John Patterson, S.W.; William T. Chandler, J.W.; David Maddell, S.D.; W. Perry, J.D.; John Faucett, Treasurer; Thomas Watts, Secretary; A. Schroder, I.G.; Richard Blackford, Tyler. W. Bro. Nimmo then resumed his duties of I.M., and delivered in a masterly manner several lectures and charges. The ceremony of installation was then brought to a close and the R.W.M., Bro. Inch, having thanked the presiding brother and those who assisted him, then intimated that it was his pleasing duty, on behalf of the brethren, to present the P.W.M., Bro. Nimmo, with a P.M.'s jewel as a slight mark of their respect for him and as an earnest of thanks given to him for his valuable services rendered on their behalf. The intrinsic value was but a trifling indication of the regard felt for him, and he trusted that the recipient would not relax his kindly offices to those who were to follow him. Bro. P.M. Nimmo in a manly and brief speech said he valued the handsome gift just presented him as a token that he had earned the confidence of his brethren in the lodge. He had worked his best to bring the lodge through its various troubles, and although he would make no rash promises, his efforts in the past would prove a guarantee that he would not relax his energies in the future to secure its welfare and that of its members. Four joining members were then proposed. The general business of the lodge having come to a close, at the invitation of the J.W. the brethren adjourned to the S., where a banquet prepared by Host Watts awaited them, to which above thirty of the Craft sat down.

TASMANIA.
INSTALLATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND
MASTER OF TASMANIA.

Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, the newly-appointed District Grand Master, under the Grand Lodge of England, was formally installed in office with the impressive ceremony proper to the occasion at the Masonic Hall, Hobart Town, Tasmania, on Thursday, May 5th. The brethren present numbered over a hundred, between twenty and thirty of whom had travelled specially all the way from Launceston and the North. Amongst the Masters of lodges present were W. Bros. J. Hamilton, 536, Hobart; E. A. Marsden, 345, I.C., Hobart; J. Clark, 801, Hobart; Smith, Launceston; H. Conway, Campbell Town; and Curzon, Allport, Mark Lodge. The dais was crowded with Past Masters, and the portion of the lodge reserved for Master Masons was well filled. The District Grand Lodge having been formally opened, and it having been reported to the Deputy District Grand Master that the District Grand Master desired admission, the patent of appointment was received and read, and a deputation, consisting of Past Masters Bros. Huston, Jamieson, Murray, and Barnard, withdrew for the purpose of introducing the District Grand Master. The District Grand Master having been introduced by the Past Masters, was conducted to a seat on the left of the Presiding Master, and presented for installation. The Installing Officer having addressed him in prescribed form, he was then obligated, after which he was invested with the insignia of his office, and conducted to the chair. The installation was then proclaimed, and the brethren saluted the District Grand Master according to ancient form. The District Grand Master then appointed as his Deputy Bro. G. Smith, whereupon it was moved by Bro. Toby, District Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. McGrath, District Grand Treasurer, and carried, "That a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Smith for his conduct to the Grand Lodge since the lamented death of the late District Grand Master, Bro. W. S. Hammond." The following officers of the Grand Lodge were then appointed: Bros. L. Susman, G.S.W.; J. Clark, G.J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Wills, G. Chap.; McGrath, G. Treas.; C. Toby, G. Sec.; Hobkirk, G.S.D.; Davey, G.J.D.; Horne, G.D.C.; Sadler, G. Swd. Br.; J. G. Davies, G. Purst.; Beaumont, G. Tyler; Hamilton, Atkinson, and Currie, G. Stewards; Hamilton and T. M. Evans, G. Auditors. The Committee for General Purposes was then formed, and, after some formal business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired. Great credit is due to Bro. C. Allport and Bro. Horne, who had charge of the ceremonies. Immediately afterwards the brethren, at the invitation of the District Grand Master, descended to the banqueting hall, where the tables had been profusely spread by the hall-keeper, Bro. Curtis. The District Grand Master occupied the chair, and was supported on his right and left by members of the Grand Lodge. After luncheon the customary toasts were proposed and responded to. Singing was interspersed between the toasts and speeches, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

MORUYA.—Cœur de Lion (No. 649, S.C.).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th March, Dr. H. K. King, R.W.M., presiding. There was a fair attendance of members, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The routine business having been disposed of the R.W.M. read an interesting and instructive lecture on "Moral and Masonic Virtues" by the Rev. Bro. Dr. Oliver, after which the lodge was resumed, and the election of a S.W., vice W. Woolley, who has left the district, was proceeded with. Two candidates, H. Barter and N. L. Williams, were initiated by the R.W.M. The business of the evening was concluded by the appointment of the R.W.M., and Bros. Harvison and Coxon as a Sub-Committee to arrange details for the projected Masonic ball.

