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ALL our many readers will rejoice to think that nothing but the temporary necessary alarm happened to the Princesses, the daughters of our ROYAL GRAND MASTER, in the accident the other day, which might have been productive of the most alarming consequences.

ONE of the saddest tasks of the Masonic journalist is the constant reference to those worthy brethren of ours who leave the ranks of our Masonic track, one by one, on its onward march. Hardly a week passes over our heads but we have to record the departure of some good and faithful Mason from amongst us, to recall his loss to his family, to Freemasonry, to his friends, and the world in which we live. Two such serious facts are mentioned in the *Freemason* last week, the deaths of our Bro. ALBERT G. MACKEY, and our Bro. W. F. COLLARD MOUTRIE. Bro. MACKEY's reputation is cosmopolitan, and as a Masonic archaeologist and writer he had few compeers, if any. Bro. MOUTRIE was principally known amongst us as a good working Mason, and a zealous supporter of the Charities, always kind and friendly, and an unattached member of our Fraternity. And this week the old, old tale is told, the "silver cord is loosed" and the "golden bowl is broken," and the "mourners go about the streets." We have to lament the loss of an eminent Masonic scholar, and of a good Mason and a kindly friend.

OUR American brethren are treating the bogus story of MORGAN'S bones as we fancied they would do, with simple contempt. Much allowance must be made at this time of the year for the inventive genius of correspondents and reporters "hard up" for matter, and anxious for something startling or exciting.

THE consecration of the Montague Guest Lodge seems to have been a great success, despite a full room, hot weather, and a trying atmosphere. The oration and speeches there delivered were a good "deliverance" of thought and teaching with which to close our Masonic season, and we can say sincerely that we trust the future career of this new offshoot of our great Masonic tree will be one of undimmed success and increasing prosperity. It seems to be very well "officered."

THE discussion anent the Precedence of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers continues, and it is impossible for many reasons to overrate the importance of the question thus raised, alike to the Grand Lodge on the one hand, and Provincial Grand Lodges on the other. So far, we see no reason to modify the expression of our opinion previously given, in all deference, on the subject, though we did not affect to conceal that it was not given without difficulty, owing to the indistinctness of the Book of Constitutions on the subject, and the uniform custom of English Masonry on the other. Bro. "YORK'S" letter in our last on this subject suggests several points for very careful consideration.

WE rejoice to note that the accounts of our distinguished Bro. President GARFIELD are all good in tone and result. We trust that in the Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. his valuable life will be spared to America. In common with all the civilized world we think it well to keep before us these improved prospects of our distinguished Bro. General GARFIELD'S eventual recovery. It is satisfactory to note the general abhorrence displayed of this cruel repetition of the "mania" of attacking the lives of those "placed in authority over us." The murder of the Emperor ALEXANDER II. was one of the most distressing episodes of our epoch; this attack on President GARFIELD seems to us to be the culmination of frenzy and weakness.

THE satisfactory capture of LEFROY—MAPLETON—or whatever his name is, —seems to be the signal for an attack on the police at Scotland-yard. We

notice some very singular, nay, to us incomprehensible, "leaders" in several excellent contemporaries on the subject. That mistakes have been committed "ab initio" we do not deny, and a want of common sense exhibited we do not think it worth while to discuss; but we cannot see how any "lâches" of any kind can justly be charged on the Detective Force. Sir W. V. HARCOURT'S sensible words deserve remembrance,—that the police have always to contend against "abnormal" scoundrels and in a "normal" way, and unless they were gifted with supernatural intelligence we do not profess to realize how they could have done better than they have done—carefully, quickly, and surely. But people will talk, and papers must write.

WE are immensely amused by an error relative to "things Masonic" which crept into our contemporary, the *Times*, on Thursday last. The "scribe" describing the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent at Rochester, states that "Lord HOLMESDALE was re-elected Provincial Grand Master." If he was a Freemason who sent this report, he must, to use a popular phrase, be a "wet" Freemason. If a non-Mason he ought really to get up his "facts" better.

THE last Encyclical of Pope LEO XIII. deserves to be noted and realized. Under soft and flowing verbiage it conceals and contains the "old, old teaching" of the Church of Rome, unmodified by change of time and circumstances, unaffected by the advance of education and civilization. None of its ancient claims to entire infallibility and universal sovereignty are eschewed or withdrawn. All monarchical authority is made to rest on the sanctions and basis of the Church, and practically Pope LEO XIII. in 1881 repeats the old Roman Catholic dogma, if conveyed in very gentle and specious terms, that as all sovereign authority resides in the Roman Catholic Church, which is above all earthly laws, it has within it, if it only sees fit to use it, a power of conferring authority on some and absolving subjects from their allegiance to others. Let all read carefully the allocution itself for themselves, and they will discover that Rome is indeed "semper eadem," unchanging in its assertion of spiritual, nay, of temporal, sovereignty. We poor Freemasons who were condemned unheard in 1738, and are still condemned unheard in 1881, may well doubt the fairness of the religious partisans of a body, which seems still to assert that only the exigencies of the times require the cessation of its active interference in all things, with rulers and with nations, and that even now, though dormant and in abeyance, before the common sense of the world, its claims to universal sovereignty, based upon a pure muthos, are, really and truly, as active and as living as ever. Forewarned is, however, in our case, forearmed.

BY this time a large section of, our metropolitan brethren are on the way for a well merited holiday. Many provincial lodges are also taking a recess. Freemasonry may be fairly said to be, as the French put it, "en sommeil," in sleep, for a little, enjoying a Spanish "siesta," after the "burden and heat" of our Masonic season. We can only trust that theirs will be a very pleasant relaxation from work and responsibility, that they will not forget, wherever they go and wherever they be, that they are members of our honourable Fraternity, and that Freemasonry will still appear to them, and be to them, in all things and under all circumstances, a thing to be valued, to be loved, to be proud of.

THE review of the Volunteers seems to have been a complete success. The military and railway arrangements worked admirably, without friction, and without a drawback. We congratulate many of our worthy brethren who are zealous Volunteers, notably the distinguished "Fitzroy Lodge," on their being members of the "Force," and on their gallant bearing and rapidly improving discipline; for they know as well as we do, that in soldiering as in Freemasonry "discipline is everything."

AT the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School another point of order was raised, but as the meeting evidently was righteously sick of all such personal discussions, no one could be found to second the motion for non-confirmation, and the question, therefore, happily became a "dropped question." We note that there will be twenty-four candidates and fifteen to be elected in October. Our old friend, Bro. JOHN SYMONS, was properly emphatic in respect of a swimming bath for the Girls' School.

WE note the following paragraph in our esteemed contemporary, the *Philadelphia Keystone*, and call the attention of our readers to it. Unfortunately, just now, most of our lodges are "in recess":—"A number of prominent Pennsylvania Craftsmen have gone, or are about to go, to Europe, to spend their summer vacations. Among these brethren are our esteemed friends, Past Grand Master Bro. ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, LL.D., President of the Lehigh University, and Past Grand Commander Bro. WM. H. ALLEN, LL.D., President of Girard College."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Grand Treas., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Thomas Massa, John Symonds, Edgar Bowyer, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Smith (Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire), Frank Richardson, J. J. Berry, S. Rawson, John E. Shand, F. Adlard, F. R. W. Hedges, Sec., and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read,

Bro. THOMAS MASSA rose to call attention to what he said was an informality and irregularity in one of the minutes of last meeting, and to give himself a right of reply he should move it be amended. He need not say how important it was that the minutes should be just. The minutes at present read thus: "Upon which as an amendment Bro. Gover, seconded by Bro. J. M. Clabon, moved the previous question, which on being put to the meeting was carried." The amendment he (Bro. Massa) proposed was, after the words "upon which" to erase the words "as an amendment," and after the word "carried" to add the words "and the original motion was not put to the meeting." The minute would then read thus: Upon which Bro. Gover, seconded by Bro. J. M. Clabon, moved the previous question, which on being put to the meeting was carried, and the original motion was not put to the meeting." The authorities on whom he relied in stating this minute was informal and irregular were Sir E. May and Mr. R. Palgrave, of the House of Commons, and Dr. J. W. Smith, Barrister of the Inner Temple. The previous question was not an amendment, or of the nature of an amendment, but a distinct question of itself—it did not stop the debate on the main question (as an amendment did), but the debate ran on upon the two questions till its close. If the previous question was carried the main question must be put at once without amendment, because the words of the previous question were "that *this* question be now put." The object with which the previous question was moved was that it might be carried in the negative (and the main question thereby withdrawn); therefore the mover and seconder voted against it. As, however, in this instance the previous question was carried in the affirmative, and yet the original question was not put, the minute required to be amended, in common fairness to the proposer of the main question which was superseded. The previous question could not be moved in Grand Lodge (B. of C., page 28), which stated, if a motion is found not to contain anything contrary to the ancient landmarks of the Order it shall be put.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not know that he could put the amendment in that form. Bro. Massa, he thought, might move "That the minutes be not verified;" but if the amendment was put as the brother put it it would be placing new matter on the paper.

Bro. JOHN SYMONDS, P.G.D., thought that the amendment might be put.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., adopted the same view.

The CHAIRMAN asked if any one seconded Bro. Massa's amendment; but as no one responded, the Chairman put the minutes for verification, and they were thereupon confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN next said that there would be twenty-four candidates for next election, and there would be fifteen to be elected.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON moved "That the list for next election consist of twenty-four candidates, fifteen to be elected—ten to fill up vacancies, and five to fill up Lyncombe House, where there was now room, the place being quite ready."

The motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said the next motion was "That the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred on Bro. Wharton P. Hood, in recognition of his valuable services as Honorary Surgeon." He would merely mention that Bro. Dr. Hood was a medical man of very great standing and large practice, but he yet gave a great deal of time to the examination of the candidates for the Girls' School; he saw all the London candidates. It was in consequence of his services that the House Committee recommended that the proposed honour be conferred on Bro. Dr. Hood.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN next said that there was another motion—"That the honorarium to the Chaplain be increased from £25 to £35 per annum." He need hardly tell the brethren that the School being largely increased the duties of the Chaplain had also largely increased; and the House Committee thought that an addition to his honorarium would be some little acknowledgment of his services.

Bro. H. SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, seconded the motion, and said he did so with great pleasure, as they were largely indebted to the Chaplain.

Bro. JOHN SYMONDS, P.G.D., wished to ask the Chairman whether some arrangements could not be made by which a swimming bath could be established for the girls in the School.

The CHAIRMAN said the House Committee had not forgotten so important a subject, but no resolution had yet been arrived at on the point. He had reason to believe that in time they would recommend that a swimming bath be provided, but at the present nothing definite had been moved.

Bro. JOHN SYMONDS said he was glad it had been taken up. He had had his own girls taught when they were four years of age, and now they highly valued it. A swimming bath would not only be very healthy, but a source of great pleasure.

The CHAIRMAN said there was a capital spot at the Institution for such a bath.

On the motion of Bro. SYMONDS, seconded by Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, who acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the Quarterly General Court was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton in the chair, F. Adlard, R. B. Webster, J. J. Berry, Charles Saunders, F. Binckes, Secretary, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the proceedings of the last Quarterly Court were read. In consequence of the receipt of a letter from Bro. H. E. Morris, in reference to the decision of the last Quarterly Court, to remove the name of his son from the list of candidates for election, and Bro. Morris being in attendance, the confirmation of the minutes was deferred until the appeal had been disposed of. Bro. Morris was therefore introduced to the meeting, when the Chairman explained to him that it would not be proper for him to canvass

the decision of the last Quarterly Court. On the former occasion there was a very large meeting, while the present was a very small one (there being at the time only five members present). But while giving this as a reason for not discussing the appeal, it was not to be inferred that the Committee would have reopened the question had the attendance been larger. Bro. Morris thanked the Chairman for the explanation, and withdrew, whereupon the minutes, which had been read, were confirmed.

Other minutes, including those of the General Committee of 4th June and 2nd July, were read.

The SECRETARY explained that unless the petition on behalf of the boy O'Doherty, which was set aside, in consequence of the lad not attending to read were received, there would be a failure of justice. His absence was the result of a mistake as to the day of attendance. Bro. Binckes had heard him read, and reported that he read fluently, and all his certificates were in order. Under the circumstances the Court ordered O'Doherty's name to be added to the list of Candidates, which, with the addition, numbers sixty-five. The vacancies are twelve.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided; and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, John Henry Leggott, William Clarke, Richard Hervé Giraud, Raynham W. Stewart, John M. Stedwell, James Brett, Dr. Jabez Hogg, William Hale, Wm. Hilton, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Charles James Perceval, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of 8th of June having been read and verified, Bro. TERRY reported the death of one male and two female annuitants.

The Warden's report was read, and the report of the Finance Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Chairman was authorised to sign necessary cheques.

The petitions of two male and one female annuitant were examined, and the petitioners' names were placed on the list for the next election.

A petition to Parliament against the Charitable Trusts Bill was signed by the Chairman, as Treasurer of the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when there were present M.M. Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal, P.G.M.M.M. of England, and P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight; V.W. Bros. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hants and I.W.; C. F. Matier, D.P.G.M.M. Lancashire, and P.G.W. of England; F. Binckes, G.M.S. England; Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, 63, P.G.S.W., and G.M.O. Eng.; J. B. Thomas, 63, P.P.J.W.; R. L. Loveland, 63, P.G.T.; T. W. Falkner, 140, P.P.S.G.W.; M. Emanuel, 63, P.G.S.; R. Osborne, 17, P.P.G.D.; J. Dew, 37, P.G.J.W.; G. J. Tilling, 63, P.G. Sec.; A. L. Emanuel, 62, P.P.G.R.; C. B. Whitcomb, 2, P.P.D.C.; J. R. Weston, 63, P.G.M.O.; D. O. Hobbs, 63, P.G. Steward; H. J. Andrews, 17, P.P.S.G.D.; G. A. Mursell, 140, P.P.I.G.; W. J. Greve, 2, P.G.D.C.; P. Warren, Sec. 63; E. Worth, 125, P.G.S.B.; H. Coles, 62; S. Short, 125; G. Cross, 63; C. W. A. Jellicoe, S.W. 63; J. Pomeroy, J.W. 54; W. Horton, S.D. 63; R. W. Mitchell, J.W. 2; H. J. Thatcher, M.O. 37; G. Lear, S.W. 37; W. Marshalsay, J.D. 17; H. Jenkins, S.W. 125; and J. Watson, 17, P.G. Tyler.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the accounts of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge were produced by the Auditors, showing a small balance in hand.

Bro. Loveland was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The W.M.'s of Lodges 125 and 140 were elected as a Committee to audit the P.G. Treasurer's accounts.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the list of the returns from lodges of the province, and these were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The P.G.M. gave a summary of the reports of the General Board presented in November and May last.

The P.G.M., alluding to the gratifying meeting in connection with the Mark Benevolent Fund on the previous day, drew special attention to the educational scheme, and invited some of the brethren to become Stewards at the next festival.

