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It is a great pity that Grand Lodge is in abeyance, and that its members are scattered in all directions, or else the natural thing would have been to offer a welcome to that zealous and enlightened Mason King KALAKAUA. A letter in last week's *Freemason* points out lucidly his moral worth and his Masonic sympathies, but most unfortunately just now any emergency meeting of Grand Lodge would almost seem to be out of the question.

THE question of Masons' marks is now assuming much interest, and it is most important that we should always remember that it is impossible to dogmatize on the subject, as we have very little, except "inferences," to enable us to come to a conclusion on the subject. One point is clear—that the original marks were "alphabetical," that is, composed of letters of alphabets, and that the geometric marks are of late use, in Europe apparently, though the Pentalpha and SOLOMON'S seal, "Hexapla," are found in the East. It has been observed by Bro. CREED, and there is great force in his remark, that one curious fact remains unaccounted for, namely, that we do not find "marks" on all stones, and that on some we find two and even three "marks." It seems impossible to limit their use, as some think, to the mere fact of "distinguishing the work;" there must be some further use and meaning in them. So important is the question "per se" when we look at the history of Freemasonry, that we are rejoiced to see, by a note from the Editor of the "Masonic Magazine," it is proposed to reprint, in the August or September number of that publication, Bro. CREED'S most interesting paper, with his cheerful consent, and with the kindly and courteous sanction of Mr. R. S. FERGUSON, the accomplished editor of the *Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Archaeological Society*.

WE wish once more, in the interest of Masonic archaeology and history, to impress upon all Secretaries of lodges the duty incumbent upon them of making themselves acquainted with the records of their lodges. There are many boxes still stowed away in forgotten corners and neglected lumber rooms, covered with dust, full of mildewed or worm-eaten documents, in which no one takes any interest whatever, and which yet may contain MSS. of vast importance. We may yet stumble upon, after patient research, some old minute book between 1700 and 1717. We may light upon a MS. roll or curious "memoranda," and though we fear that our words may seem to many as "idle words," we do earnestly impress upon all our Bro. Secretaries a minute investigation into, a correct cataloguing of, all lodge minutes and collections.

WE rejoice to see that the *Masonic Advocate*, in the best interests of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, is advocating the "reduction of Grand Lodge expenses." It seems that the allowance and mileage of members on the "pay roll" in 1880 amounted to the large sum of 8000 dollars.

WE call attention to an extract from the *Times* elsewhere with reference to the "Holy Rock at Jerusalem," which has a special interest for us as "Freemasons." In the Royal Academy this year is a painting by CARL HAAG, which ALFRED J. HARVEY tells us, in the *Times*, was completed under great difficulties, for he says, "Since the Holy Rock, which occupies the centre of the area of what is popularly known as the Mosque of Omar, is, after the Kaaba at Mecca, the most venerated spot connected with the Mahomedan religion, the difficulty of obtaining a drawing of it is proportionally great. The interior of the Mosque has, I believe, never been painted before. Mr. CARL HAAG could obtain entrance into it only by a special firman of the SULTAN, granted him at the request of Her Majesty the QUEEN, and, though constantly attended by guards, ran imminent risk of losing his life. Never before had any artist dared to plant his easel on the sacred spot. The painting was begun and completed in the Mosque. The measurements given elsewhere were kindly furnished by Mr. HAAG, and were taken by himself with great care." We are sure our readers will read the extract we have alluded to with great interest.

AN excellent confrère of ours, who shall be nameless—both as to country and "cognomen"—apologizes to his readers for the non-appearance of the August number of his valuable periodical, as he expects "to be away from home until the end of the month." The *Freemason* cannot afford to take things so easily. Neither can we say, as does our facetious brother, "orders for speckled trout will receive prompt attention."

THE GRAND MASTER OF KENTUCKY has recently ruled, it seems, that "near-sightedness" is no disqualification for Freemasonry. We should have been much surprised had he said otherwise. We know several admirable and most wide awake brethren who wear spectacles habitually. American Masonry would be stronger, we think, if there was a Court of Appeal to reduce conflicting decisions into one consistent code.

IT is reported from Indiana that Grand Master MATHER lately laid the corner stone of a new Court House at Marion Grant County with Masonic honours. We are expressly told "that the Grand Master followed the ceremonies with an appropriate and well written address of fifteen minutes." The "Masonic Advocate" adds—"The distinguished speaker made an eloquent oration, but most of it, we think, was inappropriate to the occasion, being devoted to Odd Fellowship." We say nothing of the length of the "oration," which seems to be reasonable enough, but we think devoting the time of a Masonic oration to Odd Fellowship is a very abnormal Masonic proceeding, and is but an equivocal compliment to Freemasonry. We are reminded "perforce" of the old story: "A certain literary gentleman, wishing to be undisturbed one day, instructed his Irish servant to admit no one, and if any one should enquire for him to give an 'equivocal answer.' Night came, and the gentleman proceeded to interrogate Pat as to his callers. 'Did any one call?' 'Yis, sur, wan gentleman.' 'What did he say?' 'He asked was your honour in.' 'Well, what did you tell him?' 'Sure I gave him a quivkle answer just.' 'How was that?' 'I axed him was his grandmother a monkey.'"

WE have many complaints of Masonic mendicancy, and we fear it is on the increase amongst us. They seem to consist of persons of all nationalities, colours, languages, who sought Freemasonry originally from unworthy purposes, and now make of it the basest of trades. We recommend a communication in many cases with the police, as while Freemasonry is meant to be "Charity," it is not intended to be "Imposition." Some of us may remember the following story, which well illustrates the unreasonableness and absurdity often of the habitual mendicant: "A Frenchman, soliciting relief of an English lady, said gravely to his fair hearer, 'Madame, I nevaire beg, but dat I have one vife vid several small family dat is growing very large, and nossing to make deir bread out of but de perspiration of my own eyebrow.'"

WITH reference to the remarks of Bro. JOHN SYMONDS at the last quarterly meeting of the Girls' School, we note the following paragraph in a contemporary, which refers to the same subject: "It appears that the managers of the Haberdashers' School, London, have started a 'swimming club,' and that it has met with merited success. Every English boy (and, for the matter of that, girl, too) should learn how to swim, and it is to the credit of the managers of this great City company that they appreciate this, and act up to it."

THE hot weather seems to be thinning London and filling the places of summer resort. We fear that it must be conceded that the heat is intense, and the "smells" of our "little village" many. Perhaps it may be well for us to remind our readers compelled to stay in London that Dr. DOMETT-STONE recommends for the counteraction of such smells chloride of lead, as superior to carbolic acid. It is prepared thus: Half a drachm of nitrate of lead dissolved in a pint or so of boiling water, to be mixed in a pail of water, in which two drachms of common salt have been dissolved. A cloth dipped in the mixed solution and hung up in any place where bad odours prevail, will make and keep the atmosphere sweet.

LITERATURE and archaeology have lost a most zealous and distinguished friend in the late Dean of Westminster, Dr. STANLEY. Of course, in a "mixed body" like the public, and even the Masonic Order, for which we mainly write, there will always be honest differences of opinion about this or that "individuality," this or that "public man." But the voice of censure must be hushed, the words of carping criticism must be silenced, before that general recognition of the loss and the worth of Dean STANLEY, and that warm appreciation which our English People ever have of "work" honestly done, "thoroughly" done to the very last.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, G. P. Britten, Frank Richardson, William Clarke, Charles Dairy, W. H. Perryman, W. Mann, Henry J. P. Dumas, John Wright, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, J. M. Case, J. D. Collier, William Stephens, Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; H. Phythian, P.M. 1293; C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155; G. Brown, P.M. 169; George Roper, M.D., W.M. 69; A. W. Wells, W.M. 299; Alfred Calais, P.M. 834; Albert Fish, W.M. 1366; John Skirving, W.M. 87; Walter Spencer, P.M. 263; Irvine Harle, I.P.M. 178; A. Darch, W.M. 72; Thomas Goddard, W.M. 1445; Robert Forster, W.M. 1441; James Bake Andrews, W.M. 1588; John Beresford, P.M. 104; W. J. Edney, W.M. 933; Nicholson Brown, P.M. 13; G. Gardiner, W.M. 749; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended at last meeting to the amount of £330. They then proceeded to consider the new cases, of which there were twenty-four on the list. The brethren, in the course of a three hours' sitting, dismissed one of these as ineligible, postponed four, and granted to the remainder, £735, in the following amounts: one £250 (£250); one £75 (£75); three £40 (£120); three £30 (£90); one £25 (£25); six £20 (£120); one £15 (£15); one £10 (£10); and one £5 (£5).

The lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of Hampshire was held at the Phoenix Rooms, 110, High-street, Portsmouth, on Saturday, the 16th inst., at three o'clock p.m.; the V.E. Provincial Prior, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presiding. Among those present were Sir Knights W. Hickman, P.E.P., Sub-Prior; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.E.P., E.P. Egbert; R. W. Bradley, P.E.P.; R. L. Loveland, P.E.P.; R. Osborne, E.P. Royal Gloucester; G. F. Lancaster, E.P. Royal Naval; R. Dampier Child, F. Newman, E. E. Street, E. S. Main, J. R. Hayman, H. Reed, R. W. Mitchell, and others.

The V.E. PROV. PRIOR congratulated the Priory on the success of the Order in the province, and urged the resuscitation of the William Stuart Preceptory, if possible, during the ensuing year. He then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Sir Knight W. Hickman	-	-	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" " Rev. G. H. De Fraine	-	-	Prov. Prelate.
" " R. W. Bradley	-	-	Prov. Chancellor.
" " G. F. Lancaster	-	-	Prov. Constable.
" " R. Osborne	-	-	Prov. Marshal.
" " G. D. Goodwin	-	-	Prov. Registrar.
" " R. L. Loveland	-	-	Prov. Vice-Chan. and Treas.
" " Fras. Newman	-	-	Prov. Sub-Marsl.
" " E. E. Street	-	-	Prov. Herald.
" " E. S. Main	-	-	Prov. Chambrlin.
" " R. W. Mitchell	-	-	Prov. Capt. of Gs.

After the usual business had been transacted, the Provincial Priory was closed in solemn form, and the Knight Companions sat down to a banquet, presided over by the V.E. Provincial Prior, where the customary toasts were given and responded to, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

A meeting of the High Council was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, at 3.30. p.m. A communication was read from the Secretary General in Scotia, suggesting that there should be an exchange of representatives between the H.C. of England and Scotland. It was proposed by the S.S.M., and seconded by the Sec. Gen., that Captain Hunter, Hon. 9°, should be appointed the representative of the H.C. of England, at or near the H.C. of Scotland, and that the S.M. be recommended for appointment as representative of Scotland at or near the H.C. of England. The Sec. Gen. was instructed to again write to certain colleges, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the H.C.

A meeting of the Metropolitan College was afterwards held at the Freemasons' Tavern at 5.30. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. George Michley, M.E.Z. 948, and he was admitted to the Grade of Zelator in due and ancient form. It was proposed by the S.S.M., seconded by the Sec. Gen., and carried with acclamation that the acting Secretary be instructed to convey to the S.M. the hearty congratulations of the Metropolitan College on his marriage, and that the same be entered on the minutes. During the meeting a telegram was received from the S.M., conveying his "Hearty good wishes" to the Metropolitan College, and regretting his inability to attend the meeting. The following brethren were amongst those present at the meeting: Fras. H. C. Levander, S.S.M., acting as M. of T.; C. C. Peck, Hon. 9°, Sec. Gen., acting as C. of N. and Secretary; Charles Hunter, Hon. 9° in Scotia, acting as 1st Antient; E. H. Thiellay, 7th Antient, acting as 2nd Antient; Major F. Dunbar, acting as 3rd Antient; H. Lardner, acting as 4th Antient; and John Gilbert, Acolyte.

Letters of apology and regret for non-attendance were received from many of the fratres. There being no other business before the college it was closed in due and ancient form.

The fratres then adjourned to their customary banquet.

EARLY USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

Mr. Wyatt Papworth's interesting letter to Bro. Gould in the last *Freemason* opens out several "points" which it is important for us to note and keep before us.

1. So far the earliest verified use of the word "Freemason" was in Wm.

Horwood's contract to build Fotheringay Chapel, 1435, though E. W. Shaw had mentioned in 1862, without a reference to distinct words, that in the Exeter Fabric Rolls there were entries of the word "Freemason" in 1396, 1397, 1427, and 1430.

2. Steinbrenner says there is a use in 1396 of "Lathomos vocatos Ffre-maceons," and Mr. Wyatt Papworth now courteously tells us, that no doubt the reference is taken from one of his valuable papers read before the Society of British Architects, and republished in the old "Freemasons' Magazine," at any rate partially, in 1862. In this he is clearly correct. I think those papers are well worth reprinting "consentiente Mr. Papworth." He also tells us that the words are taken from "Rymer's Fœdera," "an unquestionable reference," as he adds, and are, as Steinbrenner puts it, with this addition, "Lathomos vocatos, ligiers"—probably "layers." Thus, then, we get to this fact, that the word "Freemason" was in use in 1396, the end of the 14th century, forty-one years before the contract of Fotheringay. It is just possible, as I have often pointed out, that we may yet find an earlier use of this well-known word.

3. It is interesting to note the use of, as Mr. Papworth mentions, at Exeter, of "Sementarius" and "Latharius." The reason why I said that Mr. Papworth took practically the same view as mine, that "Freemason" is of 15th century use, is to be found from his words reported, whether correctly or not I cannot profess to say, in "Freemasons' Magazine" for January, 1862. There, at p. 7, he is reported as saying, "In the (13th) century one Henry was surnamed Latomus. In the 15th century Master Masons were found to be so designated when employed at Westminster Abbey. In the same century contracts were made by persons described as Freemasons and Warden Masons."

4. It has always seemed to me that there has been a "sequence" in the use of words, from century to century, beginning with Cementarii, Latomi, Latami, Macons, Masonns, Freemaceons, and Freemasons, that I have been accustomed to treat Freemason as the latest in use. It may, however, not be so. In my view of the whole case I shall be quite content to have an early use of Fremaceon or Freemason.

5. Mr. Papworth winds up his valuable communication by saying that he does not think Freemason has anything to do with Free and Accepted. I hardly, I confess, understand what is his real "contention" in such words. He cannot ignore the fact of his own reference in the first place, which qualifies "lathomos" by the equivalent or synonym, or explanation, "Fremaceons." What, I presume, he means to imply is, that the Fremaceons of 1396 had nothing to do with the Freemasons of 1717. But that is a very wide and difficult question, and would lead me into a tract of country at a distance from our present limited area of discussion. I do not for one moment suppose that Mr. Wyatt Papworth, with all his technical knowledge, will endorse Mr. Halliwell's view, that "Freemason" means simply "free-stone Mason."

6. Surely if the "Macons," for they were also called "Masouns," "Masonns," "Massouns," were termed in addition Fremaceon—"Freemason"—they were "free" of something. "Free" of what, then? Surely of the "Guild" which played such a part, hardly yet realized by us, in the social life of the mediæval times in England.

But here I stop for to-day, gratified to think that Mr. Papworth has made good Mrs. Glass's famous recipe, "Before you cook a hare first 'catch' it." He has given us a reference!

CONNECTION OF FREEMASONS AND TEMPLARS.

BY BRO. COL. W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G. PRIOR COMMANDER.

My views with respect to the origin of the Templar Order, and its connection with Freemasonry, have been considerably modified; however, it is the privilege of every one to change his views as new sources of information are brought to his knowledge. I cannot agree with the learned author of a "Concise History of the Templar Order," who does not think the Ancient Order ever found any shelter in the Masonic Body; he holds that Masonry, as a speculative matter, did not exist until the time of Elias Ashmole.

There is very little doubt that during the early days of the Templar Order, when in the zenith of their power and wealth, a connection *did* exist between the two bodies. Those warrior monks, when assisting at the erection of the magnificent churches and cathedrals that still remain, and constructing their houses and preceptories, employed the Fraternity of Freemasons skilled in ecclesiastical architecture, not the mere builders of walls or stone masons, but the scientific leaders of the Craft, many of whom were of high rank and great learning, and whose chief patrons were the Order of Benedictine monks, who had also drawn up the Rule for the Templars. This affinity between them probably tended to promote a feeling of sympathy at the time of the persecution of the Templar Order, when its members, denounced and dispersed, sought refuge and concealment amongst those they had at one time employed in their service. Although the rule of the Order required the knights to be of noble birth, men of all professions and ranks of society were to be found who had allied themselves to the Order, either by affiliation or by joining the class of "Freres Servientes," such as the squires, men-at-arms, artisans, &c., to whom, in common with the knights, the confiscation of the property of the Order had brought utter ruin and desolation.

The Masonic Fraternity, no doubt, were glad and proud to assist men who had belonged to an Order so famous as the Templars, and who were still capable and anxious to render themselves useful to the secret Fraternity of Builders, whose intercourse (from their wandering life) with people of various nations, views and beliefs, disposed them to offer shelter to a body of men persecuted for the more liberal opinions they had entertained in advance of the age. By this connection of the Templars with the skilled architects and workmen of the Masonic Fraternity, who were patronised and constantly employed in the architectural services of the religious houses until about the period of the Reformation, we may infer that the usages and ceremonies of the Templar Order were preserved from complete annihilation.