NEW CALEDONIA.

NOUMEA.—Western Polynesia Lodge (No. 1864).—The 16th of March was the first anniversary of the foundation of the lodge, and accordingly the brethren met to install their W.M. The choice of the members having fallen on Bro. E. L. Layard, he was re-elected for another year, and installed in the chair of K.S. Most of the old officers retain their offices, viz.: Bros. D. Carter, S.W.; T. Martin, J.W.; Lomont, S.D.; Desmezzures, J.D.; A. Martin, I.G.; Hagea, Treas.; L. Layard, Sec.; and Segues, Tyler. A new member was balloted for and accepted, two new members proposed, and Bro. Hanekar passed. We are glad to be able to report that this young lodge is steadily progressing and settling itself on its foundations. The lodge has now funds in hand, and has sent to Sydney for certain necessary furniture and tools for its own use; in the selection of which they have been most kindly aided by Bro. Gustavus Gabriel, D.G.R., who lately sent down a handsome set of working tools, which were presented to the lodge by the W.M. on his re-election to the chair.

ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF THE
MORGAN MYSTERY.

The New York correspondent of the *Standard* sends the following, dated Wednesday evening:

A full account is published to-day of the discovery of the remains of William Morgan, author of "Morgan's Illustrations of Masonry," which were supposed to reveal the secrets of Freemasonry. The place where the remains of Morgan, who was murdered presumably for making these revelations, were found is the little town of Pembroke, eleven miles from Batavia, in the State of New York.

Workmen were engaged yesterday in opening a stone quarry, when they found a skeleton under thick layers of rock. They also discovered a ring bearing Morgan's initials, and a tobacco box containing a paper which, under a microscope, was seen to bear the words "Masons," "liar," "prison," "kill," and the full name of Henry Brown.

Brown was a lawyer, and fanatical regarding Masonry, and in 1829, two years after the tragedy, he published a so-called "Narrative of the anti-Masonic Excitement." The belief is now that Brown was one of Morgan's murderers. The men who abducted him—whose names were Chesebro, Sawyer, Sheldon, and Lawsons—did so on Mor-

gan's discharge from prison, where they had confined him on a petty charge. They forced him into a carriage, and passed from place to place. Eventually they took him across the Canadian border to Fort Niagara, where he was seen blindfolded and manacled. From that time he disappeared for ever. His abductors were tried, convicted, and sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

De Witt Clinton, the then Governor of New York, and a prominent Mason, offered a thousand dollars reward to clear up the mystery, but without any result, as Freemasons generally repudiated the transaction of October, 1827.

A body subsequently found at Ontario was thought to be that of Morgan; but the clothes upon it were identified by a Mrs. Monroe as those of her husband.

There has been this year a movement to erect a memorial at Batavia to Morgan.

The discovery yesterday has created the greatest excitement, the mystery having years ago entered into politics, and divided politicians into two parties—Masonic and anti-Masonic.