A sum of five guineas was voted to the fund, and Bro. A. L. EMANUEL announced that he would take the office of Steward of this province at the next festival.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers:—

Bro. W. Hickman, 63	-	-	-	Prov. G.D.M.
" W. J. Hickman, 63	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.W.
" Bond, 17	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.W.
" A. L. Emanuel, 62	-	-	-	Prov. G.M.O.
" C. B. Whitcombe, 2	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.O.
" G. Lear, 37	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. A. G. Barker, 37	-	-	-	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. W. A. Jellicoe, 63	-	-	-	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. J. Tilling, 63	-	-	-	Prov. G. Sec.
" P. Warren, 63	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.D.
" Warden, 63	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Pomeroy, 54	-	-	-	Prov. G.I. of W.
" G. A. Mursell, 140	-	-	-	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. N. Jenkins, 125	-	-	-	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" H. J. Thatcher, 37	-	-	-	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. Short, 125	-	-	-	Prov. G. Std. B.
" R. Osborne, 17	-	-	-	Prov. G. Org.
" R. W. Mitchell, 2	-	-	-	Prov. G.I.G.
" Francis, 62, Bro. W. Orton, 63	-	-	-	Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Watson, 17	-	-	-	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the close of the meeting the brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served by Mr. Dartnall. The P.G.M.M. presided, and the usual Masonic and other toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was held at the Star and Garter, Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. The D.G.M.M. presided, in the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G.M.M., Sir F. Burdett, Bart., and there were present Bros. Dr. F. W. Ramsay, P.G.D., Prov. S.G.W.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., G. Asst. Sec.; Jno. Stevens, P.G.O.; W. G. Brighten, P.G.I. of W., Prov. G. Sec.; H. Lovegrove, G. Supt. of Works; C. Pulman, G. Steward; T. W. Adams, P.G. Steward; H. J. Lardner, P.G. Steward; Chas. Hamerton, Prov. G. Treas.; Sir Charles Palmer, Prov. G.M.O.; J. Rhodes, Prov. G. Org.; W. Ackland, Prov. G. Steward; G. Lilley, P.M.; J. Curtis, E. B. Florence, and many others, including Bros. J. Gilbert, Grand Tyler, and Harrison, Asst. Tyler. Sixteen of the twenty-one lodges in the province were represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's accounts were presented, and, on a motion made by Bro. J. STEVENS, seconded by Bro. H. LOVEGROVE, were received and accepted. Bro. Davison, Dep. P.G.M.M., then proceeded to invest the Prov. Grand Officers for the year as follows:—

Bro. W. G. Brighten	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. B. Batten	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. F. de Crespigny; Bro. Rev. C. Weldon	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Chaps.
" H. H. Birch	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. C. Jopps	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.O.
" Lawrence	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.O.
" C. Hamerton	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Basnett	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. R. of M.
" J. M. Klenck	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. W. Adams	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. J. Nicolls	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. C. Cox	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Lilley	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Hopwood	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Richnell	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. Ackland	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. S. Gabriel	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Lardner	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. R. Lewis, J. Mills, Jas. Curtis, E. B. Florence, J. Willis and W. G. T. Kipling	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Stwds.
" John Gilbert	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Tyler.

After the Prov. Grand Officers had been saluted by the brethren, under the directions of Bro. J. Stevens, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and about twenty of the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured. The enthusiasm with which the toast of "The Prov. G.M.M." was received showed that though unavoidably absent he was not forgotten.

In Middlesex and Surrey, as elsewhere, the Mark Degree is making rapid progress.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent took place at Rochester on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and was attended by several hundreds of the brethren. Unusual interest was this year imparted to the meeting, the occasion serving to present Bro. Lord Holmesdale with a testimonial of the value of five hundred guineas by the Freemasons of Kent, in consideration of his lordship having presided over the province for a period of twenty-one years, during which Freemasonry has flourished in an unprecedented manner throughout the province. A valuable gold bracelet was at the same time presented by the Freemasons to Lady Holmesdale. It had been intended that the Provincial Grand Lodge should attend Divine Service in Rochester Cathedral, but the cathedral officials insisted on certain conditions as to clergymen who are Freemasons not taking part in the service as made it impossible for the Provincial Lodge to hold a service in the cathedral, and the service took place in St. Margaret's Church instead. The brethren had intended presenting a stained glass window to the cathedral in commemoration of the event, but they have, in consequence of the action of the Dean and Chapter, abandoned the intention. The Provincial Grand Lodge voted a sum of several hundred pounds to the Charities.

In the evening the brethren assembled at a banquet, when a testimonial, consisting of a piece of plate emblematical of the Craft, and of the value of 500 guineas, was presented to the noble Viscount to celebrate his having filled the chair twenty-one years, there being only one other instance of the Provincial Grand Master having filled the office for so long a time.

We hope to give a full report in our next.

ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kenning entertained the members of the above lodge, with their ladies and other friends, at dinner at the Royal Crown Hotel, Sevenoaks, on Wednesday last. The afternoon being very fine, much pleasure was experienced by the party in strolling over the beautiful grounds of the hotel and Knowle Park, from which some charming views of the surrounding scenery are obtained.

A good selection of music was performed, under the able conductorship of Bro. James Weaver.

An ample number of saloon carriages had been provided by Bro. George Abbott, of the Cannon-street Station, which rendered the journey to and from very pleasant—the weather being hot.

About fifty ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner, including Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and Mrs. Clerke, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy and Mrs. Giddy, H. C. Levander, and Miss Brookman.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I think that our esteemed Bro. Jacob Norton in his impeachment of Bro. Dr. Anderson has found what is commonly called a "mare's nest," in all deference to his critical acumen, be it said. At least I do not interpret Anderson's words as he apparently does. If Anderson has altered or garbled the "old Regulations" of 1721, published in 1723, "proprio motu," and for some mysterious reason of his own, he deserves all that Bro. Jacob Norton says of him, and not only this, but P.G.M. Payne must come in for the same censure, inasmuch as he was alive and active in Masonry in 1738, and, therefore, must have seen the "New Regulations" as well as the "Old Regulations," as represented in 1738, in which he took an active part of arrangement. But the truth is, that Bro. Jacob Norton in his great zeal has "gone beyond his brief," always, depend upon it, a great mistake, alike in matters legal as in essays Masonic.

Anderson guards himself carefully against this charge of unauthorized alterations and interpolations, by these words, which convey a great deal, and cover a considerable amount of ground, by terming the fresh edition "The New Regulations, or Re-Alterations, Improvement, and Explications of the Old, made by several Grand Lodges since the First Edition." I admit that at first sight these words would seem to apply only to the New Regulations, but a little reflection shows that they apply equally to "New" and "Old."

It may be remembered here, to illustrate this portion of our Masonic history, that so far back as June 24th, 1718, a movement under Payne began, to collect the Regulations, &c., of Masonry. In 1720, June 24th, two years later, G. Payne still G.M., the question was again mooted and attended to ("for they had nothing yet in print," it is specially observed), and no doubt then the first issue was made. Again on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1721, the rules of 1720 were re-issued, and on September 29th, 1721, on the motion of the Duke of Montague, G.M., Bro. John Anderson was directed to digest the "Old" Gothic Constitutions on a "new and better method." On December 17th, 1721, Bro. Anderson's MS. was submitted to a committee of fourteen, and this "communication," we are told, "was made very interesting by the lectures of some old Masons."

On March, 25th, 1722, the Committee of fourteen reported in favour of Bro. Anderson's MS., and on the 17th January, 1723, the Book of Constitutions was submitted to the Grand Lodge in print by "G. Warden Anderson," and "again approved."

On February, 24th, 1735, Bro. Anderson's "new materials" for a "new edition" of the "Book of Constitutions" then become necessary, were ordered to be submitted to the "Present and Past Grand Officers," and, on the 25th of January, 1738, the Grand Lodge approved of the "new Book of Constitutions," (Darnley, Grand Master,) and ordered the "same to be printed;" and the approbation of the Grand Master and the Wardens is given in 1738. The preface is dated November 4th that year. Now, it may be observed that, since November 25th, 1723, until January 25th, 1738, there had been no less than fifty-six or fifty-seven Grand Lodges, so that Anderson's statement is evidently correct when he alludes to successive "alterations, improvements, and explications made by several Grand Lodges since the first edition." There is, therefore, no justice in the charge that Anderson garbled them or altered them to suit his own or any one else's purpose, and there is no likelihood, inasmuch as assuming that Anderson was not present in 1720 or 1721, Payne undoubtedly was, and Payne as D.G.M. was clearly responsible before the English Craft for Anderson's explicit assertions in the edition of 1738. Had they not been true Payne must have protested against them.

Thus the revised copy of the Old Regulations represent the Old Regulations of 1720, 1721, 1723, with the alterations and explanations and additions, or subtractions, made in them in the intervening Grand Lodges, and incorporated with them, and the New Regulations represent those passed by Grand Lodge since 1723, which explain the alterations of the Old. I admit Anderson's "setting out" is not quite clear, but he clearly guards himself at p. 176—1738 against any alteration without the "consent of all the brethren," and, therefore, he only, perhaps not in the most skilful way, sets out the general character of the Old Regulations, with subsequent expansion or addition, as made by proper authority.

Of course, Bro. Jacob Norton may fairly ask, How is it that we have these variations between the Regulations of 1723 and the Regulations announced to be the same, and termed the Old, in 1738, and why not keep the Old exactly as they were issued by Payne? I answer, remembering that Anderson had the arrangement of both—that in 1723 and 1738 it is quite clear that Anderson acted fairly and deliberately "coram" the Grand Lodge; indeed, he could not act otherwise, and as Payne must have approved of these changes, it is impossible that there can be any unauthorized change. It is also as clear to me that we have in the Old Regulations as published in 1723 the actual representation of the original Regulation of 1720 and 1721. The Old Regulations as published in 1738 are these, plus certain additions and subtractions made by authority.

I hope my readers have followed me. The Regulations of 1723 are the Regulations of 1720, 1721, and 1722; the "Old Regulations" of 1738 are these "plus" successive modifications by Grand Lodge. The New Regulations of 1738 are "explanations" of what the changes have been.

I never could understand why Anderson is to be attacked. He did what Grand Lodge ordered him to do; he digested the "Gothic Constitutions," or "Guild Legends," into readable form and modernized verbiage; and his history of Freemasonry is merely an amplification, flowing as it is, of the old "Guild History" and the "Masonic Legends" of Freemasonry.

I could say a good deal more on the Regulations selected for illustration, because it is quite clear to me that my esteemed Bro. Jacob Norton has not quite mastered their true bearing; but I cannot hope to be permitted to-day to trespass longer in these pages. All I can concede to Bro. Norton is that, perhaps, it would be better to reprint some day if necessary the alterations: the Regulations of 1720 and 1721, as published in 1723; the revised copy of them, published in 1738, with the New Regulations, or explanations of them, in that year.

To Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Annual summer banquet of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227.
The Langton Lodge of Instruction.
John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,"
"The Masonic Eclectic," "Der Long Islaender," "The
Welcome," "The Colonies and India," "New York Dis-
patch," "The Citizen," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Die
Baubutte," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "The Hull
Packet," "The Sunday Times," "The Broad Arrow,"
"Keystone," "Allan's Indian Mail," "The Hebrew
Leader," "The Masonic Advocate," "Figaro," "United
Methodist and Free Churches Magazine."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 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.]

PRECEDENCE OF PROV. GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. "York's" reply with great attention, but fail to discover a valid answer either to the "reductio ad absurdum" of our able Grand Registrar or my own more humble arguments. Bro. "York" makes the following concessions, if I read his words correctly:

1. Bro. Newmarch originally contended for the equality of rank of all classes of officers, saving only the question of priority of appointment. Bro. "York" concedes the direct precedence of Grand Wardens, and the inferential precedence of other Grand Officers over Prov. Grand Officers of equal nominal rank. Junior Grand Wardens would "virtute officii" take precedence of Provincial Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplains, of Prov. Grand Chaplains, Grand Treasurers, and Grand Secretaries, of Provincial Grand Treasurers and Secretaries. This is a concession.

2. We then come to the question—what is the "status" of the Grand Officers, past and present, generally, in respect of Prov. Grand Officers generally?

Neither the Grand Registrar nor myself have ever contended, in any respect, that Prov. Grand Masters did not take precedence of Grand Officers in their own province, or anywhere, inasmuch as we are governed by the Table of Precedence, and also for another reason. The Prov. Grand Master is the representative of the Grand Master in his province, his "alter ego," and is therein a Grand Master "quoad" the province. He undoubtedly takes precedence in his province of all Grand Officers, except the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master.

3. But such an argument will not apply to the Deputy P. Grand Master. He has not equal rights with the Deputy Grand Master, and the Book of Constitutions specially points out this fact. He is, to use familiar language, the "Deputy's Deputy," and has no rank except "quoad" the province, where he acts as a D.G.M., but can claim no precedence over Grand Officers, inasmuch as he is not only not one of them, but can, strictly speaking, only claim his provincial rank, which is superior to all Prov. Grand Officers.

4. As regards the "reductio ad absurdum" of the Grand Master, the Grand Registrar clearly only used it to prove the logical incongruity of Bro. Newmarch's able and subtle arguments. Of course the Grand Master takes precedence of all Masons, be they who they may, anywhere and under all circumstances; but if Bro. Newmarch's original contention was good, and the Prov. Grand Master was a Grand Master in his province, the Prov. Deputy Grand Master a Deputy Grand Master, and all the Prov. Grand Officers, Grand Officers too, and their relative precedence only to be decided by priority of appointment, then even the Grand Master himself, if he was junior to the Prov. Grand Master, (his own emanation), in appointment could not take precedence of him. But as Bro. Newmarch and Bro. "York" give up such idea, and as Bro. "York" now concedes the precedence of Grand Officers over Prov. Grand Officers (inferentially) of equal ranks, but which, if I am correctly informed, was not conceded at the Gloucester meeting, it seems a waste of time and words to dwell further on that topic.

5. The illustrations Bro. "York" gives are amusing, but not, I think, to the point, or at all on "all fours" with our present discussion. No one in Derbyshire could contend as to the rank or precedence of the Prov. Grand Master, present in person, and no such question could possibly arise unless the Grand Master, or Pro Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master were present, either of them, personally. So we may dismiss that illustration as practically "out of court."

6. As regards our distinguished Bro. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Lancashire, the Rt. Hon. Colonel Stanley, if presiding in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, his rank and precedence could not be disputed, because he is Prov. Grand Master and quasi Grand Master, "pro tempore," but if his Prov. Grand Master be present, and though he is to stand at his right, he would, I appre-

hend, unless of Grand Lodge rank, have to concede the "pas" to all present and past Grand Officers.

7. Bro. "York" selects the case of the Grand Organist as his "reductio ad absurdum." But here another point comes in. The Grand Organist need not be a Warden even, or a P.M., like some other Grand Lodge Officers, and who, though his position gives him precedence in Grand Lodge, could not, I apprehend, take precedence of a Prov. Grand Lodge Officer, being a W.M. or a P.M.

The whole subject is a most interesting one, and requires a careful and courteous appreciation of the whole facts of this "vexata questio."

Yours fraternally,

LEX LATOMICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A Provincial Grand Master on his appointment need only be a Master Mason, and as the appointment does not make him a member of Grand Lodge, it might be inferred that there are Provincial Grand Masters who are not members of Grand Lodge. But when a Provincial Grand Master designate is only a Master Mason, the practice at the present time is to make him an Installed Master immediately before his installation as Provincial Grand Master. In this way he becomes a member of Grand Lodge, and takes his place there, according to the table of precedence, between the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens. Therefore a Grand Officer of inferior rank on visiting a province could not take precedence of its Provincial Grand Master, as in my ignorance of the present arrangements, I had supposed possible.

Bro. Arnold, if I understand his letter correctly, wishes to read the "Constitution" about which this discussion has taken place, thus: "Provincial Grand Officers shall possess in their district the rank and privileges of Provincial Grand Officers." It needed no "Constitution" to reveal that fact to us.

Yours truly and fraternally,

YORK.

FREEMASONRY IN ITALY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the article headed "Italy," which appears in your No. 652, for June 25th (extracted from *Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*), it may, perhaps, interest some of your readers to know that an English brother took part in Italian Freemasonic gatherings during the years 1861—1863, at the time when our Order was being revived and re-organised under the influence of that grand national awakening which was brought about by the incomparable Cavour. I paid my first visit to Northern Italy during the winter of 1859-60. In 1861 I visited lodges (duly warranted by the Grand Orient of France) both at Turin, at Genoa, and at Milan. I was personally acquainted with several of the original founders of the first truly national Grand Lodge of Italy, at the time when Bro. the Chevalier Nigra was elected Grand Master, in the year 1862. In the autumn of 1862 I attended a Masonic funeral at Turin. On the 6th day of January, 1863, I visited the lodge "Amici Veri Virtuosi," at Leghorn, and I have the *visû* of the lodge bearing that date, and signed by the Secretary, upon my Grand Lodge (of England) certificate. I well remember how strict was the examination I had to undergo before being allowed to enter, and how I was conducted by *il fratello terribile* to the door of the lodge, and made to enter *under the arch of steel*. The Third Degree was most excellently worked, and my Livornese brethren welcomed me, and subsequently *refreshed* me, in the most cordial and fraternal manner. Our distinguished Bro. General Giuseppe Garibaldi was, at the time, a subscribing member of the Amici Veri Virtuosi Lodge.