This is the theory of the origin of the present Templar Society—known as the "Direct descent theory," to distinguish it from that of the Masonic origin Templary, so frequently and incontestably shown to be a mere fiction. It certainly bears the mark of reason and probability that some of the members of the great Order of the Temple, at its dissolution, found refuge and protection by joining a secret society, with the leading members of which they had been formerly intimate.—*Keystone*.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT POOLE.

The Lodge of Amity, Poole, is the oldest Masonic lodge in the Province of Dorset, and, as its number (137) would imply, it is one of the oldest lodges in the country, it having had considerably more than a century of existence. For some years past the brethren have felt that the lodge room was inadequate to their requirements, and its position in the town not exactly such as they would like, and have recently succeeded in obtaining premises adapted to their wants.

At six o'clock on the evening of Thursday, the 7th inst., a lodge of emergency was held in the present lodge room, and was attended by about forty members and visiting brethren. The following is a list of those present: Bros. W. D. Dugdale, W.M.; T. S. Furnell, S.W.; H. J. Sydenham, J.W.; G. H. Gutch, Treas.; G. Harrison, Sec.; H. Curtis, S.D.; C. T. Marston, J.D.; W. Pretty, P.M.; F. Travers, P.M.; W. Turner, P.M.; J. Osment, P.M.; Hatten Smyth, P.M.; T. Ings, P.M.; W. Mate, S. E. Hart, R. Smith, W. Bacon, G. Burt, F. A. Sharp, P. E. Lienel Budge, T. Frampton, W. H. Howell, H. C. Burt (Witchampton), A. Taylor, T. H. Balson, W. J. Burden, G. White, T. Manuel, and D. Hitching. Visitors: Bros. E. T. Budden, P.M. 622, 386, and 195; Rev. W. M. Heath, P.M. 622; J. Tribbett, 386; H. J. Elford, 1226; A. R. Bodley, 622; T. Bennett, St. Cuthbert, Yorkshire; J. Hallett, 326; W. Burt, J.D. 622; T. H. Burt, 622; W. Burrough, 253, and Meyrick Heath, 622.

Before proceeding to the ceremony of laying the stone a dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. M. J. Guest, P.M., authorising the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dugdale, to perform the ceremony, was read.

The brethren having proceeded to the site of their new hall, where on raised platforms were a large number of spectators, chiefly ladies, who seem to take a lively interest in the proceedings, the Worshipful Master (Bro. Dugdale) addressed the assembly.

"Men and Brethren, here assembled to behold this ceremony,—Be it known unto you that we be the lawful Masons—true and faithful to the laws of our country and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should have had so many illustrious brethren in our Order, ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all, to erect a house in which we can meet to perform our ceremonies in conformity with the ancient landmarks of our Order, which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him; and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace."

Prayer having been offered by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. M. Heath, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said:—"I now declare it to be my will and pleasure that the corner stone of this building be laid."

The Secretary, Bro. G. HARRISON, read the inscription on the stone, as follows:—"This stone was laid by the W.M., Lodge Amity, No. 137, July 7th, A.D., 1881, A.L. 5885.—W. D. Dugdale, W.M., T. S. Furnell, S.W., H. J. Sydenham, J.W."

The W.M. then called on the Treasurer, Bro. G. H. Gutch, to deposit the coins and other articles in the cavity. The trowel and mallet, &c., having been handed to the W.M., he proved the position of the stone by the plumb rule, and said, "I find this stone to be plumb, and that the craftsmen have prepared it true and trusty." After testing the stone by the level, the W.M. said: "I find this stone to be level, and that the craftsmen have laboured skilfully;" then testing the stone by the square, the W.M. said: "I find this stone to be plumb, level, and square, and I declare it to be duly prepared and truly laid, and that the craftsmen have worked well." Receiving one by one the cornucopia, the wine and the oil, and suiting the action to the words, the W.M. said: "I scatter corn upon this stone as an emblem of abundance and plenty. May the good seed of His word sink into the hearts of men, take root, and bring forth fruit a hundred fold, to their benefit and His glory. I pour wine upon this stone, the symbol of strength and gladness. May those who work upon this building, and those who shall hereafter meet within its walls, ever perform their allotted parts in the service of the Great Architect with cheerfulness and singleness of heart. I sprinkle this stone with oil, the emblem of peace and harmony. May goodwill and brotherly love prevail amongst those who shall labour in this house, to the glory of the Most High, until time shall be no more." Then, addressing the builder, the W.M. said: "I now place in your hands the plans of this intended building, together with the necessary tools, not doubting your skill and ability as a craftsman, and I desire that you will proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work, in conformity with the plans and designs now entrusted to you."

The ceremony then ended with prayer by the Chaplain, and the brethren returned in reverse order, unrobing again in the ante-room. They then re-assembled at the present lodge-room, and partook of a banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

FESTIVAL OF THE RESTORATION LODGE, No. 111, DARLINGTON.

On Saturday week the brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist by an excursion to Middleton-in-Teesdale. The company left North-street Station shortly before one, arriving at their destination after a pleasant hour's ride. At Middleton Station the Rev. J. Milner, rector of the parish, received the brethren, and at three p.m. a special service was held in the parish church of St. Mary. There was a large congregation, and among

the brethren present were Bros. H. Maddison, the W.M.; G. J. Wilson, Babington Boulton, William Lear, William Hobson, J. C. Martin, Thomas Ness, W. R. Innes, J. P. Lax, T. M. Barron, John Burney, J. W. Armitage, Thos. Bowman, William Hodgson, T. E. Gibson, T. A. Simpson, Fred. Tovey, Wm. Swales, J. W. Ramsay, Wm. Close, J. Fowler, Revs. C. G. Davis, Chaplain to the Marquis of Ripon Lodge; J. Milner, Middleton-in-Teesdale; C. Jackson, Chaplain to the Restoration Lodge; J. M. Shepherd, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and C. R. Green, Chaplain to the Barnard Castle Lodge. There was a full choral service, the chants being sung to the "Free Chant," by J. Crowdy, Mr. Fred. Tovey, P.M., P.P.G.O., presiding at the organ. The address was delivered by the Rev. C. R. Green, M.A., and a more eloquent exposition of the moral aspects of Masonry it has rarely been the privilege of Masons to hear.

After service in the church, the brethren sat down to tea at five o'clock in the Cross Keys Hotel, Bro. H. Maddison, W.M., presiding, at the conclusion of which the company enjoyed a stroll round the country side, and returned home highly gratified with the day's outing.

CONSECRATION OF THE DERWENT MARK LODGE, No. 282.

The following is the oration delivered at the consecration of the above new lodge, on the 12th inst., by Bro. the Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., and which was crowded out of our report of the proceedings last week:

Brethren,—The extent to which Freemasonry embodies, and, as it were, expounds Christianity, is very remarkable; and in no degree does it do so, as far as I am aware, more than in that of the Mark Degree, which employs itself chiefly on operative Masonry. I shall, therefore, in the few remarks I have to make, confine myself to parallel incidents in both, merely to show their affinity. We are told that during the building of King Solomon's Temple the work was for a considerable time at a standstill for the want of an important stone, which was searched for up and down, till at last it was found and the Temple completed. So, on the other hand, we know that the "chief corner stone" was to be laid in Zion; that Christ was that stone; that He was long looked for, and His appearance anxiously awaited; that he was at last found, and that, too, in the Temple itself, by the pious Simeon, who, on seeing Him, at once exclaimed: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word," thus showing the strong likeness there is between Him and the newly-advanced Mark Master Mason. We know that every Mark Master Mason is apportioned out his work in his lodge here below. We know that on the completion of his work he looks forward to receiving his reward or wages. So, too, has T.G.A.O.T.U. appointed to each of us our work to do before we approach that Grand Lodge above. He has given us the Keystone as the great pattern—the working plan, from which we are to form our lives, found our faith, and erect our building, that each of us may be a Temple fit for the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. We are assured that our works will follow us; therefore, brethren, we must be careful where we place the working plans which T.G.A.O.T.U. has given us. We should take care that while the place is a place of safety, yet that it is one of easy access, so that we may readily and often examine for ourselves that which altogether teaches us to walk along the way by which alone we are sure of our wages. While we walk thus, it is, alas, true that we are liable to be laughed at, scorned, and our work set at naught by the outer world, which is ever ready to spurn the best workmanship—that is, an honest man. But we must not be cast down on this account; but should lead our thoughts on to King Solomon's Temple, and think of the joy the artificer must have felt when his work was approved, and his wages paid. We should look to the working plans, and there see how He, who was the chief corner stone, the foundation and the building itself, suffered for us; so that we should be united, knitted together, and so fixed as to be ready for our place in the Grand Temple above. We should be true men and brethren—true to ourselves and each other; frank, courteous, and charitable; no impostors. So, like the poor Lazarus, we shall have our reward in Abraham's bosom; while the impostors shall be like the rich man. We should not, on first thought, be inclined to think that so important a stone would be found in so unlikely a place as a quarry, which is—at least to our minds—a place of disordered materials. Yet the important stone was found there, and, strange to say, unimpaired, after all its vicissitudes. The world we live in corresponds to that quarry. It is full of strangely-rough materials—a conglomeration of atoms—which are to be hewn and smoothed by the hands of perfect Craftsmen. We are told that there are vessels made, some for honour, and some for dishonour, which goes to show that some of our work may not—to say the least of it—be acceptable at the gate, and so cast amongst the rubbish. But I think that in this, our new building, the foundation stone of which is laid to-day, all work for the Master Overseer's inspection shall be found laudable, perfect, and easily adjusted in that Temple above, not made with hands, and where we all hope to have a space. Finally, brethren, let me congratulate you on the name you have selected for your Mark Master's lodge here. No doubt it is as old, though not so renowned, as the Temple of King Solomon. But while we—as I hope we often do—think on the one and look on the other, there will strange, though pleasing, reminiscences come to our minds. As by times we walk by Derwent it will remind us of our lodge; and as we see its ceaseless flow to the sea, we may be apt to ask ourselves, and, better still, to put the question to ourselves—"As this river flows on in its appointed course, going on its way by order, am I fulfilling my course; am I leaving my mark behind me; am I showing to all around me that I am a true man and no impostor; am I steadily working my way to the haven of rest, just as this river is to the sea?" Thousands have looked on it and gone—we may not ask where; their works shall follow them. Thousands may come after us, and look on this river, when we are past and gone. They may have the same thoughts and reflections; they may be members of this Derwent Lodge of Mark Master Masons or not; but, whether one or the other, I feel they will always associate this consecrated lodge to-day with the river which has run its course thus far, and will only cease to run when time shall be no more.

THE HOLY ROCK AT JERUSALEM.

According to immemorial tradition, the Holy Rock is the threshing floor, on Mount Moriah, of Araunah, or Omar, the Jebusite chief, which David bought of him for a place of sacrifice, and where Solomon afterwards erected the Temple. There is much in support of this tradition. The Rock is the highest part of the Temple platform. Throughout Syria rock plateaus of high elevation are at the present day selected for threshing floors; and the higher and more exposed the site the more valuable is it for the purpose, as the wind needful for driving off the chaff can play upon it from a greater number of quarters. The lofty situation of the Sakhrah, or Holy Rock, would have made it a most valuable threshing floor. Immediately beneath it is a natural cave, a fact which also lends support to the correctness of the tradition, since underneath the majority of the threshing floors of Palestine are similar caves, which abound in the limestone hills of the country, and afford to the labourers an invaluable retreat during the burning mid-day hours. In configuration, the Rock as it juts up above the marble pavement of the mosque is very irregular. From north to south it measures fifty-six feet, and from east to west thirty-five feet. The highest point is six and a half feet above the floor. On the top of the rock, which can only be seen by climbing upon the railing surrounding it, is a rough, basin-shaped hollowing, and also a hole about three feet in diameter. This communicates perpendicularly with the cave beneath. Descending into the cave from the south-east corner of the mosque, by a flight of fifteen steps, we find a chamber twenty-three and a half feet from north to south and twenty-three feet and three quarters from east to west. At the end and on the two sides of the cave low stone walls have been built of height varying irregularly with the slope of the rock which forms the roof. Two lamps, suspended beneath the whole already mentioned, light the cave. On the tessellated pavement of the floor, and directly beneath the whole in the roof, is a radiating star in various coloured marbles. On tapping this, the central part, consisting of a slab of white marble, not quite perpendicular beneath the centre of the orifice above, is found to be hollow. The slab conceals the Bir-el-Arruah, or "Well of Spirits," a passage said to lead out eventually into the valley of the Kidron.

A hypothesis not unreasonable is that the hole on the top of the Holy Rock was made to conduct the blood of the sacrificial victims slain upon it in Jewish times down into the cavern, thence into the Bir-el-Arruah, and eventually into the Kidron near Siloam. If the Sakhrah is really the spot where the Jewish sacrifices were offered, the Holy Place of the Temple must have stood immediately to the west of it, facing that side of the stone which is to the right, and in shadow in Mr. Haag's painting. The promise made by Jehovah to Solomon, "Mine ear shall be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place," gives the rock its present sanctity for the Mahomedans. They guard it from the approach of any but Moslem, lest supplication for evil on themselves or on their religion should be made in such a place. The profound interest of the rock, if the tradition concerning it is correct, hardly needs to be dwelt on.

Mr. Haag's view is taken from the north-west pier of the four supporting the noble dome, which arises to a height of 100ft., roughly estimated, and has a diameter of 66ft. On the left in the picture can be seen the double corridor (the inner corridor 23½ft. wide, the outer 13½ft.) which surrounds the building, and is lighted by stained glass windows. To the right, and somewhat in the background, is seen the small, tall baldachin which stands over the south-west corner of the rock. For Mahomedans this is the point of greatest interest. At this point alone are they allowed to touch the holy stone. Thrusting their hands through a small circular opening on the west side of this structure, they can feel, if not see, an indentation in the rock. That mark the faithful believe to have been made by the foot of the Prophet, when, with the other foot already in the stirrup of the white celestial steed sent to bear him hence, he for the last time pressed upon the soil

"of this dim spot
Which men call earth."

This jealously-guarded, mysterious Holy Rock, with its proud traditions, extending so far back into the past, is, alike for the Mahomedan, Jewish, and Christian world, one of the most profoundly interesting spots in Jerusalem.—*Times*.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1627.

This young, but highly prosperous lodge, had its summer banquet on Wednesday last, which was in every way most successful.

The brethren and their friends met at the Waterloo Station at 11.45, and proceeded by the twelve o'clock train in a saloon carriage to Hampton Court. After luncheon at the Mitre Hotel, a ramble through Hampton Court Palace and Gardens was thoroughly enjoyed, the party returning to the hotel at five o'clock to a splendid banquet.

Amongst those present were the W.M. Bro. J. B. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens, Bro. Past Master Charles E. Soppet and Mrs. Soppet, Miss Edith Soppet, Miss Florence Soppet and Master Bernard Soppet, Bro. Altman C.C., and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. J. Charles and Mrs. Wisters, Mr. Tyrrell, Bro. Waters, Bro. Hay and Miss Hay. After the usual toasts, Bro. Altman, Mr. Tyrrell and Mr. Charles returned thanks for the "Visitors," and Bro. Turner for the "Ladies," thus ending a most enjoyable day, which will not soon be forgotten by those present.

The International Medical and Sanitary Exhibition was opened by Earl Spencer, at South Kensington, on Saturday last, the ceremony taking place in the Royal Albert Hall. Earl Granville, Sir James Paget, and other distinguished persons took part in the proceedings. The exhibition, which is most complete, and of great interest, will be open until the 23rd inst., and will, we doubt not, be the means of disseminating among all classes a knowledge of medical and sanitary matters which is now considered an essential of nineteenth century life.

The annual summer banquet of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, was held at the Crown Gardens, Brompton, Herts, on the 7th inst., when a very pleasant day was spent by the brethren and their friends.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

R.W. Col. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.,
Provincial Grand Master.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Will be held at the
RAILWAY HOTEL, FELTHAM,
On Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m., precisely

By command of the Prov. G. Master,
H. C. LEVANDER, G.J.D.,
July 16th, 1881. Prov. Grand Secretary.

CITY OF LONDON BONDS.

"THE CITY OF LONDON COMMISSIONERS OF
SEWERS (ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS) ACT, 1881."
LOAN OF £500,000.

THE CORPORATION OF LONDON having been requested by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London to borrow at interest the sum of £500,000 under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, the undersigned is directed by the Finance Committee of the Corporation, acting under an Order of the Court of Common Council, to offer by tender the said Loan of £500,000 on the terms and conditions under stated.

The Loan and Interest will be secured on the Consolidated and Sewers' Rates of the City of London (the rateable value exceeds £3,500,000 per annum), and also of the Revenues of the Lands and Property of the Corporation of London, as provided by the above-mentioned Act. Bonds, under the common Seal of the Corporation, will be issued for sums of £1000 £500, or £100 respectively, at the option of the Subscribers, and bearing interest, payable half-yearly by means of Coupons at the Bank of England, at the rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum.

The Bonds will be transferable by indorsement, but may be registered in names at any time at the option of the holders.