ITALY.—As the "Handbuch" truly says, Freemasonry has had in Italy a very changeful lot. At first warmly received, and firmly grounded, it was afterwards maligned, persecuted, and suppressed. The earliest traces of speculative Freemasonry—for earlier operative bodies are said to have existed—appear about 1729, at Florence, where Charles Sackville, Duke of Dorset, is said to have founded a lodge. A medal is said to have been struck about this time, though some put it later; and lodges are asserted to have existed in various parts of Tuscany, and in Upper Italy, as Milan, Verona, Padua, Vicenza, and Venice. At Rome, from 1735 to 1737, a lodge in the English language was working, or rather a lodge under the Scottish Constitution. In 1737, Clement XII. issued an Allocution, together with the Cardinals Ottobone, Spinola, and Zadeduric, authorising the mission of an inquisitor to Leghorn, where (unheard of wickedness!) the lodge was said to receive Roman Catholics, Protestants, and Jews. Gaton de Medici, the last Grand Duke of his family, towards the end of 1737, issued an order against the Freemasons, and some were arrested. But on his death the new Grand Duke, and afterwards Emperor Francis (himself a Freemason, afterwards husband of Maria Theresa), took the Freemasons of Florence under his protection. In 1738, April 27, the famous Bull "In eminenti" appeared, and soon after a French writer on Freemasonry was burned at Rome by the hangman, and a Dr. Crudeli, of Florence, escaped with difficulty from the pursuit of the Inquisition—which, however, thanks to some English brethren, he did. In 1751, Benedict XIV.'s Bull "Providus" appeared in March; but Benedict is said to have been a Freemason, and no persecutions followed in Rome. Charles III., King of Naples, issued also an order against the Freemasons this year, but is said to have appointed a Freemason as tutor to the Crown Prince. At Naples a lodge seems to have existed from 1754, an offshoot from a Marseilles Lodge, which was followed by a lodge in 1760, constituted under a Dutch warrant of some kind; and in 1762 an English lodge appears to have existed, while at the same time, or thereabouts, a Grand National Lodge seems to have been created, and which professed to have eight daughter lodges. In 1775, the minister Tanucci is declared to have persuaded the young King, Ferdinand IV., to renew the edict of 1751. The Queen Caroline, sister of poor Marie Antoinette, and daughter of Maria Theresa, herself the daughter of a Mason, persuaded the King to recall the order, February 7, 1777. So for many years the Freemasons had peace in Naples, though in 1781 the prohibition was renewed, again to be withdrawn in 1783. In Upper Italy, Freemasonry, despite the Papal Bulls, had existed and flourished more or less. About 1762, a Prov. Grand Master was appointed from England, by name Manucci; and in 1772 an English Lodge "Union" was set up at Venice. As Masonic students know, there are several Masonic works published at Venice, about 1780. The Strict Observance in 1775 established also a Grand Chapter of Lombardy at Turin, under Von Weiler, over eight provinces, at whose head was Count Bernez, major domo to the King. It is said that this body had subordinate chapters at Modena, Verona, Ferrara, Carmaguola, Borgoforte, Padua, Vicenza, Mondovi, Tortona, Cherasco, Aosta, Vogliera, Alagno, Savona, Trino, Mortara, Alba, Messala, Bondeno, Treviso, Milan. There is some evidence of a Prov. Grand Lodge of Lombardy at Milan, about the end of the eighteenth century, as well as a Grand Directory of the Scottish Rite. The Neapolitan Freemasons had during the latter part of the eighteenth century, after many struggles and various episodes impossible to detail here, practically become more or less dormant. With the French successes in Italy, Freemasonry again comes to the fore. In 1801, the Lodge "L'Heureuse Rencontre" appeared at Milan, and another at Mantua in 1803. "Les Amis de la Gloire et des Arts" followed; and in 1805, June 10, a Supreme Council for Italy, under the A. and A. S. Rite, was founded. The constitution was celebrated by Grasse, Tilly, Pyron, Renier, and Vidal, and Prince Eugene Beauharnais was nominated Grand Master, with Calepio as D.G.M. or "Adjoint." Murat, when King of Naples, formed a Grand Orient and lodges at Naples and Capua, and other places, for the kingdom of Naples. In 1814 and 1821 several edicts came out from Pius VII. against the Carbonari and the Freemasons; and though in 1820 three French lodges are said to have still existed in Messina, yet for thirty years and over, Freemasonry was suppressed in Italy. In 1848, a movement began at Palermo, to be again put down. In 1856, a lodge "Trionfo Ligure" was founded at Genoa, under the Grand Orient of France, and in 1860 a lodge "Amici Veri Virtuosi" was set up at Leghorn. In 1859, a sort of Grand Lodge, called *Armoria*, was formed at Turin. On the 1st of January, 1862, Count Nigra was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Italy, at Turin, and on the 1st of March, 1863, the Minister Cordova was elected Grand Master by a small majority, his opponent being Garibaldi. This Grand Lodge suffered from internal dissensions, and was removed to Florence, where at a meeting August 1, 1863, a change of officers and regulations took place. In the meantime a Grand Lodge of the A. and A. S. Rite had been formed, which nominated Garibaldi as Grand Master, and a Supreme Council was called into activity at Naples. At the present moment, the Grand Lodge of Italy is seated at Rome, in pursuance of the resolutions of a constituent assembly held there April 28, 1873, and we wish it all possible success.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. John Latta, S.W. of the Merchants Lodge, who is most deservedly respected, has been unanimously elected the W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. T. Sheen, W.M. The installation will take place on Tuesday next, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.