I may add that Freemasonry in Italy at the present moment is exerting a most beneficial influence on the destinies of the country. The tenets of our Order are most undoubtedly humanising the apathetic instincts of an intellectual and refined race, whose individualities have been gradually fossilised, whose spiritual intelligences have been paralysed, under the fell influence of temporal power, who has sat gorging upon the good things of *this* world, and flaunting its bejewelled and gilded wings in sensual, profligate godless self-complacency over the Vatican at Rome.

With your permission, Bro. Editor, I propose very shortly to offer for your acceptance for the pages of the *Freemason* a series of articles illustrative of the development of *Freemasonry in Italy*, from the date upon which I first became personally acquainted with Italy and our Italian Freemasonic brethren—now twenty years ago—up to the present day.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HENRY ECROYD.

Madrid, July 1st.

GRAND LODGE DUES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is it possible for a non-subscribing brother to be able to pay Grand Lodge dues otherwise than through a lodge, *i.e.*, to Grand Lodge direct?

Yours fraternally,

P. M.

[The payment can only be made through a lodge. Lodge payment bears the one qualification of Grand Lodge membership.—ED. F.M.]

KING KALAKAUA AND THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF EGYPT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Thinking it may be of some interest to you and the fraternity at large, I hasten to make the following communication:

The Supreme Council of Egypt had received some two or three months ago from the eminent and illustrious Bro. Albert Pike, an intimation that Bro. Kalakaua, 33°, King of the Hawaiian Islands, was about to visit Egypt. This longed for day at length arrived, and on the 20th ult. the public of Cairo could read in the newspapers of this metropolis that His Majesty King Kalakaua was expected by the French steamer arriving at Suez. Then a special meeting of the National Grand Lodge was resolved upon, and Bro. Kalakaua was invited by Most Worshipful Bro. Raph. Borg, G.M., to honour it with his presence. Circulars were sent to all lodges of the jurisdiction; the wire was set to work in every direction. All lodges hailing from Grand Bodies in amity with the National Grand Lodge were requested to attend. The evening of the 22nd ult., at half-past nine o'clock, Bro. Kalakaua, marshalled by Bros. Abbate Bey, 33°, a member of the Supreme Council for Egypt, and Grand Representative of Charleston; Somi Pasha, P.M., Representative of the Khedive; and Charles Tudd, P.M., His Majesty's Chamberlain, made his appearance among the members of the Egyptian Grand Lodge and their numerous visitors. His good-looking air, unassuming countenance, and natural affability wrought the best impression upon each and every Mason present.

Grand Lodge was opened in full and ample form by the Grand Master, assisted by the Office Bearers; and in presence of the G.G.R.R. of several sister lodges, Bro. Kalakaua was ushered with the high honours due to his Masonic and social rank. The National Grand Master addressed him in behalf of Egyptian Masonry, with that fluency and effusion for which he is so remarkable, then he offered to Grand Lodge the following resolution, which was unanimously accepted: "Whereas Bro. Kalakaua, both as a King and a Mason, rendered many and important services to the cause of civilisation and humanity at large: resolved, that Bro. D. Kalakaua, 33°, of Charleston, King of the Hawaiian Islands, may be and is thereby proclaimed Honorary Grand Master to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt." Bro. Kalakaua, in expressing his warmest thanks to the Grand Lodge and their Grand Master for an honour so unexpectedly conferred upon him, suggested the idea of organising an Archaeological Exhibition to be held in Egypt. Several brothers then took the floor and greeted in the person of King Kalakaua all the Freemasons of the far east, expressing the hope that this event might be the cause of a narrower and more intimate moral re-union between the newest and the oldest world. Bro. Kalakaua has in our eyes an advantage which few Royal Masons of our time can boast of; he represents the sacred and imperishable principle of self-civilisation, and is introduced and recommended to the fraternity by illustrious Bro. Pike, the first and most eminent Mason in the world.

A. 33°.

Cairo, June 25th.

MASONIC FUNERALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Taking it for granted that "A Secretary" would not have troubled you had he not wished for information other than contained in the Book of Constitutions—"Masonic Funerals"—I take the liberty, having recently advised in my mother lodge, to state what we consider proper on the occasion of the death of a member of our lodge. I, as Secretary, issued, by command of the W.M., a circular requesting the brethren, with him, to attend the funeral, with notice of time and place of meeting, and a marginal note as follows: "No Masonic clothing nor badge to be worn." Each brother had a sprig of acacia, which, on leaving the grave, he dropped in on to the head of the coffin. Perhaps I should add that we "followed," taking our places immediately behind the mourners.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

P.P.G.R.

OLD BOOKS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When I wrote my last letter to you I had merely glanced at "Old Livers," since then I have read it through and through, and I am now convinced, first, that the author may have possessed pounds of learning, but yet he was not endowed with an ounce of common sense; and second, the passages in the above work, which some have misconstrued to refer to the then existence of higher Degrees, merely refer to the first, second, and third Degrees.

I have also read "The Freemason's Accusation and Defence," of 1726. For information of those who have not read the said book, I will briefly state that a young man studying law in London had written to his father in the country that he was about to join the Freemasons. The father had a strong antipathy to Freemasonry, and consequently refused to sanction the son's intention. Among other reasons, [the son stated that the Masonic secrets were never disclosed. The father denied the son's assertion, and referred him to the *Post Boy*; he could not give the date, but he was sure, he said, it appeared in the above newspaper when he was last in London, and he added,

"So industrious were the Masons to suppress it, that in a week's time not one of the papers could be found; wherever they saw them they made away with them. They went from coffee house to coffee house, and tore them privately out of the book. Those they could not come at so easily they bought, even at the extravagant price of two shillings and sixpence and five shillings a paper. . . . The Freemasons were prodigiously nettled at the publication of this *Post Boy*. Yet, according to their wonted assurance, they put a good face on the matter, and said there was nothing in it; but at the same time huddled up the affair with all the privacy imaginable, and presently put out a sham discovery to invalidate the other, but you may depend upon it that the *Post Boy* was a genuine discovery."

The so-called discovery in the *Post Boy* Bro. Gould unearthed about a year ago, and was reprinted in the *Freemason*, but to what other publication does the *father* refer, by the "sham discovery to invalidate the other?" If the "Freemason's Accusation and Defence" was not a mere catchpenny, some publication must have appeared in 1723 while the *father* was in London, which rumour ascribed to the Freemasons. I know that "The Grand Mystery of Free-Masons discovered" was printed in 1724. Now, did the *father* refer to that publication, as the *sham discovery* to invalidate the other? and if not that one, what other publication does he refer to as having been got up by Masons?

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, June 29th.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following questions have been put to me lately, and perhaps some of the brethren will answer them, if the hot weather does not prevent such an effort:

1. Is it right for a Prov. G.R.A. Officer to wear his collar of office in a Craft lodge?

2. Should not Grand Lodge appoint a Deputy Registrar and Deputy Superintendent of Works, as the number of Grand Officers is still out of all proportion to the increase in the number of lodges, and we can well dispense with the "Trumpeter"?

3. How is it that nearly all Provincial Grand Lodges charge from 10s. 6d. to 15s. for their banquets, except in Middlesex, when for Craft, Mark, or Arch, the charge is £1 1s., even for a cold collation?

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

A BLUNDER ON A BLUNDER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By an amusingly repeated printer's error, in some strange way editorially overlooked, my correction of last week remains a blunder still, as regards my original letter. The original words as printed are "subsidiary of tantamount," which are a misprint for "subsidiary if tantamount," and not vice versa, as the last issue of the *Freemason* most amusingly if provokingly perpetuates and retains.

Yours fraternally,

LEX LATOMICA.

LADIES AT MASONIC BANQUETS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your publication of the 9th inst., I note the remarks you say have been made to you in correspondence with reference to the admission of ladies *occasionally* to our collations after Masonic meetings.

I have long been of opinion that it is our loss that ladies have not been invited to join us on such occasions as the banquets after meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Chapter, &c., &c., and as far as my influence goes, I shall exert it to bring about that practice.

I have seen on such occasions ladies admitted to the gallery to look at the "Lords of the Creation" dining, and to hear the speeches after—why should they not have been invited to have joined us at the banquet? I hold that the presence of ladies has ever an elevating and refining tendency, and I am sure you will agree with me, there is nothing to prevent our wives, daughters, sisters, or sweethearts joining us at our banquets.

I am an old P.M. with a little experience of other Degrees, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

Aberystwith, July 11.

EXCELSIOR.

Rebels.

THE MAGAZINES.

"Scribner" is, as usual, first rate, and we hardly know which most to admire, its literary articles, or its illustrative plates. The following quaint and effective axioms of a certain negro preacher, the Rev. Gabe Tucker, deserve attention, we think, as they are full of living truths and "Attic salt":

"You may notch it on de palin's as a mighty resky plan To make your judgment by de clu'es dat kivers up a man;

For I hardly needs to tell you how you often come across

A fifty dollar saddle on a twenty dollar hoss.

An' wukin' in de low-groun's, you diskiwer, as you go, a Dat de fines' shuck may hide de meanes' nubbin in row

"I think a man has got a mighty slender chance for Heben

Dat holds on to his piety but one day out o' seben; Dat talks about de sinners wid a heap o' solemn chat An' nebber draps a nickel in de missionary hat; Dat's foremost in de meetin'-house for raisin' all de chunes,

But lays aside his 'ligion with his Sunday pantaloons!

"I nebber judge o' people dat I meets along de way By de places whar dey come fum an' the houses whar dey stay;

For de bantam chicken's awful fond o' roostin' pretty high,

An' de turkey-buzzard sails above de eagle in de sky; Dey catches little minners in de middle ob de sea, An' you finds de smalles' possums up the bigges' kind o' tree!"

All the articles are worth reading.

"Temple Bar" contains several most readable articles, and one novelette, most interesting, especially to our dear friends of the "softer sects," "Cousin Felix." It has been pronounced A1 by a select tea party of young women, married and single. "The Freres" supply also excellent reading.

"The Antiquary" is very good indeed, and serves to interest not a few zealous and energetic "Dryasdusts" with its memories and pictures of the old past.

"All the Year Round." For once our old friend is drollish and prosyish, and we think is suffering from the hot weather and the thunderstorm; but still "Shurle Agra" is very touching. "Lady Deane" we do not like. The class magazines are now really "legion." There is "Baily's," for instance, and "The Squire" for our good friends in "Boetia." There are "Belgravia," "London Society," and "The Argosy" for lovers of fiction. Then "The Magazine of Art"—a charming serial—is for artists. "The Theatre" for the admirers of the drama. It seems well and pointedly written.

We have not seen "Blackwood," or the "Fortnightly," or the "Cornhill," or the "Queen," or "Macmillan's," or the "Gentleman's," or the "Nineteenth Century," or the "Atlantic Monthly," or "Harper's."

For the young we can recommend "St. Nicholas," published by the publisher of "Scribner's." It is certainly, from its own point of view, very "thorough." Boys, too, have the "Boys' Own Paper" and the "Union Jack"; Girls, the "Girls' Own Paper." Surely there must be something in it.

The religious serials are well to the fore, whether we take "Good Words," or the "Sunday at Home," or the "Fireside," or the "Monthly Packet," the "Churchman's Shilling Magazine," or the "Roman Catholic Month." We have not seen the "Leisure Hour," but it is generally good.

"The Welcome" is an admirable serial.

We are struck with the increase of so-called ladies' literature, though we cannot say we see much good in it, except on one point, the fashions, and for this our fair friends should consult "Le Follet" or the "Ladies' Gazette of Fashion," or some one or other of those English and foreign monthly journals which cater so successfully for this touching feminine taste.

The serial literature of the month is a serious tax on time and thought for those who really do think, and we cannot shut our eyes to the somewhat unsatisfactory and uneasy ground it covers. However, "verbum sat sapienti."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

Ragon, in his "Orthodoxie Maconique," p. 204, makes the two following assertions. Can any Scottish or Irish brother throw any light upon them?

1. "The organic regulations of the Grand Lodge of Edinburgh, 1736, made it known that several corporations which had this name as a distinctive title (Royal Arch), such as the Royal Arch of Glasgow, in 1755, the Royal Arch of Stirling in 1759, when they applied to that Grand Lodge to obtain new constitutions."

Ragon had been saying that some authors made the English Royal Arch the same as the French Royal Arch, called Royal Arch of Enoch, or Knight of the 9th Arch, a portion of so-called Scottish Masonry, which had passed from France to England. Of this assertion, however, so far we have no proof.

2. As regards Ireland, Bro. Gould's researches have made it clear that Dermott was "initiated" and "crafted" in Ireland, and obtained thence his Royal Arch Grade (see a previous communication in *Freemason*); and what then does Ragon mean when he says that, in p. 13, the Grand Lodge of Ireland declared it knew nothing of the "Royal Arch" as such, and even proposed to censure Lord Donoughmore, G.M., for seeking to carry out the wishes of the Duke of Sussex in this respect? What is the historical reality or worth of such statements?

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE GERMAN STEINMETZEN.

Can any brother or fellow student point out to me a work which deals accurately and realistically with the connection between the operative German Masons and the speculative German Masons? I have seen several essays on the subject, but they all rest on an "ut dicitur," or are simple "sheepwalking."

Dr. Marlow, in his "Geheimen Gebräuche und Ceremonien der Maurergesellen," Hamburg and Leipzig, 1868, talks of the existence of certain bodies allowed by the state, which under the various names of "Zunft, Innung, Einung, Amt, Gaffel, Gilde, Gilte, Zeche, Gewerl, and Bruderschaft," belonged to various hand-work trades in Germany.

He gives us "inter alia" a ballad, by W. Haeker, on Der Heilige Bund der Maurer Gesellen, the Holy Union of Mason Apprentices, and their form of Masonry, in which there is not the slightest trace of Freemasonry to be found. The Crux, as regards the German stonemasons is reproduced, no doubt, more or less in England; that

we have no traces of them after the 16th century, and in the 18th century German Speculative Masonry from England comes to the fore. We have in England traces of Operative and Speculative Masons in the 17th century, though they are few and far between.

MASONIC STUDENT.

A GERMAN MASONIC BOOK.

I have a German Masonic book called "Geheimnisse der Freymaurer," secrets of the Freemasons, without a printer's name, of date 1766, which contains our English ritual translated, and an "Einleitung," or "Introduction," by a nameless brother. In this introduction two statements occur which I commend to the notice of Bros. Gould, Hughan, and others. The first is, that the idea of a Cosmopolitan Order took its idea from the Crusades and Crusaders, when men of "all nations" met together, and that Edward I. brought it back from the East—p. 2.

The second is, that when Kensington Palace was being built a mutiny of the Masons took place, (page 4), a rebellion having recently taken place in England, and that the commanders declared the Masons were alone free of all punishment, because the commanders could not obtain these "loosungs wat" their "wort" practically. They then elected the Archbishop of Canterbury Grand Master, always keeping their "word."

I mention this because it shows how Masonic history is written, and because I am anxious to know if any one can throw any light on this to me hopelessly unhistorical assertion. The book otherwise has little worth, except as a sort of "quasi ritual" in 1766, both English and German.

ANTIQUARIUS.

The *Keystone* tells us that "Bro. George Carpenter, whose name stood next before Bro. and Gen. Ogleshorpe's in the charter of the colony of Georgia, one of the first Trustees appointed by King George II., and whose name one of the tithings of Savannah still bears, was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1731, the very year that active preparations were made to found the colony of Georgia." This is a fact for Bro. Gould.

ANTIQUARIUS.

CONSECRATION OF THE DERWENT MARK LODGE, No. 282.

This new Mark Lodge, making the eighth in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, was constituted and dedicated to Mark Masonry on Tuesday last, the 12th inst.

From the remarks of the Consecrating Officer below, it will be seen there is ample room for a Mark Lodge in the flourishing town of Workington, and started under such favourable auspices it cannot do other than prosper. The petitioners, five in number, were Bros. T. Dixon, 151; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., 1229; and J. J. Coverdale, J. Jenkinson, and J. J. Little, 151; and the warrant was one of the first signed by the recently-installed Grand Master, Lord Henniker.