The Loan will be for a period of Thirty-and-a-half Years, expiring 5th April, 1912, but with Annual Drawings of one-thirtieth part of the whole capital sum, to be paid off at par. At least six months' public notice will be given of the results of these Drawings. The first drawing will take place in 1882, and the Bonds drawn will become payable on the 5th April, 1883, and in like manner yearly until the whole Loan is discharged.

Trustees or other persons, for the time being, having power to invest any moneys in nominal debentures or nominal debenture stock, issued under the "Local Loans Act, 1875," have power to invest such moneys in these Bonds.

Persons desirous to tender for the whole or any part of the said Bonds must make application at the BANK OF ENGLAND (Private Drawing Office), or AT THIS OFFICE, in the Form annexed; such applications to be accompanied by a payment or remittance of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the amount applied for.

Applications will not be received later than Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Allotment will take place at this Office, by the FINANCE COMMITTEE of the Corporation and the undersigned, on Friday, the 29th instant, and in the event of an amount greater than the sum of £500,000 being offered, a rateable allotment (not less than £100 in any case) will be made to each applicant, preference being given to the highest tenders, but no tender will be accepted at a lower rate than $\frac{97}{100}$ per cent., or for a fractional sum of less than sixpence. The deposits on tenders not accepted will be forthwith returned to the parties tendering.

The balance of the amount allotted must be paid at this Office on or before Monday, the 31st October next. Upon failure of payment of the balance, as above, the deposit will be liable to forfeiture.

Interest will commence to run on the whole amount of each Bond from the 5th October, 1881.

Printed forms of application will be furnished at this Office and at the Bank of England.

BENJAMIN SCOTT,
Chamberlain.

Chamber of London, Guildhall.
14th July, 1881.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

Loan £500,000.

THE CITY OF LONDON COMMISSIONERS OF
SEWERS (ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS) ACT, 1881.

To Benjamin Scott, Esq., Chamberlain of the City of London.

SIR,
I hereby tender at the rate of _____ per cent.
for the sum of _____ Pounds,
on account of the Loan of £500,000, to be raised by the
Corporation of London for the purposes of the above-
mentioned Act, and I request that City Bonds may be
delivered to me, or to my order, in respect thereof, in
accordance with the announcement in respect of the said
Loan, which has been made public.

Name, in full.....
Address, in full.....
Quality or description.....

Dated this.....day of.....1881.

*.....Bonds for £1000 each.....
.....Bonds for £500 each.....
.....Bonds for £100 each.....

Total.....£.....

* If Bonds of particular amounts are required, here state details.

AD DEI GLORIAM ET MORTALIUM
BENEFICIUM.

YE INAUGURATION FESTIVAL
of ye Ancient Fraternitie of ye

RAHERE ALMONERS,

(Founded MCXIII. Resuscitated MDCCCLXXXI.)
WILL BE HOLDEN AT YE

CRYSTAL PALACE,
ON ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY,
WEDNESDAY, ye 24th Day of AUGUST, 1881.
F. DIXON DIXON-HARTLAND, Esq., M.P.,
IN THE CHAIR.

Dinner on the Table at Six o'clock p.m., precisely.
Tickets, including Admission to the Palace for the Day—
GENTLEMEN, 10s. 6d. LADIES, 7s. 6d.
DOUBLE TICKETS (Lady and Gentleman), 16s.

Applications for Tickets must be made not later than
Wednesday, the 17th of August.

THOMAS SANGSTER, M.R.C.V.S.,
Grand Recorder.
62, Long Lane, West Smithfield, E.C.

To Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Canadian Craftsman," "Revista Mas. Mensual" (Teneriffe), "The Hull Packet," "Keystone," "Voice of Masonry," "The New York Dispatch," "Der Long Islaender," "Citizen," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "The Sunday Times," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "The Hebrew Leader," "Allen's Indian Mail."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 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 GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is Bro. "York" quite correct in his assumption that a Prov. Grand Master need not be an Installed Master? I doubt it very much, and believe that such a condition is one of those needful "facts" which, if not "expressed," are "understood."

It is, I hold, simply and strictly, a "sine qua non." The words of the Book of Constitutions are, "a Mason of eminence"—a Mason can hardly be a "Mason of eminence" if only a M.M.; if so, a Prov. Grand Master, who is only a M.M. could take precedence in Grand Lodge of a G.W. who, at any rate, must be a Warden.

I admit, however, that the Book of Constitutions is not clear in such matters, and I am happy, for one, to hear that it is undergoing revision. But if even this be so, how does such an argument help "York" or Bro. Newmarch? It only intensifies the "reductio ad absurdum" of the G. Registrar, and shews us that we must also appeal, as I asserted originally, not only to the "Lex scripta" of Masonry but the "Lex inscripta," that is, the usages and precedents observed since 1813, the latter to explain the former.

I am, yours fraternally,

LEX LATOMICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

About the precedence of the Grand Master there can be no question; the Book of Constitutions speaks clearly and unequivocally. The Book of Constitutions also speaks clearly about the position of Provincial Grand Officers, when it says that in their province they have the rights and privileges of Grand Officers: that is (to use the words of the Grand Registrar), they bear the same position with respect to the provincial brethren that the Grand Officers of England bear with respect to all the brethren in England. It therefore undoubtedly follows that a Provincial Warden in his province bears a higher position before the members of his province than a Grand Deacon of England bears before the members of all England in general, and of this province in particular; and thus all that Bro. Newmarch contends for must be conceded. When the Grand Registrar goes on to say—I have always felt, my view is, [that officers appointed by the Grand Master take precedence of all officers appointed by Provincial Grand Masters, he does not support his position either directly or by implication by any Constitution, nor has he explained away the Constitution in question. For recollect, as Bro. "Lex Latomica"

justly states, no feeling, no precedent, no usage, can override a distinct regulation of the Book of Constitutions.

The truth I imagine is, as has been remarked to me by a Provincial Grand Officer of more than forty years standing, that Provincial Grand Officers have always delighted to honour Grand Officers in their province, and have gladly given them "the highest room," until now the time has come that Grand Officers claim of right what has usually been accorded to them of courtesy.

I never supposed that my "ex absurdo" argument was conclusive; all I intended to show was that if such an argument could be used in one direction it could be used in the contrary direction. Bro. "Lex Latomica" thinks my illustrations amusing; if he will kindly hear me patiently I will try to make them instructive. A Provincial Grand Master need only be a Master Mason; if he declines to become an Installed Master he is not a member of Grand Lodge: the table of precedence has reference to Grand Lodge only, and therefore, would not have reference to him: the Grand Pursuivant visits his province, and, of course, takes precedence of the Provincial Grand Master (who is only a Provincial Grand Officer), and presides over Provincial Grand Lodge. I know how this absurd result is always avoided, but that does not invalidate the argument.

Again, if it were possible for the M.W.G.M. to offer the post of Grand Director of Ceremonies to our worthy and distinguished Bro. Col. Stanley, would not he—would not my brethren of West Lancashire feel humiliated, I had almost said insulted, by the proposal; and would he, or would they feel less humiliated if the Grand Director of Ceremonies, on visiting West Lancashire—were to intrude himself between the Provincial Grand Master and his excellent Deputy? I trow not.

Bro. "Lex Latomica" thinks that in selecting the Grand Organist I may, perhaps, get some advantage; but the Grand Registrar says that, in his view, all officers appointed by the Grand Master take precedence of all Provincial Grand Officers; surely all Grand Officers embrace the Grand Organist, though he be a Warden—nay, do they not even embrace the Grand Tyler?

When the next *Freemason* appears I shall be a thousand miles away, but I hope, if need be, an abler pen than mine will vindicate the position of Bro. Newmarch. I cannot, however, take my leave without sincerely thanking Bro. "Lex Latomica" for his courtesy, and you, Bro. Editor, for your kindness in inserting my two lengthy letters.

I am, yours truly and fraternally,

YORK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If Bro. Newmarch is right in his contention—that within their district Provincial Grand Officers possess all the privileges of Grand Officers—what functions would the actual Grand Officers of the year be called upon to discharge in the event of a Grand Lodge being held out of London? "You cannot" (says Bro. Newmarch) "import into a written and established law a restrictive clause," &c. Now, it is quite clear that one of the privileges of Grand office is the right of officiating as Grand Warden, Grand Deacon, and so on. Yet, if the officers of the Grand Master should be allowed to supersede those of the Provincial Grand Master, a "restrictive clause" would be at once imported into the "written and established law" upon which Bro. Newmarch relies.

Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

WHERE AND WHEN WAS WILLIAM PRESTON
INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Yourself and others have repeatedly asked the above questions, but, to the best of my belief, they have never been answered satisfactorily. I shall, therefore, venture to ask sufficient space in your paper to solve that riddle.

The "Freemasons' Magazine" of 1795 opens with a memoir of Preston, by S. J. (Stephen Jones). The writer says:

"His own intimacy with that gentleman (Preston) pointed him out to the proprietor of the 'Freemasons' Magazine,' who has at sundry times since the commencement of that work applied to him to obtain permission from Mr. Preston for engraving his portrait and publishing some memoirs of him to gratify the curiosity of numerous inquirers among the patrons of the magazine."

When Bro. Preston finally consented to be copperplated, Bro. S. J. undertook to furnish "such recollections as his memory may supply."

It is needless to go through the early history of Preston; suffice it, therefore, to say that he was born in Edinburgh, July 28th, O.S. 1742, and he arrived in London in 1760. Preston was, therefore, only eighteen years of age when he came to London.

"Soon after his arrival in London" (says S. J.) "a number of brethren from Edinburgh resolved to institute a Freemasons' lodge in this city, under the sanction of a constitution from Scotland; but not having succeeded in their application, they were recommended by the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh to the Ancient's Grand Lodge in London, who immediately granted them a dispensation to form a lodge and to make Masons. They accordingly met at the White Hart, in the Strand, and Mr. Preston was the second person initiated under that dispensation."

"The lodge was soon after regularly constituted by the officers of the Ancient Grand Lodge. . . Having increased considerably in numbers, it was found necessary to move to the Horn Tavern, in Fleet-street, where it continued for some time, till that house being unable to furnish proper accommodations, it was removed to Scot's Hall, Blackfriars. There it continued to flourish about two years, when the decayed state of that building obliged them to remove to the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapside, where it continued to meet for a considerable time.

"At length Mr. Preston and some other of the members having joined a lodge under the regular English Constitution, at the Talbot, in the Strand, they prevailed on the rest of the lodge at the Half Moon Tavern to petition [the Grand Lodge of England] for a Constitution. Lord Blaney, at that time G.M., readily acquiesced with the desire of the brethren, and the lodge was soon after constituted a second time in *ample form* by the name of 'The Caledonian Lodge.' The ceremonies observed, and the numerous assembly of respectable brethren who attended the Grand Officers on this occasion, must long be remembered to the honour of that lodge."

The writer of the above admitted that he wrote from memory, and I am compelled to come to the conclusion that his memory proved treacherous. He tells us that Preston, when eighteen years of age, arrived in London, and soon after his arrival some Edinburgh brethren petitioned the Edinburgh Grand Lodge for a warrant; the said G.M. declined to grant the Constitution, but recommended the Scotch brethren to the Ancients, who immediately granted them a dispensation to make Masons. Preston was initiated under that dispensation, and the lodge was soon after regularly constituted, &c.

The repeated mention of "soon after" would lead one to suppose that the lodge at the White Hart Tavern originated in 1760, or at least not later than 1761.

Again, he says, "Having increased considerably in numbers it was found necessary to remove to the Horn Tavern, . . . where it continued for some time, till the house being unable to furnish accommodation, it was removed to Scot's Hall. . . Here it continued to flourish for about two years." Then the lodge removed to the Half Moon. We may naturally infer that some years at least must have intervened between the removal of the lodge to the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapside, and its final secession from the jurisdiction of the Ancients.

Now, first, the lodge "increased considerably in numbers," as to oblige it to remove to the Horn Tavern. Lodges, however, are not apt to increase very rapidly in numbers; our lodge must, therefore, have continued to meet at the White Hart at least from six months to a year. Next, the lodge continued to meet at the Horn Tavern for some time; then it met at Scot's Hall for about two years. The lodge then removed to the Half Moon, where, as already remarked, it continued for some time under the rule of the Ancients. By putting the *soon after* in the beginning of the narrative with the *some times* in the after part, adding thereto the *about two years* the lodge remained at the Scot's Hall, we must come to the conclusion that the lodge received a dispensation from the Ancients not later than 1761, and that Preston was then initiated, and the lodge continued under the rule of the Ancients for at least, say, four or five years. But, thanks to Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," and to the lodge lists in his "Four Old Lodges," I am enabled to prove Bro. Stephen Jones's errors. First, in the "Atholl Lodges," p. 22, may be seen the following notice of the lodge at the White Hart, with the date of its constitution by the Ancients.

[No] "III., White Hart, Strand, London, [constituted] April 20th, 1763."

Here, then, the date of its constitution by the Ancients is proved, and as the writer of the 1795 memoir of Preston informed us that Lord Blaney granted the same lodge a charter when it assumed the name of "Caledonian Lodge," and knowing that Lord Blaney was Grand Master of the Moderns from May 8th, 1764, to April 27th, 1767, I, therefore consulted our Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," and on p. 60 I found the date of the Half Moon Lodge, when it was chartered by Lord Blaney, viz.,

"325. Half Moon, Cheapside, ye Caledonian Lodge, Nov. 15, 1764."

Thus, instead of years intervening between its origin as an Ancient Lodge and its final absorption by the Moderns, it in reality remained under the rule of the Ancients not quite nineteen months.

But what has become of the Caledonian Lodge of 1764? is it still alive or not? Before I proceed to answer these questions I must inform the younger readers of the *Freemason* that as lodges are mortal, and many lodges have from time to time become extinct, the Grand Lodge of England has at different periods expunged the dead lodges from her lodge lists, and pushed the hinder lodges higher up to the vacant numbers. For instance, Lodge No. 2 (one of the Four Old Lodges), died before 1740. In that year the Grand Lodge, for the first time, winnowed out all the extinct lodges from her lodge list; the then No. 3 was promoted to No. 2, and all the succeeding lodges on the list were pushed up to higher numbers. But as twenty or more other lodges had become extinct by the end of 1739, the last lodge on the list of 1739 was, therefore, pushed up on the list of 1740 some twenty or more numbers higher than it held in 1739. Such re-numbering of lodges took place in 1740, 1756, 1770, 1781, 1792, 1814,

1832, and 1863. Bros. Hughan and Gould have furnished lodge lists of the above periods, and have placed beside each lodge its previous number as well as the new number. Bro. Gould's lodge lists extend to 1792; and Bro. Hughan, in his "Masonic Memorials," gave a lodge list, showing the changes in the numbers of the respective lodges in 1814, 1838, and 1863. By the aid of the said lodge lists I was easily enabled to trace the career of the *Caledonian Lodge* from 1764 to 1874, when Bro. Hughan's book was printed. Thus I have already quoted from Bro. Gould's lodge list that the Caledonian Lodge was chartered by Lord Blaney in 1763; next let us see what the 1770 lodge list has to say about that lodge.

LODGE LIST, 1770.

Old No. New No.
325. 263. Caledonian Lodge, Half Moon, Cheapside, Nov. 15, 1764.

There. Bro. Stephen Jones was right in saying that the lodge continued to meet at the Half Moon "for a considerable time." And now for

LODGE LIST, 1781.

Old No. New No.
"262. 211. Caledonian Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern, Gt. Queen-st."
"211. 180. Caledonian Lodge, Half Moon Tavern, Gracechurch-st."

I have detailed how the Caledonian Lodge was successively pushed up on the lodge lists from No. 325 to No. 180. But in 1813 the Union of the Ancients and Moderns took place, and in order to gratify the conceit of the *Ancients* their lodges were devetalled between the lodges of the *Moderns*, hence at the re-numbering of the lodges in 1814, Caledonian Lodge of 1764 was pushed down on the list from No. 180 to No. 218. But in 1832 it was pushed up from 218 to No. 156, and in 1863 its present number was assigned to it, viz., No. 134. From Bro. Hughan's list of 1814 I learn that in that year Caledonian Lodge met in Fleet-street, and in 1874 it held its meetings in Leadenhall-street. "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar of 1881" shows not only where the said lodge meets now, but also that it is the identical Caledonian Lodge which was constituted in 1764, viz.:

"134. Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, 1764."