The annual installation festival of the Devonshire Lodge, No. 594, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, last Thursday morning, commencing at 8 a.m., and afterwards a picnic was held at Lymm. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

A new Mark lodge will be consecrated at Workington, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, on Tuesday, the 12th of July. The officers designate are Bros. T. Dixon, W.M.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., S.W.; and J. J. Coverdale, J.W. These brethren are all Past Masters of Sun and Sector (Craft) Lodge, No. 962, in Workington. The title of the new lodge is the *Derwent*, and the number on the warrant is 282. As showing the progress of the Mark Degree it may be mentioned that the next youngest lodge in the province is the Faithful, No. 229, consecrated less than three years ago. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.G. Sec., will perform the ceremony of consecration, by delegation from the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master.

On Thursday, the 30th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Kennington, Bro. Frances will rehearse the ceremony of consecration, and from his well known ability, and also that several musical brethren will attend and sing the music incidental to the ceremony, an interesting evening may be anticipated.

Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M., will preside at the dinner of the Benevolent Fund Festival of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, which will be held at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, 6th July.

Bros. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., and the Earl of Donoughmore were present at the annual dinner of the Oxford, Canning, and Chatham Clubs on Saturday last.

Bro. Alderman Hadley has been elected to represent the Corporation of London on the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. Dr. Cox, Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, H. B. Marshall, and Walter Wellsman are Stewards at the fifty-fourth anniversary festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold took the oath and his seat in the House of Lords on Monday as Baron Arklow, Earl of Clarence, and Duke of Albany, the usual impressive ceremonies being observed. His Royal Highness assumed the ducal robes in the robing room, and entered the House shortly after four o'clock in a procession consisting also of the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cambridge, who introduced the new peer, the Duke of Norfolk (Earl Marshall), Lord Aveland (Lord Great Chamberlain), Sir W. Knollys (Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod), and Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-at-Arms. The peers wore their robes, and Sir Albert Woods his tabard. Earl Granville and Earl Spencer and about thirty other peers were present. The Princess of Wales, with two of her daughters, and the Duchess of Teck occupied seats in the Peers' Gallery. The terms of the patent were recited by the Hon. Slingsby Bethell, reading clerk of the House, and Prince Leopold was conducted by the Garter King-at-Arms to a richly-covered and ornamented chair, placed beside the seat erected next to the Throne for the late Prince Consort. The new peer then bowed thrice to the Lord Chancellor and to his Royal relatives, all of whom returned the greeting, and withdrew, the ceremony having occupied only a few minutes.

Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris was installed R.W. District Grand Master of Tasmania at the Masonic Hall, Hobart Town, on Thursday, the 5th of May last.

Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Donald Stewart is gazetted as a baronet.

Bro. B. Sargent was installed W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, Battle, on Thursday, the 16th inst.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P. (one of the Vice-Presidents), will preside at the fourth annual meeting of the governors and friends of the City Provident Dispensary and Surgical Appliance Association, 164, Aldersgate-street, which will be held at the Literary Institution, 184, Aldersgate-street, on the 28th July next.

Bro. Dr. P. Colmer was unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 1168, for the ensuing year at the last meeting of the lodge.

A new Masonic lodge, with the title of "Wayfarers," membership of which will be restricted to commissioned, warrant, and non-commissioned officers of the Army, was consecrated at Valetta, Malta, on the 27th May. The ceremony of installation was performed by the R.W. District Grand Master, W. Kingston, in the presence of a large assembly, composing nearly the whole of the Masonic fraternity in the island, the greatest possible interest being evinced in the proceedings, the new lodge being considered likely to fill up a long-felt want and prove a great success. Sergeant-Major G. D. Roe, R.E., was installed as Master, District Schoolmaster J. S. Abbott, R.A., was invested as Senior Warden; and Sergeant-Major D. C. Wilson, R.A., as Junior Warden. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. Warner Sleight, barrister, expired on the 19th ult., on board the steamer "Victoria," of the Anchor Line, by which he was travelling to New York for the benefit of his health, and was buried at sea at six o'clock on the night of the same day.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, has consented to take the chair at the annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Fox and Knot School and Mission, which will take place on Wednesday, July 6th.