The officers designate, it may be mentioned, are all P.M.'s of the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington.

Originally, the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, had intended to perform the ceremony of consecration; but his lordship being unable to come so far north, delegated the duty to Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.G. Secretary.

At four o'clock a lodge of M.M.M.'s was opened in the Masonic Rooms, Portland-square, by the Consecrating Officer, with the following brethren in their several positions, as had previously been arranged, so as to ensure uniformity and precision in the working of the ceremony of advancement: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.G. Treasurer, as S.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 213 and 216, P.G. J.W., as J.W.; J. H. Banks, W.M. 151, P.G. J.O., as M.O.; G. Sparrow, S.O. 213, as S.O. 2 T. C. Robinson, M.O. 229, as J.O.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Chaplain 229, as Chaplain; T. Mason, Sec. 151, as Sec. and R.M.; H. Peacock, S.O. 229, as S.D.; W. Shilton, J.O. 229, as J.D.; T. Weatherston, J.O. 151, as I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler 229, P.G. Tyler, as Tyler.

There were also present, Bros. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G. I.G., of England; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. J.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, 229, P.G. Org.; J. Cooper, 213, P.G. Org.; W. Paisley, J.D. 229; and others. A ballot for candidates was then taken as follows: Bros. W. Carlyle, P.M. 962, and 1400, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. A. Salkeld, P.M. 965; J. Thompson, S.W. 962; E. J. Burrows, J.D. 962; J. Lewthwaite, I.G. 962; J. Harding, Steward, 962; F. Paul, 962; W. Smith, 962; D. B. Winston, 962; and W. Wagg, 962. All the candidates being in attendance, they were regularly advanced to the honourable Degree, the whole of the acting officers performing their respective parts like clockwork, with a telling effect rarely witnessed in any province.

The ceremony of consecration was then commenced, and the founders of the new lodge being arranged in order, the consecrating officer addressed the brethren. He referred to the popularity of the Mark Degree, as evinced by its striking increase, for it was only three years that very day since Faithful Lodge, No. 229, was consecrated by their late lamented R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and yet the number of the new lodge about to be consecrated was 282. He next alluded to the circumstances which had brought about the formation of the Derwent Lodge. As they all were aware, there were several brethren belonging to the Mark Degree in Workington, members principally of the Maryport Lodge, and these brethren not only found it inconvenient to attend their duties regularly, but there was the substantial fact that members of a Masonic body in any other town than that of their residence were rarely called on to take office, whilst the chances of their ever reaching the highest honour of the chair were very remote indeed. That was of itself, a substantial reason why an independent Mark Lodge should be formed at Workington. Referring to Masonry in Workington, it was an extraordinary fact, that, although the first lodge was opened in 1762, there was no evidence of any other than the Craft Degrees being worked in the old town. The idea of introducing this new lodge, therefore, was of itself a direct compliment to the Mark Degree, and they would, one and all, sincerely hope it would prove a happy augury of success in the time to come. With the opening of the Derwent Lodge, there would be five Mark

lodges within a very limited area of West Cumberland; and, judging from the vitality, efficiency, and regularity of the first four, combined with the promising commencement made to-day by the fifth lodge, he had no hesitation in saying that no other province in England was so peculiarly fortunate. During the first year or two some assistance would be required; but, as the train service between the different towns was so convenient, he knew that the brethren of the lodges at Whitehaven and Cockermouth would experience a pleasure in attending to lend a helping hand in the working of the new lodge. In conclusion, he called on the acting Secretary to state the wishes of the members, which being done the petition and warrant were read.

Subsequently the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, a most appropriate and well-written oration being delivered by Bro. Rev. G. M. Rice, M.A., S.W. designate.

The consecrating elements were borne by the following brethren: Cornucopia with corn (Bro. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151); the vessels with wine (Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M. 213 and 216); oil (Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M. 151); and salt (Bro. J. H. Banks, W.M. 151).

The musical arrangements, it should not be omitted to observe, were in the able hands of Bro. J. Cooper, P.G. Organist, and of themselves were a feature in the ceremonial.

The consecration completed, Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, took the chair, and Bro. T. Dixon, W.M. designate, was presented for installation, being performed in the most perfect manner. Bros. Carlyle and Wagg were respectively elected Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year.

The following were the officers invested: Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice, S.W.; J. J. Coverdale, I.J.V.; J. A. Salkeld, M.O.; D. B. Winston, S.O.; E. G. Burrows, J.O.; W. Carlyle, Treas.; J. Harding, R.M.; J. Thompson, Sec.; J. Jenkinson, S.D.; F. Paul, J.D.; J. J. Little, I.G.; J. Lewthwaite, Steward; W. Wagg, Tyler.

The addresses to the Wardens, Overseers, and brethren were delivered by Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M. 213 and 216, in his usual eloquent manner.

On the proclamations being put the S.W. moved, the J.W. seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that Bros. Lamonby, Gardiner, Dalrymple, and Cooper, be elected honorary members.

The Prov. G. SECRETARY announced that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Frizington, under the banner of Henry Lodge, No. 213, on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

The lodge was closed shortly after half-past six, with the usual address.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the Lowther Arms Hotel, where a capital banquet was partaken of. After this a couple of hours or so were spent in harmony, toast and song following each other in merry succession, and a very happy and successful gathering came to a close with the Tyler's toast.

We may add that Derwent Lodge meets on the first Wednesday in every month at seven p.m.

FREEMASONRY IN EGYPT.

His Majesty King Kalakaua, of the Hawaiian Islands, arrived in Cairo shortly after mid-day on the 20th ult. The same afternoon M.W. Bro. Raphael Borg (H.B.M. Vice-Consul at Cairo), the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, called at the Palace of Kahr-el-Noussa, which His Highness the Khedive had placed at the disposal of King Kalakaua during His Majesty's stay in Cairo. M.W. Bro. Borg had a most satisfactory conversation with the King in reference to Freemasonry, in the course of which His Majesty accepted an invitation to visit National Grand Lodge. On the 22nd ult., the King having spent the morning at the Museum of Antiquities at Boulg, invited M.W. Bro. Borg to luncheon, after which a conversation of the most interesting kind was held. This conversation related exclusively to Freemasonry, and lasted for more than an hour.

The Grand Lodge was summoned for nine o'clock p.m. Shortly after that hour His Majesty arrived, accompanied by Bros. C. A. Judd, Sami-Pasha, and Abbate-Bey. By special permission of the Grand Master there were present a number of visitors from the lodges holden under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. The visitors having taken their seats, Grand Lodge marched in procession in the following order: Grand Tyler; Grand Stewards; Bros. E. Macchi, Grand Pursuivant; S. Jupp, Grand Organist; E. Borelli, Grand Bible Bearer; N. Monferrato, Junior Grand Deacon; D. Hazan, Senior Grand Deacon; G. Mazarach, Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bros. F. F. Odi, Grand Secretary; E. Glimenopulo, Grand Treasurer; V.W. Bros. A. E. Zamburoglu, Junior Grand Warden; L. Zaja, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. Dr. D. Iconomopulo, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. G. I. Barnard, Grand Sword Bearer; M.W. Bro. Raphael Borg, Grand Master; Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master having taken his seat on the throne, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Having briefly stated the object of the convocation, namely to receive and welcome the Ill. Bro. David Kalakaua, and having been informed that His Majesty was in attendance, the Grand Master ordered the Grand Director of Ceremonies to accompany the august visitor into the temple. His Majesty and suite were then introduced, escorted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Stewards, and the Grand Deacons, and was invited to take a seat on the dais, the Grand Lodge meanwhile standing to order.

The GRAND MASTER in an eloquent and most happily appropriate address in the English language welcomed the august visitor, and at the same time gave a description (in Italian) of the Islands of Hawaii, and of their Sovereign, and concluded by moving that the Illustrious Bro. David Kalakaua be named an honorary Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt. The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER seconded the motion in a short but earnest speech.

Bro. ABATE-BEY also spoke at some length in favour of the motion.

By special permission of the Grand Master the visitors were also permitted to express their views upon this occasion, and the motion having been put by the SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, was carried unanimously.

The GRAND MASTER then explained to the august brother in English the result of the unanimous action of the

Grand Lodge, and placed in the hands of the newly-created honorary Grand Master the gavel, and charged him to wield it with firmness, dignity, and justice.

The august brother then arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, officers, and brethren: I thank you most sincerely for the kind expressions you have made in welcoming me here this evening; at the same time I acknowledge with high appreciation the honour you have conferred upon me as Honorary Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt. I cannot help expressing to you the gratitude I feel for the kindness shown to me by the people of Cairo, especially the kindness of your wise, able, and noble ruler. I fully acquiesce in and acknowledge the high claim you have aspired to, as expressed by your Most Worthy Grand Master this evening. Though the organisation of your Grand Lodge is of recent date, still, having its residence in the land of antiquity, it should be entitled to the consideration of other Masonic bodies wherever dispersed throughout the world. Considering this as your ultimatum, it is no less important that your Grand Body is destined to take a conspicuous part in the future for the fulfilment of an event which I will endeavour faintly to elucidate. It was my very good fortune yesterday to pay a humble pilgrimage to those vast and noble piles of antiquity the Pyramids. Contemplating the vastness, the age, and grandeur of the structure, no doubt has given food for reflection to men of every country and of every age. But it is indeed more valuable to us brethren of the Masonic fraternity, for it teaches us innumerable living lessons of the precepts of our holy Order. It shows to us the wisdom, strength, and beauty of the conception of the design cast by the master hand of Operative, and calculated by the wisdom of Speculative Masonry of that remote period for a purpose and a destiny to be fulfilled. I will enumerate but a few symbols that have come under my observation during my visit there. Look in every direction and survey the surroundings. One is confronted with emblematical symbols and signs of speculative Masonry that no one can doubt the identity of its being built under the auspices of operative Masonry, with a view of instructions of speculative Masonry. In the monument of the Sphinx you can observe a meaning—strength, represented by the form of a lion guarding the causeway. In the human head is represented that of wisdom symbolically representing the two pillars at the entrance of all Masonic lodges. The base of the pyramid forms a true and perfect square. The four corners of the base lying due north and south east, and west show the position in which every lodge has subsequently been laid, even that of the great lodge or Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem. The altitudinal position of the Pyramids at its true meridian forms, a pivot of a compass or centre of a circle—that centre of a circle by which “no Master Mason can materially err.” The Pyramids if taken as one solid mass become the world's corner stone, and, suitably applied to the corner stone which the builder refused and neglected for ages, should now be accepted emblematically as the chief corner stone of our Masonic edifice. Reverse the Pyramids, and you will have a keystone of an Arch—a Royal Arch—of the world's circumference. The position of the Pyramids being established on the pivot of a compass, the right limb or arm running due north-east towards and ending at the coast of Pelusium, and the left limb or arm of the compass pointing due north-west in the direction of, and ending at Alexandria, thus forming a triangle, the radius of the two points forming an arch or quarter of a circle, the two extreme points meeting in the centre, as if designed that we of Hawaii, representing the north-west limb or point of the compass, should meet you, brethren of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, representing the north-east point for a purpose—an idea which has just struck me as significant of our meeting here this evening, and of which I will hereafter propose, if I may be allowed, for your Grand Body to consider, which it is hoped to be pregnant with good results for the benefit of Masonry and for the good of our common humanity. There is no doubt, as our Most Worthy Grand Master has expressed, that Egypt was the cradle of operative and speculative Masonry. Fragmentary evidence of the forms by which the initiated had to pass the ordeal of initiation to gain admission into the worship or the knowledge of the mysteries of Osiris, Ichorus, and Isis, have been handed down to us. The ceremony of baptism is considered by the ancient Egyptians as one of the most important, the initiated undergoing the tremendous ordeal of first passing through a living flame of fire, and secondly that of water. This is prescribed in the ritual of one of our Degrees in Masonry and is now represented by the Christian formula of baptism by that of the Spirit, representative of the flame, and the second form by that of water. The Scriptures evidently prove that Moses, the great lawgiver of the Jews, received instruction from his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and to have had imparted the knowledge of the mysteries of Isis to enable him by inspiration to command the children of Israel. Enoch's pillars of stone and brass, which are emblems of Masonry, antedate the period of Noah's flood, a conclusive proof of their great antiquity intermingled with the religious ceremonies of the period with that of a later date, as proved by the united Masonic worship at the building of Solomon's Temple derived from more ancient formulae. The interior of the Pyramids contains no less equally valuable lessons of interest for us. From the King's chamber to the end of the passage is marked by a series, numbers of feet, inches, or steps, ending at every stage—an approximation of the period of time from Adam to the present era. And, singularly enough, from the foot of the great hall, at the lowest stage at the foot of the causeway leading to the entrance, is marked in significant symbolical revelations of the period from the birth of Christ up to the present year—1881, figuratively defining a fixed period in which an event will occur. May I say now that that event is a signification of our meeting here to-night, as I have already illustrated? That Hawaii, representing the most north-westerly point of the compass, a corner of the world, should have been destined, and in conformation of one, at least, of the tenets of our Order; that Hawaii, “having remained long in darkness,” is now permitted to enjoy the benefits of “the true light” in viewing the mighty handiwork of ancient operative Masonry, assisted by the aid of inspiration from that great light which is from above—the Grand Geometrician, the Great Architect of the Universe! Another significant instance prophetically pre-figures itself, and that from the birth of Christ—one of the chief patrons of speculative Masonry—corresponding with the existence of Christianity for one thousand eight hundred and eighty-

one years, may be taken as a symbolical revelation of the fulfilment of the period when all the nations of the earth will meet to the better acknowledgment of Him, one, at least, of the triad representatives of moral and spiritual Masonry. It certainly seems that a special legacy of antiquity is predicted for us—speculative Masons of the present day—to decipher the hidden symbolical mysteries and lessons it contains, and to carry out the fulfilment of its mission. It seems strange that destiny should have planned my journey round the world so as to enable me to offer and express to you these remarks. Need I suggest a method by which this important subject can be brought about, or that I may be allowed now to propose that an antiquarian Masonic exhibition of the world be held in Cairo at a proper time to be decided upon by your Grand Body? Egypt, I may presume to say, has passed far greater embarrassments and financial crises, and should, by an enterprising spirit of this nature, again assume a position worthy of her ancient glory and renown. Other nations have practically proved the feasibility of holding Exhibitions for commercial purposes—England, France, Austria, America, and lately Australia—it becomes Egypt's duty to assume her allotted task. The genius of Count de Lesseps in cutting a passage through the Isthmus of Suez is a simple dot indicative of a point by which the circle of the world's geographical surface may be reached with ease by the whole world's representatives that may meet in the centre. The importance of such an object cannot be over-estimated, and can easily be discerned as bearing upon its political, social, and moral point of view, combined with the commercial benefits that will accrue to Egypt. As my sojourn among you is but short, I cannot, as I would be most willing to do, co-operate with you in the matter, and take a lively interest in its success. The final consummation of such an undertaking it is hoped, will be but the fulfilment of our moral duties in uniting the speculative Masons of 1881 to become operative as of old, thereby completing the last and finishing touch of the work in our moral trestle board, and again to resume symbolically the use of the trowel in cementing the speculative and spiritual fabric of the world in one bond of unity, love, friendship, and truth.

At the conclusion of this address, the GRAND MASTER thanked His Majesty for his visit, as well as for his great interest manifested in archaeological Masonry, and stated that the suggestions indicated would form the subject of careful study by a special Committee, although His Majesty would, no doubt, himself admit that the recommendations could not be carried into effect without the help of other bodies, and hoped that His Majesty would lend his support and influence.

There being no other business on the agenda paper, Grand Lodge was closed and adjourned, after which all the brethren of note were presented to His Majesty by the Grand Master.

The following is a translation of the diploma of the rank conferred upon His Majesty:—

(Seal) RAPH. BORG, G.M.

The National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

To all Freemasons spread over the two Hemispheres.

GREETING.