That Preston was initiated in the same lodge, now No. 134, there can be no doubt. But as to when he was initiated, unless the lodge had preserved its oldest records, cannot be answered with certainty. However, if the exact date of Preston's initiation cannot be proved, we can at least come very near it. In the first place, the Ahiman Rezon required a candidate to be twenty-five years old, and although the Grand Master's dispensation might have been used in certain cases, yet, as Preston was not quite twenty-one years old even when the lodge was constituted, it is not likely that he was initiated before 1763. Second, Bro. Stephen Jones says that *soon after* he was initiated the lodge was regularly constituted, and though Bro. Jones wrote from memory, and was consequently apt to be inaccurate, yet, in this case he may be correct. And third, Dr. Mackey, in his "Cyclopædia" states on the authority of Laurie, that a lodge in question did not petition the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter before 1762. I could not find that statement in "Laurie's History," though it may be there, or he may have stated so elsewhere. If, therefore, Laurie did make that statement, and if the present Grand Secretary of Scotland would please to confirm the said statement, I think that no doubt could be afterwards entertained that Preston was initiated either late in 1762 or early in 1763. Preston is not my favourite Masonic historian; his faults however were due to the age he lived in. But whatever his faults may have been, his works contain many valuable materials for the use of the forthcoming Masonic historian. Besides which, Bro. Preston did not write for the purpose of making money out of Masonry; he was not only unselfish, but even generous, and was certainly regarded for many years by the Craft at large as the most distinguished Masonic writer of the last century, and so he really was. The brethren of Caledonia may, therefore, well be proud of belonging to *William Preston's mother lodge*. Should they, therefore, be pleased with my investigation and demonstration they must thank Bros. Gould and Hughan for it; not merely thank them with words, which cost nothing, but each of its members who can afford it should show his appreciation of the labours of those distinguished writers by immediately supplying himself with their works, which suggested the information herein given. The Masonic Magazine of 1795 was known to Bros. Mackey, Mackenzie, Woodford, and other Encyclopædists, but their works were written before Bro. Gould's work appeared; hence, with all their industry and learning the *where* and *when* of Preston's initiation was a puzzle to them, and I venture to assert that if Bro. Gould's and Bro. Hughan's works had not been printed, the question of Preston's initiation would have continued a puzzle to all the future Encyclopædists until doomsday.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., July 4th, 1881.

MASONS' MARKS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

In reply to Bros. Lamonby and Vernon and other correspondents, I beg to say that I hope, either in the August or September number of the "Masonic Magazine,"

to reproduce Bro. Creed's able paper thereanent, recently alluded to in the *Freemason*, with the special and kindly consent of all concerned. For this concession Masonic students will feel great obligation to those who have acceded to the request made, in so genial and helpful a manner.

I am, yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR "CYCLOPÆDIA."

THE FIRST AND MOST EMINENT MASON IN THE WORLD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This phrase struck my attention forcibly in the last *Freemason*. Agreeing with much your correspondent from Cairo—"A 33°"—says, especially as regards our very distinguished visitor and brother, King Kalakaua, I cannot quite concur in such a description of Bro. Albert Pike.

No doubt he is a most worthy and zealous Mason; he is a very distinguished personage, and leading authority in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. But to say that he is the "first and most eminent Mason in the world" is an exaggeration of terms, and is neither correct nor justifiable as an assertion.

There are many Masons who could be named who, both from their researches, their learning, their eloquence, and their extended Masonic knowledge, can compete with any brother, and even with Bro. Albert Pike, for such a character. But though I say this, I am second to none in my admiration of Bro. Albert Pike's services to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, for instance, and his general Masonic acquirements, and I have long been taught to regard him, in his Masonic arena, with much respect and admiration. He is undoubtedly one of the chief "lights" of modern Freemasonry.

Is my good brother "A 33°" an American? If so, he has, perhaps, fallen into the "hyperbole," amusingly mentioned, if I remember rightly, by "Sam Slick," where a citizen of the Great Republic watching the Guards admiringly in Canada, some years ago, said, self-consoling and decidedly to his Canadian friend, "The Britishers, can whip all the world, and we can whip the Britishers."

Yours fraternally,

FRIENDLY PROTEST.

AFFECTED ENGLISH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In this hot weather, and at this special season of the year when "Masonry" has become rather languid and "used up," some little "copy" helps a despairing editor.

So I send you a few curt remarks on that affectation of spelling and pronunciation which seems coming like a "wave" over us, and which does, in my opinion, "fearful despite" to the purity and perfection of the "Queen's English." Not that argument is of much avail. I have noticed that, as regards the "fads" of the day, they most are above argument and despise "ratiocination." In such cases perhaps "chaff" is the best weapon we can employ. The American papers contain several illustrations of this prevailing folly, which, as "hits," deserve our notice. I take these, which may amuse us in the hot weather, and when we want something to relieve the despairing influence of constant perspiration.

No. I.

"There is a young lady of St. Croix,
Who is 'gone' on a clever young boix,
They swing on the gate,
Both early and late,
And their lives are o'ergushing with joix."

No. II.

"An old yellow dog in Cologne,
Ran away with an old woman's bogne;
But the wrathful old crogne,
Hit him twice with a stogne,
And 'twas dreadful to hear the dog grogne."

No. III.

"There was a young girl of Eua Claire,
Who was witty, and good, and seau faire,
All the other girls found,
That when she was around,
They were just counted out as neau where."

Accept my "warm" salutation, and believe me, yours fraternally,

A LOVER OF OLD ENGLISH.

BRADLAUGH IN THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., a meeting was held in the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, to protest against the exclusion of Mr. Bradlaugh from Parliament, when the infidel agitator announced that it was his intention to commit a breach of the law by forcing his way into the House of Commons on August the 3rd.

I do not know whether the right of letting the above hall rests with the brethren by whom it is frequented, but if the proprietorship is in their hands they are surely guilty of very un-Masonic practices in granting the use of it to an avowed atheist, and in thus manifesting their sympathy with one who insults and defies that God whom all well-ordered members of the Craft revere. With what degree of consistency can we exclude from our lodges the French Masons, who have eliminated the Deity from their ritual, if we give the right hand of fellowship to the zany who "has

said in his heart there is no God"? How can we, in our vows of membership, promise to observe the laws of the realm, if, simultaneously, we encourage and support a person unrestrained by laws human or divine, to whom nothing is sacred save his "own sweet will"?

I hope that the Surrey Masons are not consenting parties to this desecration of their hall. Should this assumption be correct, I think they ought to protest against the proprietor, when, under the excuse of advancing the Liberal cause, he appropriates the room to purposes foreign to our "mystic rites," and converts a place hallowed by Masonic rites into an arena of the most offensive infidelity.

I do not believe that such a meeting would have been sanctioned at the Great Queen-street Hall.

I am, yours fraternally,

HERCULES.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the Book of Constitutions does not give any information on the following point, will you kindly obtain opinions through the *Freemason*?

As a subscribing member of an Indian lodge, on the absent list with full Masonic privileges, can I attend any regular or instruction lodge without paying subscriptions or fees?

Yours truly and fraternally,

C.

Reviews.

RECORDS OF THE PAST. Vol. 10. Egyptian Texts. Bagster and Sons.

This most interesting volume, published under the sanction of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, contains several matters interesting to Masonic Students. It contains the "Stele of Irtisen," the "Stele of Beka," the "Inscriptions of Queen Hatshepsut," the "Obelisk of Alexandria," the "Inscription of Haremnebi," the "Ancient Festivals of the Nile," the "Pastophorus of the Vatican," the "Inscription of King Nastasen," the "Tablet of Alexander Aegus II," the "A Contract of Marriage," the "Book of Hades," the "Magic Papyrus," the "Addresses of Horus to Osiris." Those peculiarly important for Masonic students are the "Stele of Irtisen," the "Book of Hades," the "Magic Papyrus," and the "Addresses of Horus to Osiris." Irtisen, who terms himself "chief of the artists," was an "artist in statuary." He tells us that he knows the "Mystery of the Divine Word." According to some writers this was "Tao." This book of Hades may reproduce a portion of the Egyptian Mysteries. The various "Gates" are curious and correspond with the "Chinese Gates" in their secret society. Altogether, we must not presuppose that all is known about Freemasonry that is held or asserted. Men with "fads," or preconceived ideas, or iconoclastic prejudices, for Masons are but men, after all, are sometimes both pompous and pedantic in their proclamation of well-known statements, and, above all, most zealous in "sheepwalking." We must be both historical and fair, unprejudiced and impartial, and seek to get at "Aletheia," Truth absolute, truth abstract and concrete; a virtue in which Masonic essays and Masonic historians are too often woefully deficient.

OUR ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND THE LAND AROUND THEM. SIR J. LUBBOCK, Bart., M.P. Elliot Stock, 62, Paternoster-row.

This is a very well printed work, and full of pleasant and profitable reading for the lover of archaeology. It points out with much "vis" the barbaric neglect and destruction of ancient monuments in this land of ours, and how down in "Bæotia" especially, the stones of ancient buildings, circles, cromlechs, &c., have been ignorantly destroyed or misused to save expense and gratify niggardliness. It is not a bit too soon that a movement has been made to rescue many precious monuments and memorials of past ages from those "outer barbarians," who, talking of the "rights of property," have aided in destroying some of the most striking and marvellous erections which man's skill or piety ever raised either to the "honour of God" or the needs of human society. Indeed, the indubitable records of the Vandalism of past generations, nay, and the present, as regards the works and "Indicia" of our forefathers, scattered up and down the land, priceless in themselves, and most full of teaching to the loyal student, are alike humiliating and depressing. It is all very well to make pretty speeches about the "rights of property," but there is, after all, a "common heritage" of the past, which ought to be carefully watched over, and sedulously guarded from decay and destruction. We commend the aim and endeavours of Sir John Lubbock in the best interests of archaeology and general civilization and progress.

NOTES, QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS ON THE CHURCH CATECHISM. By JOHN BOWES, F.R.G.S. Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

We presume that the writer of this little handbook is a brother of our Order, as he has paid us the compliment of sending the work to us. It, unfortunately, lies "outside our lines," and we could not properly in the *Freemason* go into it very clearly without drawing down upon us the cry of "sectarian partiality." We can merely say that the book itself seems well adapted to its end, and we can also call the attention of our many good brother Chaplains to it. It is convenient in form, full of matter, and admirably printed. More, unfortunately, our Masonic laws, like those of the Medes and Persians, forbid us to say.

THE GRAPHIC.

The Summer Number of the *Graphic* comes before us in striking effect, artistically and literarily. Its stories and its illustrations are both admirable, and are certain to find an abnormal number of readers. We congratulate all concerned in its production, with a result which is alike a credit and a commendation to art amongst us. We have never perused a more genial collection of light, seasonable, and pleasant reading.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

"ANTIQUARIUS" AND GEORGE CARPENTER, S.G.W.

It is quite correct that a Bro. Colonel George Carpenter was appointed S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England, 29th of January, 1729-30 (not 31), but I have no means of knowing if this was the same brother as the racy *Keystone* alludes to in connection with the Colony of Georgia. If he be, the fact is curious and worth noting. In the "Constitutions" of 1878, Col. G. Carpenter is spoken of as "now Lord Carpenter." The Junior Grand Warden at the appointments of 1729-30 was "T. Batson, Esq., Counsellor at Law." The S.G.W. was present at the meeting for certain, for it is stated that "G. Master ordered G. Warden Carpenter to close the lodge in good time." Bro. Baston was made D.G.M. on March 27th, 1731. This brother in December 1733 "recommended the new Colony of Georgia in North America to the benevolence of the particular lodges." These particulars I have gleaned from Dr. Anderson's Constitutions of A.D. 1738, and hope that it will be found easy to trace the career of the George Carpenter thus referred to. I anticipate that Bro. Gould, who has done so much to clear away the difficulties attendant on such points, will enlighten us.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THREE CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

I have lately become possessed of three curious old books, to which I think it right to call attention.

1. The first is an Hermetic work, or astrological book, entitled "Zodiacus Vitæ," of 1560. This is a Latin poem on the "Signs of the Zodiac," with numerous Hermetic allusions. It seems that the writer of this, who calls himself "Marcellus Palingenius," was really Angelo Mauzoli, an Italian. A later writer has said "The Latin Poem" called "Zodiacus Vitæ" is one of the most lucid and best Latin performances which has appeared since the revival of literature. The writer was physician to the Duke of Ferrara. This book was prohibited by the Council of Trent, (though there is nothing in it objectionable), and the "corpus" of the poor writer was "dug up after his death" by order of the Inquisition. There is no trace that I can find of the "Rose Croix" in it.

2. "Fama Fraternitatis oder Entdeckung der Bruderschaft dess löblichen Ordens des Rosen Creutzes; or, the Discovery of the famous Brotherhood of the Order of the Rosy Cross" is now a scarce book. This edition which I secured, thanks to the friendly intermediation of Bro. W. J. Hughan, is now comparatively rare, and fetches a high price. A copy of the work some time ago was priced in London £2 10s. Kloss mentions that the first edition, at Cassel, 1615, Wessell, contained the "Confession," as it is termed, in Latin. This fact makes that edition more valuable, as the edition of Frankfurt of 1615, which I have, though it contains Haselmeyer's Responsio, publishes the "Confessio" in German. If Adam Haselmeyer, of the Tyrol, is a pseudonym, Kloss says that a mathematical writer called Yung, of Hamburg, was the author of the "Fama" and one or two other works. I think the work deserves translating.

3. One of the most interesting little books on heraldry, or "blazon," which I have seen is a French work of 1661, by a Jesuit, Pere Claude Francois Menestrier. It is called "Methode Abregée des Principes Heraldiques, ou la Maniere d'Apprendre Aysement le Blason." It is published at Lyons. Some have thought they found heraldry in Masonry. If the kind brother who sent a little communication on this subject to the "Masonic Magazine" a short time back would like to see this work it is freely at his service.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ROBERT SAMBER.

Replying to "Masonic Student" and Bro. Jacob Norton, Robert Samber was not the author of "Modest Animadversions, &c. upon a Sermon," printed A.D. 1710; neither was he a Fellow of the Royal Society. If, indeed, the author of "Long Livers" had been a veritable F.R.S., the addition of these letters to his fanciful pseudonym (Eugenius Philalethes), would have amounted, in effect, to a ridiculous affectation of anonymity.

Samber was a prolific writer, but seems to have made his greatest mark as a translator. Two of his translations—published in his own name—are dedicated to members of the Montague family. One to the Duke, the other to his daughter, Lady Mary.

"Roma Illustrata, or a description of the most beautiful pieces of painting, sculpture, and architecture, antique and modern, at and near Rome," was published in 1723, being "dedicated to the Earl of Burlington by Robert Samber." The dedication bears date August 20th 1721. In the preface Samber states: "I had the happiness to be in Rome in the year 1706, and staid in and about that city nine months." A second edition of this work appeared in 1723, but except as to title page, differs in no respect from the edition of the previous year.

R. F. GOULD.

MASONS' MARKS.

I have read Bro. Hughan's remarks with great pleasure. As regards Apprentice marks, I was dealing with the mediæval usage rather than later times. But if I remember rightly, Bro. E. W. Shaw, in his able lecture at Sheffield, seemed to think that he had found "Apprentice marks," as well as what he termed "Blind marks." I merely said, if I remember rightly, that the "point was not clear." But the whole question deserves the most careful investigation and study, and it is a great pity that Bro. E. W. Shaw's collection of marks, and his lectures thereon, are not at present "get-at-able." I only hope that they still exist, and have not been destroyed.

THE EDITOR OF "KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA."

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

ANNUAL SUMMER BANQUET OF THE UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

This anniversary festival, with which is combined the "Ladies' Day," was celebrated on the 7th inst. at the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne, Herts. The brethren, with their ladies and a few friends, arrived at this favourite resort by rail and road, and were favoured by a fine dry day. The grounds afforded a variety of sports with which to beguile the time till the bell rang for dinner. Bro. Beningfield has made the serving of Masonic banquets a special study, and his efforts on the present occasion were eminently successful.

The banqueting hall was effectively decorated with flowers and ferns suspended from the ceiling, and gave a delightful cool and pleasant aspect to the well-laid tables at which the brethren sat, graced by the company of the ladies; the latter lending no small quantum to the pleasing effect. Bro. A. W. Fenner, W.M., presided, and was ably supported in the vice-chairs by Bros. H. Witherstone, S.W., and Clark, J.W. Bro. J. Andrews, P.M., the I.P.M., was also present.

After grace had been said, the party partook of the many choice dishes, all of which were served in a manner which gave unqualified satisfaction, and reflected credit upon the host. Bro. M. Sherwin played at intervals some very inspiring music, and the banquet proceeded in a very leisurely and enjoyable manner.

The banquet being ended, after grace

The W.M. gave in complimentary terms "The Health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen," explaining to the ladies present the honour always done to this toast by Freemasons. On the present occasion he would ask them to join the brethren in drinking the health of the Queen, who, whether as a mother, a wife, or as the occupier of the throne, had won the hearts of her subjects.

A hearty reception, followed by a verse of the National Anthem (solo Bro. Sherwin), was accorded to this toast.

The W.M. next gave "Our Masonic Rulers," dwelling in strong terms of praise upon the admirable discharge of their Masonic duties of Bro. the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the whole of the other Grand Officers, Present and Past.

A verse of "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was capitally sung; and Bro. J. ANDREWS, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said he had the honour to propose the next toast, and was sure that all would join him in wishing health and prosperity to their W.M., Bro. Fenner. (Cheers.) That brother had their good wishes, although some did not fully know to what extent Bro. Fenner was entitled to their regard. He had watched their W.M. very closely, and knowing what is required from a W.M., he was pleased to testify to the obliging and affable manner in which their W.M. had carried out his important duties, both in the lodge and on that festive occasion.