We are requested to announce that the ceremony of installation will be worked at the Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, held at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., by Bro. R. Fearcy, P.M., the Preceptor of the lodge. The chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. precisely.

The St. John's Lodge of Instruction, No. 167, has removed to the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, and meets every Friday at 8 p.m.

Bro. W. Stoddart was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, at the last meeting of that lodge.

Bro. J. T. Evans, Mayor of Stafford, was raised to the Third Degree at the last meeting of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge.

Bro. the Rt. Rev. Dr. James Smith, of Cathcart, and Moderator of the General Assembly, was presented with an address by the members of the Sir George Cathcart Lodge, on the occasion of the attainment of his jubilee as a member of the Craft.

Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, who has been for some time indisposed, is making such progress as to give his friends good reason for hoping that in a short time he will be able to resume his ordinary avocations.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, after attending the ball at Christ Church, Oxford, on Monday night, left the city on Tuesday at noon. The commemorative festivities were continued by a flower show at St. John's, a concert at New College, and the Masonic ball in the Corn Exchange.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has been appointed Prov. G.S.W. for the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

Bro. Sir John Bennett attended the unveiling of Sir Rowland Hill's statue, at Kidderminster, on Wednesday, on behalf of the Lord Mayor and the London Memorial Committee.

Bro. Edward Clarke, O.C., M.P., distributed the prizes on Friday evening, the 17th inst., to the students of the evening classes of King's College. In the course of his address he congratulated the principal, Canon Barry, on the decision of the council to extend the benefits of the college to women. He also expressed the hope that the forthcoming jubilee celebration of the college would be well supported by those interested in the occasion.

At Bro. Ganz's orchestral concert this (Saturday) afternoon Mme. Sophie Menter will again be the pianist, and Mme. Marie Roze will sing.

Bro. the Duke of Albany will formally open the new University College, Nottingham, on Thursday, the 30th inst. Amongst those who have accepted invitations to be present are Bros. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, and the Earl of Tife, P.G.M. Banffshire.

The Duke of Connaught has accepted the invitation of the Treasurer and benchers of Gray's Inn to dine with them to-day—their Grand Day.

The London Stereoscopic Company have published a portrait of the late Bro. Alderman Sir W. A. Rose.

Bro. Deputy Saunders distributed the prizes on Thursday evening to the teachers of the Sunday School Union who gained prizes at the teachers' local examinations, in March.

Bro. Henry A. Isaacs, Chairman of the Market Committee, will lay the foundation-stone of the New Leadenhall Market on Tuesday next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, on Monday, the 27th inst. Bro. S. E. Moss, P.M. 184, W.M.; Bro. R. Pearcy, P.M. 228, S.W.; Bro. A. W. Fenner, W.M. 1227, J.W.; and Pennefather, W.M. 1623, Preceptor. The Sections will be worked as below:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. A. Tuck, 1531.
2nd " ...	" J. Gibbs, 1580.
3rd " ...	" C. Patrick, D.C. 1227.
4th " ...	" J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205.
5th " ...	" C. Lorkin, J.W. 1524.
6th " ...	" H. J. Lardner, W.M. 1745.
7th " ...	" T. Cull, W.M. 1446.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. A. R. Green, J.D. 861.
2nd " ...	" D. Moss, I.G. 1275.
3rd " ...	" C. Weeden, 813.
4th " ...	" H. P. Isaac, P.M. 1693.
5th " ...	" J. King, 1623.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. J. Lorkin, 192.
2nd " ...	" A. W. Fenner, W.M. 1227.
3rd " ...	" R. Pearcy, P.M. 228.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Henry W. Vallance, which took place at the Hotel Mirabeau, Paris, on the 17th inst. Bro. Vallance lived at Hanover-square, Regent's Park, and practised as a solicitor at Moorgate House, Moorgate-street. He had been out of health a considerable time, but had so far recovered as to be able to attend to his professional avocations. Bro. Vallance was for some years a distinguished member of the Court of Common Council, where he sat for the ward of Coleman-street, and his death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