We certify that, at an especial convocation held on the 22nd day of June, 1881 (V.E.), the National Grand Lodge, on account of the distinguished personal qualities and of the rare Masonic merits which adorn him, has proclaimed Our Ill. and Aug. Bro. KALAKAUA,

King of the Hawaiian Isles, an Honorary Grand Master, and has accorded him all privileges inherent to the said high office.

Given at the seat of the National Grand Lodge at Cairo, in Egypt, this 22nd day of June, A.L. 5881, A.D. 1881.

F. F. ODDI, G. Sec.

Dr. D. ICONOMOPULO, D.G.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED BRETHREN LODGE, AT MALTA.

The consecration of the above lodge, which will hold its meetings at No. 3, Strada Carmine, St. Julian's, was held recently at the Masonic Hall, Valetta. The ceremony of installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. G. Crabtree, S.W. 515, P.D.G.J.D., was performed by the R.W. Bro. W. Kingston, D.G.M., who was supported by the following Present and Past D.G. Officers: V.W. Bro. Ex. the Chev. Rosenbusch, D.D.G.M.; W. Bros. H. Stilon, D.G.S.W.; Dogherty, P.D.G.S.W.; W. Watson, P.D.G.J.W.; Bro. J. Starkey, D.G. Sec.; W. Bros. Rotherham, P.D. G. Reg.; Glenday, P.D.G. Reg.; Bros. Geo. Senior, D.G. Sld. Br.; L. Leader, D.G. Steward; A. B. Truett, D.G. Almoner; and the following brethren also attended: Bros. W. Parirute, Owen, Bates, Gee, and Geo. Westrup, 515. Bro. R. Beck acted as Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the D.G.M., and the provisional warrants from the District Grand Lodge of Malta having been read, the W.M. designate, Bro. Crabtree, was presented by W. Bros. Rosenbusch and Dogherty to the D.G.M., who performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner.

The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Crabtree, having been duly saluted by all present, then nominated the officers of the new lodge as follows: Bros. F. Hewson, S.W.; J. Leader, J.W.; F. Noyes, Treas.; Geo. Senior, Sec.; C. H. Gee, S.D.; G. Owen, J.D.; J. O. Bates, I.G.; and Beck, Tyler.

The W.M. afterwards tendered his thanks to the founders of the new lodge, and to the D.G.M. and his officers, for their kind attendance on this occasion. This was suitably acknowledged; and the “Hearty good wishes” of the English lodges in the district, coupled with those of the Leinster Lodge, I.C. (represented by Bro. Dogherty, W.M.), were given for the success of the new lodge, and were suitably replied to by the newly-installed W.M., after which the lodge was closed.

Of late the number of Masons residing at St. Julian's and Slemma has increased rapidly, and the want of a lodge in their midst has been much felt. The new lodge, it is believed, will meet the need, and prove a centre of Masonic usefulness, where members can meet and discharge their duties during the hot summer months or stormy evenings of winter, without the serious loss of time and inconvenience they have hitherto been subject to in journeying to and from Valetta.

The new catalogue of the National Gallery is making good progress, and will, it is said, soon be in the hands of the public.

THE DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

The first annual meeting of the Committee of this Charity was held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Monday, the 4th inst., and amongst a fair attendance of members were the M.W., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master C. Hambro, P.P.C.S.W. Captain Hanham, Bros. Burt (chairman), and E. T. Budden, Secretary. It was arranged that the Finance Committee be taken from one or two adjacent lodges, and be changed yearly, so that the whole province is represented in the matter. The Relief and Assistance Committee will be formed of one member from each lodge. Bro. Sec. reported that the subscriptions already paid amounted to £985 11s., thus formed— from twenty-seven donors, not Masons, £355 11s.; P.G.L., P.G.M., Deputy P.G.M. and P.D.P.G.M., £300; lodges and brethren, £331. Of this latter amount 10 lodges had voted £104 18s. 6d.; 151 brethren had given in donations £192 10s.; subscriptions amount to £34 8s. 6d.; a sum of £6 9s. 8d. for interest made the total funds £993 0s. 8d., to which has just been added further donations, £2 10s.; and may be added hereafter (promised), £83 3s. About £850 had been invested, the brokers acting through the great firm of Hambro Bros., charging no commission. There would soon accrue a sum of £12 18s. for interest, making £19 7s. 8d. available for charity. Preliminary expenses came to about £21, and it was decided, after a great deal of discussion, that this shall be defrayed out of capital, and not out of the interest, which was then left intact for charitable expenses, and a grant of £5 was made to the first object presented to the lodge. The W.M. and brethren of All Saints' kindly provided luncheon for the Committee.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO. CHARLES COOTE, P.M.

An interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when the monument erected to the memory of the late Bro. C. Coote, P.M. 205, 1319, P.Z. 1319, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, was unveiled at Kensal Green Cemetery by Mrs. Edward Swanborough, in the presence of the following friends of our departed brother: Bros. E. Frewen, W. H. Cremer, W. A. Tinney, H. Lazarus, W. J. Kent, H. J. Calcott, E. Humphrey, C. S. Bradberry, G. Dyke, A. Gough, F. Pritchard, H. J. Phillips, Thaddeus Wells; Messrs. J. Bishop, W. Pratt, C. Coote and Miss Lizzie Coote (grandson and granddaughter of the late Bro. Coote), Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Edward Swanborough, Bros. J. M. Chamberlin, Secretary to the fund; J. Weaver, Treasurer; and Edward Swanborough, Chairman.

In opening the proceedings Bro. Swanborough made the following few remarks: Brethren, ladies, and gentlemen—We have met here to-day to perform a very interesting ceremony, namely, to unveil a lasting memorial of our love and regard for the memory of our late Bro. C. Coote, erected by the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, and the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, assisted by a few members of the Knight's Club, and other friends. The good qualities of our late brother are so fresh in the memories of his friends as to require no comment from me, suffice it to say that he lived respected and died deeply regretted. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the very great assistance the committee have received from Bro. J. Weaver, P.M., Treasurer to the fund, and Bro. J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., the Secretary.

Mrs. E. Swanborough then directed the veil to be removed, and after the meeting had expressed their approval of the memorial, the proceedings terminated.

The Coote memorial is a very beautiful monument in Sicilian marble, and consists of an Irish cross with a Past Master's jewel, surrounded with forget-me-nots, lilies of valley, and ivy leaves carved on the face of same, and standing in a rock of marble with Masonic emblems, with ivy carved thereon, and a marble pedestal with the following inscription: "In Memoriam Charles Coote, Died March 6th, 1880, aged 71. This monument was erected by his Masonic and other friends as a mark of affection and esteem." The lower portion of the memorial is a marble slab, and post with iron bars, and a large massive landing of Yorkshire stone, on which the whole is fixed. The monument stands nine feet in height. This chaste and beautiful memorial was designed and executed by the well known monumental mason, Bro. E. M. Lander, of Kensal Green.

EARLY USE OF THE TERM FREEMASON.

The following letter had been handed us for publication by Bro. R. F. Gould:

"33, Bloomsbury-street, Bedford-square,
"11th July, 1881.

"Dear Sir,—

"Presuming that you have thoughtfully sent me a copy of the *Freemason* of 9th inst. for the purpose of noticing the communication signed 'Masonic Student,' I herewith do so, but with some hesitation, considering it is now twenty years since I wrote the two papers on 'The Superintendents of English Buildings,' and on 'The Masons During the Medieval Period,' a subject interesting alike to myself as an 'architect,' and to yourself as a 'Mason.' Steinbreuner's statement that in 1396 he finds an entry, 'Lathomos vocatos Ffremaceons,' is, most probably, a copy from Findel, who, at page 51 of his 'History,' or page 46 of the edition of 1866, cites as his authority for the reference one of the two papers by myself. These papers were read at meetings of the Royal Institution of British Architects, and printed in their 'Sessional Papers,' and were not only much condensed, but were given without referring to authorities. Hence Findel could not do more than quote my paper. I have the pleasure of stating that the words above quoted, followed by 'Lathomos vocatos ligiers,' will be found in Rymer's *Foedera*, Syn. xvii., under the date 1396; an unquestionable reference.

"I think I am also answerable for the first assertion that 'Simentarius' before, and 'freemason' after 1396, are found in the Fabric Rolls of Exeter Cathedral.' In another short paper (in the 'Dictionary of Architecture,' issued by the Architectural Publication Society, *sv Freemason*) I have, perhaps, more carefully written 'The Fabric Rolls of Exeter Cathedral, dating 1396-7, are said to contain the word freemason.' In another article are the words 'William I foundyng is mentioned in the Fabric Rolls

of Exeter Cathedral, 1396-7, as a freemason engaged at the yearly wages of 26s. 8d.,' quoting my authority, 'Britton's Exeter Cathedral, 4to., London, 1827, page 96;' and adding 'This is the earliest instance known of the word "freemason."'

"Not having been quite satisfied (for some reason now forgotten) with Mr. Britton's statement, I obtained the assistance of a friend at Exeter (this was in the year 1859), and the reply (the letter is now before me) was—'Unfortunately, I cannot lay my hand on that (Roll) of 1396-7.' He added that the Rolls of 1427-30 have 'Freemason'; and that previously to about 1400-1420, after which the English term prevailed, the terms used were 'Sementarius' and (oddly enough) 'Latharius.' Thus, although the Roll was not seen, it may be taken for granted that the reference is correct, and 1396-7 stands good. No doubt Mr. E. W. Shaw obtained his dates 1396-7 and 1427 also from Britton's work above quoted by me. I am not aware that I take practically the same view as does the 'Masonic Student' that 'Freemason' is of fifteenth century use. I still consider it as of the fourteenth century, though late in the century, and that it came from working 'free-stone.'

"I may, perhaps, be excused, in conclusion, in expressing my opinion that the use of the term 'Freemason' has no connection with the Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Yours truly.

"R. F. Gould, Esq."

"WYATT PAPWORTH.

Amusements.

GAITY THEATRE.—"Belle Lurette."—We must confess to a feeling of disappointment at the performance of this piece. Like the "Edwin Drood" of Charles Dickens, like the "Lord Kilgobbin" of Lever, it is evidently a moribund attempt on the part of the composer. Both in its music and its plot it smacks of a good deal more of the "Tambour Major" than of the "Orphée aux Enfers," which has always been, to our mind, the most powerful of Offenbach's works. The overture is meagre, and devoid of anything promising for the future; and when the curtain draws up to a very pretty chorus of *blanchisseuses* in the first act, we are completely taken by surprise. Offenbach must have had "Tambour Major" on the brain when he composed "Belle Lurette." In the first scene the work of the laundresses is interrupted by the entrance of the military, who, on the approach of the chief washerwoman, are concealed in tubs, clothes baskets, and in any other laundry property which may appear appropriate. This very much reminds us of the first act of "Tambour Major," where the nuns and soldiers fraternise in the absence of the lady-superior. And, later on, some of the airs have an unmistakeable resemblance to those of the more popular opera, more especially the chorus "Cherchons tous à l'instant même," at the end of Scene V., Act I., and also the chorus "Nous avons pris à qui mieux mieux," at the beginning of Scene VIII., in the same act. Nevertheless, throughout the opera are scattered some airs of undoubted merit and originality, particularly the solo, "Belle Lurette, a des beaux yeux," of *Campistrel*, in Scene IX., Act I.; the original half-hummed song of *Marceline*, in Scene X., same act, which was a great success; the duo of *Belle Lurette* and the *Duc*, "Je m'en vais," in Scene VII., Act II., which received an encore; and the chorus "Attaquez le gouvernement mais, ne touchez jamais à la Blanchisserie," which was, to our thinking, the best piece of music in the piece. The plot is but slight. A duke and his two companions find their way into a laundry. The *Duke de Marly* falls in love with *Belle Lurette*, one of the washerwomen. *Marceline*, the chief laundress, opposes the marriage. In this opposition she is joined by *Malicorne*, a sort of groom of the chambers of the *Duc*, who ends his arguments against what he calls a *mésalliance* by proposing to *Marceline* himself. After the laundry scene we are conducted into the duke's palace, where, after a few obstacles necessary to the plot, all ends well. Madame Jeanne Granier, as *Belle Lurette*, acted and sang magnificently, showing not only a familiarity with the piece, but also with all manner of stage business. She is a great musician. She commenced the air "Partons ce caressie," at the end of the second act, without any accompaniment, and when the orchestra joined she was found to be in the right key. Nothing but a deep knowledge of the music and a good ear could have warranted so unusual a proceeding. Miss Mily Meyer, as *Marceline*, also showed unusual talent, although we could not help thinking she looked more inclined to join the fun of the first act than all the laundresses put together, whom she was supposed to be keeping in order. M. Jolly, as *Malicorne*, quite came up to all expectations as a comic bouffe singer. Some of his business was rather peculiar, as when he fences and dances at the same time, and when he lies on the table flat to be pulled up by *Belle Lurette*; but as it is all put down for him to do in the book of course he is obliged to act up to it. M. Alexandre (as *Campistrel*) sang splendidly, and his acting was also considerably above the average of that usually seen on the Renaissance stage. It may be mentioned that H.R.H. the M.V.G.M. attended the performance on Tuesday night, his presence causing no little sensation amongst the *blanchisseuses*, who had possibly never seen him before. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales was also present. Under these circumstances it may be inferred that all did their best to support the great reputation the Renaissance Company has so fairly earned. May we see them next time in a better piece, and one with which we are all more familiar.

BRO. HENRY MURRAY.

Our readers will no doubt remember Bro. Henry Murray's appearance before a London audience, at the Adelphi, in the character of *Sir John Falstaff* in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," a few months since. We are pleased to note that the estimate then formed of his powers has been more than confirmed. We extract the following notice of his appearance in the character of *Sir Pertinax Macsycophant* at the Royalty Theatre, Glasgow, from the *North British Daily Mail*:

Last night witnessed the revival of Macklin's famous comedy of "The Man of the World." Of the piece as a literary production we need now say but little. Time was when our English ancestors had their lungs tickled to the sore by the portrait of *Sir Pertinax*, and the *vox populi*

shouted laudations to the creator of a character deemed by Londoners to be a true and tried highly-finished portrait of a Scotsman, but which was in truth but a daub and a caricature. At present, however, we tolerate the character for the scope it affords the dry humour of the actor, not for the merit of the dialogue or character. *Sir Pertinax* was a favourite, however, with Macklin, Cooke, Kean, and lastly Phelps. Nearly every English star who dared to brave the Scottish tongue in Scotland has tried the part, but of the legion who have adventured from time to time their reputation on its portraiture, Cooke and Phelps were the only ones who in justice may be said to have won their spurs. Where excellence, then, is so rare in a part, it becomes a double pleasure to be able to offer congratulations in such a character to a new votary and comparative novice in the Thespian art. We are glad to say then, for its masterly portrayal last evening, we may give all but unstinted praise to Mr. Henry Murray. Mr. Murray is, as we stated yesterday, a son of the late Mr. William Murray, for so many years manager of the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh. His name, however, was not a guarantee of success. Histrionic talent is not by any means as a rule hereditary. A name has been found but in too many instances but a peg, and the only one, to hang a fame, and the son of many a noted actor who should have borne his father's blushing honours thick upon him, has, in numberless cases, served but to recall the talent of the sire, and make us feel the width of the gap existing between them. It by no means followed then that because Mr. William Murray was once in his day one of the best and most versatile actors the stage had seen, Mr. Henry Murray should, thirty years afterwards, create a success as *Sir Pertinax Macsycophant*. The shoes in which he had to tread in such a character were those of no less an actor than the late Mr. Samuel Phelps, and of all that gifted artist's embodiments, *Sir Pertinax* was universally pronounced the best. The difficulty thus presented Mr. Murray overcomes by sinking all comparisons and taking an entirely new conception of the part. Mr. Murray's *Sir Pertinax* is neither hard, dry, or stern, and what it lacks of Phelps' quaintness is atoned for in its geniality. In pungent humour, dry retort, wily sarcasm, and the point which experience alone can give, Mr. Murray's conception is certainly in some degree deficient. *Sir Pertinax* is with him a *bon vivant*, genial, convivial, self-willed, and iron-nerved; a man, however, whose suavity would carry his point quite as surely as would his cunning. For such a conception nature has furnished Mr. Murray very generously. His figure is stout, broad set, his face the personification of good humoured merriment, his voice high and singularly clear, and his Scotch accent admirable. A recognition of his merits by the audience was speedily shown, and the well-known dialogue and advice on the "infallible instinct of booing" in the second act met with a response hearty enough to secure for him a well-deserved call at the fall of the curtain. We can certainly call to mind no other actor of the present day who could compete with him in the character. Except in the case of Miss Ryder, who plays *Lady Rodolpho*, and of Mr. F. Wyndham, who gave a careful empoindment of *Egerton*, Mr. Murray is "weighted" rather than supported by the remainder of the company, who appear to anything but advantage in "A Roland for an Oliver," which precedes the comedy.