This toast was received with "honours;" and the W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid him. He would, he said, say but a few words. He thanked them for so kindly receiving his name. He had done all in his power to respect the confidence reposed in him since he was elected their W.M. He held that a Mason who aspired to that honourable position ought to strive to qualify himself to succeed, and if he did so succeed he then justified the choice of the brethren in placing him in that position. Bro. Fenner, in conclusion, trusted that in the future, as in the past, he should continue to merit their continued approbation.

In giving "The Ladies," Bro. FENNER said he felt the great difficulty of the task then devolving upon him. To do them ample justice required more of eloquence than he possessed. However, the Upton Lodge recognised their merits, and had, by their rules, set aside the regular meeting whereat they could be honoured with the company of the ladies. Having no desire, by long speeches, to detain them too long indoors, when doubtless all would prefer being out in open air among the flowers; he would ask the gentlemen to pledge the ladies, calling upon a visitor—Dr. Shipston—to respond for them.

After song, Dr. SHIPSTON, in a witty speech, which caused much laughter amongst those nearest to him (but whose remarks were not generally audible), acknowledged the toast on behalf of the ladies.

"The Visitors" were next honoured. As it was not a regular meeting, he (the W.M.) had not an opportunity of going into their names and rank, but each could feel sure that the usually hearty welcome of the Upton Lodge was extended to them on that occasion. He would call upon Bro. Gaisford to respond on behalf of "The Visitors."

Remarking upon the dilemma in which he found himself when called upon to respond to so very important a toast, Bro. GAISFORD said he had had great pleasure in visiting the Upton Lodge, and what he had seen of Freemasonry there had greatly enhanced his previously good opinion of the Order. He assured the ladies he had no intention to let out any secrets, but in the presence of his wife—who was his queen—he felt he ought to rejoice he was present at that festive board. Illness had prevented him from doing so on previous occasions, but that only enhanced the pleasure he felt in being able to bring his wife to see more of Masonry. He loved Masonry very much, and was certain that when the ladies knew more of the true principles of Masonry they would love it too, as he would have them do. He liked the ladies to enjoy themselves oftener than they did in the company of their husbands on these occasions. Having joined the Craft in Spain, in the Spanish tongue, and taken his Second and Third Degrees in the West Indies, he had seen very much of the observances of the Craft, but the present was the first time he had seen the ladies taking part in a Masonic meeting. It afforded him considerable pleasure to join them in what he considered a red-letter day of the lodge.

Bro. FENNER next gave the "Past Masters." The Upton Lodge, he claimed, owed its present proud position to the exertions of their Past Masters, both in past and present times. They were honoured that day with the presence of but one of that body (Bro. J. Andrews, I.P.M.). That brother was too well known, and his services too well appreciated, to require any words of his to ensure his health being cordially received. (Cheers.)

Bro. ANDREWS thanked them all for the kind reception that had greeted his name. He was very pleased, and so was his wife, to be again with them and regretted that the other Past Masters were prevented attending and responding to the kind reception of the toast.

"The Treasurer (Bro. Wayland), Secretary (Bro. Ser-

jeant), and other Officers," were next honoured. Bro. FENNER said, to save time, he would propose them altogether. As their W.M., he was in a position to say that unless a W.M. have a good Treasurer and good Secretary he sinks to a cypher. This would be apparent to most of them, but especially to those brethren who had passed the chair. Then there were the S.W., J.W., and other officers of the lodge. He (Bro. Fenner) had so frequently expressed his appreciation of their services to the lodge, that he would content himself by thanking them for the able assistance they at all times afforded to him. For response, he coupled the name of their esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Wayland, with the toast.

Bro. WAYLAND expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be called upon to return thanks for the officers. He felt sure that a better staff of officers, or one more equal to their duties was not to be found. He has been eleven years in the Order and only gathering up the remarks of eminent brethren, who had witnessed the working of the Upton Lodge, they must congratulate themselves upon the possession of such a staff of officers.

The toast of "The Press" having been given in flattering terms, to which Bro. G. H. Stephens responded for this paper, the ladies and brethren availed themselves of the fineness of the afternoon to form boating, croquet, lawn billiard and other pleasure parties, for which the splendid grounds afford so many facilities. Later on, the pleasures of the mazy dance were heartily enjoyed, Bro. Sherwin (at the piano) being very ably assisted by Bro. Legge who kindly brought his violin. Many of the company (numbering fifty) having to leave by road, those remaining enjoyed some capital singing from Bros. Sergeant, Stephens, Sherwin, Free, and others, concluding a very enjoyable day.

Among those present were: Bro. and Mrs. Witherstone, Bro. and Miss Wayland, Bro. and Mrs. Clark, Bro. and Mrs. Sergeant, Bro. and Mrs. Legg, Bro. and Mrs. Andrews, Bro. and Mrs. Rowe, Bro. and Mrs. Patrick, Bro. and Mrs. Free, Bro. and Mrs. Stroud, Bro. and Mrs. Hamback, Bro. and Mrs. Gaisford, Bro. and Mrs. Fiske, Bro. and Mrs. Green, Bro. and Mrs. Turbfield, Bro. and Mrs. Wilks, Bro. and Mrs. Quincey, Bro. and Mrs. Tucker, Bros. Vinicombe, Jones Schmidt, Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Grover, Mr. Putnam, Dr. Shipston, Bro. Sherwin (piano), Bro. and Mrs. Wells, and several others.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE PERSEVERANCE AND CABELL LODGES, Nos. 213 and 807.

It has been the custom for years past with the members of the school of instruction in connection with the Perseverance, 213, and Cabell, 807, lodges, to celebrate the conclusion of the session with a quiet and select supper at which a favoured few from members of other schools were invited, but this year the idea of a supper in the middle of June was deemed by many as absurd, and a suggestion made and resolutions come to appointing a committee, of which we gave notice, contemplating the practicability of a summer's outing and to introduce the presence of ladies thereat. To some the presence of the fairer sex was regarded as ominous to the pleasures of the outing, and it is believed many refrained from accompanying the party on those grounds, but those brethren who availed themselves of the opportunity of accepting the invitation found out by experience that the introduction of ladies at such social gatherings added to "the fragrant flowers in the fair and blooming garland of Freemasonry."

The outing was a decided success and reflected the highest credit upon the committee and those having the arrangement. Not less than the brethren did the ladies enjoy so splendid a treat. The 5th July, 1881, was the day fixed for the outing, and by two o'clock the following company, being brethren, and their wives and friends, were assembled on board the steamer Alexandra, bound for Coldham Hall, about seven or nine miles distant from Norwich. Of Lodge 213, there were Bros. George Kersey, W.M., and Mrs. Kersey; James E. H. Watson, I.P.M., P.G.A.D.C., and Mrs. Watson; T. C. R. King and Mrs. King; Harold Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Secretary, and Miss King; A. J. N. Chamberlin, W. B. Wilkins, Mrs. and Miss Wilkins; Colby and Mrs. Colby; W. Baldwin, and Miss Smith. Of Lodge 807, there were Bros. George Green, W.M., and Miss Green; S. N. Berry, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W., Miss Berry, and Miss Gibson; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; George Baxter, P.M., Secretary, P.P.G.D. of C., and the Misses Baxter (3); H. A. W. Reeves and Mrs. Reeves; H. Rosling and Miss Rosling; B. W. Bateman; W. N. Cooper, Mrs. and Miss Cooper; G. J. Berry and Mrs. Berry; Alfred Barnes, Mrs. Barnes, and Miss Elliott; J. Holt and Miss King; Charles Payne and Mrs. Payne; C. Holborn and Mrs. Holborn; W. Emms, W. Bishop, A. King, H. J. Wade and Mrs. Wade; A. Andrews, W. Tuddenham, and J. W. Browne (*Freemason*).

Among the visitors were Bros. Hugh Fox, W.M. 93; R. E. Thoms, W.M. 943; C. N. Bacon and Mrs. Bacon; and C. J. Campling, 1500; Guyton, 1426, and Mrs. and Misses Guyton; Jacob Batch and Miss Batch; W. Murrell and Joshua Morse, Tylers.

Bros. C. J. Campling and W. Tuddenham, with the assistance of several of their musical friends, having formed an admirable string band, enlivened the company with some very charming music, adding considerably to the pleasure of the party. Presently the whistle sounds, the puffing of steam tells truly that we are off, and the band plays an inspiring overture as we gently glide down on the bosom of the placid stream away from the heated atmosphere of the smoky city to the open landscape, where the lovely summer verdure and choice foliage grace the banks of the river on either side. But it is intolerably hot, and urges the thirsty brethren, notwithstanding the presence of ladies, to frequent refreshments, and just as one's mouth feels that a draught of iced champagne would assuage the burning heat, pop goes the first cork—a little ice and one is easy. Anon we are regaled with the luscious strawberry and cherry fresh gathered—this is pleasant.

On arrival at Coldham Hall the party alights for ten minutes, so as to enable the creature comforts to be landed, and a further trip is made to Buckenham, some few miles further, whilst tea is being prepared. On our return "tea is ready" is the order, and a most recherché spread had been prepared, which the invigorating air caused all to do ample justice to. After tea some little manly sport was indulged in by several of the brethren, and about eight the whistle again sounds for all on board.

And the sun, the glory of the day, having sunk to rest, one feels the pleasures of the evening shadows with the light zephyrs cooling the air, giving a charm which experience can only know and feel. In the course of the homeward voyage, Bro. A. J. Berry, on behalf of the brethren and ladies, in suitable terms proposed a vote of thanks to those brethren who had devotedly worked to make the outing a success, and requested the brethren to give three cheers for Bro. George Baxter, on whose shoulders the burden had rested.

This was heartily responded to, and Bro. George Baxter thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. Bros. George Kersey and George Green afterwards spoke upon the subject of the outing in eulogistic terms, and concluded by thanking the ladies for their presence, calling upon Bro. J. Holt to respond for them. This he did in an admirable manner.

The party arrived home at ten o'clock highly satisfied with the pleasure of the afternoon's proceedings. It is contemplated making this an annual outing.

FREEMASONRY AND THE GREAT PYRAMID.

We take the following from our contemporary the *North Star*:

Sir,—To state with anything like fulness the arguments for regarding the Pyramid as a Masonically constructed building, and to answer in detail the Rev. Mr. Milner's queries, would require not one letter but many, and much more space than you can afford to the discussion of the subject. As this matter is of considerable importance and interest to the Craft, permit me, first of all, by way of opening up the subject to mention several pyramid relations which all Masons will recognise as closely connected with pure Masonry. The north-east socket stone declares itself the "Master's stone" by being as big as the other three together. Every Mason knows at which corner to lay the "foundation stone" of a "building." All the work of the interior begins N.E., and finishes (in the Coffin Chamber) S.W. The Coffin is at the west end of the westernmost Chamber of the Pyramid. The altar of the Tabernacle and Temple was west, to the setting of the sun of the old dispensation, implying the hope and faith of the great rising again of the Sun of Righteousness. Every Master Mason must see what must have been the symbolic purport of the Coffin in the west, if he knows anything of Hiram.

The entrance to the Pyramid is north. So is also that of properly constructed lodges. The dimensions and arrangement of the passages and chambers declare the *Three Degrees* in the plainest language. The low, cramped entrance adit is the initiation to the First Degree—namely, the Grand Gallery, nearly 30 feet high. The short, low, cramped passage from the gallery to the Ante-chamber is the passing to the Second Degree; and the longer and more cramped passage to the Coffin Chamber is the raising to the Third Degree.

In the Temple (the geometric and numerical system of which and that of the Tabernacle is identical with that of the Pyramid, which it could not be were the latter a false and spurious thing), the *nethermost* chamber was five cubits, and the *third* was seven. The Pyramid has five corners, five points. A Mason will now see the meaning of the formula (here I must be careful) regarding the power of the "five points," and why the tradition directs that the act referred to be done by seven.

The other Pyramids, unlike the Great Pyramid, were sepulchres and built in imitation of the Great Pyramid *externally*. They could not imitate the *interior*, because no Egyptian, or Cowan, saw it. During its construction by the Shemitic Grand Lodge it was "tiled." The Egyptians were compulsorily employed in the erection of the exterior of the stupendous edifice. They groaned under a task whose purpose they could not understand, and the memory of the King by whom they were impressed for this service (and who, as Mr. Milner points out, put down the idolatrous religion of the people), was accordingly held in utter detestation.

I have at the outset written thus generally in the hope of interesting not only Masons in particular, but even many of the general public, in a subject of the deepest import and extraordinary interest.

Yours, &c.,

KILWINNING.

Jamaica.

KINGSTON.—Royal Lodge (No. 207).—The brethren of this lodge, at their last ordinary meeting, held on the 6th ult., presented W. Bro. George J. Sargeant with a farewell address on the eve of his departure for England, and afterwards entertained him at a banquet, to which many distinguished members of the Fraternity were invited. Bro. Sargeant was initiated in the Royal Lodge early in the year 1875, and was unanimously elected Master in April, 1878. He is also the Immediate Past Master of the Royal Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons, is District Grand Junior Deacon, and Provincial Grand Senior Warden in Mark Masonry. The address, which was handsomely illuminated, contained expressions of deep feeling of regret at the severance of his Masonic connection with the lodge, and of the high esteem in which he had been held, concluding with the best wishes for his future welfare and prosperity. It was supplemented with an extract from the minutes passed in reference thereto. After the presentation and acceptance of the address, W. Bro. Sargeant returned thanks for the address, and expressed the deep feelings of gratification and pride at so great an honour being conferred upon him, concluding by wishing prosperity and success to his mother lodge and the whole of its members, from whom he had ever received the most striking proofs of their regard and friendship.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated, and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system. One Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fulness, and flatulency indicative of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them; overcome all acid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and bestow a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures which is most desirable for the preservation of health.—[ADVT.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The installation meeting of this old lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. H. S. Syer, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. N. Brown, and Bro. Sandford was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Syer was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Brown, and having been declared Master, invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Smith, S.W.; O. Hutton, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; G. Davies, P.M., Sec.; G. Master, S.D.; W. J. Akers, J.D.; A. Cleal, I.G.; J. G. Milburne, D.C.; and W. Bidgood, Org. The ceremony, which had been rendered throughout in eloquent style, was then concluded by Bro. Brown, who was awarded a cordial vote of thanks for his services that day. He was also presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year, and responded feelingly for that and the vote of thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon, Bro. Hubbard's famed and comfortable hostelry, at Gravesend, where, in the fine hall looking on to the river, the company partook of an elegantly-served banquet.

Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Capt. Mills, P.M.; Sidney Clarke, P.M. 706; W. Iff, P.M. 166 (I.C.); J. Wilkins, W.M. 700; E. B. Hobson, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; G. Beaver, J.W. 700; -- Harris, S.W. 871; W. Rees, I.G. 913; T. Duffield, 1571; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Bro. Brown proposed the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Syer, he said, was well-known to all of them, and he hoped that during his year of office the brethren would assist him by their presence at their lodge meetings, and also by bringing good and worthy candidates for him to initiate. He, in their name, wished him a pleasant and successful year of office. Bro. Syer thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and also for placing him in the chair of the lodge. The brethren all knew the great interest he had always taken in the prosperity of the lodge, and now nothing should be wanting on his part to steer the good old ship clear of the breakers that had lately surrounded her, and if the brethren would only give him the work to do, he would do it with pleasure to himself, and, he trusted, credit to the lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Master," and read letters of regret at not being able to attend from Bros. Reed, P.M., and Pownall, P.M. Bro. Brown briefly responded to the toast. Bro. Mills said he was not the oldest Past Master present, but would say that they were always willing to help an aspirant to office, or to do anything that was for the good of the lodge in general. Bro. Hutton also responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Wilkins, S. Clarke, Rees, Duffield, and Iff; and Bro. Smith responded for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were both hospitable and enjoyable.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—

A general meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. G. C. Watson, W.M.; H. Tonkinson, I.P.M.; M. Frampton, P.M. 1380, acting S.W.; C. McNamara, J.W.; T. Twizell, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Pattison, Hon. Sec.; J. C. Moor, S.D.; W. Vincent, J.D.; and C. M. Wake, acting I.G. The W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. Tonkinson, I.P.M.; W. Beattie, P.M. 80; Preston, 24; A. Munro, I.P.M. 949; and G. Lord, P.M. 97.

The lodge having been duly opened, three gentlemen were balloted for and unanimously elected. Mr. Burgess was afterwards introduced, and initiated by Bro. Beattie, P.M. 80, in an able manner. Bro. T. W. Bryers was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. G. C. Watson, who performed the ceremony very efficiently. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—

At the usual monthly meeting of the above lodge, held on the 13th inst. at the house of Mrs. Long, the Bull's Head Hotel, Bradshawgate, the following brethren were present: Bros. Wm. Cooper, W.M.; Geo. Taylor, S.W.; R. Duxbury, J.W.; W. Nicholson, P.M., Treas.; John Morris, P.M., Sec.; F. Williams, S.D.; Henry Broughton, J.D.; Jno. Wild, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Skelton, I.G.; H. Tongue and Jno. Haslam, Stewards; Thomas Higson, Tyler; James Dooley, P.M.; Nathaniel Tylsley, Jno. Barrett, Henry Bagshaw, and F. Hilton, 317.