Bro. Sir John Bennett proposes, at the next meeting of the Court of Common Council, to invite the Council to mark its sense of Mr. W. E. Barker's intellectual achievements by a special vote. Mr. Barker, at the age of eleven and a-half, won the first Board scholarship. Entering the City of London Schools, he gained a Carpenter scholarship; in 1877 he took five prizes, in 1879 nine more, and the same year two Cambridge scholarships. He has since taken the first place in the Classical Tripos.

At the Bristol Police-court, John Spencer was charged on remand with obtaining £4 16s. by false pretences, from John Curtis Martin, under a promise that he would make him a member of the Order of Freemasons. The prisoner had represented to prosecutor that he had got him proposed at the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, No. 270, at Berkeley, and had paid five guineas for him. The Secretary of the lodge proved that there was no truth whatever in these representations, and the prisoner was committed for trial.

Bro. D. Reece was installed W.M. of the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. the installation ceremony being performed, for the seventeenth time, by the senior P.M. of the lodge, Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.

Bro. Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, assisted by his officers, laid the corner-stone of Christ Church, Danville, Pa., with appropriate Masonic ceremonies, on June 24th.

Bro. G. Vickery supplied the designs for the superstructure of offices and shops in Gray's Inn-road, recently tendered for.

The M.W. the Grand Master has been pleased to approve of the appointments of Bro. Brackstone Baker as representative near the Grand Lodge of England of the several Grand Lodges of the States of, first Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, U.S. of America; second, Arkansas, U.S. of America, and the Diplomats of these two appointments have been forwarded to him by our own Grand Secretary.

Bro. James Pilling was installed W.M. of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, Liverpool, at the last meeting of that lodge.

Bro. Thomas Fenn was on Wednesday last installed as W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, 778, meeting at Hampton Court, in the presence of a large number of Grand Officers and other brethren. We hope to give a report in our next.

Bro. W. P. Collins was on Saturday last installed as W.M. of the Macdonald Lodge of Mark Master Masons, at the Guildhall Tavern. We hope to give a report in our next.

The June Voice calls the London *Freemason* "obtuse," because it does not understand, and is not able to conceive, what a public installation of lodge officers is. We think, on the contrary, that the *Freemason* deserves credit for its unacquaintance with this public show in Masonry. The Voice adds: "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." Query:—If this so-called "Monitorial" part of Masonry may be publicly performed, and it is advisable to publicly perform it, why it alone, and not other or all of the "Monitorial" parts of Masonry? Will the Voice tell us why? if a part of "Monitorial" Masonry is for the public, why not all of it? Why not give the "Monitorial" part of the initiation ceremonies in public? True, such rehearsals might serve admirable advertising purposes; but does Masonry advertise?—*Keystone*.

The arrangements for the consecration of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields, on the 6th July, are completed, and the programme contains the following particulars: Bro. W. H. Dean, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, Worshipful Master Designate; Bro. G. P. Festa, S.W. Designate; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., J.W., Designate. The ceremonies of installation and consecration by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, assisted by V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.M., P.G.C. of England, as Consecrating Chaplain; R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, Prov. Grand Master of Dorset, as S.W.; W. Bro. John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, P.G. Deacon, as J.W.; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.M., S.G.D. of England, Director of Ceremonies.

General Tidings.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.—Down to Wednesday night about £14,000 had been received by the Lord Mayor as the result of the collections at the various churches and chapels on Hospital Sunday.

SUNDAY CLOSING IN LIVERPOOL.—An influential deputation waited upon the Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. William B. Forwood) on Wednesday to present a requisition in favour of the closing of public-houses in the city on Sundays, and praying that a town's meeting should be held on the subject at an early date. The Venerable Archdeacon Bardsley, in presenting the requisition, said it was signed by the Bishop, forty of the clergy of the diocese, fifty ministers of other denominations, ten magistrates, twelve city councillors, and from 400 to 500 tradesmen. There were over 700 signatures in all. His worship said he had very great pleasure in complying with the request of the deputation, and he would fix Saturday, July 2nd, for the town's meeting.