New Zealand.

OPENING OF A NEW MARK LODGE.

A ceremony of considerable importance in Masonic circles occupied the attention of the brethren of the Craft at Wanganui, New Zealand, recently. Through the exertions of Bro. Anchor a charter was obtained for the opening of a Mark Lodge, and as many Master Masons were anxious to pursue their studies in the ancient and mystic lore of the Craft, the membership of the new lodge speedily became strong. The formal opening of the lodge was fixed for Thursday, and the impressive ceremony was gone through with telling effect under the presidency of Bro. Anchor. The following is a list of the officers: Bros. Anchor, W.M.M.; Sewell, S. Warden; Matthews, J. Warden; Fleetwood, M. Overseer; H. Nathan, S. Overseer; Culpan, J.O.; Nicholas, Treasurer; Wales, Secretary; Cenci, Registrar; Horn, S.D.; Spurdle, J.D.; Robinson, D. of C.; Keesing, I.G.; Richmond, Steward; Firth, Tyler.

The service was a full choral one, and was specially directed by Bro. Holden, assisted by Bro. John Stevenson at the harmonium.

After the ceremony the Mark Lodge adjourned to Bro. F. W. Evans', where refreshments were provided. The opening of this lodge marks an onward stride in the history of Masonry on this coast.

We are informed that thirty-eight brethren were advanced to the Mark Degree on the opening night, and a Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge was then opened, to which Degree thirty-two brethren were elevated.

Jamaica.

A new lodge has recently been formed in Kingston, called the Kingston Lodge. The first Master is to be the Worshipful Bro. Wm. Andrews. A dispensation to work until the pleasure of His Royal Highness the Grand Master is known having been obtained from the Deputy District Grand Master, the lodge was organised at Sussex Hall.

Protests have been made against the constitution of this new lodge by the brethren of the oldest lodge in the province, the Royal, No. 207, on account of the injury it will be doing to others, the non-necessity for another lodge in the city, and, more particularly, on account of the behaviour of most of the promoters towards the Royal Lodge. The protests are accompanied with requests that they be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, with the petition. Notwithstanding this, the Deputy Grand Master (contrary to all expectations) has granted a dispensation for the brethren to meet as a lodge. It is to be seen whether he has acted wisely or not.

The Exposition Générale des Beaux-Arts at Brussels will be opened on the 14th of August, and closed on the 16th of October.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, when the W.M., Bro. Ernest Smith, was supported by Bros. E. H. Thielley, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treas. (acting as), S.W.; T. Grumman, J.W.; W. Simmonds, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Cash (acting as), S.D.; T. Metham (acting as), I.G.; and A. B. Church, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Carlo Grassi was raised to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Superintendent Relf, a candidate for initiation, and the result was an unanimous election. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren took boat to the Royal Hotel, North Woolwich, where Bro. Holland had a splendid banquet awaiting them, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

In addition to those mentioned above, we noticed present Bros. R. P. Gloag, W. Waters, G. P. Bertini, C. Grassi, F. Edmonds, members of 1559; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Holland, P.M. 157; Dr. Joe Pope, P.M. 946; Montagu Vizetelly, S.D. 1297; and Frederic Hughes, 780.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—On Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. L. F. Littell. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Green, C.C., S.W.; D. H. Ashford, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treasurer, who acted as Secretary in the absence of Bro. Turner; Browling, acting S.D.; and S. F. Jackson, acting I.G. After the opening of the lodge, Bro. Maurice was passed to the Second Degree, after which the lodge resumed the First Degree, and unanimously elected Bro. Frank Green, C.C., Master for the ensuing year. Bro. R. J. Pawley was re-elected Treasurer for the third time, and Bro. A. B. Church was re-elected Tyler. Bros. C. W. Bowley, F. S. Jackson, and H. Wright were appointed Auditors of the lodge accounts.

There was no banquet, but the brethren met together socially after concluding the business.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchant's Lodge (No. 241).—We are informed that through the courtesy of a highly esteemed member of this "crack" lodge, the officers appointed a short time ago were entertained at dinner on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at Messrs. Galt and Capers', Lord-street. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and a musical programme added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—One of the most pleasant evenings which it has been our privilege to spend in Masonry was experienced on Thursday evening the 7th inst., when we were invited to assist at the installation ceremony in connection with the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, which holds a thoroughly substantial position as an arm of Freemasonry in Liverpool. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope street, and the whole of the business was of the best and most satisfactory character. Bro. John Whalley, W.M., opened the proceedings promptly, and he was ably supported by a capital compliment of officers, including Bros. W. Corbett, I.P.M.; F. Barnett, P.M., M.C.; J. Hayes, P.M.; J. C. Robinson, P.M.; W. H. Vernon, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G.R.; R. Collings, Secretary; J. Jenaway, S.D.; M. Davies, J.D.; D. Cangle, I.G.; M. Howarth, S.; P. G. Bradley, S.; B. J. Parry, S.; D. Oliphant, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members included Bros. T. Wilson, J. Hyam, J. Morris, G. Diggle, J. Levy, J. Travis, J. C. Spurr, T. Cox, J. Pye, J. Molloy, J. Williams, R. Thomson, W. Lethian, W. Thornton, W. Davies, J. Chisnall, J. Messenger, J. White, T. Drinkwater, R. W. Waggett, T. Craig, R. Fitzgerald, J. Coubbin, H. Hyman, H. Pye, J. Roberts, T. Watkins, A. Samuelli, F. Grindall, R. Richards, W. P. Jennings, G. W. Harris, Joseph Wilson (Freemason), and others.

Amongst the numerous representation of visitors were Bros. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Councillor Joseph Ball, W.M. 673; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Brackenbury, P.M. 673; W. Blunsum, 594; R. Reader, I.P.M. 392; H. Trevitt, P.M. 724; A. D. Hesketh, W.M. 1182; J. O. Rea, Sec. 1182; Dr. D. Costine, I.P.M. 216; H. Coulson, W.M. 1505; T. G. Fisher, W.M. 1299; J. P. Bryan, S.W. 1035; L. Herman, I.P.M. 673; J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M. 1609; L. Jackson, 1502; J. T. Calow, P.P.G. Treas.; Dr. H. Y. Pitts, W.M. 1620; J. C. Parkinson, 1091; J. Williams, P.M. 1182; H. Gill, 1086; W. H. Veevers, W.M. 594; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; and R. Ranken, P.M. 519.

The chair was subsequently taken by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.R., who in a most effective and masterly manner installed Bro. W. H. Vernon as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. John Whalley, I.P.M.; W. Corbett, P.M., M.C.; Joseph Jenaway, S.W.; M. Davies, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., Treas. (re-elected for the tenth time); R. Collings, Sec. (re-appointed); A. B. Ewart, Org.; D. Cangle, S.D.; S. J. Parry, J.D.; R. G. Bradley, I.G.; J. Pye, S.S.; J. White, J.S.; M. W. Thornton and H. J. Pye, A.S.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). Bro. Dr. Smith was assisted in the latter part of the ceremony by Bro. W. Corbett, P.M., and Bro. F. Barnett, P.M. An exceedingly artistic and unique Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. John Whalley on his retirement from the chair, and the presentation was made and acknowledged in suitable terms.

The brethren subsequently dined in the banquet hall, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Vernon, W.M., and during the evening a capital musical programme was given, special mention being deserved by the "Fairy Bells" performance of Bro. Hargreaves Gill, who enjoys Royal patronage.

STAMFORD.—Merit Lodge (No. 466).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Herbert Hart, into the chair of this lodge took place on the 20th ult. The brethren, numbering about forty, including several visitors, assembled at the lodge-room, in the George Hotel, at three o'clock p.m. The lodge having been formally opened, Bro. Duncan was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Bro.

Barrell, of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, Spalding, 469, P.M., P.P.A.D.C. of the Province of Lincolnshire, took the chair. The acting W.M. then briefly explained to the lodge that it was in fulfilment of an old pledge to the Master elect, who was a personal friend, and, moreover, had been first initiated into Freemasonry in the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, that he (Bro. Barrell) was occupying the chair that evening. The W.M. elect having been duly presented to the presiding Master to receive the benefit of installation, he was duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Booth, I.P.M.; Packer, S.W.; Bentham, J.W.; Bent, Chap.; Heward, Treas.; Harl, Sec.; Beadeson, S.D.; Etchells, J.D.; Royce, I.G.; and Coulson, Tyler. The lodge was then called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, the usual addresses were delivered to the Wardens and brethren by the Installing Master. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Barrell for the very effective manner in which he had performed the duty of Installing Master; and this well-merited compliment was duly responded to.

The lodge was then closed in form by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a most superb spread was provided by Host Bro. Moyes. Ample justice having been done to this, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. Songs, glees, and recitations by the brethren enlivened the proceedings, and made the time fly too quickly.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual installation festival of the members of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and was of a highly successful nature. Indeed, it was justly recognised as the most interesting Masonic meeting of the season when Masonic festivals abound so plentifully; and this special feature was easily accounted for when it was remembered that Bro. Councillor Joseph Bell, one of the popular members of the "local parliament," was the W.M. elect. The popularity of the incoming Master was shown by an usually large and influential gathering of the Fraternity, and there is little doubt that the appointment will give satisfaction to all within the pale of the lodge. The commencement of business was fixed as early as half-past eight o'clock in the morning, but even at this early hour there was an attendance of upwards of eighty brethren, those present comprising no fewer than thirty W.M.'s and P.M.'s, a large representation of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and other brethren who are well known in connection with Freemasonry and its Charities.

Bro. Lewis Herman, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and he was well supported by Bros. W. Brackenbury, I.P.M.; T. Roberts, P.M.; H. Burrows, P.M.; J. Ball, S.W.; C. Marshall, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., Treas.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; H. Marshall, S.D.; G. Godfrey, I.G.; S. W. Hulse, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were also present during the "morning sitting" Bros. J. P. Marshall, C. Cockbain, T. Clark, P.G.R.; J. Rallie, J. Noble, C. Robeson, G. E. Buford, J. Hunt, J. Morgan, W. S. Rose, W. Chapple, W. Miller, and others. The visitors, list included the names of Bros. J. Ellis, P.M. and Treas. 667; W. W. Sandbrook, W.M. 1609; John Atkinson, S.M. 1609; Richard Bennett, P.M. 1299; C. Arden, W.M. 1356; J. Keet, S.W. 1356 (W.M. elect); J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; J. B. Bunbury, P.M. 1035; J. Williams, P.M. 1182; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; T. Bisson, 1356; T. H. Carefull, 823; W. Braithwaite; J. Whalley, W.M. 249; H. Coulson, W.M. 1505; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M. 1609; G. Gordon, W.M. 724; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Trevitt, P.M. 724; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Veevers, W.M. 594; M. Hart, P.M. and Treas. 1502; H. Barclay, S.W. 1182, and others.

Bro. Lewis Herman, the retiring W.M., in a manner which could hardly have been excelled, installed Bro. Councillor Ball as his successor in the chair, and the following officers were subsequently appointed and invested, one or two of them by proxy: Bros. L. Herman, I.P.M.; C. Marsh, S.W.; G. Godfrey, J.W.; W. H. Millar, Chap.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O. Org. (re-appointed); D. Jackson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. T. May, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed); J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas., D.C. (re-appointed); S. W. H. Hulse, S.D.; D. Clarke, J.D.; C. W. Robeson, I.G.; W. Braithwaite, J. Jones, and C. Cockbain, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Ball, subsequently performed the ceremony of initiation in a most effective manner, and, at the close of business, presented Bro. L. Herman, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the St. John's Lodge.

In continuation of the installation festival, a picnic was afterwards held in the picturesque village of Hale, whither a large number of ladies and brethren were conveyed by wagnettes. The dinner was supplied by Mr. Rowe, of the Child of Hale Inn, in the large dining hall attached to the hostelry; and through the kindness of Colonel J. Ireland Blackburne, M.P., the use of the fine park attached to his residence was given for sports of a varied and attractive kind. The evening's storm somewhat marred an otherwise pleasant day's outing.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this Cumberland lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall. There were present the following members: Bros. T. C. Robinson, W.M.; Dr. Hodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., Treas. and Org.; J. Black, P.M.; H. Peacock, S.W.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; T. Mason, Sec.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, J. Fearon, and W. Paisley. This evening Skiddaw Lodge was also honoured with a special deputation from Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, comprising Bros. W. Stoddart, W.M.; J. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; G. W. Thompson, P.M.; T. Weatherston, S.W.; J. C. Nicholson, Sec.; J. Smith, Org.; P. Wedgwood, J. Wilson, and J. Halloway. Bro. J. Reed, of St. Mungo's Lodge, No. 179, Mauchline, Scotland, likewise was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. John Fidler, which proving unanimous, he was admitted, and initiated into Masonry by the W.M. The E.A.'s charge was delivered by the S.W.; and Bro. Stoddart, W.M. 371, on the invitation of the W.M., kindly explained the first tracing board, this being the more interesting from the fact of the initiate being his relative.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Rampant Bull Hotel, where they passed an hour of thorough social enjoyment, several complimentary toasts being proposed and responded to, till the summoning of the Tyler to the East, when a short, but really profitable and pleasant, evening was brought to a close, and the visiting brethren took their seven miles' drive homewards.

KIRKDALE.—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—An emergency meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, July 6th, for the purpose of formally taking leave of Bro. Isaac Leece, I.P.M., on his leaving this country for Canada. There was a strong gathering of the brethren, the chair being taken by Bro. John J. Savage, W.M. Present: Bros. Isaac Leece, I.P.M.; Joseph Ellis, P.M.; R. Abrahams, P.M.; John Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., &c.; G. E. Hammer, P.M.; G. J. Townsend, P.M.; J. D. Reader, S.W.; Dr. David L. Parry, J.W.; W. Wilkinson, Secretary; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain; and others, over forty altogether. The visitors were Bros. J. P. Bryan, 203, S.W. 1035; and James C. Fish, 1264.