The lodge having been opened, after some local correspondence in connection with a new Masonic Hall for the borough and the passing of the minutes of the last meeting, the W.M. proceeded to the main business of the evening, which was the presenting of an address to the S.D., Bro. F. Williams, and a leavetaking by the brethren on his forthcoming departure to Australia. The W.M. alluded in feeling terms to the fraternal fellowship with which Bro. Williams had inspired every one with whom he came in contact, and, in the name of the members of the lodge, assured him of their sympathy and regret at his departure, though he was going to one of our Australian Colonies, viz., New Zealand, and would still be under the British flag; yet they deeply sympathised with him in having to make new friends, but the genial and warm-hearted kindness of his nature would be a sufficient guarantee to them that once when his qualities became known to his neighbours, whether Masons or not, he would not find himself short of friends who would take the place of those whom he left behind. He had a great deal more to say, but could not dare to take up the time of the lodge, and would call upon the Secretary to read the address, which, with every brother's name attached to it (although not yet complete), he had so much pleasure in presenting. Bro. Jno. Morris, P.M., Sec., then read the address, which is as follows: "The officers and brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, of Free and Accepted Masons, meeting at Bolton, in the county of Lancashire, desire to express to their esteemed Bro. Frederick Williams their high sense of his character, both as a man and a Mason. He has been a true and faithful brother amongst them, and they wish to

place on record their admiration for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of Steward, Tyler, I.G., and S.D., which latter office he at the present holds, and their deep regret at losing the services of so able and promising a member. Now that he is about to leave the mother country, with his family, for one of its Australian Colonies (in whose prosperity all Englishmen rejoice), and looking at his public, private, and Masonic character, they sincerely wish him the success he deserves in the new sphere of duty which he is about to fulfil, and hope that he will find himself surrounded by friends and brothers who will appreciate his kind and genial character, and pray that the blessing of T.G.A.O.T.U. may rest upon his future labours." After a few appropriate and kindly words from Bro. Morris, P.M., Secretary, the W.M. presented the address. Bro. Wild, P.M., then rose, and begged to state that he (one of the oldest P.M.'s of the Lodge of Antiquity) could not allow an occasion of that kind to pass without adding his testimony to that of the W.M. and P.M. Bro. Morris, as to the usefulness of Bro. Williams as a citizen, a neighbour, and a Mason; his labours in a sphere of usefulness to his fellow-man; by his untiring attention to his duties on the Infirmary Committee; his aid and assistance given to the Poor Protection Society; and the high estimation in which he was held by the members of the church in which he worshipped. His Masonic career has been marked with a desire to do his duty wherever and whenever he was called upon, and the lodge at large, he was sure, would be glad to hear of his prosperity; and he could assure Bro. Williams that he carried with him to his new country the true Masonic feeling of the brethren on his behalf (that feeling on which Masonry was founded), viz., brotherly love, relief, and truth. Bro. Nicholson, P.M., said he might not be able to express himself so lucidly as the foregoing speakers, but he begged Bro. Williams to believe that he had a heart that was full of sympathy and kindly feeling, and he hoped T.G.A.O.T.U. would take him under his guidance, and that he and his family had years of happiness and prosperity before them. Councillor Bro. Barrett said he was unfortunate in having to speak after the speakers who had gone before him, as they had already said all he could think of, but he could heartily endorse all that had been said. The Senior and Junior Wardens having each borne testimony to the value and efficiency of Bro. Williams's Masonic duties, Bro. Williams, with much emotion and deep feeling, replied, thanking them for the extreme kindness they had shown him, and remarked that the manner of his Masonic life was before them, and he had always endeavoured to fill whatever office he was placed in, and he begged further to thank them, and in thanking those present he wished also to remember those absent brethren who had expressed their sympathy by sending him their signatures to this beautiful address, and he assured them that it was a great satisfaction to him to know that his services were appreciated, and that his name would be inscribed on that long roll of the lodge, though only in a most humble capacity. He could not sufficiently thank them, and he should bear with him to his new home, deep down in the inmost corner of his heart, the remembrance of that night.

The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock, and the brethren again met at the banquetting board to do justice to the good things provided by that excellent landlady, Mrs. Long. After the cloth was withdrawn and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and drunk with the usual enthusiasm, Bro. Morris, P.M., proposed "The Health and Prosperity of Bro. Williams," which was heartily drunk and as heartily responded to by Bro. Williams himself. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. Hilton, of the Affability Lodge, No. 317. The evening having been enlivened by the singing of some most appropriate songs by Bros. Skelton and Taylor, an enjoyable meeting was brought to a close, the brethren departing with a full conviction that a red-letter day in the annals of the Lodge of Antiquity had been added to the record of their proceedings, which would live in their hearts when seas divided them.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 24th ult., St. John's Day, at the Freemasons' Hall. There was a large attendance of visitors and brethren, the W.M., Bro. Joseph Young, being supported by the following P.M.'s of the lodge: W. Bros. George Toller, J. T. Thorp, W. T. Rowlett, T. A. Wykes, Richard Taylor, S. S. Partridge (Prov. Grand Secretary), and Thos. Shepherd. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. W. S. Hall, W.M. 432; J. F. L. Rolleston, W.M. 1560; J. Farndale, W.M. 279; H. Bateman, P.M. 95; Thos. Wright, W.M. 1391; J. Topliss, 47; C. H. Wood, S.W. 1560, P.P.G.C.; W. A. Watson, 1782; E. Waston, Sec. 1391; Miles J. Walker, 52, 88, and 1560; S. A. Marris, D.C. 279; T. B. Laxton, 1391; Thos. Colman, J.W. 279; and many others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes and passing of Treasurer's and Stewards' reports, &c., the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Edgar Taylor, was then proceeded with by Bro. Joseph Young, W.M., in a manner that befits his Masonic reputation. After the usual proclamations the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Charles E. Willoughby, S.W.; William H. Chamberlain, J.W.; Frederick J. Baines, P.M.; Treasurer; Clement Pretty, Secretary; Benjamin A. Smith, S.D.; Hercules P. Brown, J.D.; George Newsome, D.C.; J. H. McCall, Organist; Thomas Spearpoint, I.G.; William Bream and Robert Curtis, Stewards; and Thomas Dunn and James Tanser, Tylers. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of six guineas be voted out of the lodge funds for a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to Bro. Joseph Young, the I.P.M., at the next regular meeting of the lodge, in recognition of the very able and zealous manner in which he discharged the duties of the chair during the past year. After the termination of the business set down on the agenda, the lodge was closed in ancient form and in harmony at six o'clock.

The brethren then proceeded to a banquet, served in the lodge room, when a goodly number assembled around the festive board under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly proposed and honoured, Bro. Joseph Young, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Newly-installed W.M. and Success to the Lodge," observed that it had been once said that either love, knavery, or necessity made a man a good orator, but he ventured to assert that the ex-

perience one acquired among Accepted Masons was more likely to make a speaker rapturous than either of the before-mentioned virtues or vices, especially with such a toast in hand as that of the W.M. and success to one's mother lodge. After referring to the prosperity, influence, and prestige the John of Gaunt Lodge had so long enjoyed, he concluded by singing a health to the W.M. from a very appropriate song composed by his father, which, from the reception it met with, seemed to be fully appreciated by the brethren. The W.M., who was received with manifest expression of esteem, acknowledged and next proposed "The Past Masters of 523," coupling it with the oldest and youngest P.M.'s present, Bro. Thomas Shepherd, P.M., and Bro. J. Young, I.P.M., who in their usual genial way responded. After "The Visitors" toast came "The W.M. and Brethren of the Sister Lodges," to which Bro. J. Farndale, W.M. 279, and Bro. T. Wright, W.M. 1391, humorously replied. "The Officers" next followed, and at a somewhat later hour the Tyler's toast completed the list, between which was agreeably interpolated various songs by Bros. T. B. Laxton, Taylor, and others, and musical instrumentation by Bros. H. Nicholson, W. T. Rowlett, T. A. Wykes, and H. B. Ellis, which contributed not a little to the entire success of the evening's enjoyment. "Happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again."

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burage-road, and was, perhaps, one of the most brilliant gatherings of Freemasons ever experienced in this lodge. The lodge was opened at one p.m. precisely, by Bro. Lloyd, I.P.M., who during the past twelve months has filled the chair in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. James Chapman. Amongst those present were Bros. C. Ellis Fernor, P.M.; W. Tongue, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Coupland, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W. Kent, and Tres. of the lodge; J. McDougall, P.M.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; H. J. Butter, P.M.; P.G. Std. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; R. J. Cook, S.W. and W.M. elect; H. Mason, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M.; P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; R. Edmonds, S.D.; H. Pryce, J.D.; Thos. Reed, I.G.; H. Mabbett, Tyler; and some seventy brethren of the lodge.

Among the visitors were Bros. R. Sprague, P.M. 91, P.G. Std. England; Rev. R. Jamblin, W.M. 1837, P.G. Asst. Chap. Kent; W. Weston, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; J. Warren, W.M. 700; E. Williams, W.M. 1056; W. Moulder, W.M. 829; James Longhurst, W.M. 1273; Thomas Champion, W.M. 77; Wm. Wood, W.M. 1056; H. J. Piper, W.M. 503; Edward Monckton, W.M. 1678; Sidney Clarke, P.M. 706; T. Whitmarsh, P.M. 1150; E. B. Hobson, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; H. S. Syer, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; Major Gordon, S.W. 706; T. Holleyman, J.W. 1536; G. C. Mathams, J.W. 706; G. Beaver, J.W. 700; J. H. Roberts, S.D. 700; H. DeGray, 706; K. Ugland, 706; G. Risch, 706; W. Tapp, 879; J. D. Smith, 1744; R. Goode, 1789; D. Wane, 546; D. Campbell, 33; W. Wray, 700; C. Jolly, 913, and I.G. 1472 (*Freemason*) and others.

There was a lodge of emergency the night previous, at which Mr. C. Barth (a Lewis) was, by dispensation, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Upon the present occasion the only business before the lodge was the installation of the W.M. elect, and Bro. Cook was then, with the usual ceremonies, installed in the chair of the lodge, and saluted in due form. He then invested his officers as follows: Bro. H. Mason, S.W.; R. Edmonds, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., Treasurer; E. Denton, P.M., Secretary; H. Pryce, S.D.; Thos. Reed, J.D.; W. Rees, I.G.; H. J. Butter, P.M., D.C.; A. Penfold, P.M., W.S.; Edward Palmer, Asst. D.C.; G. H. Letton, Asst. W.S.; and H. Mabbett, Tyler. Bro. Butter, the Installing Officer, then finished a splendid piece of working by reciting the three charges grandly, and the ceremony finished. A cordial vote of thanks was then accorded to the Installing Officer, Bro. Butter, for his services, and it was unanimously resolved that the vote should be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Butter having returned thanks, Bro. Coupland was re-elected to represent the lodge at the Provincial Charities.

The brethren then sped away to Gravesend, where, at the New Falcon Hotel, a superbly appointed banquet awaited them, provided by Bro. Hubbard, the host. Grace having been sung by the choir specially engaged, the W.M., in appropriate terms, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially responded to by the brethren. In response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Sprague said it was a toast that he was proud to say was received with enthusiasm wherever English Freemasons met. For himself, all he could say was that he was but a very humble representative of Grand Lodge, but he could assure them that the more they saw of Grand Lodge the more they must honour and respect it. After speaking in eloquent terms of the work done by our Royal Grand Master and Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, he concluded by thanking the brethren most sincerely for their reception of the toast. The next toast was that of the "Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale," and in putting it the W.M. regretted that there had not been more of the members of the Pattison Lodge to meet his lordship at the recent meeting at Hythe, and he trusted to see the lodge fully represented at the forthcoming annual meeting on the 13th at Rochester. The toast was drunk with bumpers. The W.M. then proposed "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Jamblin, Grand Assistant Chaplain, who, in responding, caused much laughter by his witty and pointed remarks. He said: W.M. and brethren—In rising to respond to this toast I am, happily relieved from one usual source of embarrassment. On this occasion I presume that the other Provincial Grand Officers will speak for themselves, and, therefore, I am relieved from the responsibility of keeping them standing while I offer to you a few observations. I always think it a very agreeable and delicate compliment that brethren receive so warmly the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, for every brother who is not yet clad in purple is an aspirant to that honour, and it appears to me that it should be only a suitable arrangement that we (the Provincial Grand Officers) should propose the health of the brethren who have not yet gained the purple. You have heard from our Bro. Past Grand Steward how laboriously and conscientiously the Grand Officers fulfil their duties. The Provincial Grand Officers

have their duties also to perform. I have been in office now for nearly a year, and so far I have discharged my duties with pleasure and satisfaction. Permit me to thank you for your graceful hospitality, and for the courtesy and warmth with which you have, one and all, received the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Edwin Hughes, P.S.W., then, by special request, proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that, as an old Past Senior Warden of the lodge, and in the absence of their I.P.M., he had been honoured with the task of proposing the toast of the evening—that of their newly-installed W.M. They had the privilege of placing over them a new ruler every year; one who came to the head of their affairs with fresh ability and fresh ideas. It must be, and he felt sure their W.M. felt it to be, one of the proudest moments of his life to have, even for that single night, such a body of brethren around him, who not only looked up to him for advice but took it. He could not help looking upon the W.M. otherwise than as a newly-married man, who felt, on leaving the church, and at the wedding breakfast, a little bashful at his blushing happiness. But that was an experience that those present knew soon wore off; and he felt sure that their W.M. would so rule the lodge to which he had, as it were, been just married, that at the end of his year of office it would be truly said that he had done his duty to their satisfaction, to the interests of the lodge, and with credit to himself; and he trusted some day—and he hoped not a very distant one—the ambition of his Masonic career would be gratified, and he would be hailed as the Master of the Pattison Lodge. The lodge was a credit to the province; it was a credit to Freemasonry; and it was a credit to all belonging to it. He wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office, and felt assured the brethren would, with that allegiance and loyalty that had always characterised them, follow wherever he led them. The W.M., in response, said no words of his could express how gratified he felt at the enthusiastic reception the toast of his name had received at their hands. How could he ever thank them in words for placing him that day in the proud position of Master of the Pattison Lodge? It was an honour he was proud of. It should be his greatest anxiety so to rule and govern the lodge during his year of office that at the end of it they would say that he had faithfully maintained, and even advanced, its prestige among the lodges of the Province of Kent. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Ellis Fernor, "the father of the lodge," who, in the course of an eloquent reply, pointed out the beauties of Masonry. The other toasts were "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press," and Tyler, all of which were severally responded to by those interested. During the evening a programme of choice ballads and part songs were admirably rendered by Madame Sallyer, Madame E. Cockell, Bro. W. Sallyer, and Mr. E. Cockell. Mr. H. Roberts, the talented son of Bro. P. J. H. Roberts (No. 700), presided at the pianoforte.

LIVERPOOL.—Fermor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).—The members of this lodge met for installation purposes on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and many Provincial Grand Officers of high rank in the Order were included among the visitors. The chair was taken by Bro. Charles P. Titherley, W.M., to whom the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Carruthers, S.W., was presented by Bros. J. Higston Johnston, P.M. (the father of the lodge), and T. F. Cooper, P.M. The ceremony was very correctly and creditably performed by the out-going W.M., and, after the usual honours had been cheerfully tendered, the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. C. P. Titherley, I.P.M.; J. Higston Johnston, P.M., M.C.; Charles Leighton, S.W.; Henry B. Browne, J.W.; Thomas A. Collinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas. (re-elected); E. G. Grundy, Sec.; John Stowell, S.D.; Peter Ashcroft, J.D.; H. A. Hill, I.G.; E. King Ellison, S.S.; F. A. Staedeli, J.S.; Rev. F. Stowell, Chap.; and John Hodgson, Org. Bro. Peter Ball was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined in the large banquetting hall, when the usual toasts were given and heartily received. During the evening's proceedings, which were very cordial throughout, Bro. Titherley was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the lodge, by the W.M. Bro. Hodgson carried out the musical arrangements to the satisfaction of all.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room, North Hill-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. J. Keet was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in a dignified and impressive manner by Bro. C. Arden, the retiring W.M. The following brethren were subsequently invested with the collars of their respective offices: Bros. E. Paull, S.W.; E. George, J.W.; J. Williams, jun., P.M. Treasurer; H. P. Squire, Secretary; J. Ashley, S.D.; J. Lees, J.D.; B. Holgate, I.G.; Hartley Wilson, S.S.; S. Swift, J.S.; and P. Larsen, Tyler.