ONE DAY IN THE COUNTRY.—How the coming summer stirs us all! The faint traces of greenery we catch a glimpse of here and there in our town lives but sharpen our desire to breathe the fresh, free air of breezy downs or inhale with delight that indissoluble perfume—very aroma of freedom—that comes wafted to us only from over the waves of old ocean! And many, very many of us, happily—can look forward to a week or two of freedom from troubles—business or professional—in the woody country or by the sea-beat shore with something as near certainty as things mundane can be; but there are, alas! many, many more who have no such prospect. In the densely populated East End, amid its narrow courts and fetid alleys—there are thousands of children—the children whom the London Cottage Mission has been feeding throughout the past bitter winter—who never saw green leaves save on the smoke-dried shrubs in some of the desolate looking squares here and there to be met with in that dreary district. On behalf of these little waifs and strays of humanity we now appeal. To give some hundreds of these one day of their lives in the country—for one day to enable them to exchange the gutter and bricks and mortar for grass and green leaves, would not cost very much; but, crippled as the resources of the London Cottage Mission are, owing to the unusually heavy demands of a winter both long and severe, the "Day in the Country" of which little ones have heard can only happen if funds for the purpose be collected. Let all them who read—in thankful anticipation of their own coming holiday—send their subscriptions, no matter how small—little sums soon tell up—either to Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E.; or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., who will arrange, if all goes as well as it ought, to give these East End children their one "Day in the Country."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, July 2, 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 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.

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 27.

K.T. Precep. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 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 28.

Visit of the Stewards to the Boys' School and Distribution of Prizes.

Lodge 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
,, 788, Crescent, Island Hot., Twickenham.
,, 1158, Southern Star, F.M.H.
,, 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 1209, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
,, 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Bearontree, 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 Edgcombe, 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 29.

Festival Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

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 Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot.
Chap. 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot.

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, JULY 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard.
K.T. Precep. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
,, 134, Blondel, 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 Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

SATURDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 1104, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, July 2, 1881.

MONDAY, JUNE 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
Alpass Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanhope Encamp., Queen's Hot., Chester.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H. Southport,
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 1.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

FULLER.—On the 16th inst., at 70, Albion-road, Stoke Newington, the wife of Mr. George Fuller, jun., of a daughter.
PLATT.—On the 15th inst., at Kingston-Seamoor Rectory, Somerset, the wife of the Rev. Thomas Henry Pigott Platt, of a son.
NASH.—On the 14th inst., the wife of the Rev. Henry Nash, of a son.
SAILLARD.—On the 17th inst., at Russell-square, W.C., the wife of Bro. P. Saillard, of a daughter.
WRIGHT.—On the 16th inst., at Arros House, Upper Norwood, the wife of the Rev. W. Wright, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CRESPIN—FARRA.—On the 16th inst., at All Saints', Putney, by the Rev. W. Reed, Charles H. Crespin, of Islington, to Emily Augusta, daughter of the late Mr. Charles Claridge Farra, of Battle, Sussex.
SHAW—WRIGHT.—On the 19th inst., at Emmanuel Parish Church, Camberwell, by the Rev. C. J. Bowen, of Denton, Manchester, George Frederic, eldest son of Mr. J. W. Shaw, of Camberwell, to Elizabeth Annie Marion, second daughter of Mr. William Wright, of Nunhead-lane, Peckham Rye.

DEATHS.

COLLIER.—On the 22nd inst., at Loftus, in Cleveland, John Monkman Collier, solicitor, aged 27 years.
DAY.—On the 8th inst., at Beaufort House, Killarney, the Rev. John R. Fitzgerald Day, in his 84th year.
FOX.—On the 16th inst., at Curry Rivell, in his 23rd year, Charles James Fox, son of the late Mr. Thomas Fox, of Dover.
VALLANCE.—On the 17th inst., at the Hotel Mirabeau, Paris, Bro. H. W. Vallance, of 5, Hanover-terrace, Regent's Park.
WRIGHT.—On the 16th inst., at Tickhill, aged 77, the Rev. John Adolphus Wright, son of the late Mr. Ichabod Wright, of Mapperley, Notts.

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