After the lodge had been declared open, the W.M. rose and said that it was with mingled feelings of sorrow and pleasure that he spoke on the present occasion. They had met to offer to a worthy Mason a tribute of generosity and respect. Bro. Isaac Leece, their esteemed I.P.M., was leaving the country, and he (the W.M.) for one could not sufficiently express his own feelings or those of the lodge. One thing he could do, and that was on behalf of the members to wish him "God speed," and to present him with a slight token of the love and esteem they all felt for him. He then handed over to Bro. Leece a beautiful photographic album, bound in Russia leather, with handsome clasp and monogram, containing portraits of all the Present and Past Officers of 1086, with the members. The inscription, handsomely illuminated, was as follows: "To Bro. Isaac Leece, I.P.M., from the brethren of the Walton Lodge, 1086, of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Freemasons, on his leaving England for Canada, as a mark of their high esteem, and in appreciation of the many excellent qualities of heart and mind which have endeared him to them in the various relations of life. Liverpool, July 6th, 1881." After reading the inscription the W.M. said that these were not many words, but they expressed much. He was sure all present would pray that the G.A.O.T.U. would support Bro. Leece in his future trials, and give him health and long life. The I.P.M. said that at that moment he could not find words to express what he felt towards them for this mark of their kindness, for it was such. On this, the last occasion of his meeting his brethren in Liverpool, he could recall numberless marks of their goodwill. While life lasted he would never forget their kindness, and this mark of it in particular. Bro. Townsend said as a P.M., and member of 1086, it was painful to him to say much, but he would venture to say, even in the I.P.M.'s presence, that his example might be worthily followed by all present, whether they had arrived at the East or not. He hoped the quiet and unostentatious manner in which Bro. Leece had worked would be imitated, and that when he arrived out he, while not forgetting his old friends in Masonry, would make new ones and prosper. Bro. Ellis, P.M., said he hoped the time would come when Bro. Leece would return crowned with honours. It was fitting that they should assemble on such an occasion, to do honour to such a worthy brother, and he hoped their little memento would be a comfort to him. He, for one, would not murmur at the parting if it were for Bro. Leece's temporal welfare. They would look forward to a future happy meeting even in this world, and if that were granted give him a hearty welcome back. Bro. Dr. Parry, J.W., also spoke of the regret they all felt at losing a brother who was leaving them to form new associations in a distant clime. He personally wished him every success, temporarily and Masonically. If T.G.A.O.T.U. would not permit them to meet here again they would look forward to a re-union in the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Abrahams, P.M., also spoke a few words of regret, coupled with good wishes, and was followed by Bro. Hammer, P.M., who referred to Bro. Leece's hearty services in 1086.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment in the dining hall, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Ellis, P.M., proposed "Our American Brethren," and alluded in feeling terms to the calamity which had overtaken their Bro. Garfield, President of the United States. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," in very hearty terms, and it was enthusiastically received. Bro. Lunt, P.M., supported the W.M.'s remarks, as did also Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde, who, after referring to their loss, said he would not consider Bro. Leece as gone from them. He would still remain an Englishman, under the Constitution of the English Grand Lodge. England could ill afford to lose such men. Bro. the I.P.M. did not go abroad as an adventurer, or one who lost caste in his own country, and he wished him every success which his virtues deserved. Bro. Leece replied in a few simple and affectionate terms. He said the right hand of fellowship had always been extended to him in 1086, and he felt almost as much pain in parting from the brethren as he would in leaving his own flesh and blood. He wished them every prosperity, and he should still remain a member of the "Walton." He concluded, on behalf of Mrs. Leece, and by her request, by again thanking them for their kind presentation. "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Reader, S.W., and responded to by Bro. J. P. Bryan, and shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a close, the W.M. requesting that as many of the brethren as could conveniently do so would attend at the landing stage on the following day to see Bro. Leece off.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel on Tuesday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. S. Davison, W.M.; E. A. Head, S.W.; Wm. Rudge, J.W.; G. Mitchell, Sec.; J. G. Calway, S.D.; W. Firbank, I.G.; John G. Horsey, I.P.M.; W. H. Brown, Wm. Pile, G. Histed, J. Cooper, H. Horsey, W. Heckford, M. Ovenden, C. T. Young, J. Woodbridge, G. D. Woolgar, W. Harwood, G. W. Holmes, and A. M. Betchley. Visitors: Bros. Chas. J. Smith, P.J.G.W., 1466; H. A. Dorrell, W.M. 1466; B. Sargeant, W.M. 1184; A. H. Smith, W.M. 56; R. A. D. Beeching, 874; H. Cuff, 1216; J. Edwards, 1802; and J. Hopkinson, 38.

The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. A.

Head, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. G. Horsey, P.M., for the benefit of installation, and was regularly installed in the chair of K.S. The officers were then invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. W. Rudge, S.W.; J. G. Calway, J.V.; W. Heckford, Treas.; G. Mitchell, Sec.; W. Pile, S.D.; G. W. Holmes, J.D.; J. Austin, I.G.; W. H. Brown, Steward; A. W. Betchley, Asst. Steward; John G. Horsey, P.M., as D.C.; and Sargeant, Tyler. Before closing the lodge the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. S. Davison, the retiring Master, with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

After the close of the lodge the brethren assembled at a banquet, admirably served by the host, Bro. M. Ovenden. In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," the I.P.M. spoke in high praise of Bro. E. A. Head, the newly-installed Master, which was unanimously and heartily agreed with by all the brethren present, he being a brother very much respected, and from whom much is expected by the lodge. Bro. Chas. J. Smith, P.J.G.W., proposed the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and spoke very highly of the beautiful and very impressive manner in which Bro. John G. Horsey, P.M., had rendered the ceremony of installation that day, to whom he tendered his personal thanks. Bro. John G. Horsey, in reply, heartily thanked the P.J.G.W. for his gratifying remarks, of greater value to him, coming as they did from so distinguished a brother, and regretted that the P.G. Sec., Bro. Freeman, was prevented from being present as he anticipated. The Tyler's toast brought the enjoyable evening to a close about eight o'clock.

INSTRUCTION.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—A very strong muster of the brethren of this lodge met at the Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at seven o'clock on Thursday, the 30th ult., when the ceremony of consecration and installation were worked in a most masterly manner by Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey. After installing Bro. Boswell, senr., into the chair of K.S., the W.M. then invested Bros. Boswell, junr., S.W.; Pincott, J.V.; Ayling, S.D.; Plowman, J.D.; and Palmer, I.G. During the ceremony of consecration many thanks are due to Bros. Matts, Schralton, and Thompson for the able and impressive manner the musical arrangements were carried out. Bro. Boswell, junr., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed with perfect harmony.

It is gratifying to state that this lodge of instruction usually meets in strong numbers, and good instruction can be gained under the tuition of the Preceptor, Bro. Frances.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street on Friday week, when there were present Bros. H. Lovegrove, G. Sup. of Works, W.M.; J. Shilcock, as S.W.; W. Kipling, Prov. G. Std., as J.V.; H. Baldwin, P.P. G.A.D.C., Secretary; C. Gilham, S.D.; J. Holliday, J.D.; A. Daw Kerrell, I.G.; Potter, Tyler; also Bros. Cox, Johnson, Potter, Storr, and others, not forgetting Bro. Poore, P.M., P.G.I.G., &c. The chief business of the evening was the advancement of Bros. E. J. Massie and H. O'Donnell, which was very well performed, owing to the very valuable assistance of Bro. Poore, as S.D. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted in the appointment of Bros. G. Clark, H. Lovegrove, and J. R. Potter. Bros. Kerrell and Johnston were appointed on the Audit Committee.

After the completion of the business a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened by Bro. Poore, and Bros. Shilcock, Massie, Reindhart, O'Donnell, Cox, and Matthews were duly elevated. Bro. H. Lovegrove afterwards installed Bro. H. Baldwin, as W.C.N., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—A meeting of this body was held at York on Thursday, the 7th inst. Bro. C. G. Padel, M.P.S., presided, and there were also present Bros. G. Simpson, V.E.; T. B. Whythead, P.S.; J. S. Cumberland, P.S.; Rev. W. Valentine, H.P.; M. Millington, S.G.; A. T. B. Turner, I.G.; W. R. Dyson, Recorder; T. Humphries, Prefect; R. Walker, S.B.; J. Oates, Aide; and others. Bro. C. S. Lane, of West Hartlepool, was admitted to the Degree, and installed and proclaimed, and afterwards admitted a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John.

Scotland.

KELSO LODGE (No. 58).—On Wednesday, the 6th inst., the brethren of this ancient lodge held their annual summer excursion in the grounds of Mellerstane, one of the seats of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Provincial Grand Master of Berwickshire and Roxburghshire, who had kindly granted the brethren of this lodge permission to hold their picnic there. The brethren, with their ladies and families, numbering altogether nearly one hundred persons, assembled in the Masonic Hall about eleven o'clock, and proceeded from thence to Mellerstane, a distance of about seven miles, in carriages provided for the excursion. Although the weather was rather unpropitious at first it gradually cleared up, and long before the halting place was reached the excursionists were enjoying the magnificent view which the road commands from the distant stretch of the Cheviot hills to the Eildons, with nearer at hand the grim old tower of Smailholm, celebrated by Sir Walter Scott in his "Eve of St. John," and nearer still the umbrageous woods of Mellerstane. Driving up to the mansion house the party alighted, and were given an hour to stroll about and view the gardens &c., a bugle call being arranged as the signal for dinner. On the summons being sounded the brethren and their lady friends returned, and at two o'clock sat down in the banquet hall to a capital spread, which embraced all the delicacies of the season, and was purveyed by the Stewards of

the lodge. The chair was occupied, in the absence of the W.M., by Bro. W. P. Vernon, P.M.; Bros. J. Steel, P.M., T. Slight and J. McDougal being croupiers. Having done ample justice to the various viands, the Chairman said, as the juvenile portion of the excursion had to be entertained, and he had no doubt the fresh air had sharpened their appetites, he would not detain them with long speeches, but would ask them to honour one or two toasts which on such an occasion as the present they were bound to give. The "Queen and the Craft," the "Three Grand Lodges," and other incidental toasts were then given and duly honoured, when the Chairman called for a bumper to "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Haddington." His Lordship's kindness, he said, was proverbial, and it did not require much eloquence on his part, as they all knew the lord of the manor, and therefore knew the manner of the lord, to make the toast acceptable to them. His Lordship had granted the brethren the privilege of visiting his beautiful grounds, and had also given them the use of the capital hall they were then in to dine in, in case of the weather turning out, as it had, rather threatening. Had not important legislative business detained his Lordship in London there was no doubt he would have been among them to welcome them, a telegram to that effect having been received by him (the chairman.) The toast was received and honoured with great enthusiasm. Bro. J. Steel then proposed "The Guests" and coupled the toast with the health of the Steward of the estate, who responded. A move was then made for the purpose of getting the children into dinner, several of the ladies and brethren waiting upon the little ones. An hour or so after dinner dancing was indulged in upon the lawn, to the inspiring strains of a string band, after which games and races were got up and prizes given to every child, whether first or last in the competition. Tea was served in the hall, when dancing was resumed and kept up with brief intervals of rest, during which some of the musical brethren entertained those assembled with some good songs, Bro. Slight especially excelling in this department. About half-past seven the excursionists re-entered their carriages amidst the cheers of the assembled villagers who had been attracted by the gathering, and arrived at the Masonic Hall where they dispersed a little after nine, if fatigued, thoroughly well pleased with their day's outing. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the committee for their admirable arrangements, for everything went off without a hitch; and if praise is due to one brother more than another it is especially due to the active and untiring exertions of Bro. W. S. Pearson, the convener of committee.

Australasia.

AUCKLAND.—Waitemata Lodge (No. 689, E.C.)—The regular monthly meeting was held on March 21st, at the Masonic Hotel, Bro. Arthur Wright, W.M., presiding. Two gentlemen were initiated, and a brother was afterwards passed. At the close of the ceremonial business, the W.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform—he had been deputed by the Past Masters and officers to present to Bro. Joseph Warren, P.M. of the lodge, a testimonial of the regard and esteem in which he is held. The brethren did not deem the presentation a sufficient expression of their feelings towards Bro. Warren, but they trusted he would receive it in the spirit in which it was meant, as an earnest of their good wishes, and to show to Bro. Warren the estimation in which he was held by the members of the Waitemata Lodge. Bro. Warren's zeal and assiduity in the performance of his duties while a member, and as an officer of the lodge, had done much to promote its welfare, and the ready willingness with which, when he went out of office, he rendered assistance prevented the lodge from suffering. He had done all in his power to maintain the dignity and uphold the honour of the Waitemata Lodge. Addressing Bro. Warren, the W.M. said: I now present to you this testimonial of the regard in which you are held by the members of this lodge, hoping that it may remind you of the esteem in which you are held by your brethren. Bro. Warren, in reply, said he assured the lodge that the kindly expression of feeling was received cordially by himself, and he thanked them heartily for this testimonial of the esteem in which he was held among his brethren. What he had done was done for love of Masonry, and he did not think he was entitled to special credit. He would treasure the presentation as a kind memento of the feelings and good wishes of the members, and always take an interest in Masonry in general, and especially in the Waitemata, his mother lodge. He concluded by again thanking the donors for this kind expression of their good wishes. The testimonial was a handsome illuminated address, signed by a number of brethren, and suitably framed.

CONSECRATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE HALL, WAIMATE.

The hall erected by the brethren of the St. Augustine Lodge, No. 576 bis, S.C., Waimate, was solemnly consecrated by Bro. J. M. McNeill, P.M., under dispensation from District Grand Lodge, on May 18th. After being solemnly consecrated in the name and to the honour and glory of the Great Jehovah, the hall was dedicated to Freemasonry, to virtue, and to universal benevolence. Bro. McNeill, in the absence of the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Lindsay, gave a lucid address on the nature and objects of Freemasonry, at the time and place appointed in the Book of Constitutions, and at the close of the ceremony gave a second address, fully explaining its moral application and emblematic significance. The hall is of brick, with stuccoed front, and covers a ground space of 36 feet by 34 feet, the height of the façade being 20 feet. The entrance doorway, hung with a handsome door in grained oak, is surmounted by a circular light, and flanked on either side by circular-headed windows, giving light to the two ante-rooms. A bold cornice runs across the building in line with the window-sills, and a similar moulding in line with the doorway, the design being finished with a cornice to correspond. In an entablature over the doorway, enriched with a dentil moulding, are the dates, A.L. 5885, A.D. 1881. Entering the building we find an entrance-lobby, ten feet by eight feet, from which admission is gained to the ante-rooms, one on each side, twelve feet by ten feet, with fourteen feet ceilings. The walls are plastered and finished in distemper, and the chimney-pieces painted in neutral tints. The ante-rooms

open into the main hall. The hall has a floor space of thirty-four feet by twenty-four feet, with eighteen feet semi-arched, known as coved or vaulted ceiling. A handsome cornice surrounds the room, marking the spring of the arch, and the ceiling is enriched with a handsome moulded centre-piece, from which hangs a chandelier in bronze, with five large burners. The doors and chimney-piece are painted in neutral tints, to correspond with the distempered walls. The cost of the building is between £300 and £400. We heartily congratulate our Waimate brethren on the completion and opening of their hall.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. R. PIERPOINT.

The numerous friends of Bro. R. Pierpoint wishing to show their appreciation of his services, and having decided to present him with a testimonial, have issued the following circular:

"Terminus Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.,
1st June, 1881.

"Sir,—

"At the suggestion of several gentlemen (travellers) on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, a meeting was held on the 6th ultimo at the above hotel, when it was resolved to present Bro. R. Pierpoint, the Station Master at the London Bridge Terminus of the said Company, with an appropriate testimonial, in recognition of the assiduity, uniform attention, and general courtesy exercised by him, not only to all passengers using the line, but to all others with whom he has had to transact business (during his 22 years' connection with the said Company), while discharging the arduous and responsible duties which have from time to time devolved upon him."

"At a subsequent meeting, held at the above hotel on the 19th ult., it was announced that several gentlemen had kindly consented to act as a Committee to carry out the foregoing resolution."

"The London and Westminster Bank (Southwark Branch) has kindly consented to act as Treasurer to the fund, to whom, and to the Honorary Secretary, subscriptions may be paid to the 'Pierpoint Testimonial Fund.'"

"Hoping to receive your kind assistance and support,
I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

"A. R. JACKSON, Hon. Secretary."

Among the names on the Committee appear those of several prominent and influential brethren.

Obituary.

BRO. MACRAE MOIR.

We regret to learn that Bro. Macrae Moir died unexpectedly on Tuesday night after a very brief illness. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Grenadiers Lodge on the 22nd February, 1866, and was W.M. of that lodge in 1871. He was a native of Aberdeenshire, and commenced his professional career as a barrister in the Scotch courts. He soon afterwards removed to London and became a member of the Inner Temple. For many years he had enjoyed considerable practice in the metropolis, and on circuit, and occasionally acted as deputy-judge in the Lord Mayor's Court on behalf of the late Mr. Russell Gurney, the Recorder of London. Only recently Bro. Moir was highly recommended to the Lord Chancellor by Mr. Commissioner Kerr for the office of permanent deputy-judge of the City of London Court. He was well-known in connection with the various Scotch charities in London, and especially the Scottish Corporation, of which he held the position of Secretary, and gained in the performance of his duties universal respect.

The second meeting of the International Literary Congress, which assembled last year for the first time at Lisbon, will be held at Vienna from the 19th to the 24th September.