After the lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, covers being laid for upwards of one hundred, at the Park Hotel. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Bro. Arden was presented with a massive P.M. jewel from the lodge, and a handsome time piece from the officers. Among the visiting brethren, of whom there was a goodly muster, were Bros. H. S. Alpess, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Punberton, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. Bold, P.M. 163; W. Brackenbury, P.M. 673; W. T. May, 673; R. Whitehead, 673; F. J. Bailey, P.M. 786; A. D. Hesketh, W.M. 1182; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; T. Evans, W.M. 1675; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; H. Frith, P.M. 667; Geromino de Andraca, 5; and Ricardo Parra, 115. The pic-nic in connection with the lodge took place on Monday, the 18th inst., at Blackpool, the "Brighton of the North." Messrs. W. and T. Jolliffe's powerful first class steamer, the Great Emperor, was specially chartered, and every provision was made for the comfort and enjoyment of the company. An efficient quadrille band accompanied the party, the ample deck of the steamer allowing lovers of the terpsichorean art to indulge in saltatory exercise.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—The above lodge was consecrated in November 1873, and bids fair to become a very successful suburban lodge of Manchester. The founders of the lodge at its formation, had

in view the requirements of commercial travellers with regard to Masonic privileges—hence the meetings are held on the first Saturday in each month, that being a day the “pioneers of commerce” find to be the business day of most leisure. The lodge room, one of the largest in Manchester, and admirably adapted for Masonic purposes, is leased by the Committee of the Conservative Club, Newton Heath, to the members of 1458, together with a convenient ante room for the safe custody of the furniture and paraphernalia. A great boon has just been added to the means of access to the lodge from Manchester; the Manchester Tram Car Company having this week opened their Tram Car service to Newton Heath.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—An emergency meeting of the above prosperous little lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. West's hostelry, the Three Crowns, for the purpose of balloting for two candidates, Messrs. George Hayes and Reuben Hucknell, and also to receive the report of the Committee appointed to arrange the summer banquet of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Burgess, W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. West, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M. and Sec.; A. Manning, P.M. and Treas.; W. Vance, P.M.; J. Elder, S.W.; V. Holloway, J.W.; A. Ives, J.D.; and C. Jolly, I.G. (*Freemason*).

The ballots for the candidates having proved unanimous, they were initiated into Freemasonry in excellent style by the W.M. The report of the Banquet Committee was received and adopted, and it was resolved that the summer banquet should take place at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. After the business was settled, a pleasant hour or so was spent in harmony and brotherly love.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—Crowding thick and fast upon the many other installation meetings in this district, that of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, when Bro. W. Welding, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremony, placed in the Master's chair as head of the lodge for the next twelve months. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent, in a masterly manner, for which he received the hearty congratulations of the brethren assembled.

The following were the officers invested by the W.M.: Bros. T. Holleyman, S.W.; G. Kennedy, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; A. E. Fisher, Sec.; A. Saunders, S.D.; W. Moulds, J.D.; A. J. Rowley, I.G.; J. Purnell, D.C.; J. Anderson, W. Sales, and Bailey, Assistant Officers. A vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Weston for his services as Installation Officer; and it was resolved that the vote should be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge. Some other unimportant business was then transacted, and the lodge was closed in due form. The banquet was partaken of at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, Woolwich, and was all that could be desired.

Among those present were Bros. Dr. Spurrell, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; H. Shaw, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; E. Hornblower, W.M. 1604; W. Smith Cox, P.M. 1000; P.P.G.S.B. Essex; W. B. Lloyd, P.M. 913; H. Syer, S.W. 13; J. Sculley, Treas. 1789; T. Kirkbride, 1789; E. T. Welding, 80; B. D. Porterfield, 1789; G. Aldridge, 1789; H. De Gray, 706; G. H. Hill, 1437; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, and “The Health of Bro. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. of Kent,” having been specially welcomed, Bro. Weston responded for “The D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Province.” He said he esteemed it a very great honour to respond for so important a toast. In Lord Holmesdale they had the right man in the right place. On the 13th of that month the Freemasons of Kent would assemble at Rochester to show practically how much they admired and esteemed their noble Grand Master by presenting him with a token of respect in the shape of a *testimonial of the value of £500, subscribed for, he might safely say, by every Freemason in the province, and, he felt sure, it would be received as it was intended to be—the outcome of their love for his zealous services to the province for the past twenty-one years. It was confidently hoped that their Royal Grand Master would attend, and if not his Royal brother, Prince Leopold, was expected to make the presentation. He was pleased to tell them that at the last Charity meeting of the province it was decided to present the sum of sixty-three guineas to the United Military Lodge; and that, with former grants and their own contributions, would make their lodge a Life Governor of all the Institutions, and, considering that they were only a young lodge, it was very fair indeed, and he hoped not the end of their charitable progress. Bro. Spurrell, in responding, said that in every lodge he had visited during the year of his office as G.J.W. he always found the same spirit evinced and the same tone and regard for their Prov. Grand Master and Bro. Eastes. He heartily thanked them for the toast. Bro. Weston then proposed the toast of “The W.M.” He said he had especial pleasure in proposing the toast, as he had given Bro. Welding his first collar, and that pleasure had been doubled by his having installed him as head of the lodge that day. He felt sure Bro. Welding would have a prosperous year of office; and urged every one of the brethren to assist him to secure that result. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the toast, and above all for placing him in the proud position he occupied that day. He trusted that they would never regret the confidence reposed in him, for he should, as a good soldier, do all he could, first in the case of duty, and then all that could contribute to the comforts and happiness of the brethren. He had not lightly, or without consideration, accepted the position, because he knew and felt keenly the heavy responsibilities attached to the office. He only asked them to help to lighten his burdens, and he trusted that at the end of his year of office, the name and fame of the United Military Lodge would shine as resplendent as it did, not only in the times past, but at the moment when the solemn responsibility of its destinies were placed upon his shoulders. The toast of “The Past Masters” followed, and Bros. Weston, Shaw and Hayes responded. The toast of the “Visitors” followed, and Bros. Welding, Lloyd, Sayer, Scully and Cox responded. Bro. Welding said they could easily understand the pleasure it gave him to be present that day to see his own brother installed as Master of a lodge. He had been a Mason twenty-five years, and his brother twenty-three years, and during the whole of their Masonic career they had never before that day met together in a Masonic lodge. He felt very happy*

to see a brother in blood, as well as a brother in Freemasonry, in such an exalted position, and while he felt proud of his brother and wished him every success he thanked them for their kind and hospitable reception of him as a visitor. Bro. Lloyd spoke of the good feeling that had existed between the Pattison, his mother lodge, and the United Military, and trusted the same good feeling would long continue. Bro. Syer also spoke of the respect in which the United Military Lodge was held in the district, and regretted that the installation meeting in July would prevent a large attendance. Bro. Scully briefly responded for the Ubique Lodge. Bro. Cox in the course of a brilliant speech, which we are sorry to be obliged to condense, said this was his second visit to the lodge, the first was when the brethren met to wish “God speed” to one of their Past Masters who was leaving them for South Africa on service. He referred to Bro. Past Master George Spinks. Upon that occasion he was also about to depart to Zululand, and they also accorded him a measure of other good wishes. He met him in a lodge at Petermaritzburg, presided over by Bro. Col. Sweeting, where Bro. Spinks was stationed, and his health proposed by the gallant Colonel for the services he had rendered to Freemasonry in South Africa. On June 24th, the feast day of St. John, having halted, they mustered the brethren among them, amounting to twelve, and opened a lodge in its celebration, presided over by Bro. Spinks. Bro. Cox spoke eloquently of the attributes of Freemasonry, its grandeur, its antiquity, and its divine charity, and exhorted the brethren to live together in peace and harmony. The toast of “The Officers” followed, and Bro. Hollyman responded, “The Masonic Press” was coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who responded, and after the host had been thanked for his excellent catering the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—This lodge was founded a very few years back by a number of influential citizens and tradesmen, and although so young has had a successful career. There was a good gathering on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to witness Bro. John Duncan, jun., W.M., instal his successor, Bro. W. Ladyman, S.W., W.M. elect, both brethren being very popular members of the lodge. The ceremony, it is needless to say, was rendered with that care and attention to detail for which the Installing Master's Masonic working is noted, the W.M. elect being presented by Bros. John H. Parker, P.M., and R. Wariner, P.M. Amongst those present we noticed Bro. Councilor W. J. Lunt, P.M.; Councilor Joseph Ball, W.M. 673; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.P.G.T.; John Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R., and others.

After the usual honours the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. John Duncan, jun., I.P.M.; James C. McGuire, S.W.; Richard Ripley, J.W.; J. H. Parker, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; J. A. Forrest, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); William H. Hignett, Sec.; F. W. A. Soldat, S.D.; Thomas J. Farrell, J.D. (by proxy); Jonathan Parry, I.G.; R. C. Tramplesure, Org.; Edward Grindley, S.S.; W. Butterworth, J.S.; C. A. Kuhles, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner, well served by Bro. Chapman, House Steward, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Duncan having already passed the chair, the usual Past Master's jewel was not presented, a handsome silver salver being given to him instead on behalf of the lodge by the W.M. The installation music, composed by Bro. J. P. Bryan, was effectively rendered under his directorship by Bros. Quayle, 1325; T. Foulkes, P.M. 1325; and W. Forrester, 1035, as was also the banquet music.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Abercorn Hotel on the 6th inst., when the W.M., Bro. R. Roy, was well supported, and after opening the lodge, confirming previous minutes, and taking a favourable ballot for Mr. E. Dalzell and Mr. R. W. Heney, as candidates for Freemasonry, the former gentleman only was enlightened to the First Degree, in the unavoidable absence of the latter through a domestic affliction. The election of officers for the coming year unanimously confirmed Bro. Charles Long, the respected S.W., as W.M. elect; Dr. Rogers, re-elected Treasurer, and J. Middleton, Tyler. The Audit Committee was then appointed, to meet prior to the installation meeting as usual, and after a very cordial vote in favour of presenting the W.M. on his retirement with the very handsome P.M.'s jewel, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.35. The usual enjoyable banquet followed, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The installation meeting is to be held on the 3rd proximo.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON Lodge (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Mansion House Station, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Miney, W.M.; Tanqueray, S.W.; Shaw, J.W.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Pocock, S.D.; Shaw, J.D.; Wells, I.G.; Steingraber, and others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and then resumed in the First, when the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Steingraber acting candidate. The Second Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Sudlow, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Tanqueray was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed. We are glad to note the growing popularity of this lodge of instruction, which meets every Thursday evening at six o'clock, at the Mansion House Station Restaurant. Although young it has a goodly array of members, presided over by their able and courteous Preceptor, Bro. Sudlow. The place and time of meeting are both convenient to the majority of brethren engaged in the city, and we may remind our readers that the working is that of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 256.

The employés of Bro. George Sims dined at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Kew Green, on Tuesday last, to celebrate the marriage of that gentleman's youngest daughter. After an excellently-served dinner, “The Health of the Bride and Bridegroom, of Mr. Sims himself, and of other members of the family,” were proposed and greeted with enthusiasm by the company, who returned to town highly pleased with their outing.

Obituary.

BRO. ALBERT GALLATIN MACKEY.

The *New York Dispatch*, under the heading “A Veteran at Rest,” gives an account of our lamented Bro. Albert Gallatin Mackey, which we think well to revive in our pages as a memorial of a very able scholar, and a very good Mason. We are among Bro. Mackey's admirers, and, as Masonic students, have realised both the value of his remarks and the general soundness of his views. He was emphatically “a fair man,” an honest writer, and an accurate “Didaskalos.”

His Encyclopædia, with some unavoidable weaknesses, from which no similar work is or can be exempt, will long remain a valuable record of his learning and his value to Freemasonry.

Since our last issue the spirit of this venerable and distinguished Craftsman passed from earth to the other shore, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He breathed his last at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where he had been tarrying in the hope of healthful improvement, and his remains were removed to Washington city for interment.

The subject of this notice was Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, South Carolina; Past Eminent Commander, South Carolina Commandery; Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; Past Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, and a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°; and Grand Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in the year 1807, and graduated in the Charleston Medical College in 1832, receiving the first honours. Dr. Mackey at once commenced the practice of his profession, which he continued uninterruptedly until 1854.

He was initiated, passed, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1841, in St. Andrews's Lodge, No. 10, at the city of Charleston, and almost immediately afterward affiliated with Solomon's Lodge, No. 1, of the same city, and of which he was elected Master in December, 1842. He continued his membership in that lodge until the year 1851, when he united with a constitutional number of brethren for the formation of Landmark Lodge, No. 76, of which he was registered as a Past Master.

In the Grand Lodge of the State he was elected Grand Secretary, 1842, and held that office until the annual election of 1867. He combined for many years with the duties of the Secretariat that of preparing the reports on Foreign Correspondence.

In Capitular Masonry, Comp. Mackey was advanced and exalted in the Winter of 1841-2, and at the annual convocation, in December, 1844, was elected High Priest. This station he held by election several years. In the Grand Chapter of the State he was at the Annual Grand Convocation of 1848 elected Deputy Grand High Priest, and successively re-elected until 1855, when he was elevated to the exalted station of Grand High Priest, and held the same by successive re-elections until the annual convocation of 1867.

In the Chivalric Order, Sir Knight Mackey was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in South Carolina Commandery, No. 1, in 1842, and was elected its Eminent Commander in 1844. It was, and still is, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

In the Ancient Accepted Rite, Ill. Bro. Mackey was a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. He was the senior member of the same, having been admitted to the Grade in 1844, and is styled the Dean of the Council; and although he has been for many years its Grand Secretary General, he is the third officer in rank.

As a profound and lucid writer in all the departments of Masonry, Bro. Mackey had probably no superior, few equals; and his fame as such is not confined to this continent, but is highly regarded by the best and most intelligent among the Masonic circles of Europe. He was for years editor of the “Southern and Western Masonic Miscellany,” the volumes of which are sought after with avidity; he was editor-in-chief of the “Masonic Quarterly Review,” a work devoted to the science of Masonry, aided and assisted by some of the brightest intellects of the land, but which publication ceased with the close of the second volume, lighter and more ephemeral works being better patronised.

In 1859 he was attached to the “American Freemason,” as editor of the department in the same, under the heading “Masonic Miscellany,” and in 1872 commenced the publication of a monthly magazine, which was somewhat too profound in its disquisitions to suit the general reader, and it went to sleep before the close of the second year.

Although his fugitive contributions added most to his fame, his authorship of more durable works has made his name a household word with every intelligent Freemason. It is only necessary to mention his “Lexicon of Freemasonry,” “The Mystic Tie,” “The Principles of Masonic Law,” “The Book of the Chapter,” “Manual of the Lodge,” Text Book, Lexicon, and Encyclopædia,” to explain the hold he had among his reading brethren.

As a lecturer Bro. Mackey was highly entertaining and instructive, his pleasing address adding to the interest he invariably awakened; while as a post-prandial speaker he was second to none in the United States, his wit, repartee, and anecdotal power causing his society to be solicited on every possible occasion.

In person Bro. Mackey was of stalwart and commanding presence, and most cultured discourse. His sympathies were warm to suffering humanity, while his friendship was as firm as the everlasting hills. Gentleness and dignity alike combined to give us full assurance of the nobleness of nature.

“He's gone! and often by the pebbly shore,
Where life went out, shall friends suspend the oar—
When fields and woods with summer flowers are drest
To bid his gentle, loving spirit rest.
And while ocean's briny, sounding surge
Beats time, let loved ones sing his funeral dirge.”

Orders for admission to the State apartments at Windsor Castle will now only be obtainable at Windsor from the Lord Chamberlain's office, on the Castle-hill, near the Round Tower.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Judge P. H. Emerson, Grand Master of Masons of Utah, conferred the Master Mason's Degree on his son, Bro. A. C. Emerson, in the Weber Lodge, No. 6, Salt Lake City, Utah. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the city, and also of Corinne and Park City.

Bros. George Conquest and M. Meritt will open the Surrey Theatre on the 1st prox.

Bros. Sir E. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and Major Duncan, R.A., delivered lectures at the meeting of the St. John Ambulance Association, on Saturday last.

Bro. George Grossmith of the Opera Comique gave one of his characteristic sketches at the reception at the Mansion House, on Tuesday.

Bros. W. J. Cunliffe and James Wilson represented East Lancashire at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the amount brought up by Bro. Cunliffe should have been £10 10s., not £5 5s. as printed.

Bro. Lord Lonsborough is the subject of "Celebrities at Home" in this week's *World*.

Bro. Lord Carington and the members of Her Majesty's Body Guard, purpose entertaining H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at their "Buck dinner," in return for his distinguished hospitality to them during the season.

The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation to visit Bradgate Park, the seat of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington, in September or October next, when a distinguished shooting party will assemble at the hall to meet the Royal visitor. On that occasion H.R.H. will have to pass through Leicester, and it is, therefore, proposed that the Corporation shall present him with an address of welcome. In addition, arrangements are being made by Leicester brethren to present His Royal Highness with an address of loyalty and fraternity.

Bro. Samuel Emery, the well-known comedian, died on Tuesday in his apartments in King William-street, aged sixty-four. It is only six weeks since he returned from a two years' tour in Australia. His most celebrated characters were *Fouché* in "Plot and Passion," *Pegotty* in "Little Em'ly," *Potter* in "Still Waters Run Deep," the *Party by the name of Johnson* in "Lancashire Lass," (all of which were his original characters), and *Captain Cuttle*.

The balance in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, June 1st, 1881, was \$3,458.44 dollars.

Bro. Alderman Fowler intends to move an addition or amendment to Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's motion of the Transvaal question, expressing an opinion that Cetewayo should be liberated.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., West Henrietta-street, Cavendish-square, was on Thursday, the 14th inst., elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for the ensuing year, in the room of Mr. J. Erichsen, F.R.S., Surgeon-extraordinary to the Queen, whose term of office has expired.