Messrs. Whittaker and Co. will publish immediately "Patriots in Arms," a collection of addresses by Sydney Smith, Rowland Hill, and other distinguished preachers of the beginning of the century, eulogising the volunteer movement. It will contain several fac-simile illustrations from Rowlandson and other artists. Mr. Thomas Preston, ex-lieutenant R.V., is the editor, and contributes an introduction and historical notes.

The American boy pianist, Master Augustus Victor Benham, between ten and eleven years old, whose performances are highly spoken of by the American Press, is about to visit England.

The *Magazin für die Literatur des Auslandes* states that during the year 1880 there were 1039 representations of Shakespeare's plays in German Theatres. "Hamlet" was played the greatest number of times, then came "Othello," and next the "Merchant of Venice."

The experiment of the Passion players in the secular drama has, according to the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, been a decided failure. The first performance of "Philipine Welsch," at Oberammergau, took place on Sunday, but the acting was so inferior to the Passion Play that the other performances are not likely to attract much attention.

A proposal will be brought before the Corporation for erecting a suitable building on the Thames Embankment for the Guildhall School of Music, whose remarkable progress has made it incumbent upon those interested in its success to look about for more commodious quarters. We understand it is only proposed to ask the Corporation for a grant of the requisite land, as there are gentlemen sufficiently interested in the work to provide a fund for the erection of a suitable building.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—In the complaints peculiar to females these Pills are unrivalled. Their use by the fair sex has become so constant for the removal of their ailments that barely a toilet is without them. In the boudoir of the lady of fashion, and the humble garret of the seamstress alike, universal favour is accorded to these renovating Pills; their invigorating and purifying properties render them safe and invaluable in all cases; they may be taken by females of all ages for any disorganisation or irregularity of the system, speedily removing the cause and restoring the sufferer to robust health. As a family medicine they are invaluable for subduing the maladies of young and old. —[Advrt.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft and Mrs. Allcroft were presented to Her Majesty the Queen, on Wednesday the 13th inst., on the occasion of the Boys of Christ's Hospital exhibiting their drawings and charts at Windsor Castle.

EBOR COUNCIL OF ALLIED DEGREES.—At a meeting of the members of the St. Laurence Lodge (T.I.), at York, on Thursday, the 7th inst., Bro. C. G. Padel was duly installed in the chair of W.M. in full form, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, the outgoing W.M.

The twenty-first annual report of the West Lancashire Masonic Relief Committee has just been published. The Committee state that they would remind the donors and subscribers to the funds that throughout the past year they have steadily pursued the course they deemed best to carry out the object for which this Institution was founded. The committee have been ably assisted in their efforts by the communications and reports received from the Committees at Manchester, Salford, Leeds, and Birmingham. The number of applications during the year has been 152, of which 82 have been relieved to the extent of £66 3s. 6d., and 70 have been refused, some being unworthy, others being residents in the city. The funds of the institution have been sufficient for their purpose during the year. The total income for the year, including balance, amounted to £127 12s. 6d., and there remained at the close of the year a balance of £58 9s.

The recent recommendations of the Committee of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution with reference to the election of upwards of twenty children on the foundation of the Charity was considered on Friday evening, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of Governors. The several recommendations were unanimously adopted. The annual increased charge to the Charity by this selection will be about £150.

On Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., an emergency meeting of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, was held at the Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool, when a handsome album, containing the portraits of the members of the lodge, was presented to Bro. Isaac Leece, P.M., on his departure from England.

The brethren of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist by an excursion to Middleton-in-Teesdale, on Saturday week. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.W. Norths and Hants, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, No. 73, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington-causway.

The Clothworkers' Company have voted £500 in aid of the fund of £25,000 required in connection with the new branch of King's College, at Kensington, for the higher education of girls and women.

At the quarterly meeting of the National Thrift Society it was decided, as the work of the Society had considerably increased, and meetings were being held in numerous districts, to raise a fund of £1000 to develop the work throughout the country.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Orient of the Order of Freemasons in Holland, which was held at the Hague on the 19th ult., under the presidency of the Grand Master, His Royal Highness Prince Frederick, a motion was unanimously adopted, amidst loud applause, in which the hope was entertained that Jews would no longer be excluded from some of the lodges in Germany and Sweden. The resolution also contained an expression of regret that Freemasonry in Germany had not exerted itself to counteract the proceedings of the anti-Jewish faction in that country.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

Comp. W. Stephens was installed M.E.Z. of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

Bro. Dugdale laid the corner stone of the new lodge-room and premises of the Amity Lodge, No. 137, on Friday, at Poole.

Bro. Henry Irving will preside at the next annual dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, which will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 29th inst.

Bro. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, was presented with a piece of plate of the value of 500 guineas, to commemorate his completion of twenty-one years as Grand Master of the province, at the annual meeting, held at Rochester.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. M.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, has appointed Tuesday, the 26th inst., for the annual meeting of the Mark Province, and to be held at Frizington, under the banner of Henry Lodge, No. 213.

By command of the Prince and Princess of Wales, Bro. Uffner's Royal American Midgents appeared at Marlborough House on Wednesday evening.

Bros. Alderman Knight, Alderman Staples, Alderman and Sheriff Fowles, M.P., Alderman Nottage, Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, and Sheriff Waterlow were amongst the guests present at the ball of the Haberdashers' Company on Tuesday, the 5th inst.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Hertfordshire will be held at the Town Hall, Hitchin, this day (Saturday), at three o'clock punctually. The banquet will be held at the Sun Hotel, at five o'clock.

Bro. H. Irving, it is stated, has purchased the freehold of the Lyceum Theatre, the price paid being £36,000.

Bro. Arthur Cohen, Q.C., M.P., distributed on Sunday the prizes to the pupils of the Old Ford and North Bow Jewish Classes and Sabbath School, at the Board School, Alga-street, Roman-road. Subscriptions were announced from Sir M. de Montefiore, Bart., and Sir N. de Rothschild, Bart., M.P., of £10 each toward the next year's prize fund. Mr. M. S. Oppenheim, Mr. Lewis Emanuel, and Dr. Friedlander gave addresses.

Bro. J. Batting's name was accidentally omitted in the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Berks and Bucks as being a recipient of the Charity jewel.

Bro. Horace Marshall, C.C., has forwarded £5 in response to a published appeal for a distressed widow, with nine children, at Sittingbourne.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Woollaton, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presided at the 109th election of children to the benefits of the British Orphan Asylum, at Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th inst.

Bro. Kalakaua, the King of the Sandwich Islands, and suite visited Bro. Uffner's Royal American Midgents on Wednesday.

We regret to learn that Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott has been again advised to visit the Continent for the benefit of his health.

Bro. the Earl of Fife, with the Prince of Wales on the box-seat, led the way through Queen's Gate, en route to the Orleans Club, at the closing meet of the Four-in-Hand Club in Hyde Park on Wednesday.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, to be held in September, which is to assemble in Liskeard, will be one of special importance and interest for the Craft in the "far West." Bro. Carlyon has placed his resignation of the office of Provincial Grand Secretary in the hands of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and as Bro. Hughan's resignation as manager of the votes for the Masonic Charities also takes effect then, there will be two offices to be filled, which will not be an easy matter to do. Bro. Carlyon has filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary from 1863—excepting during 1868 and 1869, when it was held by Bro. Hughan—and has served the province most faithfully under two Provincial Grand Masters. He was likewise Prov. S.G.W. in 1860, and was the Master of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 331, Truro, in 1859, being the second oldest Past Master. Bro. Hughan has managed the votes for the Masonic Charities from 1868, and during that period has secured the election of all the candidates that were adopted by the province, and obtained about £2000 on behalf of these excellent charities. Bro. Hughan is a P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, having served in the chair for 1868 and 1878. The appointment of the first officer rests with the Prov. Grand Master, and the second will likely be elected by the Prov. Grand Lodge. We trust that a wise selection will be made, and that the esteemed Provincial Grand Master will obtain brethren to fill these honorary appointments equal in all respects to their predecessors. The province is considered to be one of the most united and flourishing in England.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL AT BRIGHTON.—We have been shown some exceptionally good photographs, taken by Messrs. Lombardi and Co., of 79, West-street, Brighton, of the Stewards and company assembled in the grounds of the Pavilion—one group, all gentlemen, with the Mayor of Brighton, in his official robes, in the centre; and the other containing several portraits of ladies and gentlemen. The portraits are excellent, and, considering the number included in the groups, very clear and lifelike. If any of the company present would like a copy, Messrs. Lombardi and Co. will send it, on receipt of a P.O.O. for 5s.

Mr. J. E. Erichsen, F.R.S., supported by Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson (Vice-President), presided at the annual election of fellows into the Royal College of Surgeons on Thursday, the 7th inst.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough re-opened St. Margaret's Church, the oldest in the town of Leicester, on Wednesday last. The cost of the restoration amounted to over £6000.

It may interest our readers to know that the King of the Sandwich Islands is a Freemason, and was in 1876 presented by the Loge de Progres de l'Océanie with a Past Master's jewel, the following being the inscription: "Presented to His Majesty Bro. O. Kalakaua, Past Master of Loge de Progres de l'Océanie, No. 124, A.F. and A.M., by its members. Honolulu, A.I. 5876."

Bro. His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, attended by Colonel Ellis and suite, honoured the Art Furnishers' Alliance, 157, New Bond-street, with an inspection of their artistic furniture and works of art on Tuesday.

Bro. J. L. Toole's benefit, at which Mr. Irving will assist, is fixed for Friday, the 22nd inst.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., and Bro. Boord, M.P., were among the guests at a dinner given by Bro. Earl Percy on Saturday, the 9th inst.

Bro. John M. Clabon presided at the annual general meeting of the Incorporated Law Society, at their hall in Chancery-lane.

Bro. the King of Sweden has conferred upon Madame Goldschmidt (Jenny Lind) the medal, "Literis et Artibus," in diamonds, and has authorised her to wear it suspended from the blue ribbon of the Order of the Seraphim.

A marriage is arranged, and will take place early in August, between the Hon. Arthur Saumarez, son of Lord de Saumarez, and Miss M'Garel-Hogg, only daughter of Bro. Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., M.P., and Hon. Lady M'Garel-Hogg.

Bro. Joseph Bell was installed W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 5th inst.

Bro. Isaac Leece was presented by the members of the Walton Lodge, Kirkdale, with a beautiful photographic album, bound in russet leather, containing the portraits of all the members of the lodge, on the occasion of his leaving the country for Canada.

Bro. E. A. Head was installed W.M. of the Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, East Grimstead, on Tuesday, the 5th inst.

Bro. James W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, will be installed W.M. of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, this day (Saturday).

Bro. Frank Green, C.C., was elected W.M. of the Alliance Lodge on Wednesday, the 6th inst.

A marble bust of the late Lord Lawrence, by Mr. Woolner, has been placed by his family in Westminster Abbey. The site chosen is in an aisle not very far from the grave in which the great Indian statesman lies. The bust is said to be an admirable likeness.

It has been decided to open the Exhibition at the United Arts Gallery in New Bond-street free to the public, by ticket obtainable at the offices of the Early Closing Association, the principal hotels, booksellers, newsagents, and the entrance to the Galleries in New Bond-street, every Saturday, from nine a.m. till seven p.m., commencing to-day until the close of the Exhibition in August.

In consequence of numerous applications, the directors of the Crystal Palace have made special arrangements for the admission of lady students to the division for English Landscape Gardening in the Crystal Palace School of Gardening and Practical Floriculture, of which Mr. Edward Milner is principal.

Preparations are being busily made at Berlin for an heraldic exhibition, which is to be held there in April and May, 1882, under the presidency of Prince Karl of Prussia, the brother of the Emperor of Germany. It is intended to be as complete as possible, at least so far as Germany is concerned, in the departments of heraldry, genealogy and family history, and seals.

The endowment of research at Owens College, Manchester, has now taken definite shape. The Council propose to appoint five fellowships in science or literature, each of the value of £100, tenable for one year, but renewable for two years further. The appointment, it may be noted, will be made not on the results of examination, but after consideration of documentary and other evidence. Every holder of a fellowship will be expected to devote his time to the prosecution of some special study approved by the Council. This is the first attempt in this country to carry out systematically the plan of awarding fellowships which has been so successfully inaugurated by the John Hopkins University, Baltimore.

The University of Greifswald can now boast of the largest electro-magnet ever constructed. Twenty-eight iron plates have been bent into a horseshoe shape, and connected by iron bands, forming a cylinder 105 millimetres in diameter and 125 centimetres in height, the total weight being 628 kilogrammes. The magnetising helix consists of insulated copper plates and wires, having a total weight of 275 kilogrammes.

The Prince of Wales has fixed half-past three on Monday next for the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Central Institution in connection with the City and Guilds of London Institute, in Exhibition-road, South Kensington. The site of the building about to be erected is between the temporary French and Belgian Courts on the east side of the Horticultural Gardens.

The Japanese Government has appointed a special commissioner, Mr. Monosuke Sano, to study the subject of cremation, and he is now investigating the merits of the Italian system at Milan.

The Clothworkers' Company have voted £500 in aid of the fund of £25,000 required in connection with the new branch of King's College, at Kensington, for the higher education of girls and women.

Eckmann-Chatrion have published a new novel, *Le Grand Père Lebigre*, the scene of which is laid in a small French town at the close of the reign of Louis Philippe.

It is worthy of note that not only do English readers get American magazines at a cheaper price than Americans, but Americans get an English Review at a reduced rate—something for amateur political economists to puzzle over.

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. intend to follow up their series of "Elementary Classics" by a series of "Foreign School Classics," edited on a similar plan. The books, which will be prepared by practical teachers, will aim at bringing within the reach especially of younger students the results of the labours of French and German scholars in a comparatively moderate compass and at a low price.

The English church of Genoa has just been enriched by the addition of a fine organ, which, if a few local subscriptions be excepted, is the gift of Her Imperial Highness the Crown Princess of Germany, Princess Royal of England.

A general exhibition of photography will take place at Frankfurt-on-the-Main in August. The photographers of England are invited to assist.

The fine library of the late M. Chasles is to be sold by public auction between June 21 and July 18. It contains 3936 works, or about 15,000 volumes, and is one of the most complete libraries of mathematical works in existence.

TERRITORIAL REGIMENTS.—On the 1st of July the scheme for the re-organisation of the Infantry and Militia of the British Army under the above title came into active operation. In accordance with its tenour, the Territorial Regiments will consist of four battalions—two regulars, two militia. The laces, badges, &c., will be precisely the same pattern in all the battalions of each regiment, necessitating thereby an entire change in those laces, badges, &c., hitherto worn. A fully illustrated descriptive pamphlet, containing the text of the special general order, the laces, &c., to be worn by the new Territorial Regiments, will be forwarded, post free, on application at Kenning's Lace and Embroidery Warehouse, 1, 2, 3, 4, Little Britain, and 197, Aldersgate-street.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, July 23, 1881.

SATURDAY, JULY 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JULY 18.

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, 8.
 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, JULY 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bdg.
 Chap. 590, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-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 Blds., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.

Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 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, JULY 20.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
 Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 619, Readon, Greyhound Hot., Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 21.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H.
 Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 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.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)

FRIDAY, JULY 22.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

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 23.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
 " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace.
 " 1679, Henry Mugggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, July 23, 1881.

MONDAY, JULY 18.

Lodge 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.

TUESDAY, JULY 19.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1315, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 " 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson, N. Urnston.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 21.

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

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

KENDALL.—On the 6th inst., at 20, Arundel-gardens, the wife of the Rev. E. K. Kendall, of a daughter.
 STEPHENS.—On the 7th inst., at The Views, Rickling, Essex, the wife of Mr. Cecil Stephens, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ADLER.—SCHLOSS.—On the 11th inst., Jacques Adler, of Paris, to Anna, daughter of Mr. Joseph Schloss, 34, King Henry's-road, Primrose-hill, London.

DEATHS.

THURGOOD.—On the 11th inst., at 163, Isledon-road, Finsbury-park, Mr. Edward Ind Thurgood, in the 61st year of his age.
 TURNER.—On the 9th inst., at Grundisburgh House, Woodbridge, Mr. Henry Lewis Round Turner, Capt. R.N., J.P., aged 50.

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