The corner stone of a new Court House at Marion, Indiana, was Masonically laid, June 1st 1881, by Most Worshipful Bro. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Master.

Bro. the Right Hon. Charles Robert, Lord Carington, was, by her Majesty's command, sworn one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on Friday, the 15th inst.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with Bro. Lord Rosebery and a numerous party, paid a visit to Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild's mansion, Lodge-hill, near Aylesbury, on Sunday last.

Bro. John S. Clarke, the popular comedian is now in London.

Bro. the King of the Sandwich Islands, who had been staying with Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, at Normanhurst, paid a visit to Hastings on Monday, and received an address of welcome from the Mayor and Corporation.

A Masonic bazaar was held recently in Savannah, Ga., for the benefit of Solomon's Lodge, No. 1, the second oldest Masonic body in America, when 20,000 dollars was realised.

We learn from the Australian *Freemason* that a Masonic scholarship, for the sons of Freemasons, has been founded in the University of Sydney, by the District Grand Lodge (E.C.) in that colony.

Bro. Sheriff Waterlow presented the Butchers' Company with a very handsome banner of his arms, in recognition of his having recently been elected a liveryman of this company.

We note that Bro. Sherwill, who for several years so successfully catered for the Masonic world at the Guildhall Tavern, is now the proprietor of the refreshment department at the Aquarium, Brighton. We wish him all the success he deserves.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone of the Central College of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education on Monday last.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by the Duchess, opened the new wing of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, on Saturday last. Amongst those present were Bros. Sir Francis W. Truscott, John Derby Allcroft, C. W. C. Hutton, E. F. Storr, and B. Marshall, C.C.

The funeral of Bro. Macrae Moir, the late lamented Secretary of the Scottish Corporation, took place on Saturday last, at Hampstead Cemetery. The body was conveyed from the residence in King Henry's-road. Amongst the mourners were Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Kirk Patrick, Mr. Marshall, and other members of the committee and officers of the Corporation, as well as a number of personal friends. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Thain Davidson.

Bro. ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Woollaton have left their residence at Nutfield, Surrey, for a trip of two months in Switzerland. Their old friend the Rev. Charles Marson, vicar of Clevedon, who was Chaplain to the ex-Sheriff, accompanies them.

DERWENT LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.—In our report of the consecration of this new Mark lodge, last week, the name of Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G. S.W., and P.G. Treas., was inadvertently omitted from those brethren elected honorary members. We are also pleased to announce that Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, has designated Bro. Nicholson as his Deputy Grand Master of the Mark province, *vice* Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., deceased—a very graceful compliment indeed to one who is not only the oldest Mark Mason in the two counties, but for a number of years has worked hard for the Order. We wish our brother may long enjoy his new and well-earned honour.

THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—Down to Wednesday the Hospital Sunday Fund amounted to £31,800, which is in excess of the sum collected in any previous year, and still some churches have to account for their collections. The Jewish congregations have contributed in all £678, inclusive £251 from the Great Synagogue, £129 from the Central Synagogue, £74 from the Bayswater, and £66 from the New West-end Synagogue. The collection at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, has amounted to £248 os. 10d.—*Daily News*.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—Speech Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 27th inst. The proceedings will commence at two o'clock p.m., and after the speeches the prizes will be distributed by the Lord Mayor. Applications for tickets may be addressed to the head master or the chief clerk.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.—Sir Richard Wallace has contributed £50 towards the extension of the diet system among hospital convalescents.

A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR LONDON.—The Lord Mayor, we understand, has issued invitations to the principal banking and mercantile houses of the City to meet at the Mansion House on Monday, the 25th inst., at three o'clock p.m., to take steps for the establishment of a London Chamber of Commerce.

The Fishmongers' Company have made a grant of £50 in aid of the extension of the Portsmouth Royal Sailors' Home.

The children remaining in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the holidays, accompanied by two of the teachers, were entertained by the Victoria Rifles at their camp at Wimbledon on Monday, and were conducted over the common by Bros. Major Fortescue and Henry Smith. After being refreshed with tea and fruit, they left at eight o'clock, all very much pleased with their visit.

The will of Bro. John Coutts, late of 29 and 30, James-street, Covent Garden, of Tooley-street, and of the Borough and King's Cross markets, potato salesman, who died on May 3rd last at Bournemouth, was proved on the 5th inst. by Mr. Charles Harvey and Mr. T. J. Bourne, the executors, the personal estate exceeding £24,000. The testator leaves to his executors £50 each; to his son-in-law, Bro. Coleman, his Grand Lodge clothing and Masonic jewels and insignia; to his son John his Masonic presentation gold watch and chain; to his son David the gold watch presented to him by his friend Richmond; to his daughters Margaret and Johanna his furniture, plate, and household effects; to his son Donald an annuity of £104; and the residue of his real and personal property between his children John, David, Margaret, Johanna, and Mrs. Coleman. The testator empowers his executors, if they should think proper, to carry on his business.

We have been requested by Bro. Dr. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie to state that he has withdrawn from the editorship of the "Kneph," as he feels it desirable that the organ of the Ancient and Primitive Rite should be officially edited by a prominent member of the Sovereign Sanctuary of that Rite, and he has, therefore, suggested, on his retirement, that Bro. James Hill, the energetic Grand Secretary General, should assume the editorial responsibility.

A notification in our advertising columns of the Chamberlain of London gives the terms and conditions of tender for the City of London Artizans' Dwellings Loan of £500,000. It will be seen that under the powers of an Act of the present Session, the Corporation lends to the Commissioners of Sewers of the City their seal, credit, and collateral security of their estates, in order to raise the money at the lowest terms possible. The main security, however, is the rating power of the Commissioners over a rental which is, and has been, since the commencement of the century, constantly and rapidly increasing. In 1801 it was (per annum) £507,372; in 1831, £792,904; in 1856, £1,203,466; in 1867 and 1876, £2,969,086; and in 1881 it is £3,537,561, or seven times that of 1801. In point of security, therefore, the loan is unsurpassed, and is practically identical in that respect with the Metropolitan Board of Works security, whose £3 per cent. loan was recently offered at a minimum price of £90, and was taken up, under different conditions of the money market, at about £95 per cent.; it is now selling at close upon £100. The present City Loan will, however, run but thirty and a half years, and will be discharged by drawings at par of one-thirtieth annually, which will tend to prevent depression in price. To those who under the present peculiar conditions of the money market, and possible reductions of the rate of interest on Government Stocks, desire to obtain a certain clear £3 per cent. interest, secure from reduction, and stable in price, the issue of this loan presents a favourable opportunity. Trustees and others who may contemplate investments or conversions of Stocks should notice that tenders must be delivered at the Bank or at the Chamberlain's Office, Guildhall, by four o'clock on the 27th inst., at the latest.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales opened the Hospital for Sick Children, Brighton, on the 21st inst. The foundation stone of this building was laid with Masonic rites by Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, on the 20th February, 1880. The architect is Bro. Thos. Lainson, P.M. Royal Brunswick Lodge, 732; P.M. Yarborough Lodge, 811; companion Yarborough Chapter, 811; P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; Eureka Chapter, Rose Croix, 43; De Warrenne Preceptory, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Bro. Henry de Worms, M.P., has been re-elected President of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

Bro. A. J. Altman presided at the monthly meeting of the Aldersgate Club, at the Champion Hotel, on Wednesday.

Bro. Alderman Knight will leave for the United States this week, in the Bothnia, in connection with the affairs of the City of London Fire Insurance Company, of which he is the Chairman and one of the principal founders.

Bro. J. C. Moor, Hon. Secretary of the North Eastern District Union of Young Men's Christian Associations, Sunderland, acknowledges the receipt of a subscription of one guinea to the fund of the district, from Bro. W. Beattie, P.M. Further assistance will be gratefully received.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom has been elected Chairman of the Directors of the Royal Italian Opera Company, Limited.

Bro. Francis Bennoch is on the Board of Direction of the New Kiandra Gold Mining Company, Limited.

Bros. Jones and Barber having revived the Buckhurst Hill races, will hold the first meeting at the Old Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill, on Monday next.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury opened a Girls' Industrial Home at Forest Hill, on Wednesday last.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught visited Bath on Wednesday, and distributed the prizes at the Royal School for Officers' Daughters at Lansdown.

Brethren in the north will hear with satisfaction of the progress towards recovery of Bro. Geo. Porteous, W.M. elect of 949, Sunderland, whose installation is expected to take place on August 8th.

The summer banquet of the St. Thomas's Lodge will be held at the Crystal Palace to-day (Saturday).

Bro. Tremere's annual concert on the 5th inst., at the Institute, Finsbury-place, E.C., was a great success, many brethren rallying round him in testimony of the esteem and regard in which he is held. The programme was very lengthened, and the subjects of entertainment were of excellent selection, the artists being Misses Lynton, Fusselle, Leopold, and Godolphin, also Bro. Chaplin Henry and Messrs. Baily, James, and Tower; Mr. E. Woolhouse, violin; Master G. Leopold, violin; and Mr. H. Leopold, pianist; the last named trio performing a selection by Rubinstein in a masterly style. The whole of the proceedings passed off in a most satisfactory manner, each and every artist striving to make it a successful affair for their respected brother.

Ye Antiente Fraternite of ye Rahere Almoners, a recent resuscitation of an ancient institution connected with the parish of St. Bartholomew the Great, appears to be making considerable progress. We are informed that although the resuscitation dates only from March last, the roll of members exceeds 100, and a goodly amount is placed in the banker's hands for distribution during the ensuing winter in the relief of distress in the City of London. The Fraternity and its objects are worthy of the generous consideration of all charitable persons desirous of being assured that their gifts will be properly applied. The Society is to commence its operations in September next, and the inaugural festival is appointed to be held at the Crystal Palace on St. Bartholomew's Day, the 24th prox., under the presidency of Fredk. Dixon Dixon-Hartland, Esq., M.P. As the Order appeals to the general public for assistance, we trust it may meet with an earnest response on this occasion.—Notice in *Ratepayer and Trader*, July 16th, 1881.

Bro. Edgar Tayler was installed W.M. of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, Leicester, at the last meeting of that lodge.

Bro. R. J. Cook was installed W.M. of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead, on the 7th inst.

Bro. Robert Carruthers was installed W.M. of the Fernor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, Liverpool, on Monday, the 11th inst.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., has become patron of the Military Benevolent Fund, established in 1875, and from which annuities £40 are granted to reduced widows and daughters of officers in the army.

Bro. H. S. Syer was installed W.M. of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich, on the 13th inst.

The summer outing of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, and the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, was held at Coldham Hall, on the 5th inst.

The site selected for the statue to be raised in Westminster Abbey to the memory of the late Earl of Beaconsfield is at the south side of Statesmen's Aisle, between the statue of General Sir G. Malcolm and the monument to Sir P. Warren. The statue will be opposite that of Lord Castlereagh.

The annual fête of the Club and Institutes Union will be held on Bank Holiday, August 1st, in Hatfield Park, Lord Salisbury having kindly lent the park for the occasion.

The Printers' Festival Committee are soliciting the names of those willing to take part in the various sports—cricket, swimming, and running—at the Alexandra Palace, on September 10th, in aid of the Building Fund of the London Society of Compositors.

Bro. J. Keet was installed W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

THE LATE DEAN STANLEY.—The funeral of the late Dean Stanley will take place at Westminster Abbey on Monday next, at four o'clock. The remains will be deposited beside those of his wife, in Henry the Seventh's Chapel. It is understood that the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal family will attend the funeral service. In accordance, however, with the known wishes of the late Dean, a considerable portion of the Abbey will be reserved for the use of the general public without tickets.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, July 30, 1881.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 23.

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

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 25.

Lodge 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

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 Jervoy, 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 26.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 788, Crescent, Island Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
 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 Edgecumbe, 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 27.

Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
 " 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Tav., Hampton Ct.
 " 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

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 Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 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.
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 28.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
 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.
 Copper, 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 29.

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 30.

No meetings.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, July 30, 1881.

MONDAY, JULY 25.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 26.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27.

" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 28.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 29.

Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.

Royal Arch.

ERA CHAPTER (No. 1423).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 7th inst., when there were in attendance Comps. W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, H.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z.; J. Smeed, P.P.G.J. Middlesex, acting I.P.Z.; Faulkner, S.E.; Goodchild, Wingett, Glover, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the Three Principles was most ably performed by Comp. Smeed. The officers for the ensuing year are Comps. Walls, M.E.Z.; Baldwin, H.; Falkner, J.; Ockenden, S.E.; Thielley, Treasurer; Haslett, S.N.; Dr. Riley, P.S.; Goodchild and Wingett, Assistants; Glover, D.C.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Smeed for his services as Installing Officer. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice. Ex. Comp. Smeed responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z., and this toast having been acknowledged by Comp. Walls, "The Past Principals" followed, coupled with the name of Ex. Comp. Hammond. At the conclusion of his speech, the M.E.Z. presented Comp. Hammond with a Past Principal's jewel, in recognition of his services as a founder and M.E.Z. Comp. Hammond having briefly responded, "The Health of the Installing Officers" came next. This pledge having been warmly received, Ex. Comp. Smeed, in a few well chosen sentences, acknowledged the compliment. The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" was next proposed. Comps. Baldwin and Faulkner having replied, "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Goodchild, Wingett, and Glover, terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable.

GREAT STANMORE.—Stanmore Chapter (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this new chapter was held on the 13th inst., when Ex. Comp. G. Tidcombe, as M.E.Z., completed the first year, and was afterwards presented with a very handsome jewel as P.Z. on his retirement. All the officers were in attendance. The members were Comps. Pilson, Haynes, Roy, Villiers, and Browne; and the following visitors: Thomas Cubitt, P.Z. 877; T. M. Paget, P.Z. 829, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; F. T. Honeywell, P.Z. 889, P.P.G.O. Middx.; W. J. Murlis, P.Z. 862, 1642; and J. Woodmason, 1642.

The chapter was opened at 4.20, and through the absence of Bro. A. Goldsmid, who was unable to present himself for exaltation, the preliminary business was soon disposed of. The report of the Audit Committee was unanimously agreed to, and the installation and investment of officers proceeded without delay. On the return of the companions the veteran Comp. Wm. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, and 1489, held the chair of M.E.Z.; Comps. H. Lovegrove, as H.; and T. J. Maidwell, J. Comps. C. Veal, S.E.; C. H. Webb, S.N.; G. Tidcombe, P.Z.; Treasurer; J. B. King, P.S.; R. Roy, 1st A.S.; B. Haynes, 2nd A.S.; Pilson, D.C.; Villiers, W.S.; and J. Middleton, Janitor, were invested. Each and all having met with a hearty reception, and good wishes having been kindly expressed from the visitors, the chapter was closed at 4.50.

At the banquet, which passed off admirably, the M.E.Z. sustained his world-wide reputation for loyalty and geniality. The usual toasts were well rendered and heartily responded to. Comp. Honeywell was ably supported in his accustomed musical position; and "The Visitors" toast produced adequate replies from each of the visiting companions, expressing hearty thanks for their hospitable reception. The day was lovely; and the Janitor's toast completed an enjoyable gathering, with many and cordial expressions of satisfaction to Comp. C. Veal and his establishment for their excellent arrangements.

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COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. In the absence of Bro. Capt. Sewell, W.M., P.G.S.O., who is with his regiment, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.G. Sec., presided, and the following members were present: Bros. R. W. Robinson, S.W.; Rev. E. M. Rix, M.A., S.W. 282, as J.W. (Bro. J. Black being at Wimbledon); T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O.; W. Shilton, J.O.; T. Mason, Sec. and R.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. Paisley, J.D.; I. Evening, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; and L. F. B. Dykes, P.G. Steward.

The minutes being read and confirmed, the only business on the agenda paper was the election of W.M., which unanimously fell on Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite. A P.W. and the installation was fixed for Wednesday, the 31st of August. On the proclamation being put, two candidates were proposed for advancement, viz.: Bros. J. Towers, S.D. 1002, and H. Carruthers, I.G. 1002. Before closing, the W.M. in the chair took occasion to express the pleasure which all the brethren felt at seeing Bro. Dykes once more amongst them, after his long sojourn in India, and trusted they would be favoured with his presence frequently. Bro. Dykes acknowledged the kind sentiments expressed by Bro. Lamonby, and assured the brethren that he now intended to attend to his Masonic duties as often as he conveniently could do so. The lodge was then closed in form.

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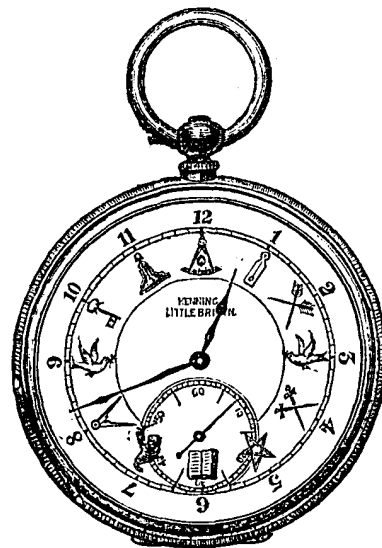
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